

Greetings/Announcements

Prelude *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Berry

Call to Worship and Advent Wreath Light*

Leader In the midst of a difficult world, a world full of despair, we believe that God is present in our lives working for our good.

People ***Our hope is in God.***

Leader We have hope, because God hears the suffering of God's people and we trust that God will respond to our cries.

People ***Our hope is in God.***

Leader As we light this first candle of Hope, may we have hope and faith that God will be present and active in our lives.

People ***May the gift of Hope, also be ignited in our hearts daily. Amen.***

Hymn* ***Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*** **UMH 196**

Youth Choir, 8:30, *Come, Emmanuel* arr. Sterling
Combined Children's Choir, 11:00 *The Little Drummer Boy* arr. Sterling

Children's Time

Invitation, Confession, Pardon **UMH pg. 12**

Passing of the Peace

Anthem *As We Prepare for Jesus' Birth* by Peterson and McCartha

Sermon and Scripture The Gifts of Christmas Rev. Matthew Meisenhelter
Matthew 2:9b-11, Proverbs 13:12,
Romans 15:12-13, 1 Peter 1:4,
Hebrews 6:19

Window Decorating

People, Look East UMH 202
Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH 203

Offering Prayer

Offertory *The Wexford Carol, Women in Song, 8:30* arr. Schram
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, Men's Choir, 11:00 by Bevan
Doxology* ***In the Mid Bleak Winter v.4*** **UMH 221**

The Great Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer

Next Steps

Hymn* ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** **UMH 216**

Benediction and Postlude*

Hymnal Helps: UMH (red) United Methodist Hymnal - #s below 1000
TFWS (black) The Faith We Sing - #s above 2000, **Bold = Congregation** / *Stand as you are able.

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PRAYER MAIL: prayermail@cumcvb.org

CONGREGATIONAL CARE CONCERNS –

Harbor's Edge	Dolores Fentress
Lake Taylor Rehab	Marilu Temple
Marian Manor	Wanda Ives
Princess Anne Rehab	Annie Laurie Broadwell, Jo Anna Beasley

RESTING AT HOME Jackie Forbes, Norma Butt, Bill Powell

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS are due by noon, Tues., to cumc@cumcvb.org. Please limit your announcement to 3 lines and 3 weeks, specifying dates for publication.

POWER POINT REQUESTS - All persons requiring power point presentations, especially for worship services, should submit information to the office by the previous Wed. morning. Questions? Drop us a line at worshipleader@cumcvb.org.

STEPHEN MINISTERS are available to offer confidential, one-to-one support and Christian care for persons experiencing a difficult time of life or transition such as grief, illness, divorce, job loss, etc. To learn more about this caring ministry opportunity, call Sue Elliker at 575-1749 or speak with one of our pastors.

PLEASE CHECK bulletin boards, and the website, www.cumcvb.org for the most up-to-date calendar of events and activities. Sign up on the website to receive the weekly email updates!

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Rev. Matthew A. Meisenhelter
Associate Pastor	Rev. Brian Boettcher
Director of Music	Dr. Martha Springstead
Worship Leader	Cody Froelich
Minister of Congregational Care	Jannette Clavez
Organist/Orchestra	Mary Letson
Treasurer/Admin. Assoc.	Julie Chapman
Office Manager	Melissa Snow
Childcare Coordinator	Miranda Seligman
Facility Technician	Carl Tignor
Custodian	Otis Cuffee

Attendance	WEEK of
	11/25/2018
Sunday 8:30 Traditional Worship	120
Sunday 9:45 Modern Worship	70
Sunday 11:00 Traditional Worship	<u>132</u>
Total Worship Attendance	322
Sunday School	94

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM is here for you. They assist with all kinds of needs including visiting sick members and shut-ins. Additionally, the team make calls and sends occasional cards. Contact the Minister of Congregational Care, Jannette Clavez, at 757-633-1843, Laura Shaw at 757-362-4780, or the church office at 757-495-1021 to let us know how we can help you.

Advent: The Gifts of Christmas



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December 2, 2018

Welcome to Community United Methodist Church! If you are worshipping with us today as our guest, please stop by the Connection Table located to the left of the double exterior sanctuary doors. There you will find a small gift and a welcome packet. You will also be able to sign up for a name tag. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

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ADVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today through 12/16 2019 Calendar Sale, The Seeker's class will be taking orders for 2019 calendars for \$14, to support the 2019 Snowball. Look for us in the Cross Roads from 9 to 11 on Sunday morning!

12/6 All women all invited to the United Methodist Women Installation of Officers and Holiday Program Thursday, Dec 6, 2018 at 7pm in the Chapel. Join us for an evening of storytelling on the "Spirit of Giving". Childcare is available for infant to 12 years – contact the church, 495-1021 no later than Tuesday, Dec 4th.

12/7 CHANGE OF DATE for Community Crafters. We will meet at Carol Abbotts house on **12/7** at 10:00 a.m. Call Lynn McCandlish 757-646-2318 or Carol Abbott for directions. Any and all crafters are welcome.

12/12 – 12/19 CUMC Winter Shelter program. Donations of hats, socks and, gloves will be given directly to our guests. Cash donations can be marked "Winter Shelter Mission." Your help in any way would be gratefully appreciated. For questions contact Doug Mills at 467-0229 or douglasmillsjr@gmail.com.

At this time of giving thanks, Jan Hurd would like to thank all who contributed to her recent mission trip to Uganda. Because of your generosity, all 36 children at GRACE Home in the refugee camp in Uganda now have math and reading textbooks. You also helped me purchase supplies for the teacher workshop and contribute to the general fund for this Methodist orphanage. Bless you for your gifts!

TO SHOW OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION for the pastors and staff at CUMC and all they do to make our church the great family of faith we are, a love offering is being collected through Dec 23rd. Please indicate your contribution to this offering by writing "love offering" on the memo line of your check, designating your offering envelope, or use the envelopes in the pew racks, writing "love offering" on the line.

Hear them Ring! Help by ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Providence Square Kroger. Your ringing will bring the spirit to many a store patron. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Andrew Kissell at 839-0790 for a 2-hour time slot. We will be ringing on Black Friday, every Sat in Dec and on Christmas eve.

12/16 BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - Sometimes it's hard to "be jolly" in this "most wonderful time of the year." Whether it's sadness over a loss or fear of what the future may hold, this service offers a way to bring that sadness or fear to God in a loving and supportive atmosphere. Join us Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel for this service of remembrance and hope. The service will be followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments.

Angel Trees: This week we highlight the Roper Home and the Judeo Christian Outreach Center. The Roper Home is a Methodist Home for ambulatory elderly women. JCOC provides housing and job training for adult men and women. They also run the day center at the new Human Resource Center on Witchduck Rd.

We offer our loving condolences to Francis Snowden and family over the passing of Robert (Bob) Snowden. The funeral was Nov. 28, 2018.

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Bell ringing for Salvation Army - Black Friday & Saturdays through Christmas Eve, at the Providence Square Kroger, sign-ups on the large bulletin board between the restrooms.

Angel Trees - gifts for those in need posted on angels, take an angel and bring gifts back under the tree by Sunday, December 16th.

Dec. 6 - 7:00 p.m.: UMW Officer Installation, in the chapel. United Methodist Women, (UMW), Women in mission, all women invited.

Dec. 8 - 9:00 a.m.: UMM Officer Installation, in the Social Hall, breakfast. Men in mission, all men and their wives are invited.

Dec. 16 - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.: Cantata, in the Sanctuary, a musical service provided by our Choirs and Orchestra.
9:45 - Contemporary Service

3:00 p.m. A Blue Christmas Service, in the Chapel. A service for those feeling overwhelmed by the season.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Youth Group, Christmas Party, locations TBD.
All youth invited.

Dec. 23 - 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.: A Christmas Cookie Extravaganza, we share home-made cookies between the services, cookies should be delivered by 8:30 a.m.

9:45 - Children's Sunday School, will gather in Rm. 117 for a Christmas Party

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
2:00 p.m. - A Service of Lessons & Carols

5:00 p.m. - A Modern Service with 9:45 Worship Band.

7:00 p.m. - A Family Service of Lessons & Carols

11:00 p.m. Traditional Liturgy
*Holy Communion to be offered at all services. Nursery provided at 2:00 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.