



----- August 11, 2019 -----

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. You will also find a Connect Card, which allows us to follow-up with you, pray for you, and help to get you connected into the community. 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

"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 Larsen). 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 Lord. 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*.

Connect and Grow!

DIGITAL WEEKLY BULLETIN // Our Weekly Bulletin will now be available on our website every Friday prior to the worship services. Visit cumc.net/bulletin to view it on your device instead of grabbing a paper copy.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR // Sunday, August 11, 12:30 p.m. // DiMeo's Pizzeria // Pick up a flyer at the welcome desk and RSVP Pastor Stan via text or phone at 443-517-8437.

SALT 'N LIGHT WORSHIP NIGHT// Monday, August 12, 6:30 p.m. // Sanctuary // The ministry team from Salt 'n Light will be joining us for a night of worship. This is a church-wide, family friendly event. Come, be inspired in your relationship with Jesus Christ through energizing worship, thought-provoking dramas, youth testimonies, dynamic preaching, and more! Contact the youth ministry leaders for more information at cumcgathering@gmail.com.

AFRICAN HERITAGE PRAISE CONCERT // Saturday, August 17, 4 to 6 p.m. // Sanctuary // We are excited to host a Back-to-School Benefit Concert through a Bowie based non-profit organization called African Heritage Praise. The choir is comprised of children age 8 - 15 years old where they learn songs and dance, study God's word and learn about their heritage. Admission is free, but donations of school supplies to support under privileged children in Africa will be appreciated.

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE VISIT // Saturday, August 17, opens at 10:00 a.m. // Museum of the Bible, Washington D.C. // Join the Seasoned Seniors at the Museum of the Bible. You can get to the museum by taking the New Carrollton Metro to Federal Center Southwest. Carpools to New Carrollton will be leaving from the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Museum tickets are \$12.99 per person and the metro fare is \$3.40 one way. For further information or to buy tickets, contact Marilyn McKee, 410-672-6347, or Ginny Andrews, 410-507-7025.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE // Saturday, August 24, 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. // Fellowship Hall // Donation collection for the sale will begin after 12:30 p.m. on August 23. All items except for clothes and shoes will be accepted. Contact Margaret Cullings at margaret.cullings@verizon.net with any additional questions.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION THIS FALL Starts Sunday, September 8 // Library // Time to grow in Christ together. Watch the bulletin for more details!

UMM BREAKFAST // Fourth Tuesday of Each Month, 8:30 a.m. // Nautilus Diner // Join the United Methodist Men's group on the fourth Tuesday of each month for food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Reed at (410) 897-1014.

GoOD STORIES REALM GROUP // Want to hear positive stories of God working in groups and individuals connected to Community Church? To join our GoOD Stories 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.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS // January - May 2020 // Youth in grade 8 and up are eligible for our Confirmation program. The program generally consists of 2 monthly meetings, a retreat in May before Confirmation Sunday, and other retreat, service, and learning opportunities. Please contact the church office at cumc@cumc.net to be added to our list if you are interested. An orientation meeting will then be held in November (date TBD). Contact Hilary with any questions at hilaryangolden@cumc.net.

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH REALM // 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 to participate in online giving.

Make a Difference

MORE FOUNDATION SHOE COLLECTION // Bins in Lower Level of Sanctuary Building // Support the MORE Foundation by bringing in your tired and worn athletic shoes. MORE is on track to plant 1 million trees by 2024, all made possible by your support and donations. You can check out the MORE Foundation website at www.morefoundationgroup.org. Contact Rita Boller at rboller1@verizon.net with any additional questions.

PIE CONTEST TO BENEFIT THE BABY PANTRY // Wednesday, August 21, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. // Crofton Farmers Market // A portion of the pie sales from the Pie Bake Off will go to the CCCC Baby Pantry. Pieces of pie are \$5 or they can be purchased with a donation of diapers, formula, or wipes. Register at <https://croftonchamber.com/events> by August 18 to bake a pie to be entered into the contest.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH // Cereal // The Food Pantry will also accept individual toiletry items and laundry detergent. Donations can be placed in the donation bin in the Narthex.

Did You Know?

Sinthi Acey helps in any areas she can here at Community. The Aceys are also heavily involved with our Boy Scouts Charter, Troop 115. Sinthi can also be seen helping in the nursery on Sundays and helping with Fellowship Hour, among many other things. **If you see her, please thank her. Well done, good and faithful servant!**

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist/Lector – Barb Julian

Altar Guild – Nancy Kripner & Gina Perantoni

9:00 Greeters – Cindy Garmoe

10:45 Greeters – Audrey Kerge

9:00 Ushers – Ranck Family & Charlie Eyet

10:45 Ushers – Tom Reed & Marv Riggs

Counters – Helen Mitchell, John & Mary Beth Holly

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 August 4, 2019 –

Matthew Sutton & John Titcomb

Week of July 28, 2019 –

Linda Lind, Tim & Angela,
& Katharine Shrewsburg

Week of July 21, 2019 –

Margaret Passalacqua's Family

Week of July 14, 2019 –

Family of Alice Higinbotham
& Family of Damion Landrum

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given in memory of Paul Truntich by Barbara Truntich and family.

(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, August 11

9:00a Children's Sunday School

9:00a Contemporary Worship

10:15a Coffee Fellowship

10:45a Youth Gathering AM

10:45a Traditional Worship

12:30p Pizza with the Pastor

Monday, August 12

9:00a CDC Cooking Class

6:00p CDC Advisory Board

6:30p BSA Troop 115 Committee

6:30p Salt 'n Light Worship Night

7:00p BSA Troop 115

7:30p BSA Troop 214

Tuesday, August 13

9:15a Stitches

1:30p Lighthouse Lunches

6:00p Trustees Meeting

6:30p Blue Ridge HOA

7:00p CDA

7:00p Orchestra Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 14

10:30a Staff Meeting

6:30p Praise Band

6:45p Naranon

Thursday, August 15

5:30p Worship Team

6:30p AA

6:30p Sassafras

6:45p SPRC Meeting

7:15p Chancel Choir

Saturday, August 17

8:30a AA

9:00a Orchestra Rehearsal

10:00a Museum of the Bible Visit

4:00p African Heritage Praise Concert

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10:15a Coffee Fellowship

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* Full Church Calendar may be found at cumc.net/calendar

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Sermon Notes

Suggestions for note taking from “Listening to a Sermon” by Dr. Keith Anderson—Follow a simple framework to listening to the voice of God: What words, phrases or ideas did you connect with? Why? Was there anything that disturbed you or felt unsettling? Why? What did you hear that you want to know more about? What questions does this raise for you? Finish this sentence: If I take this seriously, then that would mean _____.

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Where's the order of service at 9:00? Our 9:00 service is pretty simple in order, so just follow along on the screen. We'll sing, spend some quality time with our children, then sing and hear a message. On First Sundays, we celebrate communion. We offer an open table, so the only thing we ask before partaking is that you hunger for more of Jesus Christ in your life. (Parents may choose whether to allow their children to participate in communion.) Finally, an offering is collected at the close of the service.

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Gathering in Community

Prelude

John Park

Welcome and Joys

* Passing the Peace

"Let All Things Now Living"

TFWS 2008

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.*

* Call to Worship

based on Psalm 107:1-9 (NIV)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

Many: his love endures forever!

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story –

Many: those he redeemed from the hand of the foe!

One: Those he gathered from the lands,

Many: from east and west, from north and south!

One: Some wandered in desert wastelands,

Many: finding no way to a city where they could settle.

One: They were hungry and thirsty,

Many: and their lives ebbed away.

One: Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

Many: and he delivered them from their distress!

One: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love!

Many: and his wonderful deeds for humanity!

One: For he satisfies the thirsty

Many: and fills the hungry with good things!

* Centering Prayer

O God, Maker of all things, with your fingerprint and signature on everything You've made.
How often do we fail to notice Your handiwork? How often do we forget to look for You in life?
Forgive us, O God. We have not sought you, nor have we listened for Your voice,
nor watched for your glory. How could we miss You? Teach us anew to number our days,
to make prayer our very breath, to let all our thoughts and emotions rise into Your presence –
as a fragrant act of prayer, without ceasing.

May we learn through this series that you are ready to speak to us at any time and any place.

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts to Your life-giving word.

In Christ the word, through whom all things were and are made. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH 64

Children's Moment Pastor Stan

Ministry Opportunities

Embracing God's Word

Old Testament Lesson – Deuteronomy 10:12-22

New Testament Lesson – James 1:19-27

* Hymn for the Word "For the Healing of the Nations" UMH 428

* The Gospel Lesson – Luke 15:1-10

* Response to God's Word "Open Our Eyes" TFWS 2086

Message **Movies Are Prayers – *Shazam*** Pastor Stan

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith The Sower's Creed

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Selves and Gifts to God

Offertory "I Know Whom I Have Believed" Choir Trio

* Presentation of the Offering "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036

*Give thanks, with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.*

*And now, let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks!*

* Prayer of Dedication

(**Please sign a Connect Card, located in the pew rack, and return it in the offering basket as we bring our gifts to God.)

* Hymn of Commitment "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" TFWS 2140

* Benediction and Response "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" TFWS 2140

*Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.*

* Postlude John Park

*please stand as you are able