

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

**Call to Worship\***

Leader Although the beckoning star heeded by the wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

**People** *The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.*

Leader We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

**People** *Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.*

Leader And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

**People** *We offer ourselves and what we have.*

Leader The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

**People** *Let us rejoice and be glad!*

Hymn\* *Once in Royal David's City* UMH 250

**Passing of the Peace\***

Hymn\* *Away in a Manger* UMH 217

Children's Time

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

**Morning Litany and Prayer**

Leader For those who seek a Savior

**People** *We lead them to the stable, to the One who was born.*

Leader To bring Freedom

**People** *Forgiveness. Liberty.*

Leader For those who seek assurance

**People** *we lead them to the light, to the One who opens eyes to understanding God's Word: Truth.*

Leader For those who seek Forgiveness

**People** *We lead them to a Grace beyond comprehension. To wholeness. Healing. Peace.*

Hymn\* *He Is Born* UMH 228

Psalm 148

Anthem *Precious Child, So Sweetly Sleeping* by Hoppe and Nordmeyer

Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn\* *What Child Is This* UMH 219

**Creed, Nicene Creed 880**

Hymn\* *Sing We Now of Christmas* UMH 237

**Offering Prayer**

Offertory *Noel* by Tomlin  
Liz Griffin and Jenn Harrison

Hymn\* *What Gift Can We Bring* UMH 87

Hymn\* *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

Hymn\* *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

Benediction

**Congratulations** and best wishes to Mary Aliece Jakobowski and Christopher Hope who were married in the CUMC sanctuary yesterday, 12/29/2018. May God bless their new life together.

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

**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.

**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.

**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 worshippingleader@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

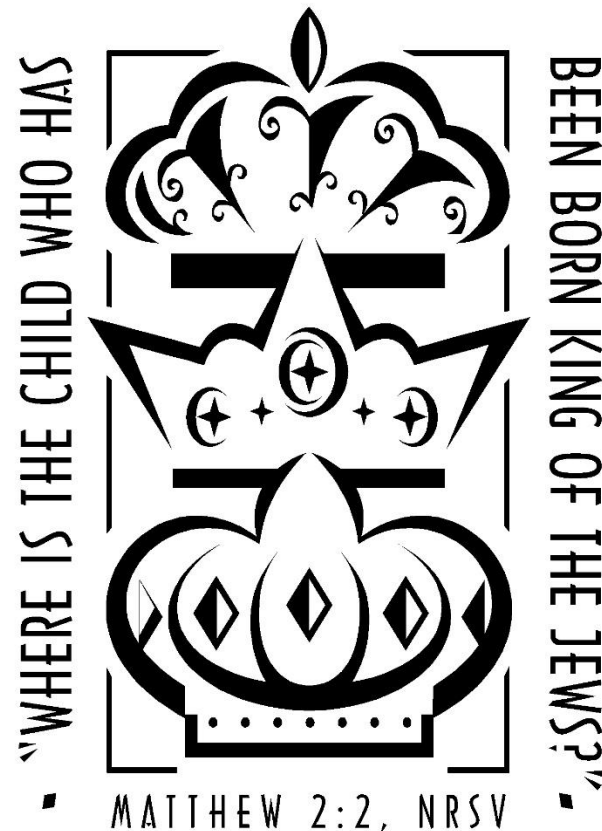
**Attendance for the week of 12/23/2018**

Total Worship Attendance	378
Sunday School	122

**Attendance for Christmas Eve 12/24/2018**

2:00 p.m. service	85
5:00 p.m. service	109
7:00 p.m. service	380
11:00 p.m. service	108

**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



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**December 30, 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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