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MOVIES ARE PRAYERS

HOW FILMS VOICE
OUR DEEPEST LONGINGS

Community
a United Methodist Church

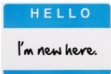
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First Time Here?



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

"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 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!

FOLLOW-UP FROM PRAYER LIFE

Last week's message looked at prayer as a relational connection to God. Jesus walks through a model prayer for how we should pray to God in his famous Sermon on the Mount. The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-15) can easily be broken into five simple themes. We were also shown examples of how we can use this prayer to apply it not only to our relationship with God but also to specific areas and relationships in our life. The five themes are listed below. If you are up for the challenge, pick one area in your life this week to pray over (health, marriage, addiction, etc.), using those themes:

1. You are my God and my Father, and You are here with me
2. Show me how to want what you want
3. Show me the difference between what I want and what I need
4. Show me how to act like you act
5. Show me you're still close in the chaos

The spirit of prayer is in you! May it become, in His name, the most precious occupation of your life. Have a prayer-FULL week!

In God's Grace,
Bryan

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

The next PwP is **August 11** 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.



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!

AFRICAN HERITAGE PRAISE CONCERT

We are very excited to host a Back-to-School Benefit Concert through a non-profit organization in Bowie called African Heritage Praise (AHP). The group is a choir comprising of children age 8 - 15 years old where they learn not only songs and dance but, in keeping with Deuteronomy 6:6-9, they study God's word and learn about their heritage. The concert will be held Saturday, **August 17** from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Community UMC. Admission is free but donations of school supplies to support under privileged children in Africa will be appreciated.

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE VISIT

On Saturday, **August 17**, the Seasoned Seniors will be visiting the Museum of the Bible. They will be taking the New Carrollton Metro to Federal Center Southwest, which is one block from the museum. If you wish to carpool to New Carrollton, meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Parking at New Carrollton is free on the week-ends, and the Metro fare is \$3.40 one way. Eating lunch will not be a problem, as there are two restaurants in the museum. Payment must be made to either Ginny or Marilyn by **today** in order to receive the group rate of \$12.99. Museum tickets

are also available at regular price online at www.museumofthebible.org/visit/plan-your-visit or at the door. Everyone is invited to join. For further information, you may contact Marilyn McKee, 410-672-6347, or Ginny Andrews, 410-507-7025.

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 with any additional questions.

UMM BREAKFAST

Join the United Methodist Men's group on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for food and fellowship. They meet at the Nautilus Diner located on Route 3 in Crofton. The next gathering will be on **August 27**. 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? 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? 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 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!

Make a Difference

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!**

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!

PIE CONTEST TO BENEFIT THE BABY PANTRY

There will be a pie bake-off on **August 21** from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Crofton Farmers Market, where a portion of the pie sales 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. Are you a baker? Register at

<https://croftonchamber.com/events> by **August 18** to bake a pie to be entered into the contest.

ITEM DONATIONS

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

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.

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist/Lector – Steve Hendershot

Altar Guild – Dana Buckwalter

9:00 Greeters – Dana & Evan Buckwalter

10:45 Greeters – Marilyn McKee

9:00 Ushers – Andy & Molly Casazza

10:45 Ushers – Tom Reed

Counters – Mike Brewer, Margaret Cullings, & Dale Dodd

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 July 28, 2019 –

Linda Lind, Tim & Angela,
& Katharine Shrewsburg

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

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 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.)

Week-at-a-Glance*

Sunday, August 4

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

Monday, August 5

9:00a CDC Cooking Class
6:45p Jubilate Bronze Handbells
7:00p BSA Troop 115
7:30p BSA Troop 214

Tuesday, August 6

9:15a Stitchers
7:00p CDA

Wednesday, August 7

10:30a Staff Meeting
6:30p Praise Band
6:45p Naranon
7:00p CDA GSO Meeting

Thursday, August 8

6:30p AA
7:00p Shawl Ministry
7:00p Finance Meeting
7:15p Chancel Choir

Saturday, August 10

8:30a AA
12:00p Peggy Smith Celebration of Life

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

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

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Marissa Fischer, Office Admin Assistant

Lynn Bogovich, Traditional Music Ministry

Michelle Cardwell, Director of Children's Ministry

Monica McGirt, CDC Director & Nursery

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