

Greetings/Announcements

Prelude *You Don't Have to Be a Shining Star,* by Furman and Nolan
Youth Choir 8:30

We Three Kings, by Stephenson
Joyful Noise Ringers 11:00

Call to Worship*

Leader In a world full of injustice and inequity, God works in the lives of all redeeming and restoring with grace.

People *God's justice is love and expressed in the world.*

Leader As God's people, we respond to God's movement in our lives and in the world and God's work has been to set the world right once again.

People *God's justice is love expressed in the world.*

Leader As we light this candle of Love, may we have assurance that God will be present and active in our lives.

People *May the gift of Love, also be ignited in our hearts every day, so that we might live out God's way. Amen.*

Hymn* *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* **UMH 213**

Passing the Peace*

Claire Lundberg, 8:30 *Mary Did You Know* by Lowery and Green

Charles Wesley Choir, 11:00 *We'll Call Him Jesus* by Brentwood

Children's Time

Morning Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Christmas Bringeth Jesus* by Nix

Sermon and Scripture The Gifts of Christmas Rev. Brian Boettcher

Hymn* *Love Came Down at Christmas* **UMH 242**

Affirmation of Faith*

UMH 881

Next Steps

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Breath of Heaven,* Dan Lovelace Memorial Ringers arr. Eithun

Doxology* **UMH 94**

Hymn* *There's a Song in the Air* **UMH 249**

Benediction and Postlude*

Christmas Eve schedule will be 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. modern service with the worship band, 7:00 p.m. a service of lessons and carols; and 11:00 p.m. will be a traditional liturgy. Candle light and Holy communion will be offered at all services, and nursery will be provided at 2, 5, and 7 p.m.

1/14 Appalachia Service Project(ASP) interest meeting at 7 p.m. in the library. Come join our summer 2019 mission trip. ASP is a relational ministry with construction on the side. For more information, call Bill Fletcher, 376-0862. We need your help making homes safer, warmer and drier.

1/7 FEEDING THE HOMELESS - at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. Volunteers needed for meal prep at the Center is at 3:00 p.m.; and serving is 6:00 p.m. Sign up to donate items on the bulletin board outside the narthex.

The CUMC Food Pantry needs right now are cereal and any type of dry pasta. Thank you for your continued support!

Bogies, Birdies, and Believers: Would you like to share your love of God and love of golf? Please sign up on the sheets located in the cross roads.

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 today. 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.

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, 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

12/16/2018	
Total Worship Attendance	645
Sunday School	144

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



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December 23, 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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