First Time Here?

Welcome! We are so glad that you’re here. In the pew rack in front of you, you’ll find a Welcome Card that will help answer some of the questions you may have. If you have further questions, please don’t hesitate to ask an usher or someone sitting in the pew next to you.

Current Sermon Series

What is church? That word brings images and emotions to mind, some positive and some not so much! Webster’s dictionary will tell you that church is a building, but No. The word "church" comes from the Greek word "ekklēsia" which literally means "the called-out assembly." So it’s an assembly of people, messy and imperfect people being called out of their messiness and imperfections into a radical community, a counter-culture community, loving one-another and the world like God loves us. Everyone, a saint and a sinner at the same time, BUT over time smelling more like saints than sinners as we rub off on one another. Join us today for the last sermon in this series, as Community Church explores what it means to be church - All Saints and Sinners - what friendship, family, and community looks like in this called-out assembly - church.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES: JESSE TREE

Join us for our new Advent sermon series, beginning December 2! Advent, the days which include the four Sundays prior to Christmas, is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. We see this both in the Christmas story and in Jesus’ promise to come again. There are lots of traditions surrounding the season, but one that is making a comeback is the Jesse Tree – based on Isaiah 11:1, where God promises that what looks like a royal family dead end (Jesse’s dead stump) will see a new tender shoot emerge (Jesus). It is a message of hope, one that we all need as the days get darker and the nights get colder. You are invited to join us in December as we take this journey – to prepare for the coming of Christ and to rekindle hope. Our worship series will be centered around a wonderful little book – The Advent Jesse Tree by Dean Lambert Smith, which contains 25 readings for adults and children making it a wonderful resource for families of any size.

Would you like a hard-cover copy of The Advent Jesse Tree? Help us to know how many to order by pre-ordering today so your copy is available on December 2. The cost is $15, which includes shipping costs, or you can order your own through amazon.com. A kindle version is also available for $7.99. You can pre-order your copy at http://bit.ly/jessetreebook.
**Connect and Grow!**

**SUNDAY MORNING “NO BUSINESS ZONE”**
In an effort to allow our church leaders time to prepare and focus their hearts for worship, we are requesting that you kindly postpone your church business inquiries (ex. facilities issues, staff concerns, financial matters, etc…) for our leaders to another time outside of Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for helping our leaders to participate fully in worship!

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**
Appointments are still available on November 28 and December 4 and can be made here: https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yjxjplc. Interested in We also need volunteers to greet and sign in families, please sign up for a slot here: http://bit.ly/2QJCxT4. Contact Jim Cole at 301-805-0982 for more information.

**PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR**
The next PwP is December 8 at 12:30. Pick up a flyer at the welcome desk and RSVP Pastor Stan via text or phone – 443-517-8437.

**CCCC COAT DRIVE**
Cleaning out you closets? Our annual coat drive for the Crofton Christian Caring Center will begin today. Look for our red-ribboned box in the Narthex to place your clean, gently used coats. The forecast is for a cold, wet winter. Help keep those in need warm and dry.

**COOKIE WALK**
Our 5th Annual UMW Cookie Walk Fundraiser will be held on Saturday December 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are in need of servants to help bake cookies in advance of the event, and to help serve at the event that day. If you are able to bake cookies, please fill out our Cookie Walk form on our website or in the Narthex. Baked items can be dropped off on Friday evening December 7 between 6:00 and 9:00 pm in the church kitchen. If you are able to help serve the day of the event, please contact Vicki Duane, vsduane@gmail.com, or Sara Blight, blight83@gmail.com.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS SEMINAR**
Grieving? Or know someone who is? When you are grieving a loved one’s death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover how to deal with emotions, what to do about traditions, and how to find hope for the future. Additionally, the seminar will provide helpful tips for surviving social events. Please come join us on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 8:30-11:00am for this encouraging seminar. Registration is required. Visit our website for more details, and to register: cumc.net/holidays.

**ANNUAL GIVING TREE MISSION**
Our Giving Tree is adorned with ornaments with gift ideas for local families and seniors in need. Beginning today please choose an ornament(s), purchase the appropriate gifts, and return the wrapped gifts with the ornament attached to the outside of the package to CUMC by Thursday, December 20. The gifts and food will be delivered on Sunday, Dec. 23, between 2 and 4 p.m. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Dianne Dezio at 410-451-2628 or dcdezio@gmail.com.

**WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**
We would like to invite women and girls of any age to join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 9 from 12:30-2:00pm. Please contact Vicki Duane for more information!

**ZETEO YOUTH CONFERENCE**
The Gathering youth group is returning to the Salt ‘n Light Youth Ministries Zeteo Conference, February 1-3, 2019. The Conference features music, dramas, dance, and speakers. This year’s theme is Architects. For more information, and to register, please visit cumc.net/youth. The deadline to register is December 16.

**#GIVINGTUESDAY**
#GivingTuesday, a global day of giving back, is right around the corner. This year, on November 27, we invite you to become a part of this special day by giving a one-time gift to support the ongoing ministries of Community UMC in Crofton, Baltimore, Harrisburg, and Hanwa, Zimbabwe! Visit cumc.net/give to learn how you can participate.
Make a Difference

DID YOU KNOW?
Carol Moore serves in several different areas here at Community. She can be seen pulling weeds on the grounds, organizing Trustee Clean-ups, arranging church maintenance projects, packing backpacks for BackPack Meals, and writing thank-you notes for memorial donations, among many other things! If you see her, please thank her. **Well done, good and faithful servant!**

PREPARING FOR ADVENT
The Trustees and Altar Guild request your presence on **December 1.** Beginning at 8:30, we will need many hands to unpack decorations and to decorate our church for the Christmas season. We also need many hands that day to complete our last Trustee Outdoor Clean-up of the year—please bring your yard equipment and energy to blow/rake leaves. Enjoy a wonderful opportunity to work together as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. For more information, contact Altar Guild Chair, Nancy Kripner or Carol Moore, Trustees.

ADVENT GATHERING
Come start the Advent Season with church family on Sunday, **December 2 at 12:15 p.m.** Bring a covered dish and enjoy fellowship, Christmas tree decorating, and Jesse Tree ornament making. For more information contact Michelle Cardwell at michelle4kidz@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HELP
Beginning **January 1** we are looking for a few helping hands who would be interested in helping with fellowship hour once a month. You don’t need to belong to a group, committee, etc.; you just need to be willing to set up, put out food and clean up. Please contact Lanie at laniestargel@comcast.net or text 443-223-8208 if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH – Soup

SINGERS NEEDED
The Chancel Choir, Praisemakers, and Cantata are looking for singers. If you love to sing, come join us on Thursday evenings. If you are into heavy metal, then handbell ringing is for you. Join us on Monday evenings to learn all about handbells and get in a “weight workout.” For further info, contact Lynn Bogovich.

Serving in Worship Today

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Our Prayers

Please use the blue prayer card in your pew rack to request prayer for any concern or person. Your request will be shared among our dedicated prayer servants.

**Week of November 18, 2018** –
Sharon Drew, family of Bill Morgan, Marge Naccari, Kathy Picinicki, & Bill Shade

**Week of November 11, 2018** –
Marge Naccari & Norma Wiberg

**Week of November 4, 2018** –
Richard Davies, Sharad Patel, & the Wesley Family

**Week of October 28, 2018** –
Elynor Dalton, John Dodd, Janet Elm, & the Wesley Family

**Long-Term/Chronic Illnesses and Nursing Home residents:** Lois Amos, Mikie Beyer, Jr., Blake Bing, Mike Chisari, Joe Griffith (Clark’s brother), Ellen Hainsworth, Vaughn and Mary Lehman (parents of LuAnn Dodson), Roger McCrady (Brian’s father), Catherine Nester, Lura Sellers, Ron Shurer, Norma Wiberg, Sally Yost

**Altar Flowers**
The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.
Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 25
9:00a Children’s Sunday School
9:00a Contemporary Worship
9:00a Adult Formation - EK James
9:00a Adult Formation - Mike Gorman
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:45a Adult Formation - Joy McCrady
10:45a Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Children’s Sunday School
10:45a Traditional Worship
12:30p Church Council
6:30p AA Play Rehearsal

Monday, November 26
6:15p Jubilate Bronze Handbells
6:30p Girl Scout Troop 4066
6:30p CDC Staff Meeting
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 115

Tuesday, November 27
9:30a Stitchers
11:00a Pictorial Directory Photoshoot
6:00p Orchestra Rehearsal
7:00p LLDC Team Meeting
7:00p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Den 5
7:00p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Girls Den
7:00p CDA

Wednesday November 28
9:30a CDC Chapel
10:30a Staff Meeting
11:00a Pictorial Directory Photoshoot
6:30p Praise Band
6:45p Naranon

Thursday, November 29
6:30p AA
6:30p Music for Munchkins
6:30p Praisemakers
6:30p Wee Praise
6:45p Staff-Parish Relations Committee
7:15p Chancel Choir

Friday, November 30
8:30a BackPack Meals

Saturday, December 1
8:00a Trustee Clean-up
8:30a Surviving the Holidays
8:30a AA
9:00a Orchestra Rehearsal
4:00p FISH Giving Tree

Sunday, December 2
9:00a Contemporary Worship
9:00a Adult Formation – EK James
9:00a Adult Formation – Mike Gorman
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:45a Adult Formation – Joy McCrady
10:45a Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Traditional Worship
12:15p Advent Gathering
2:30p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Den 6
3:00p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Den 3
5:00p Sound of Joshua Christmas Celebration
6:30p Youth Gathering PM

Staff & Lay Leadership Directory

Stan Cardwell, Lead Pastor
Hilary Ann Golden, Director of Youth & Communications
Marissa Fischer, Office Admin Assistant
Lynn Bogovich, Traditional Music Ministry
Michelle Cardwell, Director of Children’s Ministry
Monica McGirt, CDC Director & Nursery
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