

# Prayer Life

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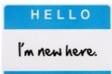
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## First Time Here?

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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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## Upcoming Sermon Series

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Movies are our way of telling God what we think about this world and our place in it. . . . Movies can be many things: escapist experiences, historical artifacts, business ventures, and artistic expressions, to name a few. I'd like to suggest that they can also be prayers." -- Josh Larson Movies do more than tell a good story. They are expressions of raw emotion, naked vulnerability, and unbridled rage. They often function in the same way as prayers, communicating our deepest longings and joys to a God who hears each and every one. In his book, *Movies Are Prayers*, *Filmspotting* co-host Josh Larsen brings a critic's unique perspective to how movies function as expressions to God of lament, praise, joy, confession, and more. In August, we'll use Josh's book as a springboard to explore three current and one not-so-current movies and how they express our deepest longings for God. God's omnipresence means that you can find him whether you're sitting on your sofa at home or in the seats at the theater. You can talk to him wherever movies

are shown. And when words fail, the perfect film might be just what you need to jump-start your conversations with the Almighty. You are invited to meet God in the movies, and start-up a conversation with the God who created us, beings with thoughts and feelings who need to bring both to God. Our series is **Movies Are Prayers**. We'll dive into *Babe*, *the Pig*, *Shazam*, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, and *Yesterday*.

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## Connect and Grow!

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### PASTOR STAN OUT OF OFFICE

From Pastor Stan:

I will be returning tomorrow, Monday, **July 29** from a planning retreat. I have arranged for Ray McDonald at First UMC Laurel to provide emergency pastoral coverage while I'm away. Ray is a friend and veteran colleague with excellent pastoral gifts. Please pray for me to get much accomplished in preparing creative worship for us this fall (and beyond?). In case of emergency, please contact Hilary at 267-368-0861 to be put in touch with Rev. McDonald.

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP

Our third annual music and drama camp for children ages 8 and up is set for **July 29** through **August 2**, every morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The camp will end with a celebration performance on August 2 at 7:00 p.m. This year's musical is "The Born Again Identity: The Mysterious Encounter between Nicodemus and



Jesus." Register now on Realm or by going [cumc.net/camp](http://cumc.net/camp). Email Bonnie and Sharon at [cumc.music.camp@gmail.com](mailto:cumc.music.camp@gmail.com) with any additional questions.

### SUMMER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The 9:00 Children's Sunday School has started a new series called "**Non-Avengers- Bible Heroes Who Forgave!**" This 8-week series will help elementary-aged kids discover that when we are wronged, our first instinct is to fight back, to get revenge. But the Bible is filled with examples of men and women who responded God's way – choosing compassion and forgiveness over getting even. Join us for this exciting new adventure! Preschoolers will also be enjoying a fun new series called Eye-Popping Bible Lessons that awaken Kids' Love for God. **Note: There will be no 10:45 children's Sunday School this summer.** Be sure to pick up a children's activity packet before the service.

### COMMUNITY UMC BAYSOX NIGHT



Join us on **August 3** at the 6:35 p.m. Baysox game to see the Chancel Choir and Jubilate Bronze Handbells perform the National Anthem and see some fireworks after the game. Discounted general admission tickets will be available at \$7.50 per ticket, with a \$20 total cap per family. Children that are 2 years or younger get in FREE. Tickets are available through the Church Office or in the Narthex between services.

### PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

The next PwP is **August 11** at 12:30 p.m. at DiMео's Pizzeria. Pick up a flyer at the welcome desk and RSVP Pastor Stan via text or phone – 443-517-8437.



### SALT 'N LIGHT WORSHIP NIGHT

The ministry team from Salt 'n Light will be joining us again on **August 12** at 6:30 p.m. for a night of worship—music, drama, and message. This is a church-wide, family friendly event. Worship Nights are geared toward a community of churches and youth groups who want to come together for a night of worship and fellowship together! Come, be inspired in your relationship with Jesus Christ through energizing worship, thought-provoking dramas, youth testimonies, dynamic preaching, and more!

### LLDC SKILLS/GIFTS SURVEY



Looking for a way to get involved at Community? Fill out a skills form on the Resource Table in the Narthex to indicate what areas you would like to serve. Completed forms can be given to an usher or turned in to the Church Office. An online version can also be completed here: <http://bit.ly/2ISf4wh>.

### TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

The Trash and Treasure Sale is back on! On **August 24** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. we will be having our Trash and Treasure Sale in the Fellowship Hall. Donation collection for the sale will begin after 12:30 p.m. on **August 23**. We will take everything except for clothes and shoes, so be sure to start your fall cleaning a little early and donate your unwanted items to the sale! Contact Margaret Cullings at [margaret.cullings@verizon.net](mailto:margaret.cullings@verizon.net) with any additional questions.

### GoOD STORIES REALM GROUP

Want to hear positive stories of God working in groups and individuals connected to Community Church? Request to join the GoOD Stories group and get news delivered right to your inbox. The GoOD Stories group is a place to share joys of all kinds - God sightings, birth announcements, accomplishments and honors, answered prayers, celebration of life, birthdays, milestones, spiritual growth, and so much more! To join the group, log onto Realm, search for the GoOD Stories group, and click the "Join GoOD Stories" button at the top of the page. Contact the church office with any questions.

### PRAYER VINE GROUP



Did you know we have a Realm group setup for prayer requests? You can post your joys and concerns in this group, which immediately sends it to all of our prayer partners. You can also see the joys and concerns of others, and join together with them in prayer. To join the group, log onto Realm, search for the Prayer Vine group, and click the "Join Prayer Vine" button at the top of the page. Contact the church office with any questions.

### ONLINE GIVING THROUGH REALM

Did you know... that you can now give online through [Realm?](https://onrealm.org/cumccrofton/Give) Just visit <https://onrealm.org/cumccrofton/Give>, or login to your account and click the "Giving" tab on the left-hand side of your Realm screen. Visit [cumc.net/realm](http://cumc.net/realm) for instructions on how to login, register, or reset your password. Thank you for your patience as we transition to this new, more efficient system!

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## Make a Difference

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Laurie High is one of the founding members and co-leaders of Sassafras. She can also be seen serving as our recording secretary for Church Council and being a faithful prayer servant of our Prayer Vine, among many other things. **If you see her, please thank her. Well done, good and faithful servant!**

### VBS MISSION UPDATE

What a Celebration Sunday! We raised a total of \$3,408 for the children in Hanwa, Zimbabwe! Part of these funds will go to 27 children in most need of school fees so they can get an education. Thanks go out to Nichols Bethel UMC who joined us in our VBS mission for Hanwa!

### ITEM DONATIONS

If you would like to donate any household items or maintenance materials, please contact Sara Turner prior to dropping them off.

### MEAL MINISTRY @ COMMUNITY

Want to know a GREAT WAY to show tangible love? Consider blessing someone in our church after a birth, surgery, death, or illness by providing a meal. Community UMC members have responded to this call to serve countless times throughout the years. We are updating our list of those willing to provide meals so if God is nudging (or if you or someone you know needs meals), please contact Vicki Duane at [vsduane@gmail.com](mailto:vsduane@gmail.com) or 410-507-6746.



## FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH –

Spaghetti Pasta

The Food Pantry will also accept individual toiletry items and laundry detergent. Donations can be placed in the donation bin in the Narthex.

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## Serving in Worship Today

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**Liturgist/Lector** – Larry Rogers

**Altar Guild** – Nancy Kripner

**9:00 Greeters** – Candis Milbourne

**10:45 Greeters** – Barb Rogers

**9:00 Ushers** – Jim Cole, Barry Elm, & John Holly

**10:45 Ushers** – Don Amos & Margaret Cullings

**Counters** – Mike Brewer, Jack Herbert, & Tom Reed

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## Our Prayers

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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 July 21, 2019 –

Matthew & Margaret Passalacqua's Family

Week of July 14, 2019 –

Family of Alice Higinbotham

& Family of Damion Landrum

Week of July 7, 2019 –

Paul Barnett, Bob Haggerty, Bruce Hoagland,

& Sharon Drew & Family

Week of June 30, 2019 –

Ed, Junior, & Loretta Blizzard

*Long-Term/Chronic Illnesses and Nursing Home residents:* Fred Altman, Lois Amos, Blake Bing, Joe Griffith (Clark's brother), Mary Lehman (mother of LuAnn Dodson), Roger McCrady (Brian's father), Ron Shurer, Norma Wiberg, Sally Yost

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## Altar Flowers

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The flowers on the altar have been 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, July 28

#### Youth Impact Festival

9:00a Children's Sunday School  
9:00a Contemporary Worship  
10:15a Coffee Fellowship  
10:45a Traditional Worship

### Monday, July 29

9:00a CDC Cooking Class  
9:00a Music and Drama Camp  
6:45p Jubilate Bronze Handbells  
7:00p BSA Troop 115  
7:00p Stewardship Team  
7:30p BSA Troop 214

### Tuesday, July 30

9:00a Music and Drama Camp  
9:15a Stitchers  
7:00p CDA

### Wednesday, July 31

9:00a Music and Drama Camp  
10:30a Staff Meeting  
6:30p Praise Band  
6:45p Naranon  
7:00p Crofton Meadows #4 HOA

### Thursday, August 1

9:00a Music and Drama Camp  
6:30p AA  
7:00p Meadowcroft Condominium  
7:15p Chancel Choir

### Friday, August 2

9:00a Music and Drama Camp

### Saturday, August 3

8:30a AA  
6:35p Baysox Performance & Game

### Sunday, August 4

#### Youth Impact Festival

9:00a Children's Sunday School  
9:00a Contemporary Worship  
10:15a Coffee Fellowship  
10:45a Youth Gathering AM  
10:45a Traditional Worship

\* Full Church Calendar may be found at [cumc.net/calendar](http://cumc.net/calendar)

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## Staff & Lay Leadership Directory

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**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

**Dave Lanzer**, Council Chair

**Barb Julian**, SPRC Chair

**Steve Hendershot**, Scouting Representative

**Mary Beth Holly**, Finance Chair

**Sara Turner**, Trustees Chair

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