



# I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

APRIL 28, 2024  
10:30 AM

## **OUR VISION**

To be a church that is creative, fearless, diverse, and vibrant, where everyone is welcome regardless of where they are in their faith journey.

# WELCOME!

*“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes  
the one who sent me.”*

**(Matthew 10:40)**

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God’s creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God’s love has no bounds.

## Getting Connected

We are truly glad you are here! We invite you to look over this week’s announcements. Feel free to participate in any upcoming activities that interest you. Pastor Abi, staff, or greeters are happy to answer any questions.

Check out **cofumc.org** for information about:

- ◆ Children & Youth
- ◆ Adult Learning & Small Groups
- ◆ Choir & Music Ministry
- ◆ The Food Pantry
- ◆ Local Mission & Outreach

## Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer concerns and praises online at [pastor@cofumc.org](mailto:pastor@cofumc.org) at any time. These prayers are then collected and shared on Mondays with a small, faithful prayer team who commits to praying over all needs within the community.

## Holy Communion

As a United Methodist congregation, we practice an open Communion Table. This means that **all** are welcome to participate. For those with allergies, gluten free elements are available upon request.

## Guest Wi-Fi

To access wi-fi during worship, the guest password is: [Godlovesyou](#)



## Giving

No cash today but still want to give? No problem. To give online by credit card or EFT transfer, please scan the QR code. Thank you!

## WORSHIP GUIDE

*Welcome! We are glad we could worship with you today!  
May you experience God's blessing upon you.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE	<i>I Lift My Hands, Kempen</i>	Kelly Nam Helen East, Acolyte
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Abi Foerster
*PASSING THE PEACE		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
	Happy are we <b>when our treasures cannot be quantified.</b> Happy are we <b>when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.</b> Happy are we <b>when our pain is held in the balm of love.</b> Happy are we <b>when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.</b>	
*OPENING HYMN	<i>My Hope is Built</i>	UMH #368
*OPENING PRAYER		
	God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your kingdom may come as blessing. Amen.	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 5:1 –12 (NRSV, p. 4 NT)	Joe East
	<i>At the conclusion of the reading:</i> May God add a blessing to the reading of this Word. <b>Praise be to God!</b>	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Rev. Abi Foerster
*SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	UMH #707
A TIME OF CENTERING	<i>I Can Only Imagine</i>	Video Clip

WITNESS TO THE WORD                      Imagine Redemption                      Rev. Abi Foerster

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

MISSION MOMENT                      Casa BruMar                      Terri Orvis, Mission Chair

OFFERTORY PRAYER                      Rev. Abi Foerster

\*OFFERTORY                      *We Are Redeemed*, Lee Dengler                      Sanctuary Choir

*As the Spirit leads during the hymn of reflection, please bring your tithes and offerings and place them in the brass plate on the altar. Or you may give electronically through our website <https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/>. Thank you for your generosity.*

DOXOLOGY                      UMH #94

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                      Hannah Godfrey

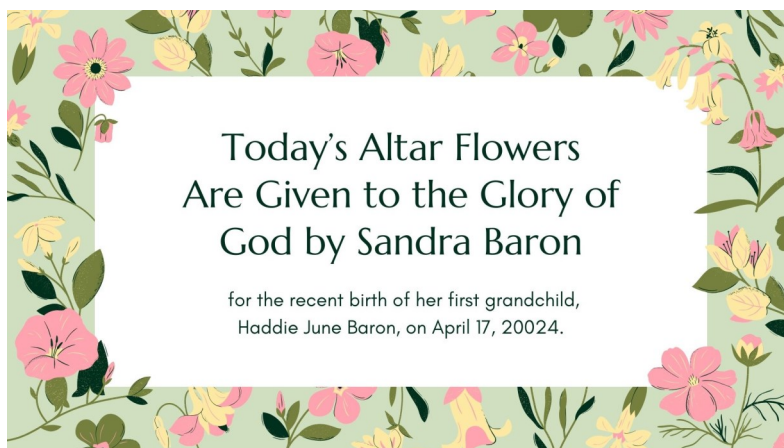
\*CLOSING HYMN                      *Bring Forth the Kingdom*                      TFWS #2190

\*BENEDICTION                      Rev. Abi Foerster

May the Spirit be upon you as you proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Go with power and go in peace In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL                      *Go Now in Peace*                      UMH #665

\*POSTLUDE                      *But For Your Grace*, Baloché                      Kelly Nam



## WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE



**The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is meeting, April 23—May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC.** Stay up to date with the latest news, decisions, and celebrations from this global gathering. Please keep all the delegates, including Rev. Rob Vaughn (the previous pastor of CoF), in your prayers during this time. Also, mark your calendars for **Pentecost Sunday, May 19** as Pastor Rob and another delegate from the Congo will be with us in worship to share more directly about their experiences at General Conference.

**LGBTQ+ Round Table Discussion**  
Sunday, April 28  
9:45 - 10:30 AM  
with Eveyln BruMar  
Executive Director of CasaBruMar  
Come learn how to better support  
LGBTQ youth and young adults in VA

**CASA BRUMAR**  
Acceptance. Assistance. Advocacy.

**LGBTQ+ Round Table Discussion:** The Mission Team has invited Evelyn BruMar, executive director and founder of Casa BruMar Foundation, to share more about her work with LGBTQ+ youth and the ways CoF might serve as a partner. Casa BruMar is a nonprofit that

helps to bridge the gap that leaves the LGBTQ+ community behind when it comes to equality that is equitable in education, social services, and human dignity in Prince William County and the Commonwealth of VA. RSVP on the clipboard today!

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FRIDAY, MAY 3  
7 - 9:30 PM  
Watch Party @ COF!  
FREE EVENT | REQUEST YOU BRING  
A SNACK TO SHARE

**In tandem with our current sermon series:** We are hosting a Watch Party for the “I Can Only Imagine” movie about Bart Millard’s life that inspired the current series. Join others at CoF on Friday, May 3 from 7—9:30 PM (6:45 PM doors open). Movie is free, with request you bring a snack to share. Thanks!

..... **SUMMER** .....

**BOOK CLUB**  
WITH PASTOR ABI

First discussion  
on Thursday,  
June 13, 7 PM  
@ Big Buns

**Cultish: The Language  
of Fanaticism** by  
Amanda Montell

RSVP TO:  
admingcofumc.org

**Summer Book Club:** Pastor Abi has some books she’d love to share with you this Summer and the first one in the Summer Series is “Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism” by Amanda Montell. On Thursday, June 13, we’ll

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gather at 7 PM at Big Buns (across the street from CoF) to facilitate a discussion of the book over dinner and what it means for our faith and life. To RSVP, please contact Tierra Whitlow in the main office.



**VOLUNTEER!**

### FOOD PANTRY

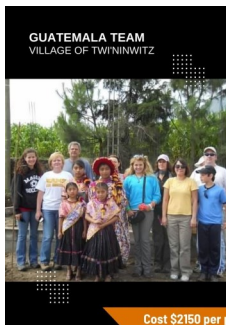
Pick up groceries. Distribute food.  
Support our food pantry

**TUESDAY DISTRIBUTION**  
4 - 6 PM

**GROCERY RUNS**  
All Days Needed  
Mornings

☎ 571-232-8819    🌐 [cofumc.org/foodpantry](http://cofumc.org/foodpantry)

**Food Pantry Volunteers:** If you'd like to help support the Pantry, volunteers are needed most mornings to make food pick ups and sort groceries. Additionally, volunteers are needed on Tuesdays from 4—6 PM to distribute food to our neighbors. Contact Hannah Godfrey, Food Pantry Director, [food@cofumc.org](mailto:food@cofumc.org), to volunteer.



**GUATEMALA TEAM**  
VILLAGE OF TWININWITZ

**Cost \$2150 per person**

Sat, July 6 - Sat, 13

## MISSION TRIP 2024

Vale UMC is hosting a team for its 17th year! Variety of projects -- all skill levels welcome. 16-years and older. Contact Deb Cohen to participate. [deb@debcohenrealestate.com](mailto:deb@debcohenrealestate.com).

**SERVING OTHERS**

Vale is heading to Guatemala this summer to serve on mission. CoF folks (16 and older) are invited to join too. Please contact Deb Cohen or Miracle Ryder for more info about participating July 6—13, 2024.



### Ministry Huddle: First Sundays

*Be a part of what God is doing at CoF - Join the Team!*

Would you like to jump into serving at CoF but you're not sure where? Then plan to come out for our next Ministry Huddle on Sunday, May 5 from 4—5:30 PM as the various ministry teams are equipped for leadership and to work together to carry out God's plans for reaching our community.



*We Stand for Peace*

**Can you host Nelly & Slav in your home for 1 - 3 weeks while they wait for their new apartment?**

*Talk with Pastor Abi for more details on how you can help.*

Community of Faith has been working with a couple that has regularly volunteered with our Food Pantry for the past few years. They escaped Ukraine and came to the US during the war. Their apartment will be ready, Tuesday, May 28 and we are seeking a sponsor for 1 to 3 weeks while they are between homes. Please speak to Pastor Abi if you have a room you could host them in during this time.

## PRAYERS

*Do you have an immediate prayer request?*

*There is an intercessory prayer team that prays for all submitted prayer requests each week.*

*Please email any prayer requests to Pastor Abi.*

### **For our members**

- Marcia, Gail, Kerry, Violet, Rob Lynn, Carl, Tom, Nancy, Gazal Chilean, Skip, Nancy Drake, Patty Zerges, Dhana Magness, David Durfee, Larissa Pepler, & June ( Jocelyn's daughter) for health
- For Food Pantry donations and volunteers

### **For our parents and families**

- Welcome Haddie (Sandra Baron's granddaughter) born April 17. Praises!
- Levi during his recovery from surgery.
- Wes (Eva Barcia's uncle) & Bobby Esterline, (Terri Orvis's brother in law) for health
- Sandi (Terri's Orvis's sister), for comfort and strength
- Parents of Lara Fries (Shelby), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Terri Orvis, Di Hannum (Dottie) Don & Debbie Fultz (Dorothy), (Beth) Joanna Dietz mom

### **For our friends & neighbors**

- Brian & Eddie, coworkers of Gail Van Buren
- Tom & Alice, friend of Gail Van Buren
- David Paranzino, recovery double organ surgery and comfort for Tracy
- Kerry Cathcart, PT hip replacement, friend of Natalie Gohrband
- Josh Wall, friend of Mike Folsom as he recovers from a serious car accident
- Krystal, friend of Joe Mclean

### **For our state, nation, and world**

- Keep humanitarian aid coming to Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, and other areas. Facilitate peace talks to end the fighting.
- Give patience, wisdom, understanding, and peace to families with complicated domestic issues.
- US Military who are being deployed
- In solidarity with the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, this week we pray for the people, resources and leadership of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, & Uzbekistan. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle | World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org).
- For the VAUMC delegation at the General Conference, including retired pastor, Rev. Dr. Rob Vaughn

### **Expression of Christian Sympathy**

- Comfort the family of the Dogwood Elementary custodian, David Brothers, who passed.
- Comfort the families of the 7 workers who died while working for the World Food Kitchen.



**Bless the Community**  
AND Honor or Remember a Loved One!



Sign Up to Dedicate  
a Flower Arrangement  
for Worship  
Using the QR Code!

Available Dates April 14 - August 25

## WHAT'S HAPPENING & UPCOMING DATES

### **SUNDAY, April 28**

In-Person Worship, 8:30 AM  
Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Casa BruMar Round Table, 9:45 AM  
In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM  
Confirmation Class, 12 — 1 PM  
Youth Cohort, 12 — 1 PM  
Christian Worship Assembly, 1 PM  
Girl Scouts Meeting, 4 — 5 PM  
MercyMe Concert, 7 PM (GMU)

### **MONDAY April 29**

Food Prep, 11 AM

### **TUESDAY, April 30**

Food Prep, 11 AM  
Food Distribution, 4 — 6 PM  
Vespers, 7 PM

### **WEDNESDAY, May 1**

Boy Scouts Meeting, 7 PM

### **THURSDAY, May 2**

Praise Team, 6:30 PM  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM

### **SUNDAY, May 5**

UMM Breakfast, 7 AM  
In-Person Worship, 8:30 AM  
Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM  
Christian Worship Assembly, 1 PM  
Ministry Huddles, 4 PM

### **MONDAY, May 6**

Food Prep, 11 AM

### **TUESDAY, May 7**

Food Prep, 11 AM  
Food Distribution, 4 — 6 PM  
Vespers, 7 PM

### **WEDNESDAY, May 8**

Boy Scouts Meeting, 7 PM

### **THURSDAY, May 9**

Food Pantry Board, 6 PM  
Praise Team, 6:30 PM  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM

### **SATURDAY, May 11**

Confirmation Dress Rehearsal, 12 PM

## LEADERSHIP & CONTACT INFORMATION

### ***Ministers - The Entire Congregation***

#### *Leadership Board 2024*

Gwen Zanin, chair | Terri Orvis | Jocelyn Gabriel (Lay Leader) | Greg Carter | Larry Gittings  
Gina Lindquist | Sandra Baron | Bill Huff | Carol Larsen | Abi Foerster

*Music Director:* Dr. Mary Ann East | *Music Accompanist:* Dr. Kelly Nam

*Food Ministry Director:* Hannah Godfrey | *Children & Youth Ministry Director:* Miracle Ryder

*Bookkeeper* — Di Hannum Beatty | *Receptionist* — Tierra Whitlow

*Nursery Care* — Ali Greenberg

*Resident Deacon* — Joanna Dietz ([revjodietz@gmail.com](mailto:revjodietz@gmail.com))

*District Superintendent* — Sarah Calvert | Bishop — Sue Hauptert-Johnson

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