

# CULPEPER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## HIGHLIGHTS 2026



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

• **LUKE 10:27**



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# HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT CUMC



**Culpeper United Methodist Church (CUMC) offers a variety of ways for members and regular attendees to serve in worship, discipleship, outreach, and missions. Each of these areas provides meaningful ways to get involved and make a difference. All members are encouraged to explore these opportunities and find their place in serving God, the church, and the community with their gifts, talents, and time.**

**Worship** is at the heart of church life. CUMC offers various worship opportunities to meet the diverse needs of the congregation. Opportunities for adults and children to serve include music, ushering, reading scripture, and providing technical support.

CUMC offers numerous **discipleship** opportunities to help members grow in their faith. These include Bible studies, small-group discussions, and educational workshops. These programs are designed to deepen understanding of God's Word and strengthen members' spiritual journeys.

The church engages with the local community through various **outreach** programs, including food drives, shelter support, and community events. These initiatives allow CUMC to extend love and support to those in need, fostering a spirit of compassion and service.

**Mission** work extends both locally and globally. CUMC organizes mission trips, supports missionaries, and participates in disaster-relief efforts. These activities provide tangible assistance to those in need and allow the church to share God's love beyond the immediate community.



# WORSHIP

## THE HEART OF CHURCH LIFE

### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Two Sunday services are offered at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. each week and are open to everyone, regardless of age, membership, or background. Participation and engagement in worship services is encouraged, and each service includes a children's message. Both Sunday services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

### HOW TO SERVE

- **Acolytes:** Children and youth light candles and assist in worship. Training is provided.
- **Ushers/greeters:** Ushers and greeters welcome attendees, distribute bulletins and assist with offering collection.
- **Scripture readers:** Children, youth, and adults read pre-assigned scripture passages during worship services.
- **Communion servers:** Servers assist with communion on the first Sunday of each month.
- **Altar Guild:** The paraments, banners, and decorations are changed according to the liturgical calendar.
- **Flowers on the altar:** Flowers symbolize beauty, life, and the joy of creation, enhancing the worship experience and honoring the sacred space.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE CONTACTS

- **Chair:** Shirley Toth
- **Acolytes:** Ann Beamer
- **Ushers and funerals:** Billy and Bonnie Sisk
- **Scripture readers:** Jan Fitts
- **Communion servers:** Kenny Burns
- **Altar Guild:** Doug and Suzie Taylor
- **A/V:** Jessica Munnikhuisen
- **Kitchen Care:** Bonnie Sisk, Linda Christensen
- **Weddings:** Diana Ayscue
- **Pew pockets:** Nancy Tuttle
- **Flowers on the altar:** Jean Krueger

Contact the Worship Committee at [shirleytoth@culpeperumc.org](mailto:shirleytoth@culpeperumc.org).



## FLAME CAFE

Flame Cafe offers informal fellowship and a light breakfast with coffee between Sunday worship services in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate breakfast items, help with set-up and clean-up, or welcome attendees, please contact Sharon Lam at 540-219-0745 or [slam1570@hotmail.com](mailto:slam1570@hotmail.com).

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Our vibrant adult choir is open to all adults and young adults regardless of musical experience. You may not read music, but you still love singing. Well, there is no better place to experience the joy of music than singing in an ensemble. The choir sings during Sunday 11 a.m. worship services and special events throughout the year. Joining the choir is also a wonderful way to connect with others, enhance worship, and contribute to the church community through the gift of music. If you are interested in making this commitment, practices are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Please contact Glenn Little at [glittle2@gmail.com](mailto:glittle2@gmail.com) to join or learn more.

## SPIRITUAL CARE COMPANIONS

At both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday services, Spiritual Care Companions provide spiritual care for the congregation. They pray with the pastor before services, interceding for worship leaders and attendees. After each service, they are available to meet and pray with anyone in need. This role is perfect for anyone passionate about spiritual care and prayer. Please contact Doreen Vargo at [domama@comcast.net](mailto:domama@comcast.net).

## NEXT GENERATION CHOIR

Next Generation Choir connects preschool through high school students to God, each other, and the CUMC congregation through music. The choir meets for two to three months each fall and spring, and aims to share music during the Christmas season and on Palm Sunday. Leadership for this group is currently vacant. Reach out to [nextgen@culpeperumc.org](mailto:nextgen@culpeperumc.org) for more information or to inquire about leadership opportunities.

## YOUTH CHIMES

Youth chimes group is an exciting opportunity for young people to explore music and contribute to worship services. Open to all youth, regardless of musical experience, the group meets on Sunday afternoons (typically before youth group) to practice and perform during Sunday services and special events. Playing chimes is a fun and engaging way for youth to connect with each other, develop musical skills, and enhance the church community through beautiful music. Please contact Sheila Monahan at 540-229-1913 to learn more.

## OFFERING COUNTERS

Counters process the weekly offering after worship services. Additional counters who can commit to serving one to two Sundays per month on a scheduled basis are needed. This role is ideal for those who enjoy data entry or light administrative/bookkeeping work and typically occurs on Sundays after the 11 a.m. worship service or on Monday mornings. Please contact Sharon Lam at [slam1570@hotmail.com](mailto:slam1570@hotmail.com) to serve.

# DISCIPLESHIP



GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES

## ADULT PROGRAMS

CUMC offers both traditional Sunday School classes and small groups that meet at various times throughout the week. There is a place for everyone!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Bible Basics:** This class aims to read through the Bible and delve deeper into God's Word. There is no time frame for completing this journey, which started well over 10 years ago. In this class, members read chapters and verses of the Bible aloud in the translation they prefer. The class pauses to ask questions and seek clarity, with attendees acting as co-facilitators. From time to time, the class also does seasonal studies, such as Lenten or Advent studies. You may want to join if you feel God calling you, if you want to read the Bible at a slower pace, or if you want to fellowship with like-minded Christians. The class meets between services every Sunday in Room 206 and takes a break from early June through Labor Day. Reach out to Kenny Burns at [kenneth\\_burns@msn.com](mailto:kenneth_burns@msn.com).

### Adult Sunday School:

Originally started as a gathering of parents whose kids were attending children's Sunday School, we've now expanded to include parents of young children, parents of youth, parents of grown children and singles. Join us Sunday mornings 10:15-10:45 in room 201 as we discuss Scripture and fellowship together. Contact - Katie Howell Beckman, [kthowell@gmail.com](mailto:kthowell@gmail.com)

**Wesleyan Fellowship:** This adult Sunday School class meets from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room 203. Its purpose is to create a small group where members get to know each other; share joys and sorrows from the past week; and pray for other members and their families, the church, and the community, nation, and world. Through attendance and participation, members hope to gain a better understanding of scripture and apply what they learn to their lives. The class uses the adult Bible studies from Cokesbury, which include a scriptural passage selected for its connection to a four- to five-week theme. Classes are discussion based and are led by three to five rotating teachers. All are welcome to join, either in person or virtually. For more information, contact Frank Somerville at [fsom99a@yahoo.com](mailto:fsom99a@yahoo.com).

## LIBRARY

The library supports the development of faith through a variety of genres and resources for all ages. Patrons can browse, check out, and return books and other resources in the self-serve library. Please use designated bins for two-week check-out cards and returns. Connect with Lynne and Dave Richardson at [lynnehr56@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnehr56@yahoo.com), to learn more.

**Donations** of new or gently used items for the **Kid's Shelf** are being accepted.



## SMALL GROUPS

**Short-term studies:** Our church offers seasonal short-term Bible studies during Lent and Advent. Additional topical studies are offered throughout the year on various days and times. Leader guides and study materials are provided for those interested in facilitating groups. Contact Pastor Josh at 540-825-0764 or [pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org](mailto:pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org) to learn more.



**Ladies in Fellowship Together:** LIFT provides an opportunity for women to connect, explore their faith, and fellowship. In this group, ladies can expect to engage in topical discussions and faith-based book studies and to pray for one another and the church. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Ladies Parlor. Women of all ages and life stages are welcome. Contact Susan Vroman at [ssvroman@comcast.net](mailto:ssvroman@comcast.net) to learn more.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's breakfast provides an opportunity for the men of the church to fellowship and experience spiritual development. Fellowship breakfasts occur on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at Southside Coffee & Gifts and include a video devotional by a pastor followed by a discussion. To learn more, contact Pastor Craig at 540-825-0764 or [pastorcraig@culpeperumc.org](mailto:pastorcraig@culpeperumc.org).

**United Women of Faith:** UWF aims for its members to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. UWF develops a creative, supportive fellowship and expands concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Ladies of all ages are invited to join to learn about and support the needs of the community and CUMC. It meets quarterly at CUMC, with the circles supporting UWF. Please contact Doreen Vargo at [domama@comcast.net](mailto:domama@comcast.net) or Shirley Toth at [shirleytoth@culpeperumc.org](mailto:shirleytoth@culpeperumc.org).

**Betty Newhouse Circle:** A group of women that meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday each month in the Fellowship Hall for supportive fellowship, light refreshments, and programs of interest. The circle provides monetary support to church missions, primarily by sponsoring a flea market. Please contact Donna Otallah (chair) at [direlandotallah@gmail.com](mailto:direlandotallah@gmail.com) or Ann Beamer at [abeamer@comcast.net](mailto:abeamer@comcast.net).

**Edith Burton Circle:** A group of women that meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month in Room 203 for supportive fellowship and programs of interest. The circle provides monetary support to church missions. Please contact Pam Harris (chair) at 540-718-5130 or [pth52@msn.com](mailto:pth52@msn.com).

**Women's Lunch Group:** A gathering of women from local United Methodist churches who meet for lunch at various restaurants in the area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. This group provides opportunities for supportive and creative Christian fellowship. Please contact Phyllis Keese at 804-690-4843 or Nancy Smith at 540-825-5422 or [ms22701@aol.com](mailto:ms22701@aol.com) to learn more.





## NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

Next Generation Ministry exists to help children and youth build a lifelong, meaningful relationship with Jesus. From early childhood through high school, we are committed to nurturing faith, building community, and equipping the next generation to live out God's love in their everyday lives.

Our Discipleship Pathway: **GROW** to **KNOW** Jesus. We believe faith is a journey.

- **GROW** (Children's Ministry)
- Children are **G**rounded in God's love, **R**eady to worship and serve, **O**wning their faith, and **W**elcoming others into God's family.
- **KNOW** (Youth Ministry)
- Students deepen their relationship with Christ by **K**eeping God first, **N**urturing Christ-centered relationships, **O**wning their faith, and **W**alking it out through service.
- From GROW to KNOW, we are raising a generation rooted in God's love, confident in their faith, and ready to follow Jesus.



## GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to be part of Next Generation Ministry, whether through volunteering, supporting events, or helping create welcoming spaces for children and youth. To learn more or get involved, contact: Cheyenne Garvey at 540-825-0764 or [nextgen@culpeperumc.org](mailto:nextgen@culpeperumc.org).



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (BIRTH - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Our Children's Ministry provides a joyful, engaging environment where kids experience God's love and begin building the foundation of their faith.

Children participate in:

- Kids Connect during Sunday worship
- Sunday School
- Seasonal events (VBS, egg hunts, festivals, family gatherings)
- Mission opportunities that help them live out their faith in tangible ways.
- Our goal is not just to teach children about God, but to help them know they are loved, created with purpose, and part of God's story. This ministry is a great place for volunteers who enjoy building relationships, having fun, and helping children grow in faith.

## YOUTH MINISTRY (6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Our Youth Ministry is a space where students can ask questions, build authentic relationships, and take ownership of their faith.

Students participate in:

- Youth Group (games, discussion, and community)
- Confirmation and faith formation experiences
- Sunday School
- Mission and service opportunities
- Outings and special events
- We strive to create a welcoming environment where every student belongs, whether they are just beginning to explore faith or have grown up in the church. This is a great place to serve if you enjoy mentoring, building relationships with teens, and walking alongside them during these formative years.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS introduces rising preschool-aged through fifth grade children to Jesus; provides safe, Christian-based summer fun; connects with the community; and positively builds influence in Culpeper.

Crew leaders, station leaders, decorators, A/V techs, administrative volunteers, youth volunteers, and safety team members are needed.

Planning and preparation take several months, and the event is held for one week during the summer.

Families looking for a summer activity, those who want their children to learn more about Jesus in a low-pressure environment, or those who desire to build lasting memories or positive views of the church may be interested in VBS. Youth and adults who enjoy working with kids, sharing the love of Jesus, and continuing the tradition of VBS may be interested in volunteering.

## NURSERY

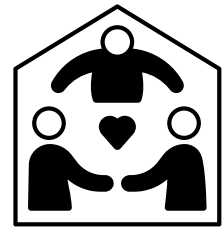
The nursery provides safe, loving, and competent care to infants and toddlers. Properly trained adults and older youth are needed to serve as attendants—particularly for substitutes and holidays—and donations of snacks (goldfish, applesauce pouches), and disinfecting wipes are always appreciated.

Serving typically occurs on Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Occasional evenings may be needed during special liturgical seasons or during the day for big events such as VBS. Contact Cheyenne Garvey at [nextgen@culpeperumc.org](mailto:nextgen@culpeperumc.org).

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

This ministry is currently vacant. If you're interested in developing this ministry, please contact Pastor Josh at 540-825-0764 or [pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org](mailto:pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org).

# OUTREACH



## ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

### PRESCHOOL

CUMC offers a preschool program for 3-year-olds and a pre-K program for 4-year-olds, running from August to May each school year. The 3-year-old program meets two, three, or five days a week from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and the 4-year-old pre-K meets three or five days a week from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuition can be paid monthly or yearly, with need-based scholarships and sibling discounts available. The preschool is a ministry of Culpeper United Methodist Church, but it welcomes all children regardless of religious affiliation.

The main goal is to showcase the love of Jesus by providing a caring, welcoming, and positive school experience. The small size allows teachers and administrators to get to know each student and family.

There are many ways to serve, including contributing needed items from a list available on Amazon and volunteering to read to the children.

Scholarship/monetary donations are also accepted. To learn more, please contact Preschool Director Caroline Headley at 540-825-0764 or [preschool@culpeperumc.org](mailto:preschool@culpeperumc.org). You can also visit [www.culpeperumc.org/preschool](http://www.culpeperumc.org/preschool).



## WOMENS' VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This casual, multi-day discipleship, fellowship, and outreach event for women of all ages and life stages occurs on a semi-regular basis. Contact Susan Vroman at [ssvroman@comcast.net](mailto:ssvroman@comcast.net) for information or to assist with planning.



## MEMORIAL BRICKS

Purchasing a brick for the Memorial Garden is a heartfelt way to honor your loved ones at CUMC. Bricks cost \$45 and can be purchased by contacting the church office at 540-825-0764 or [membership@culpeperumc.org](mailto:membership@culpeperumc.org).

## FACILITY USE/EVENT SERVICES

CUMC offers various areas of the church building and outdoor pavilion to outside groups for their meetings or other activities. For information on associated fees and restrictions, please contact Jean Krueger in the church office at 540-825-0764 or [membership@culpeperumc.org](mailto:membership@culpeperumc.org).



## SCHOLARSHIPS

In the spirit of Christian service and encouragement, scholarships are awarded each spring to graduating seniors from our church family and local community. CUMC seeks to support students as they pursue further education and discern God's call for their lives. For additional information, please contact Anne Jewett, [annejewett25@gmail.com](mailto:annejewett25@gmail.com).



# FESTIVALS

CUMC opens its grounds to the community several times each year to serve its neighbors and promote the church. There are many ways to help with these events, including set-up and take-down, providing refreshments, supervising activities, and manning information stands. Contact Jean Krueger in the church office at 540-825-0764 or membership @culpeperumc.org for more information.



## FOURTH OF JULY

Each Independence Day, CUMC opens its church grounds to the community for viewing the town fireworks display at Rockwater Park. The church offers entertainment, especially for children, along with food, restrooms, and information about CUMC. Parking is available in church lots and on neighborhood streets.



## FALL FESTIVAL

One Saturday each October, CUMC opens its grounds to the community for fall-related activities and fellowship. The church offers entertainment, especially for children, including hayrides, food, restrooms, and information about CUMC. Parking is available in church lots.

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

In December, CUMC hosts the Festival of Lights. This event creates a beautiful lighted pathway through the Pavillion and church grounds for the entire community to enjoy. It's a magical event filled with warmth, joy, and festive spirit.

# MISSIONS



## INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL MISSIONS

### HONDURAS MISSION

CUMC supports Walker and Seiny Somerville, missionaries in Rio Lindo, Honduras, who through their ministry Central American Ministry Outreach (CAMINO) are addressing the spiritual, physical and material needs of their neighbors in surrounding communities. Since 2017 CUMC has sent 5 Mission Teams to stay at Walker and Seiny's Retreat Center. CUMC teams have built a church kitchen and twelve 12' x 16' wooden homes and have held two Vacation Bible Schools. Hopefully CUMC will be able to send more teams in the future. The church and individual church members have contributed to other projects in Honduras such as providing a/v equipment for the Methodist church Walker planted in Belen, providing meals to the hungry after the devastation of Hurricanes Eta and Iota, and providing scholarships so that children can attend school.

Information about the work in Honduras is typically shared by e-mail, the CHIMES, and by word of mouth. CUMC holds a special offering in the Spring to raise missionary support for Walker and Seiny and keeps them, and fellow workers Chad and Isa, and their families, on the weekly prayer list. For more information or for a conversation about how to be more involved, contact Frank Somerville at [fsom99a@yahoo.com](mailto:fsom99a@yahoo.com) or 540-661-8256. The work of our CUMC missionaries can be followed through pictures and reports on Facebook at Central American Ministry Outreach.

### UMVIM

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is a group that travels to areas in need of rebuilding after a disaster. All skill levels are welcome. The group travels to affected areas for week-long work trips assigned by a disaster coordinator. Volunteers are often housed at churches in the affected areas, and teams cook, eat, and work as a family. CUMC has a disaster trailer loaded with tools that cover almost any job. Notices for mission meetings are typically advertised in the Chimes newsletter. If you have questions, please reach out to Kim Hood at [talknone@yahoo.com](mailto:talknone@yahoo.com) or Pastor Art Fellows at [jdpastorart@comcast.net](mailto:jdpastorart@comcast.net).

### HUB

The Central Virginia Mission HUB assembles UMCOR buckets and hygiene kits for disaster relief and for those in need. It also assists the United Methodist district and conference in activities related to UMCOR. The HUB needs volunteers, funds, and donations of supplies. Buckets and kits are packed on various days throughout the year. Supplies are stored in the HUB shed, and completed buckets/kits are stored at the UMCOR warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA, until distribution. Community kits are distributed by service agencies in area counties. Contact Darryl Lam at [darryllam@comcast.net](mailto:darryllam@comcast.net).

## LOCAL AND COMMUNITY EFFORTS

### ANGEL TREE

CUMC sponsors the children of families in need each Christmas to share the joy of giving reflected by God's gift of His Son and His unconditional love. In mid to late November, volunteers adopt "angels" from a tree in the Narthex and purchase toys, clothes, and games for them. Wrapped gifts are returned to the church by a specific date in early December before they are sorted and delivered to Brandy Fire Station. Anyone who wishes to be involved is welcome to help. Contact Doreen Vargo at 540-522-7236 or domama@comcast.net.

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### WOOD MINISTRY

The Wood Ministry works in conjunction with Culpeper Social Services to provide firewood to homes whose primary source of heat is wood. Throughout the year, the Wood Ministry has collection days to saw, split, and transport wood to a volunteer farm. Last winter, the ministry made over 48 home deliveries. If you would like to help with this ministry, please email woodministry@culpeperumc.org.

### HANDY HEARTS

Handy Hearts makes it possible for those who cannot use stairs to get into their homes. The team needs lumber, fasteners, tools, and people who know how to use them. Teens and adults who want to be the hands and feet of Jesus are welcome to join. The group meets for builds six to eight times a year and typically organizes builds via email. Contact Pastor Art Fellows at jdpastorart@comcast.net to learn more.

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### BUCKET SISTERS

Every third Sunday, CUMC collects a special offering to provide financial assistance to local families in need. The money raised goes to Culpeper Human Services and to those who qualify for financial assistance according to the church's Financial Assistance Policy.

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### EMPOWERING CULPEPER

Be the hands and feet of Christ to help nourish those in the community through this important ministry. Volunteers are needed on the third Saturday of every month and on the Friday before for unpacking. Please contact the church office at 540-825-0764 to learn more.

### POWER PACK

Power Pack collects donations of ramen noodles to help feed Culpeper elementary students in need. Contributions can be placed in the bin near the elevator and make a big difference in ensuring these children have enough to eat. Contact the church office at 540-825-0764 for more.

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### PIEDMONT WARMING CENTER

The Piedmont Warming Center is a community mission that provides shelter for adults—20 males and 10 females—during the winter months. The shelter is open from early December until the end of March. All guests can receive case management work based on their needs, including housing, medical, mental health, and substance abuse support.

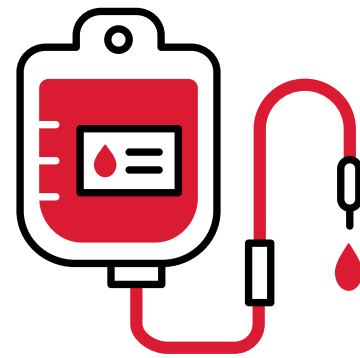
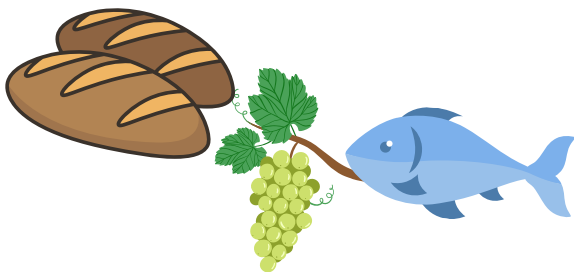
The Warming Center welcomes your financial donations, donations of bottled water, and volunteers to prepare dinner and lunches from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Families, church groups, groups of friends, or individuals interested in supporting the local homeless population are welcome to help. Signups begin in October! Login at Carecalendar.org using calendar 200420 and code 5365 to volunteer. Contact Nancie Howden at 248-877-0845 or e4short@gmail.com for more details.



## MANNA MINISTRY

The Manna Ministry is a community effort established in 2004, serving lunch to those in need every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Manna operates with teams of volunteers from different organizations and relies on donated meals, meats, baked goods, and produce from area businesses and monetary donations from the public. Contributions to the CUMC Manna fund are gratefully accepted.

The Manna Ministry team serves lunch every fourth Wednesday of the month and served 2,325 meals in 2025. Manna lunches are served on a curbside pickup basis at the Fellowship Hall of Culpeper Presbyterian Church, located at 301 South Main Street. For more information on the CUMC Manna team, please contact Sharon Butler at 540-272-7745 or [sharonbutlerculpeper@comcast.net](mailto:sharonbutlerculpeper@comcast.net).



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

CUMC sponsors the American Red Cross blood drive every other month, or approximately every 60 days. This blood drive is the oldest and longest-running in Culpeper, having sponsored drives for about 20 years. Volunteers from CUMC serve at the registration table and canteen area. The American Red Cross needs 4,745,000 units of blood each year to save lives. If you would like to donate blood, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to sign up online. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Kenny Burns at [kenneth\\_burns@msn.com](mailto:kenneth_burns@msn.com) or the church office at 540-825-0764.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Care Ministry provides spiritual and pastoral care to church members. Care includes in-person and phone visitations, delivering communion to home-bound members, counseling, the card ministry, and programs such as small-group studies and special services like Healing Services and the Longest Night Service. The Care Ministry needs volunteers for visitations, phone calls, sending cards, and facilitating small groups. If you have a heart of compassion and a gift for caring for people, especially those who are sick, lonely, or isolated, please join. Your involvement can make a difference in the lives of our members. Please contact Pastor Craig at [pastorcraig@culpeperumc.org](mailto:pastorcraig@culpeperumc.org) to request care or volunteer.



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This ministry provides crocheted, knitted, or quilted prayer shawls, lap blankets, and baby blankets to those who request one on behalf of church members, friends, or family. The items are stored at the church and can be accessed by staff or group members. Often, but not always, the item is placed on the altar during Sunday service, allowing congregants to pray over it and tie the attached string to indicate prayer. Additionally, anyone who already has a prayer shawl and would like to have it prayed over again may do so; the ministry team will attach a new string to be tied and keeps a card index of given items to avoid duplicates.

Yarn or fabric crafters, or those who would like to learn, are welcome. Volunteers are not required to meet quotas of donations, but the ministry keeps an eye on inventory to manage production.

The team meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Ladies Parlor. During each meeting, members share devotions and prayer requests, discuss various techniques and supplies, assist with problem projects, and show and tell about recent projects. Meeting times alternate between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to accommodate different schedules and do not occur in November or December. All items are machine washed and dried. Those who are interested or have questions can contact Kee Miller at [keeandbill@gmail.com](mailto:keeandbill@gmail.com).

### CARD MINISTRY

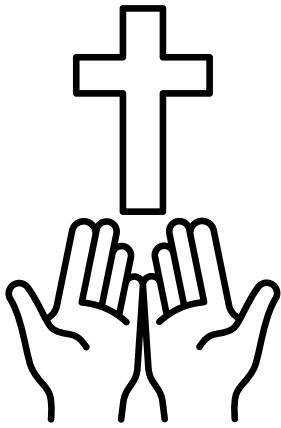
This ministry serves church members who have experienced a death in the family or who are suffering from illness by sending sympathy cards, prayers, and well wishes. Please contact Susan Vroman at [ssvroman@comcast.net](mailto:ssvroman@comcast.net) with names of church members in need of care.

### HOME VISITATION

Pastors Josh and Craig visit members' homes to pray with them, bring communion, and provide fellowship. In addition to our pastors, Spiritual Care Companions and FLAMES members also visit church members, particularly those who are home bound, to extend the church's care. CUMC needs volunteers gifted in providing care and with a heart for supporting others. Your presence and compassion can make a significant difference in the lives of the church family. Please contact Pastor Josh at 540-825-0764 or [pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org](mailto:pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org) for more.

### FLAMES CARE TEAM

Future, Living, Actively, Makes, Everyday, Survivors (FLAMES) visits, makes phone calls, and sends "praying for you" cards to those in need. The group also provides Fruit of the Spirit totes to share love. FLAMES needs help filling totes with reading materials, puzzle books, face masks, tea bags, and candy. This opportunity is perfect for those interested in helping others and sharing love and is family friendly. FLAMES meets at 6:30 p.m. every other month on the third Monday. Contact Doreen Vargo at 540-522-7236 or [domama@comcast.net](mailto:domama@comcast.net) or KAS Settle.



## VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUP

The Thursday Virtual Prayer Group, led by Pastor Josh, meets at 8 a.m. every Thursday via Google Meet. Meetings begin with a short devotion scripture reading, and reflection, followed by prayers for church member's prayer requests, joys, and concerns. This meeting is open to everyone. Please contact Pastor Josh at 540-825-0764 or [pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org](mailto:pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org) to learn more.

## PRAYER LIST

Come together in faith and support our church family and community through the power of prayer. Each week, CUMC shares a list of prayer requests, joys, and concerns. If you have a prayer request or would like to be added to the list, please contact Jean Krueger in the church office at 540-825-0764 or [membership@culpeperumc.org](mailto:membership@culpeperumc.org).

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Ministry provides opportunities throughout the year for our church community to gather for shared meals and fellowship. These times are designed to strengthen relationships, encourage connection, and nurture a sense of unity within our church family. Please contact Susan Vroman at [ssvroman@comcast.net](mailto:ssvroman@comcast.net) to learn more about helping.

## LAWN-CARE CREW

CUMC's volunteer lawn-care team is dedicated to keeping the church lawn cut and maintained throughout the growing season. The team uses the church's zero-turn mowing machine, a self-drive push mower, and a weed trimmer to serve God and

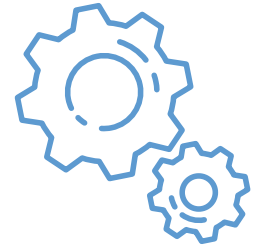


the people of the church by volunteering their time and fuel to keep lawn-maintenance costs down.

Adults or teenagers with experience running lawn equipment are welcome to join the team. Training on the church's specific machines will be provided by more experienced volunteers. Regular maintenance is also essential to keep these machines running efficiently, including sharpening blades and changing motor oil at least once a year. Replacing gasoline and weed-trimming fuel is the responsibility of each team, but reimbursement by the church is an option.

The coordinator schedules two-person work teams to rotate on a weekly basis throughout the growing season, typically from March through December, and communicates the schedule via email. Frequency of lawn work will depend on the number of volunteers involved. Reach out to Bob Tuttle at [rntuttle@comcast.net](mailto:rntuttle@comcast.net) to learn more.

# OPERATIONAL



## STAFF, LEADERSHIP, AND OPERATIONAL ROLES

### STAFF

- **Pastor:** Josh Munnikhuysen, pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org
- **Membership, Congregational Life, Event Planning:** Jean Krueger, membership@culpeperumc.org
- **Director of Next Generation Ministry (Children, Youth, Nursery):** Cheyenne Garvey, nextgen@culpeperumc.org
- **Associate Pastor of Congregational Care:** Craig Muffley, pastorcraig@culpeperumc.org
- **Preschool Director:** Caroline Headley, preschool@culpeperumc.org
- **A/V Technical Director:** Jessica Munnikhuysen, JessicaMunnikhuysen@culpeperumc.org
- **Business Administrator & Accounting:** Susan McGavran, accounting@culpeperumc.org

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Darryl Lam, LT Chair, Trustee, Class of 2027, darryllam@comcast.net
- Joshua Headley, Finance Chair, Class of 2028, joshua.headley@bipc.com
- Tracy Chapman, HR Chair, Class of 2026, tracylynn006@gmail.com
- Bob Tuttle, Trustees Chair, Class of 2026, rntuttle@comcast.net
- Class of 2026: Bonnie Sisk, HR, bonniesisk@comcast.net
- Class of 2027: Barbara Kile, Finance, bakile3@gmail.com; Bernie Posey, HR, sunbern4@gmail.com
- Class of 2028: Jack Dalaba, Trustee, jack.k.dalaba@gmail.com; Diana Ayscue, Finance, dnurse964@yahoo.com

### NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Pastor Josh, Chair, pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org
- Tracy Chapman, Leadership Team Representative, tracylynn006@gmail.com
- Class of 2026: Susan Vroman, ssvroman@comcast.net; Ann Beamer, abeamer@comcast.net
- Class of 2027: Bill Blaine, wblainejr@comcast.net; Katie Howell Beckman, kthowell@gmail.com
- Class of 2028: Kee Miller, keeandbill@gmail.com; Cathy Pritchett, c15pritchett@gmail.com

The church relies on a variety of operational roles to ensure everything runs smoothly. These roles include administrative support, facilities management, event coordination, and technical support. Administrative volunteers help with tasks such as answering phones, managing schedules, and assisting with church communications. Facilities management involves maintaining the church building and grounds, including cleaning, repairs, and landscaping. Event coordinators help plan and execute church events, ensuring they are well-organized and enjoyable for all attendees. Technical support volunteers manage audio-visual equipment during services and events, ensuring high-quality sound and visuals.

Each of these roles is vital to the functioning of our church, and anyone interested in contributing their time and skills is welcome. Whether you have experience in these areas or are eager to learn, there is a place for you in the church community. Your involvement helps create a welcoming and efficient environment for worship and fellowship. Please reach out to Pastor Josh at [pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org](mailto:pastorjosh@culpeperumc.org) or Darryl Lam at [DarrylLam@comcast.net](mailto:DarrylLam@comcast.net) to learn more about ways to support the church.



### ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

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