

Greetings/Announcements

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Teri Dolsak, horn

Call to Worship*

Leader We live in a world divided by conflict, afflicted with violence, and plagued by war; but we still believe in a better future.

People *Our peace comes from God, who in Christ Jesus reconciles the world to the one true God.*

Leader Shalom, peace, is the wholeness and fullness of life found in relationship with God and with our neighbors.

People *Our peace is from God that desires all of us to become whole.*

Leader As we light this candle of Peace, may we have peace that flows from God, who desires wholeness and fullness of life for all creation.

People *May the gift of Peace, also be ignited in our hearts every day. Amen.*

Hymn* *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* **UMH 218**

Passing the Peace*

Cherub Choir, 11:00 *Praise to the Infant King* by Allen

Children's Time

Morning Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Do Not Find Me Sleeping* by Martin and Paige
Karen Farquer, Flute

Sermon and Scripture The Gifts of Christmas Rev. Matthew Meisenhelter
Luke 2:8-15, Romans 5:1
Ephesians 2 (selected verses)
1 John 3:19-24

Hymn* *What Gift Can We Bring vs 1 & 4.* **UMH 87**

Affirmation of Faith* **UMH 881**

Next Steps

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Advent Hymn* by Nuckols
Liz Griffin

Doxology* *In the Mid Bleak Winter v.4* **UMH 221**

Hymn* *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* **UMH 236**

Benediction and Postlude*

12/11 Grace Circle will be meeting at the home of Dee Mills at 6:30 p.m.

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.

12/16 BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be at 3:00 pm in the chapel. For anyone who has experienced a loss of joy, meaning in life, of a loved one, a relationship or a job, the Christmas season can be a difficult time. Come and join us in hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, who struggle, and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. The service will be followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments.

12/21 The Builders class invites you to an Open House from 2-4 p.m. at Joe and Celeste Mohon's, 633 Sam Snead Lane, Virginia Beach. Take a break from the rush of the season, enjoy some Christmas cookies with us, and greet our former class members Rene' Murden and Sue Thomas who are making a short visit to this area as they travel to be with family over the holidays.

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 every Sat. in Dec, and on Christmas eve.

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
Westminster Canterbury	Carolyn Dennis

RESTING AT HOME Jackie Forbes, Norma Butt, Bill Powell

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS are due by noon, Tues., email 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.

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 for the week of 12/2/2018

Total Worship Attendance	405
Sunday School	119

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 makes 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 9, 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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