

## ECUMC NOW HIRING:

### Office & Communications Coordinator

Mattie Bridgewater finishes her time at ECUMC this week. Our SPRC has begun the search for someone to fill the duties of reception and greeting, preparing bulletins and newsletters, handling mailing and filing, and supporting our staff and congregation in mission and ministry. Office hours are

Monday-Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM, and the position is expected to be 20-25 hours/week.

With the right skills and interest, this job could be combined with our open position (10 hours/week) of webmaster/social media coordinator which may be done in the office or from home.

If this sounds like a good fit, please speak to Pastor Matt or SPRC Chair Jeff Schmidt. We'd love to hear from you!

## COMMUNITY BANQUET, 2/12

Emmanuel is scheduled to provide the desserts and set-up the room on Thursday, 2/12. Desserts need to be at St. James by 4:30 PM that day.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Let Karen Gravenkamp know if you're able to help out (JGravenkamp@att.net). Everyone is welcome to attend the dinner. Many come just for the fellowship.



## ECUMC: THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, February 1

- 8:30 AM Worship (S)
- 8:30 AM Children/Youth Sunday School (V)
- 8:45 AM Adult Study (CL)
- 10:00 AM Worship (CH)
- 11:00 AM Confirmation Class (YR)

### Monday, February 2

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (FH)
- 6:30 PM Green Team (CL)
- 7:00 PM 4:12 Singers (MR)

### Tuesday, February 3

- 5:45 PM Children's Ministry (FH)
- 6:30 PM Spirit Ringers (MR)

### Wednesday, February 4

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (FH)
- 6:30 PM Trustees (CL)
- 7:00 PM Women's Study (FH)

### Thursday, February 5

No Choir rehearsals

### Friday, February 6 (Office closed)

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Z)

### Sunday, February 8

- 8:30 AM Worship (S)
- 8:30 AM Children/Youth Sunday School (V)
- 8:45 AM Adult Study (CL)
- 10:00 AM Worship (CH)
- 11:00 AM Souper Bowl Meal (CH)
- 11:00 AM Confirmation Class (YR)

ROOM KEY: 112-Room 112; AP-Ark Park; CH-Celebration Hall; CL-Chapel Lounge; FH-Fellowship Hall; MR-Music Room; N-Nursery; S-Sanctuary; V-Variou; YR-Youth room; Z-Zoom



## EMMANUEL COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

February is Prayers from the Heart month! Connect with ECUMC children and youth through weekly cards (provided) and prayer.

*Don't forget to send your first mailing early this week!*

## NEXT WEEK: SOUPER SUNDAY 2026

Plan to stay next Sunday for our Souper Sunday lunch!

You'll enjoy a variety of soups and subs from 11 AM – 12:30 PM. A freewill offering will be collected.

Chefs – this is your opportunity to shine! Bring 2-3 gallons of your best recipe! Let Rick Kohlmann know you'd like to participate (Richard.Kohlmann71@yahoo.com)

## STUDY: WRESTING WITH DOUBT, FINDING FAITH

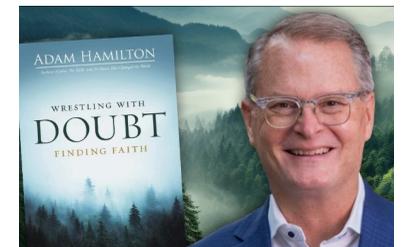
Everyone has doubts. But uncertainty doesn't mean we lack belief. In this study, pastor Adam Hamilton encourages us to trust a God who is not afraid of hard questions.

*Is there a God? Why such bad stuff in the "Good" Book?*

*Will non-Christians go to Hell? Why do the innocent suffer?*

Choose morning or afternoon sessions on Thursdays, 10-11 AM or 5-6 PM, in Fellowship Hall, on February 19 & 26 and March 5, 12, 19 & 26.

Discounted study books are available in the church office for \$5, while supplies last. Sign up on the bulletin board.



Community News  
February 1, 2026

## The Healing Power of Soul Stories

### Transforming Accounts of Angels, Visions, NDEs & Reincarnation

Featuring noted storyteller **John Sumwalt** with guests, *Six Minutes in Eternity* author, **Philip Hasheider**, and **Jodi Blazek Gehr**, Benedictine Oblate and Soul Collage Facilitator.



Feb 7th, 2026

Registration 9am

Program 9:30 am -3:15 pm

Registration \$50 in advance, \$55 at door

Lunch is provided

Unity Center

1717 N 73<sup>rd</sup> St

Wauwatosa, WI

*A zoom recording of this program will be provided to all who register*

*You need not attend the day of the program*



Vision stories both empower and heal the soul. The right story told at the right time helps a soul knit together the broken pieces of past and present lives. Stories work in the unconscious mind slowly over time, healing our spirits as we absorb their truths. Recounting our numinous encounters helps us to know things about ourselves, our relationships with others and the source of being that we could not discover in any other way. Stories evoke a more powerful response than doctrine or precept. They transmit real life-

**REGISTER online at** <https://wisconsinareaffiliates.regfox.com/john-sumwalt-020726>

**Register by mail: Write to** Sally Yakel, 2918 Brookridge Ct. N Waukesha, WI 53188.

Include title of program, Soul Stories-in Person, \$50, Zoom only, \$40.00. Checks payable to ARE Volunteer Affiliates.

## LENT: 40 DAYS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY TO EASTER

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

Join us for a communal meal at 6 PM prior to our 7 PM Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary. This service will include both the imposition of ash and Holy Communion.

Drive through imposition of ash will be offered under our carport from 5-6 PM that day.

### Other Wednesdays during Lent

On Wednesday nights throughout Lent (2/25-3/25), we will gather in Celebration Hall for a shared meal at 6 PM and a study with Pastor Matt at 6:30 PM.

The interactive study will be an extension of the current worship series, *Do You Believe in Miracles?*, and will examine the kinds of miraculous intervention of Jesus in people's lives. Maybe we still experience that miraculous intervention today... All are welcome.



## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### JOIN THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Are you looking to serve but are limited on time? The ECUMC Foundation may be for you! We need a member in good standing to join our team of Directors! We only meet 3 times a year (generally less than an hour), but the impact of our grants lasts generations! If you are interested please reach out to Pastor Matt or Foundation President, Rob Tack ([Tack.robert@gmail.com](mailto:Tack.robert@gmail.com)).



### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Are you good with computers, applications, and equipment? The Tech Team could use your help recording Sunday morning services - youth assistants are paid!



Savvy about computers and equipment? Want to learn and possibly add to your college application or resume? Contact Gary Morgan or David Rohr.

### FACILITY MAINTENANCE

The Trustees could use your help with routine building maintenance around the church.

If you have some time and would like a way to contribute your skills, talents, and know-how to help the church, contact Gary Morgan.



### TIDY THE SANCTUARY

The worship team is looking for people to remove discarded bulletins, straighten hymnals, replace pencils, and generally organize the church pews weekly for the next few months while Jeff, who usually volunteers for this job, is out of town.



Please let me know if you can help for a week or two and I will make up a volunteer schedule.

Email or text [GinPatterson3@yahoo.com](mailto:GinPatterson3@yahoo.com), 262-442-7543.



## YOUTH: REGISTER TODAY FOR OPEN-GYM AT THE YMCA

Come spend Sunday afternoon (2/22, 1-3 PM) at the Y shooting hoops during open gym. **We have to plan ahead for this event & coordinate with the Tri-Country YMCA; please RSVP by today, 2/1.**



This sign-up is for an initial headcount...in early February, I will send a registration link from the YMCA to attend. There is a \$25 payment due at registration; ECUMC will reimburse you \$15.