



----- September 8, 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

Following up on our series *Movies Are Prayers*, there has been a hunger to ask and answer "how should we pray?" Our five-week series, called *Thrive!*, will use the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to launch into the essential elements of prayer. You might have heard them before—adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication—ACTS. It's a handy little acronym that, once unpacked, focuses us and forms us and our prayers to the will of God. Do you want to THRIVE, not just survive, spiritually? Join us on our prayer journey this September for an immersive, hands-on series on prayer. Visit <https://cumc.net/thrive/> to learn more!

Connect and Grow!

SABBATH LEAVE // With the approval of the SPRC, Hilary will be taking a time away for spiritual renewal and reflection while walking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route in Spain with Lay Leader Vicki Duane from

September 9 to October 24. This is a very intentional and deliberate time of restoration, renewal, and reconnection. They will be walking, praying, and seeking God's presence in a deeper way. Because they will have no access to phone or email while away, please contact the church office for assistance with Communications needs, or contact Kate Falls at katlynfalls@gmail.com for Youth Ministry needs.

FALL ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION // Sundays at 9:00 or 10:45 a.m. // Our 9:00 a.m. Class begins today with the topic "Praying with the Psalms," facilitated by Dr. Michael Gorman, Mary Kurfess, and Barb Julian. Our 10:45 a.m. Class begins September 15 with the topic "When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton. Contact Joy McCrady at joymccrady@gmail.com or Mike Gorman at mgorman@stmarys.edu if you are interested so we can be sure to order enough materials. Visit cumc.net/formation to learn more!

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR // Today, September 8, 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.

JOHN PARK PIANO RECITAL // Today, September 8, 4:00 p.m. // Come hear the music of Bach, Haydn, Schubert, Liszt, Rachmaninov, and Kapustin performed by our very own John Park! This is a family-friendly piano recital, admission is free, and all are welcome.

YOUTH KICK-OFF NIGHT // Today, September 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. // The Gathering Youth

Ministry will be tailgating in the church parking lot to kick-off the start of the new school year! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you're able. For every friend you bring you will be entered into a drawing for free Gathering apparel/swag! Contact cumcgathering@gmail.com with any questions!

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT MEETING // Today, September 8, 12:00-12:30 p.m. // Youth Room // Our annual parent meeting to discuss the mission of our youth group, events, and expectations, hand out 2019-20 paperwork, and answer questions will be immediately following the 10:45 service/youth group today. We request that at least one parent of every new and returning youth attend. Contact cumcgathering@gmail.com with any questions!

FALL FISH STUDY // Started Saturday, September 7 // Fellowship Hall // The FISH Group meets every other Saturday at 4:30 p.m. for the study and then has dinner together at 6 p.m. Childcare is provided! Feel free to contact John Holly with any questions at (443) 758-0719.

GRIEF-SHARE SUPPORT GROUP // Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. // Fellowship Hall // Grief-Share is a biblical, Christ-centered grief support group ministry. We will begin on September 7, but you can join in at any time during our 13-week session. Register now at cumc.net/griefshare.

FALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS // Wee Praise (ages 4-7) and Music for Munchkins (ages 1-3) will resume weekly practices starting Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Nancy Gorman at nancy494@aol.com for more information. Praisemakers (ages 8 and up) will start on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Sharon Drew at sharon.drew@verizon.net with any questions.

WEDNESDAY OFFICE HOURS // Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. // Panera Bread // Join us most Wednesday nights beginning Sept 11 at Panera for our Youth Ministry "Office Hours." Each Wednesday we will gather at Panera to do homework, play games, and find space to connect with one another in the midst of the

busy week. Contact cumcgathering@gmail.com with any questions!

ZIMBABWE TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING // Monday, September 16, 7:00 p.m. // Come join us for an initial planning meeting for our Zimbabwe Volunteers in Mission Trip 2020. All people interested in hearing more about this next project that is tentatively scheduled for late July next year are welcome to attend. Contact Charlie Moore for more information at cmoore@telatlantic.net.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS // January - May 2020 // Youth in grade 8 and up are eligible for our Confirmation program. The program generally consists of two 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 hilaryanngolden@cumc.net.

DISCOVER COMMUNITY // Interested in discovering more about Community UMC? Want to know more about how you can become a member? If so, join us for our Discover Community class in October (date TBD). New members will be received in worship on Sunday, November 10. Please sign up by contacting the church office.

Make a Difference

MEAL MINISTRY // Have you ever wondered how you can bless someone in our congregation after a birth, surgery, death, illness, or some other life-altering event? To be added to the list of Meal Ministry servants, or to request meals for yourself or another member of the congregation, please contact the Church Office.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH // Mac & Cheese // 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?

Gina Perantoni graciously helped pop the popcorn for our movie series last month! She can also be seen serving on LLDC, the Altar Guild, and Sassafras, 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 – Mary Beth & John Holly

10:45 Greeters – Audrey Kerge

9:00 Ushers – Charlie Eyet & Sandi Ranck

10:45 Ushers – Tom Reed & Marv Riggs

Counters – Mike Brewer, Tammy Counts,
& John 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 September 1, 2019 –
Mikey Beyer

Week of August 25, 2019 –
Jessica Beard, Jennifer light, & Emily Sim

Week of August 18, 2019 –
Nicole Bouvier

Week of August 11, 2019 –
Janice Andrysiak & Alan Hunt Sr.

Long-Term/Chronic Illnesses and Nursing Home residents: Fred Altman, Lois Amos, Joe Griffith (Clark's brother), Mary Lehman (mother of LuAnn Dodson), Ron Shurer, Matthew Sutton, John Titcomb, 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, September 8

9:00a Children's Sunday School
9:00a Adult Christian Formation
9:00a Contemporary Worship
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:45a Traditional Worship
12:30p Pizza with the Pastor
2:00p BSA Troop 214 Leadership Training
4:00p John Park Piano Recital
5:00p Youth Gathering Kick-Off

Monday, September 9

9:30a UMW Hannah Circle
6:00p CDC Advisory Board
6:30p BSA Troop 115 Committee Meeting
6:30p Girl Scout Troop 4066
6:45p Jubilate Bronze Handbells
6:45p Girl Scout Troop 4194
6:45p Daisy Girl Scout Troop
7:00p BSA Troop 115
7:30p BSA Troop 214

Tuesday, September 10

9:30a Stitchers
1:30p Lighthouse Lunches
6:45p CDA
7:00p Orchestra Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 11

10:30a Staff Meeting
6:30p Praise Band
6:45p Naranon

Thursday, September 12

Church Office Closed

11:00a Seasoned Seniors Luncheon
6:30p AA
6:30p Music for Munchkins
6:30p Praisemakers
6:30p Wee Praise
7:00p Shawl Ministry
7:00p Finance Meeting
7:15p Chancel Choir

Friday, September 13

6:30p Girl Scout Troop 2091

Saturday, September 14

8:30a AA
9:00a Orchestra Rehearsal
9:00a Mental Health First Aid
10:00a GriefShare Support Group
4:00p Thotakura Baby Shower

Sunday, September 15

9:00a Children's Sunday School
9:00a Adult Christian Formation
9:00a Contemporary Worship
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:45a Youth Gathering AM
10:45a Children's Sunday School
10:45a Adult Christian Formation
10:45a Traditional Worship
5:00p Youth Gathering PM

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

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

from Psalm of Adoration from Psalmsoflife.com

One: We adore you here, most holy Lord:

Many: as in all your churches in every land!

One: We bless your name, Lord Jesus Christ:

Many: by your holy Cross you have saved the world!

One: Those who trust will find strength renewed:

Many: and those who seek will fly like eagles!

One: They will run and not get weary again:

Many: they will walk and never grow too faint!

One: Praise our God all those who serve

Many: both small and great who worship together!

One: For yours is the Spirit to fire our hearts:

Many: the holy and strong to power our love!

* Centering Prayer

Abba, Father; Lord Jesus; Holy Spirit: Holy are You! Beautiful are You! Awesome are You!...

We come before You, acknowledging that we have not lived our lives after Your example.

We have done things we ought not to do, and we have left undone many things we ought to do.

And those things we have done, have mostly been done without the power that comes in prayer. Have mercy,

O Three in One. Have mercy on us sinners...

Your promise of pardon is beautiful, too marvelous for words, so we offer a simple and humble "thanks."

Thank you for forgiving all the ways we have missed the mark of Your will.

Your blessings are too numerous to count.

How can we ever thank you for our lives, redeemed by Your plan?...

We come as Your forgiven children asking now that our worship of You would come alive.

Be present with us and in us so that our hearts and lips can proclaim Your greatness.

All this we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" UMH 363
Children's Moment Pastor Stan
Ministry Opportunities

Embracing God's Word

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 139

New Testament Lesson – 1 John 1:5-10

* Hymn for the Word "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH 361

* The Gospel Lesson – Luke 11:1-13

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

Message Thrive! Confess Pastor Stan

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith The Sower's Creed

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Selves and Gifts to God

Offertory Charles Wesley Medley Jubilate Bronze Handbells

* Presentation of "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

the Offering

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* 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 "Depth of Mercy" (vv. 1-4) UMH 355

* Benediction and Response "Depth of Mercy" (v. 5) UMH 355

* Postlude John Park

*please stand as you are able