



# CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS

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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.

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## Current Sermon Series

Today we conclude our 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.

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?

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## 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.



### 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](mailto:joymccrady@gmail.com).

### 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 be on sale 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](mailto:cumcgathering@gmail.com).

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Would you like to make your faith public on this first day of Lent? Please join Pastor Stan at Panera Bread in Waugh Chapel on **March 6** between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a quiet prayer and marking with ashes. We will also gather at Community Church at noon for a short service of Scripture and ashes. There will be an additional imposition of the ashes in the Sanctuary from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### **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.

### **CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS**

Let's journey into uncharted territory! Last week, Pastor Stan asked us all to pray about connecting in a microgroup as part of this message (Feb 25). If you 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, in response to today's message, 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!

### **CUMC CAMPING GROUP**

The CUMC Camping Group has made plans for the 2019 Camping Season. If you are a long time camper, a new camper or someone who would

like to try camping please find a trip that interests you and plan to join us. Each family makes their own reservation and then reaches out to the Wagonmaster for details or questions about the trip. For information about each trip, please contact Kim Wilhelm at [kimw0304@gmail.com](mailto:kimw0304@gmail.com)

### **FISH Group Welcomes New Members**

The FISH Group will be 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 we would welcome anyone to join us. The FISH Group meets on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. for the study in the youth room (this study will start on Saturday, **March 16**) 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](mailto:katlynfalls@gmail.com) or (717) 940-9888.

### **GRIEFSHARE 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. GriefShare is a biblical, Christ-centered grief support group ministry. We launch on Saturday March 16 and you can join with us on the ground floor. Register now at [cumc.net/griefshare](http://cumc.net/griefshare).

### **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 contact Margaret Cullings with questions about registration at [margaret.cullings@verizon.net](mailto:margaret.cullings@verizon.net).

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### **Make a Difference**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Ginny Andrews is on our planning committee for the new Grief Share program we are launching in March. Ginny also volunteers in the nursery, helps pack Backpacks for Backpack Meals, and goes on pastoral care visits each week, 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/2SuRDM4>. Please drop the donations off in the narthex labeled COMFORT CASES. All donations are due by **March 31**.

#### **BACKPACK MEALS MARCH COLLECTION**

The Backpack Meals mission is serving 39 students this year in our local Crofton Elementary schools! To purchase food for the program, we depend on the CUMC/Missions Budget and support from church members, friends, and the community. We have decided to highlight an item of the month that will help fill these bags for local children! For March we are requesting—chewy or crunchy

granola bars. You can drop them off in the Backpack Meals donation bin in the Narthex. If you would like to volunteer for Backpack Meals, please contact Carol Moore at [cmoore@telatlantic.net](mailto:cmoore@telatlantic.net) or Margaret Galasso at [mkgalasso62@gmail.com](mailto:mkgalasso62@gmail.com).

**FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH** – Noodle, Rice, or Potato Sides

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### **Serving in Worship Today**

**Liturgist/Lector** – Mike Gorman

**Altar Guild** – Dana Buckwalter

**9:00 Greeters** – Dana & Evan Buckwalter

**10:45 Greeters** – Barb Julian

**9:00 Ushers** – Mike & Martha Brewer

**10:45 Ushers** – Tom Reed & Rusty Wilbur

**Counters** – Margaret Cullings, Dale Dodd,  
& Charlie Eyet

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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 February 24, 2019* –

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

*Week of February 17, 2019* –

Mike Chisari & Marnie Lehr

*Week of February 10, 2019* –

Bob McMeans & BSA Troop 214

*Week of February 3, 2019* –

Mike Gorman & 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, Mary Lehman (mother of LuAnn Dodson), Roger McCrady (Brian's father), Lura Sellers, Ron Shurer, Norma Wiberg, Sally Yost

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### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.

(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.)

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## Week-at-a-Glance

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### Sunday, March 3

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  
2:30p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Den 6  
6:30p Youth Gathering PM

### Monday, March 4

9:30a UMW Hannah Circle  
6:15p Jubilate Bronze Handbells  
6:45p Girl Scout Troop 4194  
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 115  
7:30p BSA Troop 214

### Tuesday, March 5

9:15a Stitches  
5:30p Pancake Supper  
6:00p Orchestra  
7:00p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Den 5  
7:00p Cub Scouts Pack 115 Girls Den  
7:00p CDA

### Wednesday, March 6

6:00a Imposition of Ashes  
9:30a Sugar Butter Love Catering  
12:00p Ash Wednesday Worship  
4:30p Imposition of Ashes  
6:30p Praise Band  
6:45p Naranon  
7:00p UMW Elnora Circle  
7:00p Girl Scout Troop 1591

### Thursday, March 7

#### CUMC Office Closed

9:30a Sugar Butter Love Catering  
9:30a Seasoned Seniors Planning Committee  
6:30p AA  
6:30p Music for Munchkins  
6:30p Praisemakers  
6:30p Wee Praise  
7:15p Chancel Choir

### Friday, March 8

8:30a BackPack Meals

### Saturday, March 9

8:30a AA  
9:00a St. John Ame Zion Prayer Breakfast  
9:00a Orchestra Rehearsal  
4:00p FISH

### Sunday, March 10

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  
12:30p Pizza with the Pastor  
6:30p Youth Gathering PM

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## Staff & Lay Leadership Directory

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