



# MINISTRY MATTERS

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



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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**Tyler Peryea:** Tyler and his wife Heather, and sons Cody age 5 and Miles age 3, live in King's Contrivance. Tyler works for the FDA as a chemist. He is keenly interested in mathematics and linguistics.



**Adam Walker:** Comes to CUMC from..." around the corner" as he lives on Cradlerock Way. This fellow really likes sports and played a lot of award-winning basketball in his younger years. Adam is a devoted reader and immediately appreciated the warmth and community of CUMC



**Lauren Wingo:** Lauren and her spouse, Ness, live in Catonsville. Lauren works for Center for Medicaid Services, and is an avid history buff. She also enjoys reading and cooking. Lauren's children are Amalie age 5 and Aneesh age 9.



# CLERGY CORNER

*Rev. Angela*



## Clergy Corner: Accessibility 201

Part of our identity as a reconciling and welcoming church is making sure our worship services and activities are accessible to all God's children with varying abilities. There are many different kinds of disabilities that require different tools/resources/commitments in order to make sure needs are being met.

Did you know...

- We have large print hymnals (both UMH and TFWS) available for the visually impaired. They are usually on the side counter (but if not, ask an usher!)
- Rev. Angela prints extra copies of her sermon for those who are better able to understand the sermon if they can read along (if you too would benefit, just let Rev. Angela know).
- It's important to introduce yourself by name to anyone who is visually impaired whenever (each and every time) you speak to someone with a visual impairment (including our new CUMC sibling Paul Weller who also appreciates a good fist bump) as they may or may not be able to read your name tag or recognize you visually. This includes worship leaders. If you are the reader or doing the Justice Minute or otherwise speaking in worship, go ahead and quickly introduce yourself so that all people know who you are.
- It's important to speak louder with anyone with a hearing impairment, especially in a noisy environment like refreshments time after worship!

Disabilities are diverse and some are visible and some are unseen. It's important for us not to make assumptions about what any individual can or cannot do. It's OK to ask how you can best support or communicate with someone. Let's keep learning from one another!

July is Disability Pride month, a time to celebrate the many gifts of those beloved children of God who have disabilities. On July 19<sup>th</sup> we'll celebrate Disability Pride month in worship with a special Justice Minute about appropriate language to use regarding autism, beautiful liturgy from the annual conference's Disability Ministries Committee, and a related sermon.

What joy!





# WORSHIP

## CUMC's Favorite Hymns

The votes are in! In May you voted on your favorite hymns and the results were fascinating! Over 100 hymns were selected as favorites—what beautiful diversity! First and second place both had a tie with the top 5 (actually 7) coming in as:

1. *In the Garden* AND *Lord of the Dance* (19 votes each)
2. *Amazing Grace* AND *Let There Be Peace On Earth* (14 votes each)
3. *Lift High the Cross* (13 votes)
4. *How Great Thou Art* (10 votes)
5. *On Eagle's Wings* (8 votes)

Honorable mentions to *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* (7 votes) and with 5 votes each: *Here I am, Lord* AND *It is Well with My Soul* AND *Lift Every Voice* AND *Now Thank We All Our God*.

We will be singing hymns from the list in July and August. When we get to one that's not your cup of tea (we all have them!), try to sing out extra joyfully knowing that it's one of our siblings' favorites.

## July-August Sermons

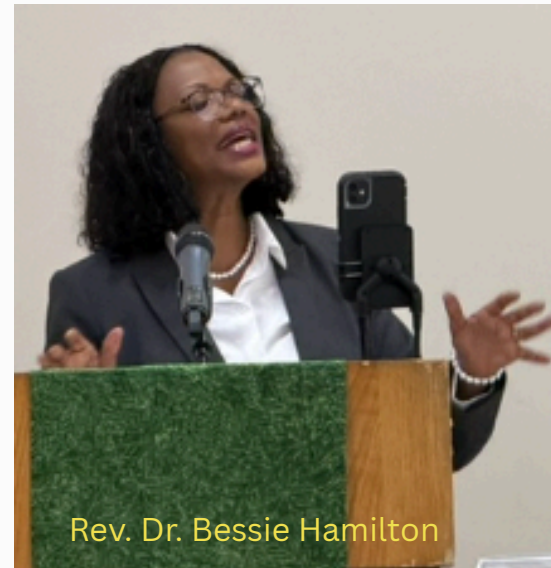
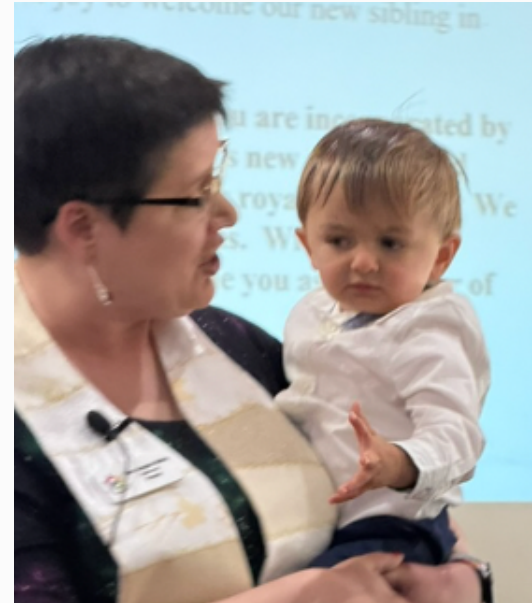
**July 5 & 12:** Rev. Jack Day will preach while Rev. Angela is on vacation (see Wed. email for pastoral care emergency contact).

**July 19:** Disability Pride Sunday; Luke 5:17-26

**July 26:** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Aug 16:** Pulpit Swap with St. John United. Rev. Angela will preach at SJU, and Rev. Hyiwot Teshome will preach at Christ UMC.

**Aug 23:** Blessing of the Backpacks; Exodus 1:8-2:10



Rev. Dr. Bessie Hamilton



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Prayers for **Phil Lindberg** who is dealing with major health concerns.
- Congratulations to **Joshua Lindberg** who is taking a new job in Oregon.
- Congratulations to **Sofi Flanagan-Wells** as she graduates to high school and to **Mia Flanagan-Wells** as she graduates to Middle School.
- Congratulations to **Elena Lederman** who graduated from Altholton High School and will be attending Towson University in the fall.
- Best wishes and prayers for **Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz** as she relocates to Atlanta, Georgia, to begin a new assignment as clergy for Neighborhood Church. We also send great appreciation for her musical and preaching contributions to CUMC!
- Best wishes for **Suzanne James** as she recuperates from knee surgery.
- Continued prayers for **Mike Plank** as he remains comfortable at home.
- Reach out to **Siah Johnson** as she recuperates from surgery.
- Our thought and prayers are with **Paul Weller** as he transitions to a group home. And special prayers for his mom, **Jean Weller**, as she helps with Paul's move and adjusts to not having Paul at home.
- Congratulations to the **Avitabile family** on the baptism of **Kyle Christopher Avitabile**. It was especially wonderful to have 14 family members visit us for this special service!



**Chloe Swanson**  
**Jeff Weston**  
**Ken Backer**  
**Tyler Rosenberger**  
**David Burtnick**  
**Don James**  
**Joshua Lindberg**  
**Matthew Lindberg**  
**Phyllis Kelley**



# CUMC CARES

*Missions Matter*

## WHY DOES CUMC STILL DONATE TO THE FOOD BANK?

The Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC) operates the Howard County Food Bank, which offers family-choice shopping like at a grocery store for income-eligible families in Howard County. It has been operational for 61 years and serves more than 2,000 families a year!!

The Food Bank offers fresh produce and dairy options; frozen meats and other proteins; fresh breads and baked goods; shelf-stable canned and boxed foods; feminine hygiene products and other health and beauty products; diapers, wipes, baby formula, and food; and allergy-friendly foods. CAC thru the Food Bank also helps clients to apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through our local Department of Social Services.

Many other faith communities, businesses, and organizations have been donating for years, and CUMC has been donating monthly for more than 15 years...and the need continues to grow. Let's maintain this good tradition! THANK YOU!

Lillian Lehnert

## SUMMER REQUIRES COOL DRINKS!

**Second Sunday Stock-Up** for the Howard County Food Bank on **July 12** will be aided by CUMC donations of summer drinks. Juices in a can; packets for juice mixes; juices and fruit drinks in bottles; instant drinks; small boxes with straws for kids, etc., will all be appreciated. Shop the sales now and bring to church on Sunday, July 12. Thanks for YOUR continued support for our hungry neighbors!

Lillian Lehnert

## COLLECTING...DONATING IS ONGOING!

Yes, CUMC asks for many things. Some like food bank items cost money; but some surplus items for specific collections don't cost donors a penny! As a congregation that has been so blessed with material resources, it seems sharing is part of our practice. Containers are available every Sunday so please consider donating:

- Used batteries: Staples gives CUMC credit for office supply purchases.
- Metal tabs from canned beverages: Ronald McDonald House gets gas credit for their vans transporting guest families to the hospital.
- Prescription Eye-Glasses: Lions Club distributes to those who cannot afford needed glasses.

# FELLOWSHIP

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## JULY LUNCH BUNCH

If it's the second Thursday the CUMC women will be meeting for a potluck lunch. This July 9 at noon, gather at Lillian Lehnert's home with your dish to share ...and if weather permits, we may be on her new porch! Please contact Lil by Monday, July 6, if you plan to attend.



NO FIRST FRIDAY GATHERING--HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY



ENJOY THE MEMORIES



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*"This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive"*

*- Alice Waters*



# FELLOWSHIP

## Matters

### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES IS EXCITED TO PRESENT CUMC SUMMER SOCIALS!

You may be asking yourself, "What exactly is a summer social?" well, friend, read on! Throughout the summer there will be events outside church in which small groups will get together and do a fun activity. Each event has a host and a sign-up sheet. We are trying to keep groups small so we can socialize more easily, so please sign up by the Sunday before the event so the host can plan appropriately. Sign-up sheets will be on the counter in the sanctuary. Folks are responsible for bringing their own materials and paying their own way, though many events are free.

Look at the various exciting events and mark your calendars!

Date	Activity	Host	Capacity	Notes
July 4	Fireworks!			Park at Phil's house, the walk is 1.5 miles. Folks with accessibility needs (2-3 cars) may park at Karen's house, for a shorter walk. Time: Meet at 8:00 pm
July 19	Poolside Ice Cream Social	Lillian Lehnert	25	1:30 – 4:30
Aug 1	Bowling	Rev. Angela	5	Where: Mt. Airy Lanes Cost: \$12 per person What time: 10:45 am – 12:00 pm
Aug 14	Glen Mar Summer Concert	Judy Pittman		Air Force Blue Aces Concert Where: Glen Mar Church 4701 New Cut Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043 Time: 6:45 pm Cost: Free
Aug 16	Fishing at Lake Elkhorn	Katie Weston	5 - 8	Will need to bring own bait and tackle, fishers over 16 years of age need a valid fishing license, children need an adult with a valid license. See Katie for assistance if needed. Time: Meet at the pier at 1:00 pm.
Sept 13	Church Picnic			Potluck after the service



# JUSTICE FOR ALL

## *Matters*

### The Rainbow Flag



The rainbow Pride flag has become one of the most recognizable symbols of the struggle for human dignity and justice. Created in 1978 by artist and activist Gilbert Baker, the original flag was designed as a symbol of hope, diversity, and unity for the LGBTQ+ community. Each color carried meaning: red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, blue for harmony, and violet for spirit.

Over time, the Pride flag became more than a symbol for one community. It came to represent the belief that every person deserves to live openly, safely, and with equal dignity. As LGBTQ+ people fought discrimination, violence, exclusion, and silence, the flag became connected to a wider movement for civil rights and justice for all marginalized people.

Today, versions of the flag also recognize the experiences of people of color, transgender individuals, and others whose voices have too often been ignored. The flag reminds us that justice is not limited to one group; it is a shared work rooted in compassion, courage, and community. As people of faith, we are called to affirm the sacred worth of every human being. The rainbow Pride flag stands as a visible reminder that love is stronger than fear, inclusion is stronger than exclusion, and justice grows when we stand together for the dignity of all God's children.

Kevin Swanson



CUMC marches in the Baltimore Pride Parade

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### Autism Pride 101: Words to Learn and Words to Toss



by Rev. Dr. Taylor Denyer

You already know that June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, and June 19th is Juneteenth, but did you know that June is also Neurodiversity Pride Month (with June 18th being Autism Pride Day), and July will be Disability Pride Month? While the proximity of these celebrations on the calendar is coincidental – each is tied to different events/birthdays. I view it as beautiful serendipity.

Language is ever-evolving, and a lot has changed in the neurodivergent and disability communities over the past few decades. Thus, Rev. Angela Wells suggested that I, a disabled AuDHD queer woman, write an Autism Pride tutorial for you with great vocabulary words I've learned, key distinctions, and some words that should be tossed out. For brevity, I'm only including a sample of words that directly impact the autism community in this post.

**Awareness vs Pride:** For the neurodiversity and disability communities, there is a big difference between having an awareness event versus a pride event. Pride events center and celebrate the people behind the label. They are about rejecting bigoted stereotypes that others associate with us and focusing on what we love about ourselves. Awareness events are about educating the population outside of our community. They

tend to focus on our struggles and perceived deficits, and, sadly, often do not center our Autism and LGBTQIA+

voices. Thus, awareness events can unintentionally be highly offensive. The debates around awareness vs pride are complicated; we must differentiate between when medical innovations are desired and when the "cure" we seek is transforming the beliefs and social systems that harm us. Note that most autistic persons have related medical issues, so an individual can proudly see their neurodivergence as integral to who they are (e.g., "I am autistic") and wish doctors could solve the problems that come with it (e.g., "I have conditions that disable me").

**Neurodivergent vs Neurotypical:** A neurodivergent person is anyone whose brain wiring—by birth or later event—diverges from what society views as normal. A neurotypical is someone who is not neurodivergent by their society's standards, and thus does not experience struggles or marginalization due to their neurotype.

**Neurodiversity and NeuroTribes:** These terms reframe neurological differences as being a natural part of a diverse human population. They stand in contrast to models that treat variations of brain wiring as aberrations to be eliminated. Usage example: Christ UMC is a neurodiverse congregation that advocates for neurodiversity in leadership structures. Neurodivergent persons from various neurotribes are represented on its committees, and together they consider the needs, preferences, and gifts of all the community when creating worship, study, service, and fellowship opportunities.

**THE MORE YOU KNOW**

**Autism and LGBTQIA+**

A 2021 study found that “gender queer people were three to six times more likely to be assessed as autistic than cisgender adults.” Another survey concluded that 70% of adult autistics do not identify as heterosexual, and of those who do, the majority are cis-men. To learn more about this, check out Episode 20: Embracing Neuroqueer Identity of the *Divergent Conversations* Podcast.

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### Autism Pride 101: Words to Learn and Words to Toss, continued

**The Neuroarchy:** The social systems/structures that privilege neurotypical brains while marginalizing divergent ones.

**Neuroqueer:** This beautiful word sits at the intersection of neurodiversity and queerness and defies one-sentence definitions. Please read Nick Walker's 800 word unpacking of it: <https://neuroqueer.com > neuroqueer-an-introduction/>

**Monotrope/Monotropism:** These are my other my favorite new words. A person with a monotropic mind tends to focus on one interesting thing at a time. In contrast to neurotypicals with polytropic minds, monotropes are extremely good at sustaining intense focus (hyper-focus) for remarkable periods of time, which has its evolutionary advantages. However, it can also create "tunnel vision," resulting in a failure to notice other cues. Check out [monotropism.org](http://monotropism.org) to learn more.

**Masking:** Hiding or suppressing one's neurodivergent traits in order to pass as neurotypical and thus avoid rejection/marginalization. Folks who are skilled at masking often don't get the supports they need and end up struggling with anxiety, depression, and burnout, especially in adulthood. When they do seek mental health help, they are often misdiagnosed.



#### Autism and ADHD

If you received an ADHD or autism diagnosis before 2013, your assessor was not allowed to entertain the possibility that you might check both boxes. We are now finding that *a lot* of folks are AuDHD. If you went in for an assessment before 2013 or used an assessor who was ill-informed, you might have been told that you met criteria for neither, when in reality your combination of autistic and ADHD traits (plus probably learned masking) hid your AuDHD status.

**Asperger's and High Functioning/Low Functioning Autism:** Toss "Asperger's" from your vocabulary unless it is what you chose for yourself. You can Google why it is problematic. If someone received that assessment before the label was removed from the diagnostic books, they are autistic with low support needs. We also no longer speak about people based on the degree to which their "functioning" is useful to the capitalist economy. When necessary, we differentiate based on a person's support needs, noting that support needs can fluctuate over time. A person who was once labeled as "low functioning" or "profoundly autistic" can be described as having high support needs, or Level 3 autism.

**The Puzzle Piece vs the Autism Pride Logo:** It is important to know that there is a major divide in the autism advocacy world: those who frame autism as a tragedy, something that deprives parents of their "real" children and thus must be treated and cured, and those who view it as a difference that deserves support and affirmation. Which autism symbol you use marks you as either potentially safe or definitely unsafe to autistic youth and adults. The "therapy" pushed by the puzzle piece group, for example, was developed by the same man who created gay conversion "therapy." Thus, my household is a rainbow infinity loop family.

Want to know more? [Please see this list.](#)

## The Dirty Secret in Your Soap: Antibacterial Soap May be Breeding Superbugs

The following is a summary from the Washington Post's Climate Coach--Michael J. Coren June 16, 2026



The Washington Post Climate Coach article argues that antibacterial soaps and other antimicrobial household products offer little or no advantage over ordinary soap and water for preventing illness. While manufacturers promote these products as killing 99.9 percent of germs, decades of research have found that people who use antibacterial soaps are generally no healthier than those who use regular soap. Ordinary soap works effectively by loosening and washing away dirt, bacteria, and many viruses, making antimicrobial additives largely unnecessary for everyday use.

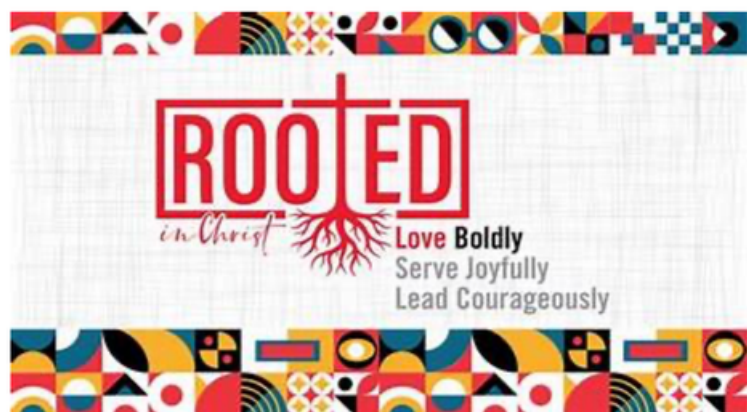
The article's larger concern is that widespread use of antimicrobial chemicals may contribute to the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, or "superbugs." Some of the chemicals used in antibacterial products can encourage microbes to develop defenses that may also make them resistant to important medical antibiotics. Researchers and public health experts worry that these compounds are now found in many household products and are accumulating in both the environment and human bodies.

Instead of trying to create a sterile home, experts recommend practicing good hygiene with plain soap and water, especially thorough handwashing for 10-20 seconds. Disinfectants should be reserved for situations involving higher risks, such as cleaning surfaces contaminated by bodily fluids, raw meat, or certain illnesses. The article concludes that normal exposure to everyday microbes is part of a healthy environment and may even help support the development of a strong immune system, particularly in children.



# CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

## *Matter*



## “Bold Love” in Hostile Conditions

At the opening worship service of the 242nd session of the Baltimore–Washington Annual Conference, Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling delivered a passionate sermon calling the church to “love boldly” in a time marked by division, fear, and hostility. Centered on the conference theme, “Love Boldly,” the service blended worship, multicultural expression, music, sacred movement, baptism, and prophetic preaching to encourage United Methodists to embody Christ’s love in practical and courageous ways.

Preaching from Ephesians 3:16–19, Bishop Easterling challenged the church to look beyond institutional measures of success such as attendance, giving, and online engagement. While acknowledging the usefulness of statistics, she asked whether ministries are truly transforming lives and reflecting the expansive love of Jesus. Drawing on the song “Seasons of Love” from the musical *Rent*, she asked how a meaningful life should really be measured and emphasized that Christian love must be more than sentiment—it must shape communities and relationships.

Throughout the sermon, Easterling stressed that love requires public witness and action, especially in difficult times. Referencing theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, she spoke about Christ standing between people and breaking down barriers that divide human beings. She spoke forcefully about immigrants, poverty, justice, and the danger of churches aligning themselves with power instead of compassion and mercy. Her comments about immigrants and the church’s responsibility toward “the least of these” received sustained applause from the congregation.

The worship service also highlighted the diversity and unity of the Baltimore–Washington and Peninsula–Delaware Area through English and Korean scripture readings, congregational singing, and a new processional cross created by Maryland artist Laurie Hill. An offering was received for Seeds of Security, a ministry founded by Bishop Easterling and Rev. Marion Easterling to support survivors of domestic violence and intimate partner violence. The evening concluded with joyful music and a final challenge from the bishop for worshippers to go forth “in the power of the Spirit” and continue embodying bold love through both worship and action.

Click [here](#) to read a more complete summary by Alison Burdett

# BUSINESS CORNER

## Financial Information - May 2026

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$ 54,931.70	\$ 45,859.17
Expenses	\$ 49,717.11	\$ 54,455.79
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 5,214.59	\$ (8,596.62)
Surplus or (Deficit) Per Week	\$ 100.28	\$ (165.32)

*“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”*

*— Pablo Picasso*

**Ad Board Minutes:** June 26, 2026

## OBIC Community Labyrinth Project

The labyrinth behind the Owen Brown Interfaith Center continues to grow as a place for reflection, prayer, and peace. We invite people of all ages to help strengthen the path by bringing stones approximately 3-5 inches in diameter and placing them in the labyrinth to fill gaps between existing stones.

A stone may honor someone special, come from a meaningful place, or simply represent your participation in our shared community space.

The labyrinth is open year-round for walking, reflection, and quiet enjoyment.

*“Every stone helps shape the journey.”*

## Aneesh Athota Places in the National Academic Bee!

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Wingo family went to Orlando for Aneesh to compete in the National Academic Bee championships. Kids from across the country compete in their schools and in regional events to qualify. Aneesh competed in all three categories - [World] Geography, [World] History, and Science over three grueling days of back-to-back sessions.

He made it to the quarterfinals in Geography and placed 6th in the finals for History. Across all three categories he won 3rd place nationally in the "Triple Crown Award" for kids that compete in all three categories.

New member, Lauren Wingo, is the proud mama of this extraordinary young man! Congratulations to Aneesh and to his entire family!





# PARTICIPATION MATTERS

July 2026

Date	Events
7/1	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
7/2	Justice for All* 7:00 p.m.
7/4	Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July! Meet at Phil's house or Karen's at 8:00 p.m. to walk to the lake
7/5	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m.
7/6	Education Team* 7:00 p.m.
7/7	Green Team* 7:00 p.m.
7/8	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
7/9	Lunch Brunch 12:00 p.m. hosted by Lillian Lehnert. Please RSVP by 7/6.
7/12	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Second Sunday Stock-Up:
7/13	Community Ministries Team* 7:00 p.m.
7/15	Council of Ministries* 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
7/16	Ad Board* 7:00 p.m.
7/19	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Poolside Ice Cream Social at Lillian Lehnert's at 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
7/22	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
7/23	OBIC Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Newsletter deadline
7/26	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](http://cumcobic.org)

Please find the **Worship Volunteer Instructions** on the CUMC website at this link:

[https://cumcobic.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/volunteer-instructions\\_updated-6.2026.pdf](https://cumcobic.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/volunteer-instructions_updated-6.2026.pdf)

	Jul 5	July 12	July 19	Jul 26
Liturgist	Lee Klinkenberg	Daniel Klinkenberg	Suzanne James	Phil Lindberg
Reader	Toni Klinkenberg	Karen Ohlrich	David Burtnick	Delvin Daniels
Acolyte	Luke Weston	Miamor F-W	Miguel Angel Llanc	Emily Walker
Altar Flowers				
Tech				
Ushers 1	Tracy Klink	Natalie Swirdovich	Phyllis Kelley	Becky Nicodemus
Ushers 2	Rob Rosenberger	Greg Swirdovich	Warren Kelley	Tracy Klink
Altar Set-up	Messenger	Klinkenberg	Kelley	Ohlrich
Communion & Set-up				
Counters 1	Kevin Swanson	Cora Duggan	Becky Nicodemus	David Burtnick
Counters 2	Phil Lindberg	Lee Klinkenberg	Kevin Swanson	Phil Lindberg
Refreshments	Rosenberger	Messenger	Klink	Kelley
Sunday School Assist MS				
Sunday School Assist ELEM	Don James	Don James	Don James	Don James



# CALENDAR

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

Jul 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 ● 10am W ● 11:15am	29	30	Jul 1 ● 8:15pm	2	3 Independence	4 Outing - Independence
5 ● 10am W	6	7	8 ● 7pm Co ● 8:15pm	9 ● 12pm Lt 2 more	10	11
12 Second Sunday ● 10am W	13 ● 7pm Co	14	15 ● 8:15pm	16	17	18
19 Outing - ● 10am W	20	21	22 ● 8:15pm	23	24	25
26 ● 10am W	27	28	29 ● 8:15pm	30	31	Aug 1 Outing -

Christ United Methodist Church, Columbia, MD GMT-04

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!