

The G O D

We Can Know

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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

Lent, the forty days (not including Sundays) prior to Easter, is a season of examination and formation, to prepare for the awesome events of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It's a great time to make a deeper commitment to grow in faith and love for Jesus and the amazing sacrificial love he showed all of humanity. How well do you know and love Jesus? How have you experienced his love? In this season of Lent, we'll be exploring Rob Fuquay's book, *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus*.

Getting to know God means getting to know ourselves. The more we know who God is the more we know who we are. The Gospel of John records several declarations of Jesus known as the "I Am" statements. As Jesus reveals who he is, he reveals who God, His Father, is; and as God is revealed, we discover who we are! This Lenten series will end when we celebrate Easter. Our prayer is that we would discover how wide and

deep, how high and long, is God's marvelous love for us, as revealed in Jesus Christ. Let's go deeper together this Lent.

Connect and Grow!

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

The next PwP is **April 14** 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.



LENTEN SMALL GROUP SERIES

During Lent, we are 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 are going through the study together, FISH is participating on Saturday afternoons, and we have additional groups on Wednesday nights (at Wegmans) and Thursday mornings. The paper sign-up sheet is on the Resource Table, or you can sign up online at <https://cumc.net/lent/>. For more information, contact Joy McCrady at joymccrady@gmail.com.

FISH Group Welcomes New Members

The FISH Group is reading and discussing *"The God We Can Know: Exploring the 'I AM' Sayings of Jesus"* along with the rest of the church during the Lenten season, and would welcome anyone to join them. The FISH Group meets on Saturdays at

4:30 p.m. for the study in the youth room and then has dinner together at 6 p.m. Childcare is provided! Cost of the book to be determined. Feel free to contact Kate Falls with any questions at katlynfalls@gmail.com or (717) 940-9888.

16:24 EXPERIMENT



This Lent, we are reviving the 16:24 Experiment. Jesus said in Matthew 16:24f, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. . ." This call by Jesus is the perfect theme verse for Lent as we are called to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and the crucifixion. Jesus reminds us of the high commitment for those who would join with him. To bring this call alive, we have nail cross necklaces at the altar for you to wear daily throughout the 40 days of Lent. Carry your cross. Be a witness. Come to the altar pray that God would give you opportunities this season to share your faith - to love your friends, neighbors and co-workers as you witness to Christ's sacrificial love.

CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS

Let's journey into uncharted territory! A few weeks ago, Pastor Stan asked us all to pray about connecting in a microgroup as part of this message (Feb 25). If you are interested in participating or getting more info about microgroups, request your copy of Discipleship Bands: A Practical Field Guild by printing "microgroup" on your connect card in the "I dream about starting _____" section (bottom entry on the "next steps" side). Also can you think of any support or recovery groups you or our community needs? Please share your idea in the same dream space. Thanks for helping us canoe the mountains!

CAPITAL CARILLON CONCERT

Join us on Sunday, **April 7** at 4 p.m. for a concert from the Capital Carillon Handbell ensemble from Washington D.C. Our very own Jubilate Bronze Handbells will be



performing as well, so be sure to come out and support them.

FIRST CAMPING TRIP OF THE SEASON

The camping group is camping **April 5 - 7** at Shenandoah River State Park. All are invited to camp with us. There are cabin, RV and tent sites. If you are planning to go, please make a reservation at Shenandoah River State Park, then email the Wilhelms at kcwillie226@gmail.com to let them know you are coming camping. They will then let you know the meal plan for the weekend. The Wilhelms hope you plan to join them!

GRIEF-SHARE SUPPORT GROUP LAUNCH



After hosting a successful Surviving the Holidays event last December, we have discovered a huge need in our Crofton community - a place for people to journey together, no strings attached, through the grief process. Grief-Share is a biblical, Christ-centered grief support group ministry. We launched yesterday, March 16, but you can join in at any time during our 13 week session. Register now at cumc.net/griefshare.

CUMC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Pictorial Directory has been received from Lifetouch and is currently being distributed to participants. Lifetouch has provided the church with a limited number of additional copies which will be made available for purchase. If you did not participate in the photo session for the directory, but would still like a copy of the directory, you can get one from the church office for \$10. Please contact the church office with any additional questions.

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 contact

Margaret Cullings with questions about registration at margaret.cullings@verizon.net.

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.

Make a Difference

DID YOU KNOW?

Candis Milbourne is an active servant in our church, recently joining our Stewardship Team. She can also be seen volunteering for Backpack Meals, the CCCC Baby Pantry, and helping with UMW, among many other things! If you see her, please thank her. **Well done, good and faithful servant!**

SASSAFRAS COMFORT CASES

Sassafras is once again collecting items to create 10 comfort cases for foster children in our area. A sign-up genius account has been made if you would like to make a donation. If you are unable to shop, but would like to make a cash/check donation, please let Lanie or Karen know and they will do the shopping for the items. The link is <http://bit.ly/2SX3fHZ>. Please drop the donations off in the narthex labeled COMFORT CASES. All donations are due by **March 31**.

BACKPACK MEALS ITEM OF THE MONTH –

Chewy or Crunchy Granola Bars

FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH –

Noodle, Rice, or Potato Sides

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist/Lector – Steve Hendershot

Altar Guild – Nancy Kripner & Sara Turner

9:00 Greeters – Candis Milbourne

10:45 Greeters – Marilyn McKee

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

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

Counters – Dianne Dezio, Jack Herbert,
& Helen Mitchell

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 March 10, 2019 –

Sara Blight, Wen Li, Rogers Family,
& Mildred Rogers

Week of March 3, 2019 –

Mark Bartlett, Tom Kramer, Jeff Sabol,
& Barb and Larry Rogers

Week of February 24, 2019 –

The Cardwell Family, Margaret Cullings,
Barbara Deffley, & Lydia Holly

Week of February 17, 2019 –

Mike Chisari & Marnie Lehr

Long-Term/Chronic Illnesses and Nursing Home residents: Lois Amos, Mikie Beyer, Jr., Blake Bing, Mike Chisari, Joe Griffith (Clark's brother), Ellen Hainsworth, Mary Lehman (mother 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 in memory of Rollin G. Todd by Gary Todd.

(Please visit our 2019 flower chart in the foyer if you would like to honor a loved one by sharing flowers on the altar. A donation of \$35.00 is appreciated, or you may provide your own arrangement.)

Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, March 17

9:00a Contemporary Worship
9:00a Adult Formation – EK James
9:00a Adult Formation – Mike Gorman
9:00a Children’s Sunday School
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:45a Adult Formation – Joy McCrady
10:45a Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Traditional Worship
10:45a Children’s Sunday School
6:30p Youth Gathering PM

Monday, March 18

6:15p Jubilate Bronze Handbells
6:45p Girl Scout Troop 4194
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 115
7:15p Cancer Support Group
7:30p BSA Troop 214

Tuesday, March 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, March 20

9:30a CDC Chapel
10:30p Staff Meeting
6:30p Praise Band
6:45p Naranon
6:45p The God We Can Know Study
7:00p Girl Scout Troop 1591

Thursday, March 21

CUMC Office Closed
9:30a Sugar Butter Love Catering
10:00a The God We Can Know
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
7:15p Chancel Choir

Friday, March 22

8:30a BackPack Meals
11:00a Sugar Butter Love Catering

Saturday, March 23

8:30a AA
9:00a Orchestra Rehearsal
10:00a GriefShare Support Group
4:00p FISH

Sunday, March 24

9:00a Contemporary Worship
9:00a Adult Formation – EK James
9:00a Adult Formation – Mike Gorman
9:00a Children’s Sunday School
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:45a Adult Formation – Joy McCrady
10:45a Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Traditional Worship
10:45a Children’s Sunday School
6:30p Youth Gathering PM

Staff & Lay Leadership Directory

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