

Rediscovering our United Methodist

Roots

WEEK 1: BAPTISM

MARK 1:4–12

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**MAY 12, 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

Here is Love, Lowery

Kelly Nam

Hazel Lindquist, Acolyte

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Abi Foerster

*PASSING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to the water -

to celebrate God's goodness!

We come to the water -

to celebrate God's love!

We come to the water to remember -

that we are beloved, cherished, and forgiven!

*OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH # 89

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we thank you today for the gift of baptism and how it unites us as one by the Holy Spirit. We thank you that before we do anything, you claim us as beloved, surround us in community, and nurture us to be your people. As we celebrate the meaning of baptism today, especially in the lives of our Confirmands, we ask once again for your cleansing love to wash over all of us. Help us to remember that we all belong to the body of Christ; we each have a special role in your family; and we are sent out into the world to do good and resist evil in your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4—12 & Matthew 28:16—20
(NRSV, p. 32-33 NT)

Joe East

At the conclusion of the reading:

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 Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry</i>	TFWS # 2051
A TIME OF CENTERING	<i>Roots</i>	Video Clip
WITNESS TO THE WORD	Root #1: Baptism (And Confirmation)	Rev. Abi Foerster
INVITATION TO GENEROSITY		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Rev. Abi Foerster
*OFFERTORY	<i>Come to the Water, Pepper Choplin</i>	Sanctuary Choir
<p><i>During the Doxology, 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.</i></p>		
DOXOLOGY		UMH # 94
CONFIRMATION		UMH p. 33
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>I Surrender All</i>	UMH # 354
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Abi Foerster
*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH # 665
*POSTLUDE	<i>Great Are You, Lord, Cook</i>	Kelly Nam

WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE



Confirmation Celebration! All are invited to join our two confirmands for cake & punch following the second service. Also, please take a moment to sign the card near the cake as a memento to remember who was present in worship today to witness this milestone!



Pentecost Potluck: Next Sunday is Pentecost, a festive holy day 50 days after Easter when the Holy Spirit was given. All are invited to our last community meal with Epiphany EC on Sunday, May 19 at 6 PM before the contemplative worship service (which begins at 6:45 PM). The contemplative service in the Celtic tradition is rich with prayer, silence, scripture music, and Holy Communion. **Mike Folsom** will be sharing a part of his story and poetry. Please RSVP to bring a side, dessert or appetizer via the QR code above. We'll provide **Fried Chicken** as the main course.



Do you have a Graduate in Your Family? We will celebrate our high school seniors with a gift in worship on Sunday, June 9. 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 May 19.



Join the Upcoming Pride Parade: On June 8th, join CoF and other United Methodists from the DMV to march in the Capital Area Pride Parade. For more than a decade, LGBTQIA+ United Methodists and allies have joined together in the parade to provide witness to God's love for all people. Meet at CoF at 12:30 PM and then we'll take the Metro together to the staging area near Dupont Circle. For more info, contact Terri Orvis, Mission Team Chair.

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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

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.

Summer Sunday Schedule

June 16 – Sept. 1
8:30 AM Sunday School
10 AM Worship
11:15 AM Engagement Hour



Announcement: Our new Summer schedule begins Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day). Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for worship at 10 AM, with discipleship opportunities before and after worship. Nursery available from 10 AM—Noon.



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


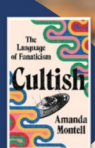
..... **SUMMER**

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:
adming@cofumc.org



Hey!
Attention

Have you misplaced something?
Check the Lost & Found. It just may
be in the bin beside the office!
All items left in the Lost & Found will be
donated at the end of the month!

VALE UMC

Vacation Bible School

July 30 - August 1
9:30 - 11:30am



Just Like Me Bible Stories | Crafts | Games | Music
3 years old to 5th grade

Register: valechurch.org
Questions? Contact Miracle (Children & Youth Ministry Director): valedcym@gmail.com

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, David Paranzino, Nancy, Skip, Nancy Drake, & Patty Zerges for health
- For Food Pantry donations and volunteers

For our parents and families

- Welcome Emma Grace Folsom (Mile Folsom's granddaughter)! Arrived on May 6 at 7 lbs. 11 oz. Praise be to God!
- 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
- 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

- Give patience and endurance to the educators and students as they wrap up the year.
- Support the new college and high school graduates as they start a new adventure!
- Send help to the victims of recent tornadoes in the mid-west.
- Aid the people in the path of torrential rain and flooding in Texas.
- 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 **Bangladesh, Bhutan, & Nepal**. [The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle | World Council of Churches \(oikoumene.org\)](http://oikoumene.org).
- Help bring calm to our colleges and universities. Facilitate peaceful discussions.
- Give comfort to the lonely, the lost, the homeless, & the marginalized. Please guide them to assistance.
- Lead the unemployed to the work they are seeking.

Expression of Christian Sympathy

- Comfort the families of the 7 workers who died while working for the World Food Kitchen.
- Comfort for the Huff family on the loss of a member, Pete. Please give strength and support to his wife, Susan.

WHAT'S HAPPENING & UPCOMING DATES

SUNDAY, May 12: Mother's Day

In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM
Confirmation Reception, 11:30 AM
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
Sanctuary Choir, 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
Ashburn Oaks II HOA meeting, 7:30 — 9 PM

SUNDAY, May 19

In-Person Worship, 8:30 AM
Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM
In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM
Christian Worship Assembly, 1 PM
Leadership Meeting, 3 — 4:30 PM
Contemplative Worship Service at COF, 6:45 PM
Dinner is at 6 PM

MONDAY, May 20

Food Prep, 11 AM

TUESDAY, May 21

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

WEDNESDAY, May 22

Boy Scouts Meeting, 7 PM

THURSDAY, May 23

Food Pantry Board Meeting, 6 — 7 PM
Praise Team, 6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir, 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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