



CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS

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a United Methodist Church

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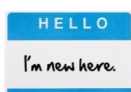
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First Time Here?

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

Beginning today, Community will start a three-part worship series called "Canoeing the Mountains," loosely based on the book by the same name. The book uses the story of Lewis and Clark's Northwest expedition as a metaphor for pioneering the church into an unknown future.

At this same time, a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will take place **February 23-26** in St. Louis, Missouri. 850 brave souls will be meeting to discuss, debate and discern the future direction of our United Methodist denomination - specifically on the issue of human sexuality, same-sex marriage, and the ordination of LGBT persons. These representatives have been tasked through General Conference to decide if we will maintain a traditional sexual ethic, remove prohibitive language concerning LGBT+ persons or create affinity based jurisdictions that will function

independently under one big UMC tent. We have some upcoming events and opportunities happening at Community UMC in response to this.

But while our future denominational direction is largely unknown, Community Church can choose how we will "canoe the mountains." Our series will speak to the vision, mission and unity required for our church to navigate new cultural and denominational unknowns. What will we need to jettison and what will we deem essential as we journey together into God's new adventure for us?

Connect and Grow!

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR



The next PwP is **March 10** at 12:30 p.m. at DiMeo's Pizzeria. Pick up a flyer at the welcome desk and RSVP Pastor Stan via text or phone – 443-517-8437.

CONCERT OF PRAYER

In anticipation of the Special Session of General Conference 2019, Community UMC will be hosting a Concert of Prayer at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **February 20** in the Sanctuary. This special worship experience is focused on prayer for the Special Session, and specifically for the Baltimore-Washington delegates, including our very own Charlie Moore.

PRAYER VIGIL

We are planning a Prayer Vigil from **February 21** at midnight to **February 22** at midnight. A prayer guide is available to download on our website at cumc.net/awayforward, and printed copies will be available this Sunday, as well as in the Sanctuary during the vigil. You do not need to come to the church, however, to participate in the prayer vigil. We encourage you to sign up for one, two, or many half hour slots at the link on our website cumc.net/awayforward. **Remember, you can sign up for any of these times and be in prayer anywhere (home, office, break room at work, airplane, etc.)



LEADERSHIP VISION RETREAT

Our Church Council will be meeting the weekend of February 22-23 for a Vision Retreat to discern the future of the congregation - to what is God calling us? How will we continue to be in ministry to our community, and in what ways is God calling us to grow? As our leadership approaches the retreat, we invite you to be in prayer for us in this process!

PANCAKE SUPPER



Our annual Pancake Supper fundraiser will be Tuesday, **March 5** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will go on sale beginning today between services. Ticket prices are: Adults: \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door, Kids ages 3-12: \$5, Family: \$25. All proceeds will go to Youth Missions, supporting our annual summer mission trip as well as trips to Manna House throughout the year. See any youth or youth leaders for tickets or email cumcgathering@gmail.com.

CUMC INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

During the week, the church follows the Anne Arundel Community College delays and closings. Some groups may wish to cancel their meetings even when our building is open and accessible. Please check with your group leader to see if your group will meet or not. On Sunday mornings, a decision whether to hold worship services will be

made by the church leadership and posted on the church website by 6:00 a.m. Your safety and health are our priorities. We encourage everyone, including those participating in worship, to make wise personal safety decisions during inclement weather.

THE CITY IS BECOMING REALM

Have you heard?! At the end of February, our church's social media platform The City is going away! This is not by our design, but instead is a decision made by the company which created The City. It's going to be replaced by a new, better platform called Realm. Once the migration is finished, all existing users of The City will receive an email invitation to Realm. All you need to do is open the invitation, follow the link to create a new password, and then all of your profile and group information from the City will have been migrated over. We are very excited about this new and significantly improved way for our church family to connect, communicate more efficiently, and share in our life together. Please visit our website to watch a video introduction to Realm and learn more!



WOMEN'S RETREAT SAVE-THE-DATE

Our annual Women's Retreat at Greenwood Hills Bible Camp in Fayetteville, PA will be **April 26-28**. The theme will be "The Fruit of the Spirit" and our speaker will be a spiritual director from the Baltimore area, Heather Strube. The cost is \$135 and there are scholarships available. Registration deadline is April 1. You can download the registration form on our website, or find paper copies on the welcome desk. Please see Margaret Cullings (margaret.cullings@verizon.net) with questions about registration.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP SERIES

Coming in March, we will be facilitating a church-wide study of the book *The God We Can Know: Exploring the 'I AM' Sayings of Jesus*, which will correspond with the Lenten worship series. Our weekly Sunday school classes will be going through the study together, and we will have some other weekday groups forming around the

study. Keep an eye out for a paper signup on our Resource Table, or sign up online at <https://cumc.net/lent/>. For more information, contact Joy McCrady at joymccrady@gmail.com.

NEW FISH STUDY

Our FISH Adult Fellowship Group is beginning a new study of the book "the ROCK, the ROAD, and the RABBI" by Kathie Lee Gifford. The Rock (Jesus Christ), the Road (Israel), and the Rabbi (God's Word) helps us to understand the Word of God and what it says based on its original meanings in its original context. Until **March 16**, FISH will meet in Fellowship Hall weekly. The study begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. E-mail Ben (bfalls88@gmail.com) or Kate Falls (katlynfalls@gmail.com) to reserve a book and RSVP for childcare needs ASAP.

Make a Difference

DID YOU KNOW?

Vicki Duane and her husband, Andy, have been members at Community for 20 years. Vicki also participates in many areas here, from being the Co-Chair of the UMW to helping with the Women's Retreat and VBS. Vicki is also our Lay Leader, which puts her on many different committees, such as Finance and SPRC. If you see her, please thank her. **Well done, good and faithful servant!**

MUSIC CONCERT WITH THE CUMC ORCHESTRA

Here comes the annual orchestra recital again! Please come see the performance on **February 24** at 4:00 p.m. It features the Spring Festival Overture, Rock of Ages, Broadway Musicals, and three original compositions from the director. There will be a reception during the intermission and after the concert is over.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH – Soup

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist/Lector – Karen Bailey

Altar Guild – Nancy Kripner & Sara Turner

9:00 Greeters – Vicki Duane

10:45 Greeters – Margaret Cullings

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

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

Counters – Tammy Counts, Dianne Dezio,
& Tom Reed

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 February 10, 2019 –

Bob McMeans & BSA Troop 214

Week of February 3, 2019 –

Mike Gorman & Norma Wiberg

Week of January 27, 2019 –

Debbie Corsetti, Betty Turner,
& Gwenan Wilbur

Week of January 20, 2019 –

Gary Todd & Norma Wiberg

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), 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, February 17

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 Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Adult Formation – Joy McCrady
10:45a Traditional Worship
4:00p Orchestra Dress Rehearsal
6:30p Youth Gathering PM

Monday, February 18

CUMC Office & CDC Closed

6:00p CDC Advisory Board
6:15p Jubilate Bronze Handbells
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 115
7:15p Cancer Support Group
7:30p BSA Troop 214

Tuesday, February 19

9:15a Stitches
6:00p Orchestra
6:30p Trustees Meeting
7:00p LLDC Team
7:00p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Den 5
7:00p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Girls Den
7:00p CDA

Wednesday, February 20

9:30a CDC Chapel
9:30a Sugar Butter Love Catering
10:30a Staff Meeting
6:45p Naranon
7:00p Girl Scout Troop 1591
7:00p Concert of Prayer for the Way Forward

Thursday, February 21

CUMC Office Closed

9:30a Sugar Butter Love Catering
5:30p Women's Retreat Planning
5:30p Worship Team Meeting
6:30p AA
6:30p Sassafras Lifegroup
6:30p Music for Munchkins
6:30p Praisemakers
6:30p Wee Praise
6:45p SPRC Meeting
7:15p Chancel Choir

Friday, February 22

8:30a BackPack Meals

Saturday, February 23

8:30a AA
9:00a Orchestra Rehearsal
4:00p FISH

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9:00a Children's Sunday School
9:00a Contemporary Worship
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Staff & Lay Leadership Directory

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