

**Baltimore-Washington Conference + The United Methodist Church
Church Profile 2024**

LaVale & Christ United Methodist Churches (2-point charge)

LaVale UMC 565 National Highway LaVale MD 21502

Christ UMC 336 Race St. Cumberland MD 231502

Allegany County

Cumberland-Hagerstown District

Parsonage _____ Yes No Housing Allowance \$22,306

Salary \$60,869

Number of worship services: 2

Average Worship Attendance: LaVale: 70; Christ: 40 (in-person)

Number of appointed clergy: 1 Number of additional paid staff: 5

What are the characteristics of the church and community?

LaVale has been experiencing growth in recent years; evidenced by an increased population and growth in retail & other businesses. Cumberland is in a place of transition as population shifts and businesses adjust to changes in their workforce.

Christ UMC is located in South Cumberland, an area with several schools and a long history of community cohesion. LaVale UMC is on National Highway, centrally located amidst this growing community.

What is the vision for the next 3-5 years?

LaVale: committed to remaining a United Methodist church to demonstrate that it is an open, loving, welcoming place that embraces the entire community, not just certain members of it. Seeks to meet people where they are and partner with community organizations to help alleviate poverty in the area.

Christ: to continue as a presence and congregation in South Cumberland.

What are the expectations of the pastor?

LaVale: embrace the vision of “unity, not uniformity;” willing to be flexible and adaptable; expand the congregation’s reach into the community; increase membership; and work toward the mission of fighting poverty and providing an inclusive and safe space for all.

Christ: enthusiastic and a good listening skills; provide pastoral care to congregants and community members; commitment to and gifts for community outreach, especially children and young adults.