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Owen Brown Interfaith Center, Columbia, Maryland



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by Mary Jo Messenger and Judy Pittman

After six years of producing *Ministry Matters*, we have decided that the end of this year will be the right time for us to step away from this ministry, and to open the way to consider other options.

As we prepare to retire from this role, we have been reflecting on a larger question—one that belongs not to us, but to the congregation.

What does the CUMC newsletter actually do?

When *Ministry Matters* began during the first year of the COVID pandemic, our congregation could no longer gather in person. The newsletter became one of the ways we stayed connected. It reminded us that even though we were physically apart, we were still one church family. Although life has returned to a more normal rhythm, many of those same needs remain.

The *Ministry Matters* newsletter communicates schedules, meetings, and announcements. It tells the stories of our congregation. It celebrates births, graduations, baptisms, new members, and answered prayers. It helps us understand the ministries that happen quietly behind the scenes. It introduces us to one another's gifts and passions. It educates us about issues of faith and justice. It inspires us with thoughtful reflections. And it continually reminds us who we are as a congregation and what values guide our life together.

In these ways the *Ministry Matters* newsletter has helped build and sustain community.

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An Invitation to Imagine the Future, continued

People who miss a Sunday can still feel connected. Visitors and new members can learn who we are. Long-time members can discover ministries they never knew existed. The newsletter creates a shared conversation that extends beyond Sunday morning.

As we step aside, we hope the congregation will think carefully—not first about who will produce a newsletter—but about *what communication ministry CUMC needs for the future*. Maybe that future still includes a monthly newsletter. Maybe it looks different.

Whatever form it takes, we hope CUMC will continue to invest in thoughtful communication—not simply to share information, but to strengthen relationships, deepen discipleship, celebrate ministry, and keep before us the vision of the church God is calling us to become.

Producing *Ministry Matters* has been a privilege and a joy. We are grateful to every person who has written articles, shared photographs, proofread pages, and encouraged us over the years. Most of all, we are grateful that this ministry has allowed us to witness the many ways God's Spirit is at work through Christ United Methodist Church.

Our prayer is that the congregation will continue to find meaningful ways to tell its story—because our story is, ultimately, God's story unfolding among us.





Our Endowment Fund Has Officially Started!

While we wait for it to grow, we remind you that you can help CUMC by your annual giving to fund our day-to-day operations and missions through gifts and pledges, or by donating to CUMC's Endowment Fund at any time to keep CUMC's mission thriving for generations.

Legacy gifts—like bequests, beneficiary designations, charitable trusts, memorial gifts, and QCDs—are powerful ways to make a lasting impact. Many options may even offer tax advantages. Your planned gift to the Endowment Fund becomes a legacy of faith that keeps giving long into the future.

Natalie Swirdovich





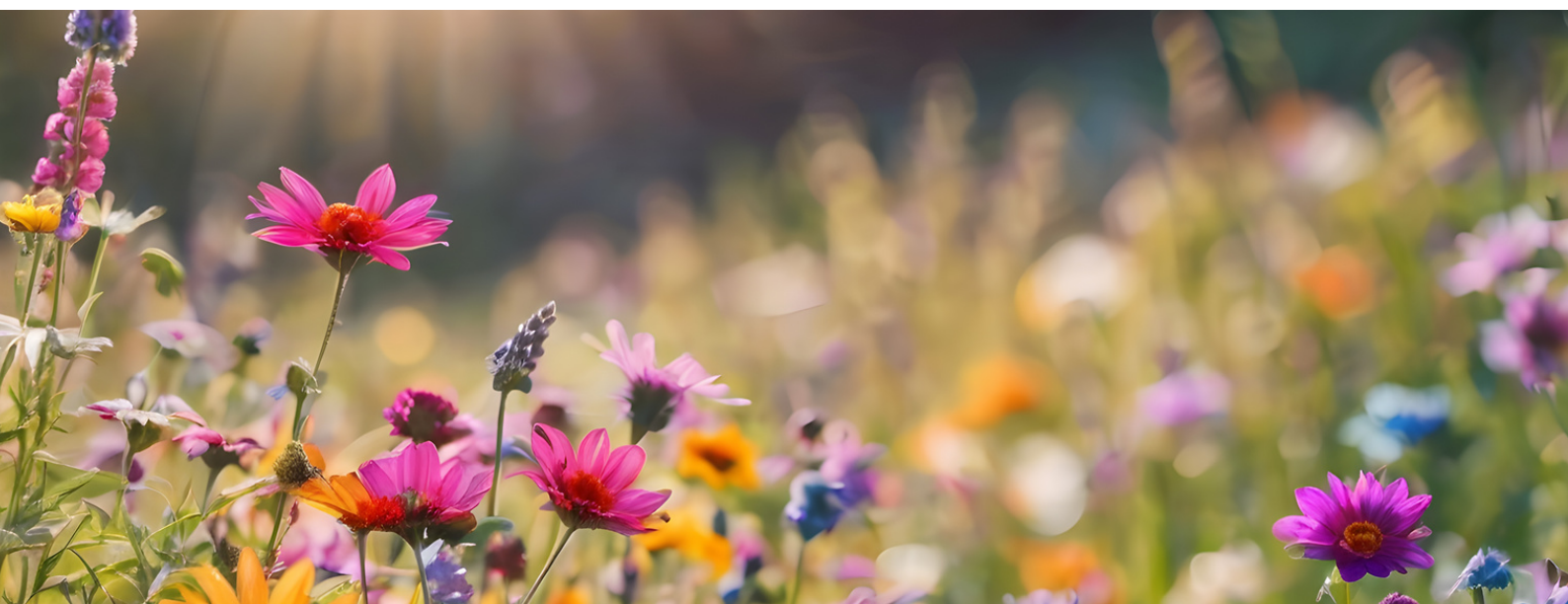
More Than Electrons

Recently, my wife and I purchased some “grounded” sheets for our bed. The science is admittedly still out on such products, but they supposedly connect you to the Earth’s natural electrical charge while you sleep. Yes, they plug into a grounded outlet in the wall. Weird, right? The idea is that it provides a pathway for the flow of free electrons from the earth into your body. Proponents say benefits include help with inflammation and sleep quality among other things. Do they work? I don’t know! Kelli seems to think so, but I’m less sure. But until the science proves it one way or another, I suppose it certainly doesn’t hurt even if it’s just a placebo effect!

Regardless of the science and capitalism behind such marketing, there are larger philosophical questions at play. The idea is that in modern times we no longer walk barefoot on the earth. In fact, even when we get some good outdoor walking in, we are separated from the earth by our rubber soled shoes. What does it mean to be separated from the earth we call home? How can we recapture a sense of “groundedness” (electrical currents aside) in the busy lifestyle we’ve all been caught up in?

Spiritually, there is something powerful about putting your toes in the grass. And who doesn’t love the feel of sand squishing between our toes on the beach? Even within scriptural tradition, we have Moses invited to take off his shoes on holy ground. There is something about this practice that slows us down and connects us with our Creator. We may breathe a little deeper or notice a little more. I don’t know much about electrons, but I know that the world feels chaotic at the moment, and it doesn’t appear that that will be changing any time soon. Our bodies are not meant to be kept in a state of constant vigilance and stress. We are meant to be connected to the earth and to one another.

So, this summer season, I invite you to take some time outside with your shoes off. Be mindful of the holy ground on which you tread. Say a little prayer of thanks for this land on which we live and work and worship and the many people who have stewarded it throughout the millennia. When you slow down to feel the ground beneath you, what do you notice that you might have otherwise missed?





WORSHIP

August Worship:

In the month of August we continue to hear our favorite hymns that we voted on in May. We will follow the lectionary (assigned) readings for worship along with churches around the world.

Aug 2: Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 9: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Aug 16: Pulpit exchange with SJU

Aug 23: Blessing of backpacks, Exodus 1:8-2:10

Aug 30: Matthew 16:21-28

Special Blessing of the Pets & Stuffies Outdoor Service

Saturday August 29th at 10am in the upper lot of OBIC we will host a blessing of the pets and stuffies service. You are invited to bring your pets, photos of your pets, and/or favorite stuffed animals to receive a blessing in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Families at Cradlerock Elementary School will be invited to this event—join us for this Community Ministries sponsored event and connect with our neighbors!

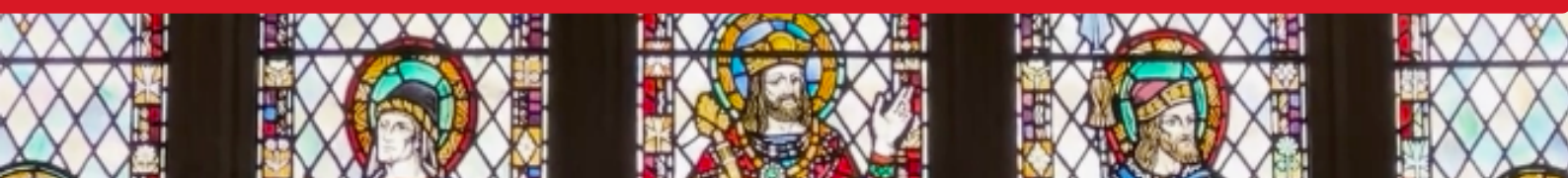
Preview: Fall Joy Series

This Fall, starting September 13, we will journey through a 10-week sermon series on joy! Yes, that's a lot of joy! But can't we use it right about now? The series will have an opportunity to highlight different ministries areas and values of our congregation. And there will be a few surprises along the way! Each week there will be a joy challenge—homework of sorts—for you to practice joy in your everyday life. You see, joy doesn't just happen, it takes practice and with practice we form a muscle memory of sorts. Let's journey together to become a more joy-FULL people together!

Volunteer Updates

We will restart the CUMC/UUCC shared nursery for ages crawlers through 3 years old on September 13th. That means we need you! Yes, you! Commit to supporting our church growth by volunteering once every other month (goal is 8 volunteers on an 8-week rotation) to hang out with our youngest CUMCers! We need four additional volunteers to staff the nursery. See Kevin Swanson or Rev. Angela to begin the background check required of all children's ministry volunteers.

We continue to need more counters, more ushers, and more communion set up folks. Never volunteered before? Have no fear! There are written instructions as well as experienced volunteers willing to walk you through learning the ropes. See Phyllis Kelley or Rev. Angela with questions or to sign up!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Best wishes for continued healing from surgery for **Suzanne James, Toni Klinkenberg and Lillian Lehnert.**
- Good Luck to **Joshua Lindberg** in his new job as Airplane Mechanic and move to Bend, Oregon.
- Prayers for **Ann Singleton** as she copes with continued medical challenges.
- **Mike Plank** needs our prayers for comfort; and his family needs support and prayers as they care for him.
- Visits with some of our inactive members such as **Lucie Pelgrim, Janis Battle, Catherine Messenger, Siah Johnson, and Sue and Darwin Perry** would be welcomed. Please call ahead.
- Congratulations to **Elena Lederman** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Happy
Birthday!

Alice Frazier
Gregory Fitzgerald
Phoenix Hammond
Ann Singleton
Eduardo Llano
Cristin Messenger
Jose Felder



CUMC CARES

Missions Matter

FILL THE SHELVES FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL LUNCHES!

Kids need lots of energy for the start-up of school. We want to help those families that depend on the Howard Couty Food Bank for groceries by donating as much peanut butter and jellies as possible! Any brand, any size, all flavors are needed. Favorites grape and strawberry jellies or jams of pineapple, pear or peach etc. will be welcomed. Peanut butter and other nut butters of any type of are all good sources of protein for hungry students. Please bring your contribution on **Sun., Aug.9** and place in the marked containers at church...and you will have helped school days be a little easier and tasty for Howard County students!

LillianLehnert



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.

CUMC CARES

Community Ministry Matters

Community Ministry Team: Building Bridges All Summer Long

Summer has been a season of fellowship, service, and celebration for Christ United Methodist Church's Community Ministry Team. Our summer nature hike and fireworks gathering brought members and friends together for fun and fellowship, strengthening the relationships that make our church community so special.

One of the highlights of the summer was receiving the **Bridge Builder Award** from Cradlerock Elementary School. We were honored to be nominated for Howard County's Community School Recognition Partnership Bridge Builder Award, which recognizes community partners who provide essential services and resources for students and families. Although another organization received the county-wide award, Cradlerock Elementary honored CUMC at its June staff breakfast with its own Bridge Builder Award in recognition of our ongoing partnership and commitment to the school community. We are grateful for this meaningful acknowledgment and look forward to continuing to serve the students, families, and staff of Cradlerock.



CUMC CARES

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Community Ministry Team: Building Bridges All Summer Long



As we prepare for the start of a new school year, we invite everyone to join us at the **Cradlerock Elementary School Back-to-School Block Party on Saturday, August 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our Community Ministry Team will host a table featuring balloon animals, temporary tattoos, and lollipops while sharing information about our upcoming Blessing of the Pets and Stuffies event. If you've ever wanted to learn the art of balloon twisting, we'd love additional volunteers to learn from Kelli Wells—it seems CUMC is becoming well known for our balloon animals! We also encourage everyone to stop by wearing a CUMC shirt to help welcome families and strengthen our connection with the community.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our **Blessing of the Pets and Stuffies on Saturday, August 29, at 10:00 a.m.** in the upper parking lot at Owen Brown Interfaith Center. Whether you bring a beloved pet or a cherished stuffed animal, all are welcome for this joyful celebration. Watch for details about our **Blessing of the Backpacks**, which will be on August 23rd.

Even during the summer months, our partnership with Cradlerock continues in quieter but meaningful ways. Because much of the school's air conditioning is turned off during the summer, the custodial staff works in especially difficult conditions. The Community Ministry Team has been delivering frozen treats throughout the summer as a small gesture of appreciation for the dedicated staff who keep the school ready for students' return.

There are many opportunities for new volunteers to become involved in our ministry at Cradlerock Elementary. Volunteers can escort students to dental and vision screenings, assist in the library, read with students, help display student artwork, or support the monthly staff breakfasts. A volunteer sign-up will be available soon for anyone interested in sharing their time and talents.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Community Ministry Team through your prayers, donations, and volunteer service. Together, we are building bridges of hope, compassion, and community—one act of kindness at a time.

Kevin Swanson

FELLOWSHIP

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SUMMER DINING

Bring your potluck dish to share for **First Friday** at the new home of Cora and Austin Duggan on Fri. Aug. 7 at 6:30PM. Please call or text Austin by Tues. Aug. 4 to indicate your participation.

AUGUST DELIGHTS

CUMC women are invited on the second Thursday of each month to **Lunch Bunch**. On Thurs. Aug. 13 at noon, Phyllis Kelley will welcome you and your potluck summer dish to her home for good food and conversation. Please contact Phyllis by Mon. Aug. 10 to let her know you will attend.



"A church is not a group of friends you've picked. It is a group of brothers and sisters God has picked for you."

– Micahel Horton

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

You may be asking yourself, "What exactly is a summer social?" well, read on friend! 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 as well as a sign up. 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
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.



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS

Matters

Sermon Summary: Love Stories

Rev. Dr. Jackson H. Day

July 5, 2026



On the Sunday following Independence Day, Rev. Dr. Jackson Day surprised the congregation by setting aside fireworks and patriotic speeches in favor of three "love stories."

He began with the joyful poetry of the Song of Solomon, celebrating love's power to bring hope and new beginnings. He then briefly reflected on the biblical story of Isaac and Rebekah, noting that although Scripture tells us Isaac loved Rebekah, their marriage also reflected the social inequalities of its day. Even in imperfect relationships and imperfect societies, however, God continues to work through faithful people.

The heart of the sermon focused on a third love story—our love for America as the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary.

Drawing on the observations of Alexis de Tocqueville, Dr. Day described three pillars that have long sustained American democracy: Habits of the Heart, Schools of Democracy, and Justice and the Common Good.

Habits of the Heart include everyday virtues such as honesty, trust, compassion, and neighborliness. Schools of Democracy are the churches, civic organizations, volunteer groups, and community institutions where people learn to work together for the common good. The third pillar calls both citizens and leaders to pursue justice, protect the vulnerable, seek truth, and practice respectful self-government.

Dr. Day reminded us that loving our country does not mean ignoring its failures. America's history includes slavery, injustice toward Native Americans, and other painful chapters. Genuine patriotism, he said, requires both honesty about the past and hope for the future.

Grounding his message in the teachings of the prophets and of Jesus, Dr. Day challenged each of us to strengthen these pillars of democracy through simple but meaningful actions: have respectful conversations with those who see the world differently, become involved in our communities, seek trustworthy information, and participate thoughtfully in civic life.

His closing message was clear: loving America is more than celebrating its birthday. It is an ongoing commitment to help build a nation that more fully reflects God's justice, mercy, and love for all.

This summary was created by ChatGPT.

GOING GREEN

Matters

Do You Really Need to Wash Out Your Peanut Butter Jar Before Recycling?

The following is a summary from the Washington Post's Climate Coach--Michael J. Coren July 21, 2026



One of the most common recycling questions is surprisingly simple: Do you need to thoroughly clean a peanut butter jar before putting it in the recycling bin? According to recycling experts, the answer is no. Miriam Holsinger, co-president of Eureka Recycling in Minneapolis, says a quick scrape is all that's needed. A rubber spatula works well, and there's no need to scrub the jar with hot water, which may actually use more energy than the recycling process saves. (If the jar is already going into a full dishwasher load, that's fine.) The important thing is simply to remove most of the remaining peanut butter so it doesn't add unnecessary weight or contaminate other materials.

The article uses the humble peanut butter jar to illustrate both the promise and the challenges of recycling in the United States. While countries such as Germany recycle about two-thirds of their municipal waste, the U.S. recycles only about one-quarter, with millions of tons of valuable materials ending up in landfills or incinerators each year.

Despite these disappointing statistics, there is reason for optimism. Modern recycling facilities like Eureka Recycling use sophisticated sorting equipment—including optical scanners and other advanced technologies—to separate mixed recyclables into clean streams of paper, glass, metal, and plastic. The system is far more capable than many people realize.

The biggest obstacle isn't technology—it's participation. According to Holsinger, nearly half of recyclable materials are still being thrown in the trash. Her message is simple: don't let uncertainty keep you from recycling. When in doubt, follow your local recycling guidelines, give containers a quick scrape, and recycle them with confidence.

Summarized by ChatGPT



CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

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Meet Rev. George Winkfield: Area Director of Beloved Community & Community Engagement



The Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Episcopal Area has welcomed the Rev. George Winkfield as its new Area Director of Beloved Community & Community Engagement. Since assuming this role on June 22, Rev. Winkfield has joined the Area leadership team with a passion for helping congregations deepen discipleship, strengthen relationships, and more fully embody the love of Christ in their communities.

A native of southern West Virginia, Rev. Winkfield has served churches throughout the Baltimore-Washington Conference for more than 20 years. His ministry has included rural, suburban, urban, multicultural, and cross-racial congregations, giving him a broad understanding of the diverse communities the Church serves. His lifelong commitment to justice, reconciliation, and inclusion was shaped by growing up amid racial division and has led him to devote much of his ministry to addressing racial justice, food insecurity, housing insecurity, and other community needs.

Rev. Winkfield emphasizes that Beloved Community is not simply another church program but a way of living out Jesus' greatest commandment: to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Rather than expecting every congregation to engage in the same ministries, he hopes to help each church discern where God is already calling them to serve and then encourage them to continue growing in faith, compassion, and outreach.

Known for his leadership in cross-racial and cross-cultural ministry, Rev. Winkfield has also helped congregations embrace diverse pastoral appointments and celebrate the richness of different cultures within the Church. His doctoral studies explored how churches can become more inclusive, and he has encouraged congregations to learn from one another by celebrating the many cultural traditions represented in their communities. He believes that making the principles of Beloved Community practical and accessible will encourage more people to participate in this important work.

In his new position, Rev. Winkfield will provide leadership for ministries of Beloved Community, community engagement, multicultural and accessibility ministries, wellness, and missions throughout the Episcopal Area. As he begins this new season of service, he offers a simple but powerful reminder: "You become a Christian as an individual, but Christianity is fully expressed through community."

At Christ United Methodist Church, this vision resonates deeply with our own commitment to welcoming all people, building meaningful relationships, and serving our neighbors with Christ's love. We look forward to learning from Rev. Winkfield's leadership and to finding new ways to participate in the work of building Beloved Community throughout our congregation and the wider community.

BUSINESS CORNER

Financial Information - June 2026

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$ 63,489.65	\$ 55,031.00
Expenses	\$ 59,808.06	\$ 65,346.95
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 3,681.59	\$ (10,315.95)
Surplus or (Deficit) Per Week	\$ 70.80	\$ (198.38)

Ad Board Minutes: July 16, 2026

Council of Ministries Minutes: July 15, 2026



OBIC Community Labyrinth Project

The labyrinth at 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."

Midweek Lift-Me-Up!

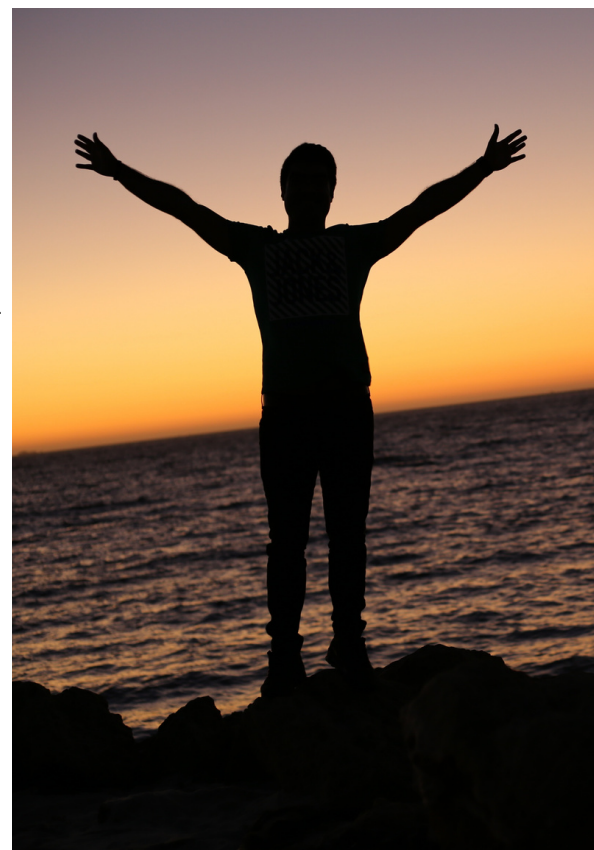
Join us for Wednesday Night Prayer at 8:15pm on the regular CUMC Zoom connection!

Do you need a midweek opportunity to connect with God and with others? Our Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets each week on Zoom and welcomes everyone. Whether you're a member or friend, or simply seeking some time away from the rest of the world, this is time for prayer and encouragement. We're usually a small group, and our gathering only lasts about half an hour.

Together, we share joys and concerns, pray for one another, our church, our community, the world, and find strength in God's presence. The atmosphere is warm, supportive and uplifting. No pressure to speak if you prefer to listen and pray quietly!

In a busy world, this weekly gathering offers a meaningful chance to pause, reflect, and grow together. We'd love to have you join us.

Phil Lindberg





PARTICIPATION MATTERS



August 2026

Date	Events
8/1	Bowling at Mt. Airy Lanes 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Contact Rev. Angela.
8/2	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m.
8/5	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
8/6	Education Team* 7:00 p.m.
8/7	First Friday hosted by the Duggans. Please RSVP by texting Austin by 8/3.
8/9	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Second Sunday Stock-Up: Peanut Butter and Jelly
8/10	Community Ministries Team* 7:00 p.m.
8/12	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
8/13	Lunch Brunch 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Phyllis Kelley by 8/10.
8/14	Air Force Blue Aces Concert at Glen Mar Church 6:45 p.m.
8/16	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Pulpit Exchange
8/16	Fishing at Lake Elkhorn 1:00 at the pier. Contact Katie Weston.
8/19	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
8/20	Ad Board* 7:00 p.m.
8/22	Back to School Block Party <u>Cradlerock School</u> 11:30 a.m.
8/23	Sunday Service* 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks, Newsletter deadline
8/26	Prayer Meeting* 8:15 p.m.
8/27	OBIC Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 p.m.
8/29	Blessing of Pets and Stuffies 10:00 a.m. OBIC

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

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Liturgist	Kevin Swanson	Miamor F-W	Lillian Lehnert	Katie Weston	Tracy Klink
Reader	Cristin Messenger	Kevin Fitzgerald	Katie Swanson	Tracy Klink	Warren Kelley
Acolyte	Luke Weston	Sophie F-W	Heidi Johnson	Miguel Angel Llanc	Emily Walker
Altar Flowers				Messengers	
Tech					
Ushers 1	Tracy Klink	Kevin Swanson	Rob Rosenberger	Tracy Klink	Lee Klinkenberg
Ushers 2	Hilda Gomez	Lillian Lehnert	Jeanette Rosenber	Bob Kobayashi	Tyler Rosenberger
Altar Set-up	Messenger	Duggan	Kelley	Ohlrich	Duggan
Communion & Set-up	Karen Ohlrich	Kelley	Duggan	James	Gomez
Counters 1	Natalie Swirdovich	Warren Kelley	Kevin Swanson	Delvin Daniels	Phil Lindberg
Counters 2	Delvin Daniels	Tracy Klink	Austin Duggan	Natalie Swirdovich	Kevin Swanson
Refreshments	Kelley	Delvin Daniels	Becky Nicodemu	Pittman	Atkins
Sunday School Assist MS					
Sunday School Assist ELEM	Don James	Don James	Don James	Don James	Don James



CALENDAR

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

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23 2 more	24	25	26 ● 8:15pm	27	28	29		
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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

