



THE JESSE TREE

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FROM
THE
STUMP
OF JESSE
(ISAIAH 11)

DECEMBER 16, 2018



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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

Join us as we continue our Advent sermon series! 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. Here God promises that what looks like a royal family dead end (Jesse's stump) will see a new tender shoot emerge (Jesus). It's 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. It contains 25 readings for both adults and children making it a wonderful resource for families of any size. If you'd like a hard-cover copy of *The Advent Jesse Tree*, you can purchase one of our limited copies at our resource table in the narthex for \$15, or order your own through amazon.com. A kindle version is also available for \$7.99.

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!

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

The next PwP is **January 14** at 12:30. Pick up a flyer at the welcome desk and RSVP Pastor Stan via text or phone – 443-517-8437.



CHRISTMAS @ COMMUNITY

Information about our Advent & Christmas events and activities, including the Christmas Eve Eve and Christmas Eve worship services is now available on our website. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us at Community this Christmas by sharing cumc.net/christmas with them! And keep an eye out for postcards invitations to the Christmas Eve services, available beginning today.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Community United Methodist Church has been immeasurably blessed by God with the people and resources that have been given to us to do ministry in our community and beyond. So each year on Christmas Eve Eve and Christmas Eve, we designate 100% of our offering to local and global missions as a sign of our continued trust in God's goodness and provision. In keeping with the tradition of supporting missions with the Christmas Eve Offering, the Church Council has chosen the following local and global missions as recipients for this year's offering: Back Pack Meals Ministry, Manna House, and Zimbabwe Volunteers in Mission. Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior and in supporting these wonderful ministries!

OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Dec. 23, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Eve Worship

Dec. 24, 3:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Worship featuring Improv Nativity, where every child gets to participate!

Dec. 24, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

DECEMBER 30 COMBINED SERVICE

On **December 30**, we will gather together for one service at 10:00 a.m. Come and sing lots of Christmas carols with us!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date! Our annual Christmas party is **today** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Evan's house. Bring a friend, a potluck dish, and a gift for our

white elephant exchange! Ask any youth leader if you have questions.

CCCC COAT DRIVE

Cleaning out your closets? Our annual coat drive for the Crofton Christian Caring Center has begun. 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.




ANNUAL GIVING TREE MISSION

Our Giving Tree is adorned with ornaments with gift ideas for local families and seniors in need. 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 **December 20**. The gifts and food will be delivered on 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.

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 **today**.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

 During the holiday season, are you longing for some peace and quiet? Do stress, health concerns, grief and loss impact your life and that of people you care about? If so, we invite you to a Service of Hope and Healing at Trinity United Methodist Church on **December 21** at 7:00 p.m. This will be a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, time for sharing our hurting places with God, and time for receiving God's hope and healing love. Join us for a time of music, scripture, stories, silence, reflection, prayer and Holy Communion.

Make a Difference

DID YOU KNOW?

Robin Lee provides major support for the Children's Ministry here at CUMC. She can be seen teaching Sunday School every week, volunteering for VBS, and helping with the Women's Retreat, among many other things. If you see her, please thank her. **Well done, good and faithful servant!**

BABY PANTRY SOCK DRIVE



The Baby Pantry here at CUMC is holding their yearly sock drive. They are in need of baby socks - sizes 2T, 4T & 6T (Hanes, Fruit of the Loom or Carter's brands preferred.) Please donate new socks only; no used socks will be accepted.

PAID SERVANT GIFTS

Each Christmas we collect donations to give monetary gifts to our paid staff servants. If you wish to contribute, please place your gift in the offering basket, clearly marked "staff Christmas," or give it to any member of the SPR team (Steve Hendershot, Barb Julian, Barbara Langdon, Don Larson, Karen Bailey, Teri Gregory or Dana Buckwalter) or one of our lay leaders (Vicki Duane or Bryan Deehring). We will apportion the gift pool to the staff around Christmas. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GREENS DONATION



The Altar Guild is taking donations for Christmas Greens and Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary and the Narthex. The donations may be made in honor of, in memory of, or to the glory of God. Order forms are located in the Narthex and should be filled out by **today**.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HELP

Beginning **January 1**, Community is 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 –
Macaroni & Cheese

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist/Lector – Barb Julian

Altar Guild – Nancy Kripner & Sara Turner

9:00 Greeters – Cindy Garmoe

10:45 Greeters – Marilyn McKee

9:00 Ushers – Teri Gregory, Alan & Faith Hicks

10:45 Ushers – Fran Cannetti, Don Larson,
& Tracy Weber

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 December 9, 2018 –

Lois Amos, Henry Sul

Week of December 2, 2018 –

Margie Sabol & Family

Week of November 25, 2018 –

Elynor Dalton, Janet Elm, Sarah Kerrigan,
Eric Cattanach & Lissa Webb

Week of November 18, 2018 –

Sharon Drew, family of Bill Morgan,
Marge Naccari, Kathy Picinicki,
& Bill Shade

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, December 16

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 Children's Sunday School
10:45a Adult Formation – Joy McCrady
10:45a Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Christmas Cantata
12:30p Church Council
12:30p Cub Scouts Troop 115 Den 3
5:30p AA Play Practice
6:30p Youth Gathering Christmas Party

Monday, December 17

Church Office Closing at 12 p.m.

6:15p Jubilate Bronze Handbells
6:45p Girl Scout Troop 4194
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 115
7:15p Cancer Support Group

Tuesday, December 18

9:15a Stitches
6:00p Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00p UMW Mission Team
7:00p LLDC Team
7:00p Cub Scout Pack 115 Den 5
7:00p Cub Scout Pack 115 Girls Den
7:00p CDA

Wednesday, December 19

9:30a CDC Chapel
10:30a Staff Meeting
6:30p Praise Band
6:45p Naranon
7:00p Girl Scout Troop 1591

Thursday, December 20

5:30p Worship Team
6:30p AA
6:30p Sassafras
6:30p Music for Munchkins
6:30p Praisemakers
6:30p Wee Praise
6:45p SPRC Meeting
7:15p Chancel Choir

Friday, December 21

8:30a BackPack Meals

Saturday, December 22

8:30a AA
9:00a Orchestra Rehearsal

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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 Children's Sunday School
10:45a Adult Formation – Joy McCrady
10:45a Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Traditional Worship
2:00p Giving Tree Deliveries
7:00p Christmas Eve Eve Worship

Staff & Lay Leadership Directory

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