



I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 5, 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 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>Shout to the Lord, Zschech</i>	Kelly Nam Helen East, Acolyte
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Abi Foerster
*PASSING THE PEACE		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
	Jesus offers restoration to all, transforming us. Jesus gives us new life so that we may grow and thrive. Jesus gives us new life in the here and now. Let us embrace the new life Jesus offers and celebrate the joy of being fully known and fully loved for who we are.	
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing</i>	UMH #400
*OPENING PRAYER		
	Companion in life and death, your love is steadfast and never ends; our weeping may linger with night, but you give joy in the morning. Touch us with your healing grace that, restored to wholeness, we may live out our calling as your resurrection people. Amen	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 5:21—43 (NRSV, p. 37-38 NT)	Wilson Lindquist
	<i>At the conclusion of the reading:</i> May God add a blessing to the reading of this Word. Praise be to God!	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Miracle Ryder
*SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>I Can Only Imagine</i>	Screens
A TIME OF CENTERING	<i>I Can Only Imagine</i>	Video Clip
WITNESS TO THE WORD	Imagine Redemption	Rev. Abi Foerster
INVITATION, CONFESSION & PARDON		No. 12

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Abi Foerster

*OFFERTORY

Lead Me Home, David Lantz, III

Sanctuary Choir

When you come forward to receive Holy Communion, please bring your tithes and offerings and place them in the basket on the altar. Or you may give electronically through our website <https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/>. Thank you for your generosity.

On the first Sunday of the month, we also take a second mile offering for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which is used to help neighbors in crisis with utilities, medical bills, etc.

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH p. 13

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

*CLOSING HYMN

Something Beautiful

UMH # 394

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Abi Foerster

*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Go Now in Peace

UMH #665

*POSTLUDE

Holy is the Lord, Prince

Kelly Nam

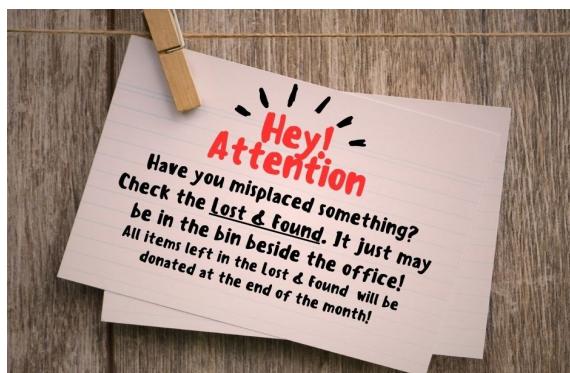


Bless the Community
AND Honor or Remember a Loved One!



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

Available Dates April 14 - August 25



WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE

4-5:30 PM



Ministry Huddle: Sunday, May 5

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

Ministry Huddles: 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 work together to carry out God's plans for reaching our community.



All Invited to Join Us for Our Confirmation Celebration! Two of our youth have completed the formation process Methodists call Confirmation. Please join us for worship on Mother's Day, May 12 at the 10:30 AM service to witness Helen and Wilson "confirm" their faith and join the congregation as adult members. A reception with cake & punch will follow.

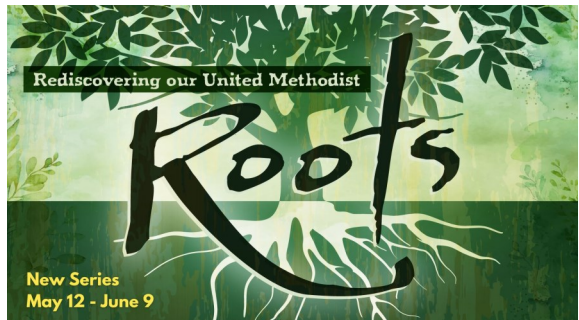
General Conference Debrief

Register Here:

APRIL 22 - MAY 2, 2024
GENERAL CONFERENCE
May 9, 2024
7:00 PM
Virtual

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KNOW
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General Conference Debrief: The Virginia Annual Conference is hosting a post General Conference webinar on Thursday, May 9 at 7 PM. The panel will include Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson; Rev. Lindsey Baynham-Freeman, head of the Virginia delegation; and delegates Rev. Mark Ogren, Marshall Bailey and Rev. Dr. Jonathan Page. This event is open to all. Registration is required.



Upcoming Series: Roots give us the stability and nourishment we need to grow and break new ground. As we seek to grow in our faith, as individuals and as the church, looking back at the deep roots of the Methodist movement can help us look forward to our future. More than mere traditions or rituals, our Methodist roots are evidence of God's Spirit moving through our history, the same Spirit who is breathing life into us today.

WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE!



All Men Are Invited to the Next Gathering.
The men meet monthly at 7 AM for breakfast, fellowship and to explore matters of faith. No need to RSVP, just come out and enjoy!

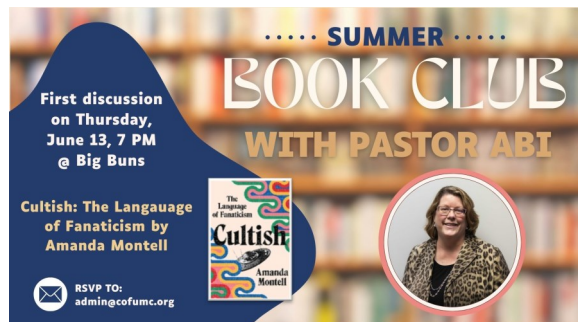


Do you have a Graduate in Your Family? We plan to celebrate our high school seniors as they celebrate this significant milestone with a gift in worship. We would also like to recognize ALL graduates (college, masters, doctorate, War College training, or other significant professional program or trade school) during the month of June. Please return a completed Graduate Recognition Form (in the lobby) to the main office by Sunday, May 19. Thanks.

Save the Date! On June 8th, join CoF and other United Methodists from the DMV to march in the Capital Pride Parade, 12:30—5:30 PM.



Food Pantry Volunteers: To help support the Pantry, volunteers are needed to make food pick ups, sort groceries, and to distribute food to our neighbors (Tuesdays from 4—6 PM). To volunteer, contact Hannah Godfrey, Food Pantry Director, food@cofumc.org.



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

- Bonnie Machado, Dhana Magness, Chris Gohrband, Gail Harman, Marcia Johnston, Bobby Esterline, Violet & Dave Durfee, Rob Lynn, Carl, Nancy, Skip, Nancy Drake, & Patty Zerges for health
- For Food Pantry donations and volunteers

For our parents and families

- Welcome Haddie (Sandra Baron's granddaughter) born April 17 Praises!
- 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

For our state, nation, and world

- Keep humanitarian aid coming throughout the Middle East.
- Send tools to the Ukraine that will help them retain their autonomy.
- US Military who are being deployed
- In solidarity with the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, this week we pray for the people, resources and leadership of India, Pakistan, & Sri Lanka. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle | World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org).
- The VAUMC delegation from the General Conference as they share the experience
- Send aid to the victims of tornadoes in Oklahoma and other nearby states
- Help bring calm to our colleges and universities. Facilitate peaceful discussions.
- Give support to the lonely, the lost, the homeless, & the marginalized

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.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING & UPCOMING DATES

SUNDAY, May 5

In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM
Christian Worship Assembly, 1 PM
Ministry Huddles, 4 PM
Girl Scouts Meeting, 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

Capital Harmonia Rehearsal, 10 AM
Confirmation Dress Rehearsal, 12 PM

SUNDAY, May 12: Mother's Day

Men's Breakfast, 7 AM
In-Person Worship, 8:30 AM
Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM
In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM
Confirmation

Christian Worship Assembly, 12:45 PM
Capital Harmonia Recital, 4 — 5:30 PM

MONDAY, May 13

Food Prep, 11 AM
Praise Team 6:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, May 14

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

WEDNESDAY, May 15

Boy Scouts Meeting, 7 PM
Raj's Meeting, 7:30 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)

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

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