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MINISTRY MATTERS

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Owen Brown Interfaith Center, Columbia, Maryland



THE CHURCH CANNOT REMAIN SILENT ON RACIAL PROFILING

September 9, 2025

Dear Justice Seekers,

The gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to name and resist the powers of evil that harm our communities. The Church is a living mosaic of God's creation—expressed in the beauty of diverse languages, cultures, ethnicities, abilities, genders, and more. Each is a sacred gift of God to the world.

When any part of God's divine image is demeaned because of language, accent, skin color, or difference from white dominant culture, we cannot remain silent. With deep concern for our neighbors, we must name the recent Supreme Court decision in *Noem v. Perdomo* (issued September 8, 2025), which lifted a restraining order that had prohibited ICE agents from stopping or detaining individuals in Los Angeles solely on the basis of four factors—apparent race or ethnicity, speaking Spanish or English with an accent, work location (e.g., day-labor sites), or type of work (e.g., low-wage labor).

This ruling is not simply a matter of policy; it grants license for racial profiling. It sanctifies discrimination. It weaponizes our God-given Imago Dei as a tool for exclusion and erasure.

This ruling deepens fear among those whose first language is not English, whose accents are noticeable, and whose very appearance, workplace, or attire may now be used by agents as a pretext for questioning. It forces entire communities to live under the constant threat of harassment without cause. People become targets for scrutiny simply for existing. This decision opens the door for racism to be practiced as a permissible action—a reality Justice Sotomayor warned against with her words: "papers, please." (continued on the next page)



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THE CHURCH CANNOT REMAIN SILENT ON RACIAL PROFILING

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This is yet another step toward what can only be described as ethnic cleansing in the United States. As United Methodists, we stand against racial profiling and all forms of systemic racism. Our Book of Resolutions (Resolution 3329) makes clear: we are called to hold law enforcement accountable whenever they perpetuate injustice.

We commit to joining with others in the ongoing fight for justice in a society that too often divides and dehumanizes. We will continue to name racism when we see it. We will continue to educate our church. And we will continue to stand on the biblical call to right relationship with God and one another—relationships marked by Love, Grace, Equity, Justice, Respect, and Mutual Accountability.

¡Sí se puede! Yes, we can!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Giovanni Arroyo
General Secretary
General Commission on Religion and Race

Sally Vonner
General Secretary
United Women in Faith

Bishop Julius C. Trimble
General Secretary
General Board of Church and Society

Rev. Jeff Campbell
General Secretary
Discipleship Ministries

Resources for Action

Faithful witness requires both learning and action. We encourage you to explore the following resources from our United Methodist partners and use them to deepen understanding, spark conversation, and inspire faithful engagement:

- [What is Racial Profiling?](#)
- [What is Xenophobia?](#)
- [Vital Conversations on Immigration](#)
- [Imago DEI Bible Study](#)
- [Solidarity with the Sojourner](#)
- [Racial Justice Prayers of Repentance](#)
- [Immigration Justice Resources](#) from General Board of Church and Society
- [Racial Justice Time Line](#) from United Women in Faith
- Book: [Immigration and the Bible: A Guide for Radical Welcome](#) by Joan M. Maruskin





Immigration 101

By Rev. Angela Wells and Tina Horn (member of UUCC and staff at Luminus: Network for New Americans)

We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month this year at Christ UMC (see pg 15), recognizing that there is a shadow cast over similar celebrations across the country. An ICE shaped shadow.

Hispanic-Latine communities are living in fear as SCOTUS (in Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem) has allowed blatant racial profiling. A person can be stopped and detained simply for the color of their skin, speaking Spanish (or another language), and working a low wage job. This discrimination runs completely counter to our United Methodist Social Principles stating, "we utterly reject laws, policies, and social practices that marginalize, discriminate, and/or encourage the use of violence against individuals, communities, or other social groups based on perceived racial, ethnic, or tribal differences" (United Methodist Book of Discipline 2020/2024 ¶162.L, page 133).

It is our responsibility as followers of Jesus to do all in our power to protect our immigrant siblings from this unjust persecution. Part of the way we can do that is by battling misinformation that runs rampant in our country. Below please find some key terms and facts to help counter inaccurate information being circulated by those who support ICE's terrorism.

"Anchor baby": This derogatory term is used to refer to an immigrant's U.S.-born child. These children are birthright U.S. citizens and should be referred to as such, not with this pejorative term. While propaganda makes it seem as though there is an easy process to claim a green card if you have a child born here, that is simply not the case. Only children who are 21 years old can begin the process to petition for parents' legal status and it is a very lengthy process after that. So having a baby here *might* open a pathway to legal residency only after well over 21 years.

Asylum: The first legal step in seeking asylum is to cross the US border. It is LEGAL to request asylum in the USA when a person fears persecution in their home country. Once in the US they request asylum and begin the process to apply for legal status or even citizenship. You cannot apply for asylum while in another country. When granted asylum, you have refugee status for one year and then apply for Legal Permanent Residence (green card).

Benefits: Undocumented immigrants, despite propaganda that says otherwise, do not qualify for most public welfare benefits such as SNAP.

Birthright citizenship: The 14th amendment to the Constitution clarifies that all children born on U.S. soil are U.S. citizens regardless of their parents' immigration status or previous condition of servitude.

Border Patrol: Part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), enforces immigration law at and near the border. (Different than ICE) ICE, USCIS, and CBP are under the Department of Homeland Security, which was organized by the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 and further developed under the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

CLERGY CORNER

Rev. Angela



Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the successor agency to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) which was dissolved by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and replaced by USCIS, ICE, and CBP. USCIS is the agency responsible for processing immigration and citizenship applications and is the location of significant backlogs and long processing times.

Dreamer: A “dreamer” is an immigrant who came to this country without documentation as a minor under 18. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) is the program that allows them to remain in the United States.

Green card: This is a nickname for Legal Permanent Residence (LPR), the legal document granting an immigrant permission to live permanently in the country.

ICE: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, enforces immigration law in the interior of the country. (Different than Border Patrol) ICE, USCIS, and CBP are under the Department of Homeland Security, which was organized by the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 and further developed under the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

“Illegal”: No human being is illegal. Actions can be illegal; people cannot be illegal. That is what our faith teaches us. The derogatory slur “illegal” has been used to other beloved children of God who are undocumented immigrants (preferred terminology). Furthermore, it is perfectly legal to seek asylum under U.S. and international law. (See above definition of asylum.) The laws against entering without papers (U.S.C. §§ 1325 and 1326) “were passed in the late 1920's during the height of the eugenics movement to further racist and white supremacist ideology, and the racist intentions of the laws are still felt today” ([National Immigration Project](#)). (See history below)

Immigration system history: The US immigration system has evolved over the last 175 years. The Mexican American War 1846–1848 ended with the US border moving over significant parts of formerly Mexican territory including present day California, Nevada, Utah, parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming, granting formerly Mexican citizens US citizenship. Before the late 1800s, the US had relatively open borders. The first immigration laws were not passed by Congress until the late 1800s, targeting Chinese laborers. The Chinese Exclusion and the Immigration Acts of 1882 both barred entire groups of people and represent the beginning of an era of restrictions on immigration. The Emergency Quota Act of 1921 and the 1924 Immigration Act (referred to above under the definition of “Illegal”) established numerical quotas on specific countries, furthering racism by favoring northern and western European nations. Border Patrol was created in 1924. National origins quotas were officially eliminated in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. In 1996, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) significantly increased immigration enforcement and created a massive backlog of asylum cases.



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Immigrant: A person seeking to reside in another country long-term/permanently (different than migrant)

Migrant: a broad term used for a person who moves from one place to another, regardless of whether it's with the intention of staying long term or not and regardless of the motivation behind their journey. (Different than immigrant.)

Naturalization: legal process by which an immigrant voluntarily (and after a lengthy process) becomes a citizen.

Taxes: Most undocumented workers do pay taxes, including paying into (but never taking out of) social security. A study found that in 2022, undocumented immigrants paid an estimated \$100 billion in federal, state, and local taxes. Source <https://itep.org/undocumented-immigrants-taxes-2024/>

Temporary Protected Status: (TPS) is a temporary immigration designation granted by the Secretary of Homeland Security for designated countries experiencing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other temporary conditions. They can get work permits and cannot be deported. Because this is granted by the Secretary of Homeland Security, it can be revoked at will. There are currently 12 countries with TPS designations and court cases are ongoing to keep immigrants from those 12 countries from losing their status.

Undocumented: The preferred term to refer to immigrants who do not have a specific legal status. Note that in some circumstances, the rules around legal status are being changed out from underneath people, casting immigrants who had previously held legal status into an undocumented status. For example, if you had TPS and your home country was removed from the list, you have lost your status and are now undocumented.

Visa: a conditional authorization to enter a country

Work Permit: nickname for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), which is issued by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (also part of the Department of Homeland Security since 2001) allowing the holder to work legally in the USA one to four years and must be periodically renewed.





WORSHIP

Upcoming Worship Opportunities

October 5: Our Hispanic Heritage Month 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 Matt. 19:13-15 and our song for reflection is a beautiful sung poem "Latinoamérica" by Calle 13.

October 12: We'll finish our HHM 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.

October 19: Laity Sunday! Come hear brief reflections from Katie Weston, Suzanne James, and Delvin Daniels about why it is we do this church/faith thing anyway. We'll also kick off our Pledge campaign with our first Stewardship Moment offered by Mary Jo Messenger. Oh, and rumor is Olaf and Oline might make an appearance...

October 26: Our pledge campaign continues as we encourage everyone to fill out their Time, Talent & Treasure forms. This Sunday we'll focus on the theme Showing Up Faithfully using the stories from Ruth 1:6-18 and Matthew 27:55-56.

November 2: On All Saints Sunday we'll consider the theme Giving Generously as we contemplate the gifts of our spiritual ancestors who have made it possible for us to be who we are today.

November 9: On Pledge Sunday, we'll consider the theme Serving Joyfully as we turn in our Time, Talent & Treasure forms (will be mailed mid-October) to indicate the ways we are committed to give and serve in 2026.



All Saints

Every year we honor our loved ones who have gone on to glory by saying aloud the names of the saints on All Saints Sunday. This year, we're starting with the list from last year. If there are additional names you'd like to add, you'll have that opportunity throughout the month of October to add names to a sign up sheet on the side counter.

Additionally, we have a special white parament (cloth over the altar) on which we have written names of saints. The cloth will be available Oct 19 and 26 for you to add on names. On All Saints Sunday we'll use the parament on the Communion Table—a visible representation that we join at this foretaste of the heavenly banquet with generations past, present & future!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Prayers for **Lydia Muñoz** and all those she works with to help in our fight for justice.
- Prayers for **Dea Atkins** as she recovers from heart surgery
- Please remember some long-time CUMC friends who are unable to attend church services but are in our congregation: **Emma Angelo, Janice Battle, Alice Frazier, Katherine Mueller, Darwin Perry** and **Joanne Piersall**.
- **Rob Rosenberger** is making a steady recovery from recent surgery and we hope to see him soon.

Happy Birthday!

Sofi Flanagan-Wells

Lucas Burtnick

Adeline Liu

Emily Murphy-Lyons

Twila Mc Donough

Tracy Klink

Cindy Farmarco



A big welcome to new members Mark Endsley and Mike and Sissy Plank!



CUMC CARES

Missions and Community Ministries Matter

CUMC Ministry with Cradlerock School

Through our Community Ministries team, Christ United Methodist Church became a Community Partner of Cradlerock Elementary School (CRES) and a Community Sponsor of its PTA during the last school year! Cradlerock is one of twelve schools in Howard County to be designated as a Community School and receives funding from the state to provide resources for the larger community.

Our Community Partnership was evident on June 3rd as we provided CRES and Lake Elkhorn Middle School with bathroom storage containers filled with items they requested. There are only 4 adult bathrooms for a combined staff of over 120 people. To add sparkle to the bathrooms, we are placing fresh flowers in small vases in each bathroom each week. Over the summer we provided the summer staff with much appreciated cool treats to snack on.

We participated in both schools' Back-To-School Block Party on August 22nd. Rev. Angela, Kelli Wells, Dea Atkins, and Karen Ohlrich, in our CUMC t-shirts, greeted students and parents inviting them to our Blessing of the Backpacks service while giving temporary tattoos, lollipops, and balloon animals to the kids. The event was very successful for sharing our CUMC name and location with many Owen Brown residents. Our PTA sponsorship will have us participating again in their Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 25th. Last year's event was fun and very well attended.

If you were in church on August 24th for our Blessing of the Backpacks service, you heard Stephanie Dobson share her dynamic vision for our CUMC partnership with CES. As she shared, the next phase of our support for Cradlerock involves donations of the items listed on the next page.



“October is a reminder to find joy in the simple things.”

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CUMC Ministry with Cradlerock School (continued)

In response to community feedback, they are creating a “Rock Resources” self-care area for students to be able to come and receive needed personal hygiene items during the day—things like chap stick, deodorant wipes, or socks. These may seem small but they can derail a student’s day and interrupt important learning when these basic needs are not met. These are important needs that our partner has asked us to collaborate with them to meet.

The links provided are the suggested items (things that will work for a diverse student population and in bulk). They also can be purchased elsewhere and in lesser amounts:

1. ChapStick: <https://a.co/d/bLr0UGp>
2. Sanitizing wipes: <https://a.co/d/5kJ4Khk>
3. Mini hair brushes: <https://a.co/d/h9BZ7rl>
4. Mini combs: <https://a.co/d/3Jlzn85>
5. Pony tail holders: <https://a.co/d/jbTbdYa>
6. Deodorant wipes: <https://a.co/d/8n0YDiI>
7. Gloves for kids: 24 pk ages 4-6 <https://a.co/d/cXfg9NT> 24 pk ages 7-12) <https://a.co/d/jaQWYoN>
8. Kid socks

Thank you for bringing your donations on Sundays throughout October!

We have been warmly welcomed at both schools and will let you know as opportunities come up to help in various volunteer capacities as well as donations you can bring to support the students and staff.

Karen Ohlrich and Sissy Plank are already volunteering in the Media Center. If you’d like to contribute flowers & greens from your garden, or the flowers from the altar, or funds for the weekly flowers please let Karen Ohlrich know. Thank you!!!

Karen Ohlrich, Deadra Adkins, Rev. Angela Wells



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SECOND SUNDAY STOCK-UP October 12th

The Howard County Food Bank is requesting something new for our Second Sunday Stock-Up on Sunday, October 12, cooking oil! There will be a bin in the rear of the sanctuary for your generous donations. There are many kinds of oil: vegetable oil, olive oil, avocado oil, coconut oil, and sesame oil. Some great brands are Crisco, Wesson, Mazola, store brands and more!

Cooking oil can change a so-so meal into a more flavorful meal. You can fry, sauté, roast, braise, grill and more with oil! And what is better than a shelf-stable addition to a tasty meal!

Taste buds will thank you for your wonderful donations!

CLEANING vs. CLEAROUT

Everyone knows about Spring CLEANing. How about Fall ClearOUT? If you have men's or women's shirts, pants, coats, jackets, and other types of clothing that help with the transition months between Fall and Winter, we're ready and eager to share them with those who can really use these "donate it forward" items! Howard County neighbors who rely on the Day Resource Center will thank you!

This is a great way to help others keep warm in the colder months, boost someone's self-esteem, reduce the waste of tossing out perfectly good clothes... AND sharing your fashion sense at the same time!

We thank you (and your clothes) for your generosity and donations, which will be used in the best way possible!

There is a bin at the rear of the church for the month of October for the best donations yet! No buying, just donating!

Lillian Lehnert

On Going Collection Items Are Always Welcome!



CUMC CARES

Mission and Community Ministries Matter

Resources for Older Adults in Howard County

Recently the Howard County Office on Aging and Independence hosted an open house to share the many programs and resources available to the community. Our Community Ministries Team, represented by Lillian Lehnert and Karen Ohlrich, brought back a wealth of helpful information.

Highlights include:

- **Medicare Assistance:** The SHIP program offers free guidance for navigating Medicare (410-313-7392).
- **Maryland Access Point:** A one-stop resource for services for older adults and their families (410-313-1234).
- **Support for Caregivers:** Training and resources are available to help caregivers and those supporting them.
- **Alzheimer's Education:** A series begins October 16 at the Ellicott City 50+ Center.
- **Technology Help:** Free technology classes are offered to help seniors stay connected.
- **Health & Wellness:** Programs include support groups for low vision and caregivers, brain-teaser activities, stress management, and walking groups.
- **Loan Closet:** Medical and support items are available to borrow for short-term needs.
- **Connections Program & 50+ Centers:** Opportunities for fellowship, learning, and community activities across the county.

These services remind us that no one needs to navigate aging or retirement alone. Our county provides abundant resources to support older adults and their families—body, mind, and spirit.

Karen Ohlrich and Kevin Swanson/ChatGPT



“A mind that is stretched by new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.”

– Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

FELLOWSHIP

Matters

FIRST FRIDAY: FOOD, FUN & LEARNING!

October 3 come to OBIC and enjoy the usual diverse potluck dinner and fellowship with CUMC friends. After dinner our own Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz, Exec. Director of the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries of the UMC will share insights from her work. She is on the “front lines” every day and there is much for us to learn from her. Contact Kevin Swanson by Monday, September 29 if you plan to attend so we know how to set up Room B for our 6:30 dinner at OBIC.



A SPECIAL LUNCH BUNCH

The terrific food and conversation always creates a wonderful “connection” time for CUMC women. The October 9 gathering will be extra special as it will be hosted by Carol Meyer, a longtime member of CUMC who lives in CA and will be at her Ellicott City home to welcome us and catch up on CUMC people and news. Please contact Carol by September 6 if you plan to bring your potluck dish and join the fun! (Contact number is in the Church Directory.)



JUSTICE FOR ALL

Matters

🌈 Howard County Pride Fest – October 12 🌈

Mark your calendars! Howard County Pride Fest is happening on Sunday, October 12, from 11 AM–4 PM at Merriweather Park—and Christ UMC will be there to celebrate!

We need volunteers to help us share God's love and spread queer joy with our neighbors. Our booth will be a place of welcome and delight: handing out bubbles, offering glitter blessings, and even giving blessings for pets.

Come join us in celebrating the beauty of God's diverse creation, meeting our fabulous neighbors, and showing the community that CUMC is a place of love and inclusion.

📋 Sign up to volunteer on the sheet located on the sanctuary counter. Let's shine together at Pride! 🌟

Katie Weston, Kevin Swanson, ChatGPT





PARTICIPATION MATTERS

October 2025

Date	Events
10/1	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
10/2	Justice for All* 7:00 p.m.
10/3	First Friday 6:30 p.m. at OBIC RSVP to Kevin Swanson by Sept. 29
10/5	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Hispanic Cooking immediately following the service at the Lindberg's
10/8	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
10/9	Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m. hosted by Carol Meyer RSVP by 10/6 SPRC* 7:00 p.m.
10/12	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Howard County Pride Festival Noon – 4:00 p.m. Second Sunday Stock-up: cooking oil
10/15	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
10/16	Ad. Board* 7:00 p.m.
10/19	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Laity Sunday
10/22	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
10/23	Newsletter Deadline
10/23	Community Ministry Team* 7:00 p.m.
10/26	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m.

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

OCT. 3 FIRST FRIDAY will highlight Hispanic Heritage month with our own Rev. Dr. Lydia Munoz sharing some insights as Exec. Director of the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries of the UMC. 6:30pm, usual potluck meal, at OBIC.

October 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	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
Liturgist	Lillian Lehnert	Katie Weston	Don James	Phil Lindberg
Reader	Karen Ohlrich	Kevin Fitzgerald	Warren Kelley	David B
Acolyte	Nadia	Emily	Luke	Layla
Altar Flowers				
Tech				
Ushers 1	Greg	Kevin S	Dennis	Lee
Ushers 2	Natalie	Hilda	Lillian	Toni
Altar Set-up	Mary Jo Messenger	Toni Klinkenberg	Kelleys	Karen Ohlrich
Communion & Set-up	James	Becky	Kelleys	Gomez
Counters 1	Kevin Swanson	Natalie	Phil	Kevin Swanson
Counters 2	Warren	Becky	Greg	Lee
Nursery Volunteer				
Refreshments	Jeanette	Cristin Messenger	Becky	Judy
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 - August 2025

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$ 78,173.62	\$ 70,398.67
Expenses	\$ 75,152.60	\$ 83,421.65
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 3,021.02	\$ (13,022.99)
Surplus or (Deficit) Per Week	\$ 58.10	\$ (250.44)

Ad Board Minutes: Sept 18, 2025

Council of Ministries Minutes: September 10, 2025

*“October, the month
when the trees all remind
us how beautiful it is to
let things go.”*

Hispanic Heritage Month at CUMC Sept 21-Oct 12, 2025

Sundays

10am Worship | Sanc A

JusticeMinutes highlighting biographies of important Latin American leaders, special music and liturgy, Hispanic Heritage Month sermon series & more!

**FRI
OCT 3**

FIRST FRIDAY POTLUCK

Join us for our monthly potluck, this time hosted at OBIC in Sanctuary B. We'll hear from CUMC's own Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz about her work with the worldwide church supporting Latine communities.

**SUN
OCT 5**

COOKING CLASS

Learn to make Salvadoran Pupusas & Cuban tostones with Rev. Angela & Hilda Gomez at the Lindbergs' home. RSVP by Oct 5 to Rev. Angela.

For more information:
www.cumcobic.org



New and want to
participate? Awesome!
Contact
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SAVE
THE
DATE

Annual Church Conference In-Person Session

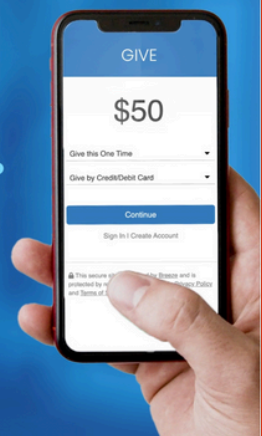
Saturday, November 1 at 2:00pm.
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Hyattsville, MD 20782

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OWEN BROWN INTERFAITH CENTER

Matters

Eagle Scout Project Update

Bryden Stallings completed his Eagle Scout project in August, and the results are outstanding. He installed an insect habitat on the southwest corner of the parking lot for insects to over-winter in, as well as seek shelter during the growing months. He also added a paver path from the parking surface to the garden gate to increase accessibility as well as installed a bee-habitat for bees seeking refuge, particularly mature bees who sleep outside the hive at night. All three turned out great!

Kevin Buker, Executive Director of OBIC



Memorial Plaque Name Plates

Order Forms Available Now. You are invited to honor the memory of a loved one by adding their name to the Memorial Plaque on the OBIC patio. Each nameplate serves as a lasting tribute, while your gift also supports the care and continued growth of our beautiful gardens. Over the years, these gardens have flourished with new plants and trees, creating a peaceful space for reflection and remembrance. Order forms are available on the side counter at church or through the CUMC website. Completed forms should be returned to the OBIC Office by October 15.





CALENDAR

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

< > Oct 2025 ▾							📅	🗓
SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED Oct 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4		
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
• 10am W			• 8:15pm					
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1		
• 10am W	• 6:30pm		• 8:15pm		Hallowee	• 2pm Ch		
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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!



Christ United Methodist Church
Love. Justice. Community.
Black Lives Matter

