

## MINISTRY MATTERS

The Newsletter of Christ United Methodist Church Owen Brown Interfaith Center, Columbia, Maryland



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## CUMC INTRODUCES ONLINE GIVING WITH TITHE.LY

We are excited to announce that our church is now offering Tithe.ly—a safe and simple way to give online. Yes, we know... some of us still prefer the feel of a checkbook or the sound of coins clinking in the offering plate. But just as the projector was once a "newfangled" thing in church, so is online giving—a tool to help us keep pace with the times while still serving the same faithful purpose.

#### So, what is Online Giving?

Think of it like writing a check—only without the pen, the checkbook, the envelope, the stamp, and the trip to the mailbox. With Tithe.ly, you can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts that happen automatically, whether you're sitting in church, visiting grandchildren out of state, or enjoying your morning coffee at home.

#### **Benefits for You**

- Convenience Give anytime, anywhere. Even in your pajamas.
- Consistency Recurring gifts mean no more "Oops, I forgot my checkbook!"
- **Flexibility** Use your bank account, debit card, or credit card—whatever works best for you.
- Simplicity If you can click a button or tap a phone screen, you can do this. (And yes, if you need help, a friendly fellow church member will be glad to walk you through it.)

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## Online Giving, continued

#### **Benefits for Our Church**

- Steady Support Regular gifts mean more predictable resources for planning ministry.
- Less Paperwork Saves time and reduces trips to the bank.
- More Ministry With dependable support, we can dream bigger about how to serve our congregation
  and community.

#### **Getting Started**

We'll be sharing easy instructions soon—step-by-step, without any "tech jargon." And remember, you don't have to give online if you'd rather keep using envelopes and checks. This is simply another option, designed to make life easier for those who want it.

So don't worry—you don't have to be a computer whiz to use Tithe.ly. If you can handle a TV remote (most of the time), you can handle online giving!

We are grateful for your generosity and your faithfulness. Together, whether by envelope or by app, we continue the good work of our church family.

## Frequently Asked Questions

#### Can I continue to write checks or give cash as I've always done?

Absolutely! CUMC is grateful for all contributions, however they are made.

#### How does Tithely on-line giving work?

You can choose to issue payment from your bank account (ACH Transfer) or use a credit card. You will choose the frequency (i.e. one time, weekly, monthly, etc.) and indicate the purpose of your donation (i.e. pledge, memorial contribution, fundraiser, etc.) all on-line.

#### Are there fees associated with donating on-line?

There are fees associated with these transfers that are a small percentage of your donation. ACH Transfer fees are lower than credit card fees. However, CUMC has decided to enable the option for the giver to cover the fees as part of their contribution to CUMC, if they choose to do so. These fees will count towards your total pledge/giving. We know some people will choose to do this and others will choose not to. This is certainly a personal decision.

#### How will I know if my on-line donation was received?

You will receive an email confirmation that your on-line donation was received. Your donation will be included in your giving statements provided by the Financial Secretary.

#### Is my information secure and private?

Tithely employs industry-standard encryption technology, similar to that used by major credit card companies, to ensure data security. The platform also empowers the primary administrator to manage user permissions, restricting access to sensitive information. To safeguard member privacy, access will remain limited to the Financial Secretary (Fred Mueller) and Pastor. Both the financial secretary and the pastor already have access to giving records as per the United Methodist Book of Discipline, so nothing has changed in this regard.

Additionally, Tithe.ly does not allow anyone to view your personal credit card or bank account details, providing an extra layer of protection. Easy step by step information will be coming soon!

## **CLERGY CORNER**

Rev. Angela





#### **BWARM Invitation**

For the past year, I've had the privilege of serving our annual conference as the Chair of BWARM, the Baltimore Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists. We have our annual meeting coming up during which I will be transitioning from Chair to Communications Coordinator. BWARM is a special community that provides education, advocacy and support for all people working towards a just and inclusive future for the United Methodist Church. I'm excited about our annual meeting's guest speaker and want to invite you to join us! You can join in person in Fulton, or see your Wednesday email for a zoom link to tune in remotely.

September 13, 2025 9:30am-12pm

BWARM (Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists) invites you to our Annual Meeting at the BWC Mission Center 11711 East Market Pl, Fulton, MD

With guest speaker, the General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church,

Dr. Ashley Boggan

Dr. Boggan will be speaking on our United Methodist roots of LGBTQ+ inclusion. Think this is a new issue? John Wesley defended a gay man, Thomas Blair, in 1732! It's what earned him the insult "methodist" for the first time! Dr. Boggan will speak on these early roots and explain why she thinks United Methodists are called to Wesleyan "Vile-tality."

What is "Vile-tality"? Karla Hovde of the Iowa Annual Conference writes this:

"When John Wesley wrote about preaching in a field outside the city of Bristol, he said, '...I submitted to be more vile and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation....' Vile means the same thing today as it did in 1739: morally reprehensible and extremely unpleasant. 'Wesley was knowingly and directly violating church law and overlooking the human-made boundaries of the institutional church in order to take God's love to those who needed it most,' Boggan said. 'Spreading the love of God required Wesley to do something that he considered reprehensible, but he did it."

Come learn more about this exciting history that is being re-discovered within our United Methodist heritage. Dr. Boggan is a fantastic speaker and the author of the recent book "Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity."



## WORSHIP

#### **Upcoming Worship Opportunities**

**September 7:** Join us to celebrate Christ UMC's 28 years as a Reconciling Congregation! On this Sunday we'll hear from the little read epistle to Philemon. This book of the Bible is only one chapter long but offers us important insight into how we approach scripture as a whole.

**September 14:** Who counts? Join us as we revisit the familiar parable of the lost sheep and parable of the lost coin at our regular 10am worship service.

**September 21:** Let's kick off our Hispanic Heritage Month worship series with the theme of La Familia (family). We'll contemplate John 19:25b–27 and the "Farewell Song" from the Nicaraguan Peasant Mass.

**September 28:** Our Hispanic Heritage Month worship series continues with theme of La Frontera (the border), an especially poignant theme in light of the fear our immigrant siblings are living through right now. We'll reflect on Matthew 2:13–15 and the song (in English!) "Rosana" depicting one immigrant's journey.

**October 5:** Our series continues with the theme of La Hora (time), exploring a different worldview and cultural norm than the U.S. capitalist mentality. This week's text is Matthew 19:13–15 and our song for reflection is a beautiful sung poem "Latinoamérica" by Calle 13.

**October 12:** We'll finish our series with the theme of La Lucha (struggle) learning the story of Chilean singer and activist martyr Victor Jara whose song "Vientos del Pueblo" (Winds of the People) will be put into conversation with Romans 8:18-27.

#### Looking ahead...

October 19<sup>th</sup>: Laity Sunday

October 19<sup>th</sup>-November 9<sup>th</sup>: Stepping Up Stewardship Series

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Pledge Sunday

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Festival of the Christian Year Sunday



#### Many Thanks!

Our Paint by Numbers FUNdraiser resulted in additional contributions of \$4547. Your gifts will help fund the mission and ministry of CUMC to help close our 2025 operating budget gap. Sincere thanks to Mary Jo Messenger for sharing her time and artistic talents, and to all those who generously contributed to our FUNdraiser to help "unveil" our very own lovely original painting, now displayed in our sanctuary. We are grateful for your generosity and the beautiful work we did together!

— The Finance Committee

## **CUMC CARES**

Mission Matters

## SECOND SUNDAY STOCK-UP September 14th

**Quick and Easy Meals** - September can sneak up on you with back-to-school stress and more! The Second Sunday Stockup on Sept.14 for the Howard County Food Bank will hopefully help busy families. There are many convenient boxed and canned meals that can help ease meal preparation including Sloppy Joes, Old El Paso Taco Kits, La Choy Chow Mein, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Spam, Hormel Hash, Franco American Ravioli, Chef Boyardee and many more! Look for the bin at the back of church on September 14.

### POP the TAB!!!

The next time you POP the tab on your soda, cat food, soup, etc., think about saving it and bringing it to church and place in the marked container. We will take them to the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. All tabs will be recycled, and the proceeds are used for gasoline for the vans that shuttle families from the House to the hospitals. Sissy Plank has been collecting tabs for years for this worthwhile cause. If you would like further information, please see Sissy.

## SNEAKERS...SNEAKERS...SNEAKERS

If your gently used sneakers (adult and children's) are looking for some good feet to fill, we have the answer! Any Sunday morning you can bring them to the rear of the sanctuary and they will be given to the outreach ministries of local Methodist churches serving those in need.



### LION'S CLUB EYE GLASSSES COLLECTION

A sincere "thank you" to everyone who donated eyeglasses with old prescriptions. So far, we have collected 24 pairs of eyeglasses that will be donated to children and adults who cannot afford to purchase them. This is an on-going effort thru the local Lions Club so please continue to donate prescription and "readers" glasses so that they may be repurposed. The marked Lions Club donation box will be at the rear of the sanctuary. If you have questions about any of these worthwhile projects, please talk to Missions Team chairperson Lillian Lehnert…and THANK YOU for your generosity!



## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

- Prayers of comfort, support and healing for **Sissy Plank** as she recovers from a broken foot.
- Continue to pray for **David Nevitte** as he settles into his new home in Elkridge.
- Please continue to support and pray for **Sofi Flanagan**-**Wells** as she continues to work on her health challenges.
- **Darwin Perry** continues to face serious health challenges, so he and Sue need our continued prayers.
- Congratulations to the **Flanagan-Wells** family on their move to a new home in Frederick!



Emily Walker Jillian Kelley Siah Johnson Hilda Gomez Wendy Newton





#### SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Sunday School** for preschoolers thru HS age resumes on Sept.7. Each class has 2–3 adults and leaves for class approximately 15 minutes into our regular worship service and returns near the end of our worship time. In addition to their Biblical story and discussion, the younger children usually do a craft activity. Watch for more details.

#### SOMETHING NEW! SEASONED SOULS

Our Unitarian neighbors have invited anyone who is interested to stop in tor their monthly "learning sessions" on a variety of topics presented by knowledgeable guest speakers. While designed for seniors, any adult is welcome. Food is not served, but you are welcome to bring your own lunch.

#### **Seasoned Souls Programs for Fall**

#### Thursday, Sept. 18, Sanctuary A, 12pm Protect Yourself from Fraud & Scams!

We've invited a presenter from the Office of Consumer Protection, Ted Meyerson, to tell us how HoCo residents may be at risk from these types of crime.

#### Thursday, Oct. 16, Sanctuary A, 12pm Hope for the Holidays

Presentation by a counselor from Gilchrist Hospice on dealing with grief during the holidays.



"Autumn's falling leaves are a testament to nature's truth:
to move forward, we must first let go."

## **FELLOWSHIP**

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#### **OPPORTUNITIES!**

Not only enjoyment, a marvelous meal, but the best opportunities to get to KNOW CUMC folks happens at First Fridays, and for women at Lunch Bunch. These monthly events have "connection" as their #1 purpose. Both are quite informal, last about 1 1/2 hrs. and very casual. If you haven't attended, try a few, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

#### FIRST FRIDAY

**FIRST FRIDAY this moth falls after Labor Day on Sept. 5**. At 6:30pm Ken Backer and Tom Curry have invited us to their home. (Directions are in Wed. emails. It might sound like "far" but just off Rt. 100) Take advantage of the last summer harvest and bring your gazpacho, potato salad, fruit medley, grilled meat, strawberry dessert or ANY dish you would like to share. It is always a feast and you will get to "talk" beyond the post worship "Hi how are you?" conversations. Text or call Ken or Tom by Sept.1

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#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

**LUNCH BUNCH**, always on the second Thursday, on Sept. 11 at noon, will be in the Clarksville home of Phyllis Kelley. Bring a favorite dish to share and let Phyllis know of your attendance by Sept. 8. You will leave with improved "connections!"

"Notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature." – Friedrich Mietzsche

## ICE Activity: What You Need to Know and How CUMC is Responding

What started primarily as airport enforcement has dramatically shifted. ICE is now operating more broadly—across cities and communities, including right here in Maryland.

- Maryland's surge in arrests: 384 in the last 4 months of 2023 (~3.1/day), 1,355 in 2024 (~3.7/day), and 1,769 in the first 6 months of 2025 (~9.7/day)
- A notable rise in arrests of people without convictions: from 49% in May to 55% in June in the DMV region.
- National trend: Only about 40% of ICE arrests involve convicted criminals, with many targeting minor infractions or status alone.



#### **Human Stories Behind the Numbers**

**Pastor Daniel Fuentes Espinal** —Pastor Daniel Fuentes Espinal, a pastor and father in Easton, has lived in Maryland for 24 years serving his community. Recently, he was snatched by ICE on his way to work—despite never having committed a crime. He is yet another human being terrorized in the name of "enforcement." Persistent pressure on ICE activity is essential.

**Kilmar Abrego Garcia** — Detained in March 2025 despite a 2019 court order preventing his deportation to El Salvador. Even after the U.S. admitted it was an "administrative error," he remained there for months before being brought to Tennessee to face charges. He remains in custody out of fear of re-arrest.

#### **Local Oversight and Facility Conditions**

- Lawmakers blocked from oversight: In July, six members of Maryland's congressional delegation were denied entry to inspect a Baltimore ICE holding site, despite prior notice.
- Troubling conditions: When access was finally granted, they saw overcrowding, detainees held for up to 72 hours or more without showers, medical care, or even a place to sit, and restrictions on speaking with detainees.

#### What to Do If You See Questionable ICE Activity

- 1. Observe and record (from a safe distance): time, place, vehicles, number of agents, appearance, and behavior.
- 2. Do not interfere physically, but document clearly.
- 3. Contact local immigrant advocacy hotlines immediately for rapid legal assistance.
- 4. Notify your congressional representatives with details of the incident.
- 5. Share updates with community groups to raise awareness and build a record of activity.

#### Our Church's Response: ICE Watch

In cooperation with our UUCC siblings and Muslim brothers and sisters, CUMC hosts an ICE Watch every Friday from 1:30–3:30 p.m. during the Muslim service at OBIC. While no incidents have been seen so far, our presence is a show of solidarity and vigilance. Sometimes simply standing watch is itself an act of protection.



## **CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS**

# Bishop Easterling's statement in response to the Trump Administration's actions in Washington

Posted by on Aug 13, 2025

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13: 34–35 (NRSV)

If I speak with eloquence in earth's many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn't express myself with love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than clanging cymbals. And if I were to have the gift of prophecy with a profound understanding of God's hidden secrets, and if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, and if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, but have never learned to love, then I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13: 1-2 (The Passion Translation)

As people of The Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church, which includes the District of Columbia, we affirm the sacred principles of local self-determination, shared responsibility for public safety, and the dignity of all who call our city home. As Christ-followers, we affirm that every person is created in the image of God, bearing inestimable worth that cannot be erased. This truth means no one is expendable, no life is disposable, and no person takes precedence over another. But as events have unfolded within our nation's capital, this is not the lived experience of all within the United States of America.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once spoke of "two Americas." He explained that although individuals lived within the same country, their experiences were vastly different. In one America, there was opportunity, abundance, and the presumption of dignity. In the other, there was poverty, marginalization, and the constant shadow of state power used to intimidate. Looking at the District of Columbia today, it feels as though those two Americas have never been more visible.

In one America, some walk freely through streets lined with monuments to liberty, confident that their rights will be protected. In the other, unhoused neighbors huddle under bridges and in alleyways, navigating not only hunger and exposure, but also the heavy presence of National Guard troops and a federalized Washington Metropolitan Police Department. In one America, some believe youthful offenders should be charged as adults to dissuade criminal behavior. In the other, there is a call for more programs aimed at creating greater opportunities for our youth. In one America, some are rejoicing in the administration's policies and practices. In the other, those same policies and practices are experienced as a weight of injustice.

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The Trump Administration has justified Federal intervention in the District by espousing data that is heavily contested (Washington D.C. crime statistics) and painting a picture of rampant "crime, bloodshed, bedlam and squalor and worse." An intervention imposed without the request of Mayor Bowser. Some welcome this show of force as necessary to restore order and avert crime, while others experience it as a narrative of fear, lending cover to the federalization of local governance. For some, this is protection; for others, it is intrusion. Our polarization is often driven by the lens through which these actions are either defended or denounced, the lens of politics.

But as people of faith, our lens must always be through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the commandment to love. We *are* commanded to love, not with sentimentality, but with courage and tangible acts of transformation.

The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church also compel us to resist abuses of power and to stand alongside the most vulnerable. Therefore, we reject any use of force that treats God's children as inconvenient eyesores or threats, rather than as beloved siblings. Public policy must be measured not by the comfort of the powerful, but by the care afforded to the least of these.

Housing is not a privilege for the fortunate; it is a God-given right grounded in human dignity. Caring for the unhoused is not an optional act of kindness; it is a moral imperative. It embodies the love commanded by Christ. To ignore this truth is to turn our faith into an empty clanging cymbal.

There is a <u>more excellent way</u>. A way that creates rather than destroys; that affords opportunity rather than creating criminal histories. Across our Baltimore-Washington Conference, churches are building affordable housing, opening our doors to provide hospitality, meals, and shelter, mentoring youth, and collaborating to bring healthcare to the underserved. We are repurposing property to serve the community. We are also working with D.C.- area churches and ecumenical partners to provide more resources for our unhoused neighbors, additional programs for youth, and opportunities for advocacy. This is the Church at its best, meeting human need with Christ's love, without condition or reservation.

Let us collaboratively leverage our resources, not for walls or weapons, but for bread and shelter. Let our sanctuaries be centers of compassion. Let our hands and feet be instruments of justice. And let our witness to the love of Christ be so steadfast, so radiant, that it banishes fear and dismantles falsehood.

We cannot heal the "two Americas" without the courage to live as one Body in Christ. Let us, therefore, go and be the Church.

Blessings and peace,
Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling
Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area



## **PARTICIPATION MATTERS**

4	September 2025				
	Date	Events			
	9/3	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.			
	9/4	Justice for All* 7:00 p.m.			
	9/5	First Friday 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ken Backer and Tom Curry. RSVP by Sept. 1			
	9/7 Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m.				
	9/10	Council of Ministries* 7:00 Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.			
	9/11	Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. hosted by Phyllis Kelley RSVP by 9/8 SPRC* 7:00 p.m.			
	9/14	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Second Sunday Stock-up: Quick and easy meals			
	9/17	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.			
	9/18	Ad. Board* 7:00 p.m.			
	9/21	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m.			
	9/23	Newsletter Deadline			
	9/24	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.			
	9/25	Community Ministry Team* 7:00 p.m.			
	9/28	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m.			

<sup>\*</sup>To join services or meetings connect through Zoom link on the front page of the CUMC Website: cumcobic.org

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#### September 2025

Please find the new updated Worship Volunteer Instructions on the CUMC website at this link: https://cumcobic.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/volunteer-instructions.pdf.

Position	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Liturgist	Katie Weston	Phil Lindberg	Daniel Klinkenberg	Kevin Swanson
Reader	Judy Pittman	Phyllis Kelley	Luke Weston	Katie Swanson
Acolyte	Daniel	Nadia	Emily	Luke
Altar Flowers				
Tech				
Ushers 1	Dennis Atkins	Jeanette Rosenber	Phyllis Kelley	Fred Mueller
Ushers 2	Deadra	Rob Rosenberger	Warren Kelley	Becky Nicodemus
Altar Set-up	Mary Jo Messenge	Kelleys	Toni Klinkenberg	Karen Ohlrich
Communion & Set-up	Gomez	Kelleys	Duggan	Mary Jo
Counters 1	Becky Nicodemus	Kevin Swanson	Warren Kelley	Phil Lindberg
Counters 2	Phil Lindberg	Natalie Swirdovich	Greg Swirdovich	Lee Klinkenberg
Nursery Volunteer				
Refreshments	Kelley	Gomez	Duggan	Weston
Sunday School Assist	Kevin Swanson	Don James	Karen Ohlrich	Don James
Feather Flags	Scrib Messenger	Scrib Messenger	Scrib Messenger	Scrib Messenger

## **BUSINESS CORNER**

#### Financial Information - July 2025

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$ 70,052.62	\$ 61,598.83
Expenses	\$ 65,880.76	\$ 72,993.95
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 4,171.86	\$ (11,395.11)
Surplus or (Deficit) Per Week	\$ 80.23	\$ (219.14)

Ad Board Minutes: August 21, 2025

Council on Ministries Minutes: July 16, 2025

"In the quiet of fall, we learn that beginnings are often found not in noise, but in stillness."

#### A Word from OBIC Board of Directors

The Board is very thankful for the work of Kevin Buker, Executive Director, who is working on so many levels to address finances, staffing, marketing, relationships with building users and so much more. We know he walked into quite a mess and is methodically sorting through many issues to come to a resolution. I think all would agree he is easy to work with, sees problems and is ready to fix them, is a good listener, an excellent problem solver, has a sense of humor and thinks well on his feet.

Our confidence in his abilities makes the work of the Board so much easier and efficient. We have been able to reduce costs, address the loss of our 501(c) 3 (non-profit status...still a work in progress), develop a 3–5 year strategic plan with great assistance from Jennie Fitzpatrick who was part of the hiring team for the Executive Director and we are getting closer to replacing the carpet in Sanctuary C along with flooring on the chancel area

The work goes on but we, with Kevin's direction, are changing a culture on so many levels. Please thank him when you see him or send a note of appreciation to his email. It is joyful to see the shift from reactive (putting out fires) to proactive (planning for the future) as a Board Director. I am amazed and so pleased to see how he brings the best out in OBIC in the few months he has been with us.

Rev. Deb Scott, OBIC Board of Directors



# **Annual Church Conference Virtual Session**

Saturday, November 1 at 2:00pm.

**BISHOP's DAY** – Bishop Easterling will be visiting each of the Districts in the BW Conference in September to meet with clergy and laity for sharing and communication. As our new structure takes effect and we begin new relationships in each of our new districts and across the area, this will be an important time of connection. To request an ASL interpreter, contact Rev. Leo Yates at <a href="mailto:lyates@bwcumc.org">lyates@bwcumc.org</a>.

Tidal Basin District (note: this is our new district)

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 6 p.m.

Location: First UMC of Hyattsville

6201 Belcrest Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782



## **CALENDAR**

Click on the calendar to go to the interactive calendar on the website.

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28 • 10am <b>W</b>	29	30	Oct 1 • 8:15pm	2 • 7pm Ju:	<b>3</b> • 6:30pm	4
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At Christ United Methodist Church, all are invited to experience God's love, build beloved community, and pursue justice for absolutely everyone. We welcome, celebrate, and affirm the sacred worth of people of every race, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, nationality, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and every economic, immigration, marital, and social status. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed; as such, we have committed to being an Anti-Racist church. At CUMC, believers, seekers, and doubters join together to grow in our love for one another, creation, and the Divine through worship, small groups, advocacy work, and mutual support as we strive to be the church God calls us to be!



