

# The Newsletter of Community Church

## October 2023 **Pastor's Letter**

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; grace that provides divine assistance for daily living and peace to comfort us through all circumstances of life through the power of the Holy Spirit! Once upon a time, there were some animals that wanted to start a school. They decided the courses would include running, climbing, swimming, and flying. Then they decided that all of the animals should take all of the courses.

That's where the problem started. The duck was better than his teacher at swimming, but he only made passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. So they made him stay after school to practice running. This caused his webbed feet to be badly worn, and his grade dropped to average in swimming. But everybody felt less threatened and more comfortable with that—except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of his class in running, but because of so much makeup work in swimming, he caught pneumonia and had to drop out of school. The squirrel showed outstanding ability in climbing, but he was extremely frustrated in flying class because the teacher insisted that he start from the ground up rather than the treetop down. He developed charley horses from overextension, so he only got a C in climbing and a D in running. The eagle was the problem student and was disciplined for being a nonconformist. For instance, in climbing class, he beat all the others to the top of the tree, but he insisted on using his own way to get there — by flying to the top. Finally, because he refused to participate in swimming class, he was expelled.

What's the point of this story for you and me? God has designed specific animals to excel in specific areas, and he doesn't expect them to do all the other things. A duck is made to be a duck and not something else. People are the same way. When you expect every person to have the same strengths, talents, capabilities, and gifts, you'll get frustration, mediocrity, and failure.

You were made to be you—and no one else. God has **SHAPE**d you with specific **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart or passions, unique **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, and life **E**xperiences. And the Lord wants you to use them for your unique purpose. Your SHAPE matches your calling.

Some people think a calling is just for pastors, priests, nuns, or missionaries, but every person is called by God. Have you ever avoided an opportunity to serve, just because you felt totally unqualified? That's probably how Timothy felt about leading the church at Ephesus, that is why Paul wrote him a letter we know as 1 Timothy. Paul wanted to encourage Timothy, and us too. The truth is, we need help and encouragement because our SHAPE rarely comes to us fully developed. We need other believers!

Part of the Christian life is having God call us to step out in <u>faith</u> and trust Him to work in and through us. Over time, as we obey and serve Him in the areas of our SHAPE, God increases the effectiveness of our ministry.

So, I need to ask you, is anything keeping you from using your SHAPE to serve God and others?

To neglect it would not only deprive other people, we would also rob ourselves of the joy and blessings we will experience as we serve others and do the work God has designated for us.

But this calling God created us for, it isn't just for us; Christians have been given a unique SHAPE to serve the Lord and build up the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7). But many believers neglect this special empowerment of the Spirit. Although Timothy had some good reasons to forsake his calling from God, Paul advised him to "take pains with these things" and "be absorbed in them" (1 Timothy 4:15).

To help you discover your God given calling, we invite you to join us on our livestream or join us at church Sunday mornings for our current sermon series, "The Key, Unlocking Your Purpose in Life." But unlike the animal school in the beginning of this letter, together we will help you discover and participate in your unique SHAPE that God gave you to fulfill your calling!

Join us! God bless. Pastor Bill



While God created you to love you; that is just the beginning! In this series, Pastor Bill looks at the key that will unlock the purpose God created you for. That key is found in the concept SHAPE (the combination of our Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Ability, Personality and Experiences) and it reveals God's purpose for your life. This series will not only help you discover your unique SHAPE, it will guide you to examine how your SHAPE impacts every area of your life—

Your relationships, career, finances, retirement, recreation, hobbies and enjoyment.

Sunday, October 1 - Supernaturally Used By God Romans 12:1-8

Sunday, October 8 - Using Your Heart's Desire Proverbs 27:17-27

Sunday, October 15 - Using the Abilities God Gave You Ephesians 2:1-10

Sunday, October 22 - Using the Personality God Gave You Genesis 25:21-34

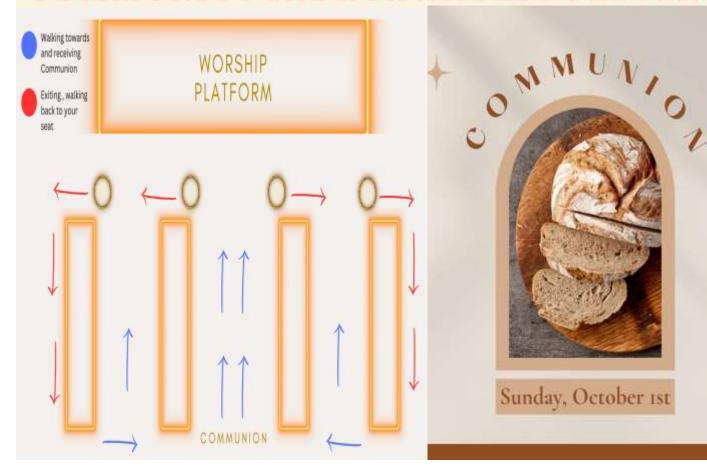
Sunday, October 29 - Using Your Life Experiences Genesis 50:15-21

Join us at 8:00 or 9:30am

Livestreamed on Facebook and CommunityChurchWaterford.org



# LIVESTREAMING ON FACEBOOK AND COMMUNITYCHURCHWATERFORD.ORG





### Continues Throughout October

10:45-II:45am

for 12 weeks

Join Pastor Bill and bridge the gap between attending and becoming a professing member of Community Church





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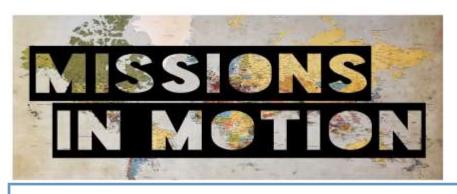
**NEW WEBSITE** 

communitychurchwaterford.org

communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com NEW GIVING INFO!!

please make checks out to

Community Church Waterford
CCW



Community Church Missions collects monthly for a variety of organizations who appreciate our contributions to their cause!

M & M (has replaced the Noisy Can Collection)

A new name supporting the organizations that touch our hearts!

# Sunday, October 8th - M&M Collection Voice of the Martyrs

Please prayerfully consider supporting this amazing organization Look for the orange M & M Containers!

### MISSIONS IN MOTION

COLLECTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

THIS NONPROFIT

ORGANIZATION SERVES

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
AROUND THE WORLD. VOICE OF
THE MARTYRS IS DEDICATED TO

INSPIRING BELIEVERS TO

DEEPEN THEIR COMMITMENT

TO CHRIST AND TO FULFILL HIS

GREAT COMMISSION -

NO MATTER THE COST.

### SERVE SATURDAY!

Community Church Missions Ministry has an opportunity for you! Beginning October 7, we will be reaching out to our local community with hands on service with this opportunity being held each month. Community Church will be missionaries serving in our local area.

### What is Serve Saturday?

Serve Saturday is an opportunity for our church members to be directly involved in Missions Ministry by being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus in our local community.

### When is Serve Saturday?

Serve Saturday will be held the first Saturday of each month beginning in October, from 9:45 AM – 1PM, following Men's Breakfast.

### How will people in the community recognize us as being there to help?

T-shirts! We will have T-shirts made with a logo that represents this part of our Missions Ministry. Each person participating will be asked to purchase the shirt for \$10 and it can be worn to all future days that they participate in Serve Saturday.

### What will Serve Saturday projects look like?

Projects will be identified by the Missions Ministry and may include opportunities like:

Helping seniors in our community with home maintenance, cleaning or other needs

Assisting one of our mission partners with needs they may have at their location

Assisting a veteran with needs they may have in their home

These are just examples of how we anticipate spreading the love of Jesus in our community!

Galatians 5:13 "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

More information is available at the table in the church lobby. Please consider joining us!





His Kids will meet on October 4th, 11th, and 18th from 5:30-7pm.

No His Kids on October 25th

Dinner at 5:3– followed by separate programming for kids, teens, and adults from 6-7PM. The kids are exploring Fruitful Living-Fruit of the Spirit– and earning apples to add to the apple tree!

Laser Tag Family Fun Night will be a free event on October 27th from 5:30-7pm

**Dinner** included

Ages 3 and up are invited to come!

Adults will stay with their kids tonight for the fun. Not a drop and go event.



COMMUNITY CHURCH FAMILY FUN EVENT

# LASER TAG

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:30-7PM

Different zones for all ages -Adults, Youth, Preschool Age An entire family event!

### CALLING ALL ADULT CONGREGATION MEMBERS!

### WE NEED YOUR SKILLS AND WISDOM!

This Fall our youth ministry (6<sup>th</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup>) has started! Wednesday nights starting with dinner at 5:30 and program from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

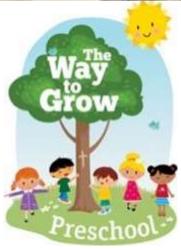
In addition to biblical teachings, we will be having life skill lessons. For example changing a tire, cooking lessons, gardening, etc..

Please prayerfully consider any knowledge or skills you could teach the youth of our community.

### Contact Brooke

cell phone (262-210-6664) or email (<u>brookeschweitz42@gmail.com</u>) With any ideas, questions, or to find out how to get involved!





We're having a wonderful start to the school year!! Thank you so much for supporting our ministry with your prayers and "Apple Tree" donations We are blessed!

The children hear every day that God made them - God loves them - and God has wonderful plans for each one of them.

Tricia Kelley 262-534-7998



# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES MEETING

October 3rd - 6:30PM

Community Church Lower Level

Gathering ideas for different outings and events for the women of Community Church Waterford. Join us!

### WOMEN'S HIKE & COOKOUT Eaturday, October 14th

WHERE: SEVEN BRIDGES TRAIL - SOUTH MILWAUKEE
EASY AND MODERATE TRAILS 2-4PM
MEET AT CHURCH AT 1:00PM OR MEET US THE TRAIL!

### COOKOUT

JOIN US AFTER THE HIKE FOR HOT DOGS, SMORES AND ALL THE FIXINS AT CAROL CZAJA'S HOME.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND THE HIKE TO ATTEND THE COOKOUT.

### SIGN UP ON YOUR CONNECT CARD OR THE CHURCH APP!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

PATTY BERNAU 262-806-7424 CAROL CZAJA 262-210-1393 The Community Church Fall Hospitality Tent will be at the corner of D & W in Rochester. The hospitality tent will be set up during the Rochester trick or treat--stop by or come help!

The Community Church does not endorse Halloween; the trick-or -treat time is chosen for the tent to intentionally reach families in the communities through a fall blessing.

Please prayerfully consider joining us in this outreach.







Scan the QR Code to go directly to the RightNow Media App.

### RightNow Media is FREE to you!

Endless Bible Studies, Home School Curriculum, Conference Recordings and so much more.

The All-New 3.0 Experience:

https://www.rightnowmedia.org/us/app-features

Registration Link:

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/communitychurchwaterford

**Registration Text Code:** 

Text **CCWATERFORD** to **49775** 

# rightnow MEDIA





### Scan the QR Code to the left

It will take you directly to the new Community Church App! Your online giving, connect cards, how to get involved, your Bible, sermon notes and more.

Everything all in one place!



Celebrate Recovery is a

Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind.

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to

find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

Continuing on Tuesday evenings throughout October - 6:00-8:30 pm.

Enter through the second set of doors on the back of the building. (Door #8)

Ministry Leaders: Scott and Joanne Swartz email: bullsitool@yahoo.com

Scott: 630-478-3968

6:00 pm Food, Fellowship and Welcome

6:30-7 pm, Worship

7-7:30 pm, Lessons and Testimonials

7:30-8:30 pm Small Group Sessions







**His Loving Arms Senior Program** 

Meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Fellowship, devotions, games, snacks, birthday celebrations.

Join us!

Tuesdays at St. James in East Troy
Thursdays at Community Church
Join us at either location from
3-4PM



Grief Share is a support group that meets weekly. Each week is a stand alone session,

so you are welcome to join at any time.

The care you need, information you can trust.

13 week session will continue through

### **November**

**Facilitators:** 

Bernie Mann - 262-498-2700

Fay Tichy - 262-930-9488





### **Union Grove Methodist Church**

Home of Bright and Beautiful Christian Childcare Center

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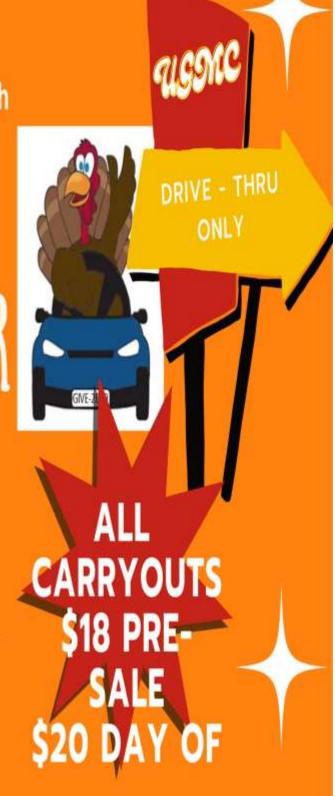
# TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, October 21st, 2023

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tickets can be purchased from Church Members, from your car the day of the event or call (262) 878-1248

The traditional dinner includes roast turkey,
whipped potatoes, gravy, stuffing,
creamed green beans, corn, coleslaw,
dinner roll, cranberries,
and dessert (pie)!



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The Wright Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS AUGUST!



# PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS AS WE SERVE AS MOBILE DOMESTIC MISSIONARIES

- For Jesus to shine as we serve- all glory to God
- For safe travels
- For healing in our bodies
- For increased monthly partnerships (currently 50%)

Bob, Sarah, Xander

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR WAYS TO PARTNER OR TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY UPDATES WWW.WITH-THANKSGIVING.COM

### Attention: Child-At-Heart Artists!

Do you have fun creating art projects and leading others in making art?

Does it warm your heart when little faces light up with fun and learning?

Do you enjoy free dinner with Christian community?

Ministry Opportunity for you!!!

What? Planning and leading *children* in making *crafts*!

How Often? Once or Twice a month. *Flexible* to your Schedule!

When? Community Church *His Kids Wed., 5:30-7pm!* 

<u>o!</u> Contact:

Why? Impact children's lives with art!

Children's Ministry Director, Marissa Kelley,

Benefits: Fun, Fulfilling, Faith-Centered

Communitychurch4kids@gmail.com

Children's Church continues to meet during 2nd service sermon! Children ages 5-10 explore the sermon topic and key passage in age-appropriate and fun ways

# CHILDRENS CHURCH KIDS MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES DURING SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE AGES 5-10 YEARS SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 9,30AM



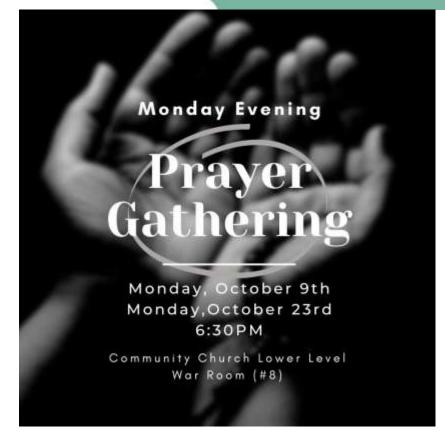
### NURSER

Open for both first and second worship service

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery with all of our wonderful (young) kids, please contact the church office at 262-534-2313

AGES 0-4 YEARS









VISITATION AND CARE MINISTER

262-210-6664

### The Psalms of the Bible Led by Mike Biesiadny Mondays - 1:00PM at St. James

2945 MAIN STREET, EAST TROY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE: 262-210-5702

COMMUNITY CHURCH

# FOOD DRIVE

LETS HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED





UNEXPIRED & NON PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY EXAMPLES: SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER, SOUP AND CEREAL

Please bring any collected items on the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sundays)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Church Office 262-534-2313



Glorify God Encourange One Another Share Jesus



# encourage you to participate writing for the Community Church 2023 Advent Devotional. There are 20 spots to fill! Please contact the church office at 262-534-2313 to secure a spot. You can send your

Advent Devotionals

Love, Joy, Peace & Hope
We would like to invite and

communitychurchwaterford@gmail.

devotion of 300 words or

less \*By November 13\* to

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

DECEMBER 2ND 8AM-NOON 3PM-7PM

AN EVENT WHERE ANY CHILD MAY COME AND PICK OUT GIFTS FOR THEIR PARENTS. GRANDPARETNS. SIBLINGS OR FRIENDS. GIFTS WILL BE WRAPPED AND RIBBONED FOR THE CHILD TO SHARE WITH THEIR FAMILY ON CHRISTMAS.

WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR HELPING HANDS FOR THIS EVENT AND DONATATIONS OF NEW GIFT ITEMS \$5.00 OR MORE.

VARIOUS ITEMS FOR MEN. WOMEN AND CHILDREN

ANY QUESTIONS?
PLEASE CONTACT
KAREN LARSON
414-333-8934



# Christmas Gift Shop DONATION LIST Nail Polish/Lip Gloss Kits Hoop Earrings/Necklaces Pokemon Cards Fun Pens/Notebooks Fun Pens/Notebooks Standards Standards Standards Any New Items for Moms and Dads

### October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2  1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	3	4 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry	5	6	7 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 10AM-12PM Serve Saturday
8 M&M Collection	9  1PM Worship Design  1-3PM Grief Share  6:30PM Prayer Gathering	10 9-11AM His Loving Arms Senior Group 1PM Staff Meeting 1-3PM Grief Share Begins 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM Trustee Meeting	5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group	12 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	13	14 Women's Hike
15	19M Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	17  1PM Staff Meeting  6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery  6:30PM SPR Meeting	5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus	3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team	20	4:30-7:30PM  Turkey Dinner at Union Grove Church
22	23  1PM Worship Design  1-3PM Grief Share  6:30PM Prayer Gathering	24  9-11AM His Loving Arms Senior Group  1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery  6:30PM Church Council Meeting	25 His Kids/Youth Group NOT MEETING TONIGHT	26 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	5:30-7PM FAMILY FUN NIGHT LASER TAG	28
29 12-4PM October Hospitality Tent	30  1PM  Worship Design  1-3PM  Grief Share	31 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery				

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Worship Services at 8 & 9:30 AM

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