

The Newsletter of Community Church

January & February 2024 Pastor's Letter

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we start the New Year, I thank God and am very grateful for you all! This past year, we have gone through quite an adventure of faith as we transitioned from the Community United Methodist Church to the Community Church Waterford. This transition helped us become part of the Global Methodist Church which holds the same biblical values, beliefs and theology as the Community Church. We also are now the owners of the church building, property and all assets of the Community Church!

Your unwavering commitment to faith in Jesus Christ, fellowship, and building the Kingdom of God is a blessing to myself, the Waterford Community and to each other in our Congregation. For that, I thank each and every one of you. In the spirit of gratitude, I express my deepest appreciation to our leaders who have faithfully guided us through this journey in 2023.

I also thank all our leaders who are transitioning off of leadership. A few of our leaders, such as Tom Joehnk (who served over 20 years in church finance), Hillary Clevenstine (Who served over 8 years as Prayer Coordinator), and Marianne Davidson (Who served 8 years as Church Council Chair), we thank you. Your dedication has laid a foundation that the Lord will bless, and we are immensely thankful for your service.

As we usher in 2024, we are excited to announce a significant development within our ministry structure. After a lot of thoughtful prayer, we have decided to reintroduce three-year terms with a 2-term maximum for our ministries. Three-year terms were temporarily paused in 2016 after I arrived to the Community Church, because the church had gone through a difficult season in 2014 and 2015, and experienced a large loss of members. COVID did not help the recovery, and that explains the extended service of some leaders. But now, we will resume our terms to strengthen our commitment to sustainable and effective leadership and service.

Also, in addition to this organizational change, at our Fall Ministry Fair, we voted on leadership and Marianne Davidson will be our new Prayer Coordinator. There will be a new email for prayer requests, CcwPrayer@communitychurchwaterford.org. If there are any concerns, you can also contact the church office. But please record the new Prayer Ministry email address in your email account.

As we have been going through our sermon series "Restore," we are asking, "What would it look like if we were more like the Church in the Book of Acts." We saw how the early church regularly gathered in prayer and "Prayed in one accord." God has shown me that, in addition to the Prayer Vigils that we started in recent years, we need to offer prayer opportunities that will allow more of the Congregation to participate in engaging prayer.

So we are introducing a new prayer opportunity for the whole family - a Concert of Prayer. A Concert of Prayer is a dynamic gathering of worship, prayer, conversation, and the reading of scripture (including the Promises of God). We will be able to come together and pray in "One Accord" as they did in the early church. It is a powerful expression of our shared devotion to seeking God's guidance, wisdom, and transforming presence in our lives, our church, in our community and world! The Concert of Prayer will replace the Prayer Gathering that meets twice a month in the Prayer Room.

The Concert of Prayer is planned to be twice a month, with the first being in the second half of January, the date and time will be announced shortly after the New Year. This time of prayer promises to be a powerful experience and it will set the tone of ministry for the year ahead. Through this ministry, we anticipate experiencing a deeper connection with God and each other, as we lift our voices together in prayer.

Please watch for other prayer resources and opportunities to be introduced in upcoming months as we start this new adventure of faith together in unity, and spiritual enrichment that lie before us. May the Community Church Waterford family continue to be a testament to the boundless love and grace of our Heavenly Father.

May you have a blessed and joyous New Year, filled with the abundance of God's love and grace.

Pastor Bill.

RESTORE



There are many reality shows about restoring old homes. During a restoration, all of the changes made to a house are removed, and it is taken down to the studs. Then, after necessary upgrades, the house is restored back to it's original glory. Imagine what it would look like if that happened to the church? What if we removed or stripped away all of the cultural add-ons, traditions and rituals placed on the church over the centuries, and the church is restored to it's original glory! What would we look like as a church or as a Christian? What would it look like if we were more like the 1st century church? This series will look at various parts of the Book of Acts and explore how as a body of believers, we can be restored to our original biblical glory!

Sunday, January 7- Get Healed Acts 3:1-10

Sunday, January 14 - Everyone's Call Acts 4:1-14

Sunday, January 21– The Power Of Giving Acts 4:32-35

Sunday, January 28 - Is Restoration Possible? Acts 5:12-42

Sunday, February 4 - The Ineffective Church Acts 6:1-15

Sunday, February 11 - Leaders Acting Badly—Mature Topic Acts 6:8-14, 7:1-60

Join us at 8:00 or 9:30am

Livestreamed on Facebook and CommunityChurchWaterford.org



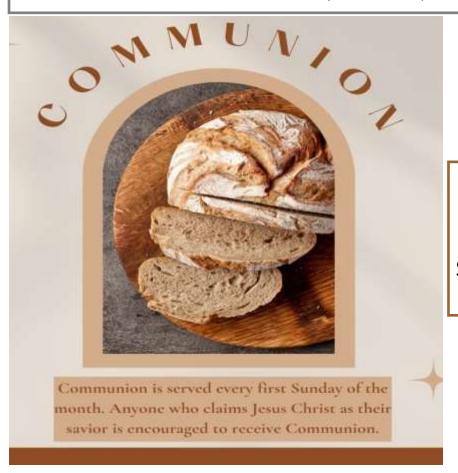
December was a VERY busy month! There was the Christmas Parade, the Christmas Family Gift Shop, the Nativity Walk-Thru, Christmas Skits, Christmas Services, Writers for the Advent Devotionals, Preschool Concerts, Decorating, Set up and Breakdown of all the things.. SO MANY EVENTS! How wonderful to spread the love and joy of Christmas and be able to tell the true story of Jesus in so many different ways. What a blessing it is to have so many people volunteer for the many aspects of these events. It would not be possible without you! To all the helping hands that make these events possible, Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! You are so appreciated!



Church Closing Due to Bad Weather

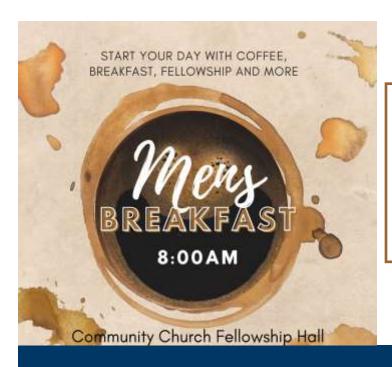
Community Church encourages friends and members to carefully consider the weather. If you feel you can't safely get to church during times of inclement weather, we encourage you to stay safe and remain at home.

The Community Church will attempt to contact regular attendees by Facebook, e-mail or a call from church to notify when worship is canceled.



Communion

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 Sunday, February 4th, 2024



Join us for the first Men's Breakfast of the 2024 year!

8:00AM

Saturday, January 6th, 2024

A perfect opportunity to
get connected

COMMUNITY CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT

GAMES, GAMES AND # MORE GAMES!



JOIN US!

01.26.2024

5:30-7PM



Each day presents circumstances that cause us to lose our hope and courage. As traditional institutions fail to grant security, where can we turn? David the Psalmist stated long ago: "He alone is our rock, our salvation and our fortress". Jesus is the solid ground. Knowing Him is the answer to life's greatest challenges. Together we will explore exactly how to build your life on the solid foundation of God and His Word. There will be group worship, compelling messages from leading pastors and teachers, testimonies of how other men have done it and seminars on the topics of most interest to you. Take advantage of this day to avoid the distractions of life and renew you dependence on Christ, the solid rock on which we stand.

Register Online Today at:
CommunityChurchWaterford.org
Or on our APP
Community Church Waterford

Have you ever thought about helping others through the grief process?

GriefShare is a wonderful way to guide people through their grief to find hope after the death of a loved one.

Please consider joining Fay Tichy and Bernie Mann in the new GriefShare session beginning Tuesday, January 2 at 1pm or any Monday thereafter during the 13 week session.

Come and see how beautiful it is to lead people through this material helping them find relief, support, direction, and healing.

Maybe you'll find it's the perfect ministry for you!!!

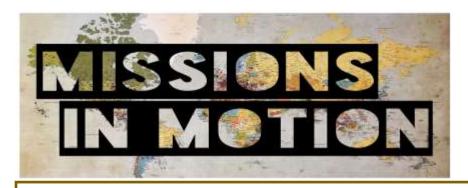


Thank you for your faithful giving Trust God in ALL aspects of your life.



VISITATION AND CARE MINISTER

262-210-6664



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, January 14th - M&M Collection Exploit No More

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

Missions in Motion

every 2nd Sunday of the month

Sunday, January 14th

Exploit No More

Motivated by the love of Jesus, Exploit No More responds to the impact of sex trafficking through community education and supportive services. Exploit No More is dedicated to see all survivors of sex trafficking treated with dignity ad have access to safe housing, supportive services and the ability to move forward to work towards their goals.





First Saturday of each month

SERVE SATURDAY!

Community Church Missions Ministry has an opportunity for you! 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 from 9:30 AM – 1PM, following Men's Breakfast. *Saturday, January 6th & Saturday, February 3rd*

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!





Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:00PM

Join us!



NEW INFORMATION REMINDERS

Website:

CommunityChurchWaterford.org

Email:

CommunityChurchWaterford@gmail.com

Giving Info On Checks:

Community Church Waterford

CCW

New Prayer Email:

CCWPrayer@communitychurchwaterford.org



Check out our APP by scanning the QR code or downloading on your IPhone or Android, search: Community Church Waterford





Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who have helped with Children's Church, His Kids, VBS, family fun events, and VBS in 2023! Looking forward to an amazing season of ministry in 2024.

Thank you to all the children who led us in Christmas worship and praise with "Silent Night"! The voice of a child is precious.

Children's Church will resume on Sun., Jan 7th. We will be meeting every Sunday in Jan & Feb during the 2nd service (9:30am) sermon.

His Kids children (K-Grade 5) are exploring the Fruit of the Spirit—ways God changes our lives. We have studied many Bible passages, played Gaga Ball, made crafts reflecting on joy in the Psalms, practiced patience through puzzle building & jenga, and more! His Kids will resume Wed., Jan 10th. We will be exploring Kindness, Faithfulness, and Goodness in Jan-Feb. For Wed., Feb 14th, we will participate in the Ash Wednesday Family Experience. All other days will have His Kids as normal. Winter Weather Notice: If Waterford schools cancel, then His Kids is canceled.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT!!! **Friday, January 26th.** Join us from 5:30pm-7:00pm for whimsical game fun for all ages! Parents get to stay for the fun--NOT a drop off event.

Dinner provided!

Ash Wednesday Family Experience: Join us from 5:30pm-7:00pm for at time of giving ourselves to God and recognizing our need for God. Worship time, dinner, and other experiences included. His Kids will join the Ash Wednesday experience--no separate Wednesday groups.





Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered,

12 step recovery program for anyone

struggling with hurts, habits or hangups 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 January and February - 6:00-8:30 pm.

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

Ministry Leaders: Scott Swartz - email: bullsitool@yahoo.com

Sue Huerta - email: vipsue@live.com

Scott: 630-478-3968

Sue: 262-994-0116

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







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Registration Text Code:

Text CCWATERFORD to 49775

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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!





His Loving Arms Senior Program

Meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Fellowship, devotions, games, snacks, birthday celebrations.
January 9th & 24th
February 13th & 27th

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.

New session will begin Tuesday, January 2nd and will continue every Monday after that to complete a 13 week session.

Facilitators:

Bernie Mann - 262-498-2700

Fay Tichy - 262-930-9488







January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1-3PM Grief Share	3 Back in Office 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry	4 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	5	6 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 9:30AM-1PM Serve Saturday
7 Communion	8 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	9 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	10 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group Begins Again!	11 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	12	13
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28	29 1-3PM Grief Share	30 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	31 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group			

February 2024

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Worship Services at 8 & 9:30 AM

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