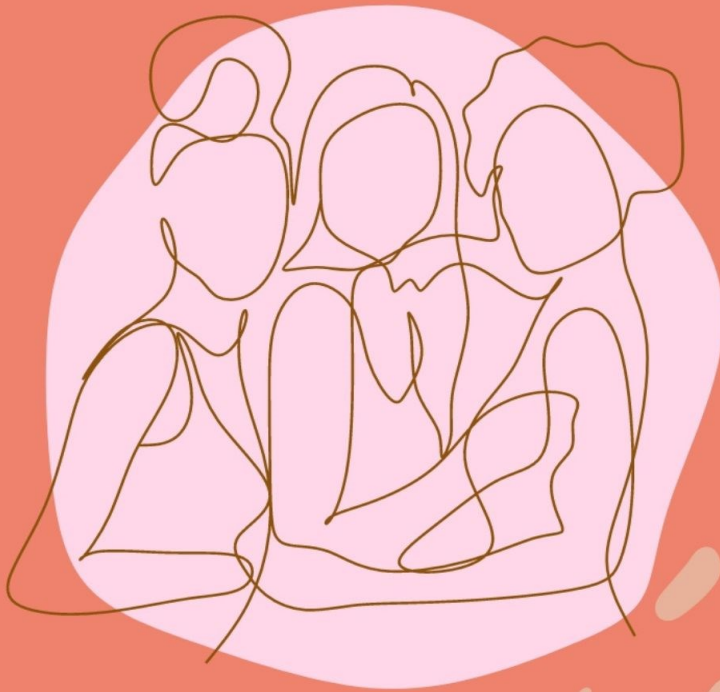


Bad Girls of the Bible



THIRD
SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024
10:30 AM

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 glad you are here! We invite you to take a look at this week's announcements and feel free to participate in any upcoming activities that interest you.

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 WiFi

To access wifi 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>Above All</i> , Baloché	Kelly Nam
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Abi Foerster
PASSING THE PEACE		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Skeptics, new believers, and faithful alike; You are welcome in this place! Rich, poor, and all who are in between; You are welcome in this place! Workers, travelers, preachers, and doubters; Gather around for you are welcome in this place! ALL: We are the church, so let us worship God!		
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	UMH #369
* OPENING PRAYER		
Gracious and most loving God, we pray that this would be a safe space for us to gather, pray, find encouragement, and hear your Word proclaimed. Be with us as we build community, build your church, baptize new believers, encourage the faithful, and strive to do your work in the world. Remind us again and again that we are enough not because of what we have but because of who you are. Empower us to offer radical hospitality that all may meet you in this place. We lift this up in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	1 Samuel 1:3—18 (NRSV, p.233-234)	Hannah Godfrey
CHILDREN'S TIME		Rev. Abi Foerster
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	UMH #405
CENTERING VIDEO	<i>Glorious</i>	Screens
WITNESS TO THE WORD	Bad Girls of the Bible: Hannah	Rev. Lauren Todd

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		UMH #881
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Rev. Abi Foerster
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY	<i>Change My Heart, O God</i>	TFWS #2152
<p><i>During the Offertory, please come forward and place your tithes and offerings in the brass plate on the altar. Or, you may give electronically through our website, https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity.</i></p>		
*DOXOLOGY		UMH #94
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Hannah Godfrey
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH #895
<p>Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.</p>		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Take My Life</i>	UMH #399
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lauren Todd
*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH #665
*POSTLUDE	<i>I Just Want to Praise, Tannous</i>	Kelly Nam

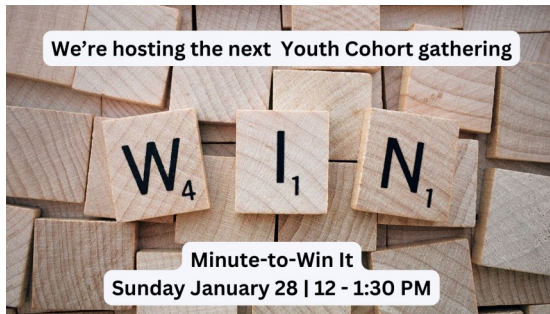
WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE



Food Pantry Volunteers: Our Food Pantry has been holding steady at nearly 200 families weekly. Are you able to help during the day to pick up food or sort groceries? Or, to help distribute food to our neighbors on Tuesdays? Your time and joy would be greatly appreciated! Please email Hannah (food@cofumc.org) to confirm. Thanks.



Adult Sunday School: Start the New Year off right – in God's Word! Join teacher and facilitator, Mike Folsom, as the Adult Sunday School Class continues to explore the writings of Paul in his letters to the Corinthians.



Next Youth Gathering: CoF Youth are hosting the next Cohort gathering of five area UMCs on Sunday, January 28. We are planning a "minute to win it" game night, food and friends for great way to kick off the New Year! Our new Children & Youth Director, Miracle, will be here – come out and get to know her! RSVP to Hannah Godfrey if you plan to attend.



New Mid-Week Small Group: Would you be interested in joining a short-term, mid-week Bible Study in the New Year? Pastor Abi is thinking that the Bad Girls of the Bible study by Liz Curtis Higgins might be fun beginning Thursday, January 18. Targeting 6 to 8 sessions on Thursday evenings, 5:45—7:15 pm. Email Pastor Abi to let her know you would like to join the conversation.



It's the New Year and a good time to recalibrate your soul from the busyness of the holiday season. Join us for our monthly contemplative service on January 21 at 6:45 pm.



Justice or Just Us: Confronting racism is not just a social or political matter, but a theological one. It is the Bible that calls us to pursue justice, and the Bible that calls us to oppose racism. Justice or Just Us is a four-week video curriculum based on a sermon series and anti-racism commitment at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Card Making: Join us TODAY at 1 p.m. as we craft and create beautiful cards to share with family and friends. Class is limited to 8 participants and registration is required. Please help us plan for your presence by emailing Sandy Jones at richard.jones20@cox.net.



Save the Date! Don't have Valentine's Day Plans worked out yet? No problem! This year, we are co-hosting a joint Pancakes & Ashes Worship Event with Vale UMC. Their Boy Scout Troop will be serving a Pancake Dinner starting at 6 PM by donation. This will be followed by a hands-on, all-age worship experience to mark the beginning of Lent. Participants will reflect on the various meanings of Ash as an initial starting point on the pathway towards Easter and learning to love like Jesus. RSVP today by emailing Di Hannum at office@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

- Ali Greenberg's new job
- Marcia Johnston, for health
- Gail Harman for Health
- Violet Durfee for health
- For our Food Pantry for donations and for volunteers
- All those dealing with empty spaces at the table this year

For our parents and families

- David's cousin Laura
- Gwen's mother-in-law Tony
- Miracle's brother Kevin
- Jocelyn's Aunt Aida for health and June recovery from sprained ankle
- Wes, Eva Barcia's uncle as he recovers from an illness
- Parents of Lara Fries (Shelby), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Mary Ann East (Jackie), Kim Fuller (Joanne), Terri Orvis, Di Hannum (Dottie) Don & Debbie Fultz (Dorothy) (Beth) Joanna Dietz mom

For our friends & neighbors

- Tom and 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

- Gratitude for the release of hostages
- Communities dealing with gun violence
- US Military who are being deployed
- Peace between Israel and Palestine
- Christians of Pakistan
- For those suffering from natural disasters throughout the world
- In solidarity with the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, this week we pray for the people, resources and leadership **Cyprus, Greece, Turkey**([The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle | World Council of Churches \(oikoumene.org\)](https://www.oikoumene.org/en/about-the-ecumenical-prayer-cycle)).
- People of Ukraine and the opposition in Russia to the invasion

For Expression of Sympathy are extended for:

- The family of Di Hannum upon the death of her father, Danny, in December.





**Today's Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God.**

*To bless the community during
worship, sign up to donate or
bring flowers!*




WHAT'S HAPPENING & UPCOMING DATES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

In-Person Worship, 8:30 AM
Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM
In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM
Card Making with Sandy Jones 1PM
Girl Scouts 4PM
Contemplative Service 6:45PM COF

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Food Prep, 11AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Food Prep, 11 AM
Food Distribution, 4 – 6 PM
Vespers with Pastor Abi 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Boy Scouts 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Bible Study 5:45PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

FRIIDAY, FEBRUARY 2-16-23

Friday Morning Bible Study with Joanna Dietz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Youth Cohort 12-1:30PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Pancakes & Ashes at Vale UMC
Pancake Dinner 6PM/Service at 7 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

Office Manager – Di Hannum Beatty | *Nursery Care* – Ali Greenberg

Resident Deacon – Joanna Dietz (revjodietz@gmail.com)

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