

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY** - Covenant Study: 11:15am - main floor classroom

One more Lay Reader and one more Substitute is needed to assist during morning worship.  
(see Pam)

UMCOR Hurricane Relief - Today is the last opportunity to donate for Hurricane Relief. You can find envelopes on the back Usher's table. Please fill out and drop envelope in offering plate.

COTSHELTER NEEDS FOR MEN AND WOMEN: socks, underwear, hair brushes, combs, hats, mittens, washcloths, hand towels, travel size shampoos, conditioners, bars of soap, deodorant, shaving products. Please drop your donations in the box on floor to right of the "table of opportunity". Donations accepted through Sunday, October 29th.

**MEETINGS** - No Meetings scheduled for this week of 10/1.

### IMPORTANT DATES / EVENTS AHEAD

Monday, October 2nd: 6:30pm-meeting for all lay readers and substitutes

Wednesday, October 4th: 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 5th: 9am - Noon - card making with Kathy Mantler (new day/new time)

Saturday, October 14th and 21st - Fair roll baking (sign up in library)

Monday, October 16th - Cot Shelter (evening meal)

Monday, October 16th - Bishop's Day 5 - 8pm

5 - 6pm - Potluck dinner

6 - 8pm - Bishop Devadhar will spend time answering questions and discussing items of interest with clergy and laity

Registration can be found on website ([www.neumc.org/ctwma](http://www.neumc.org/ctwma))

Monday, October 23rd - Deadline for November / December Newsletter.

Friday, November 3rd - 7pm CUMC annual all congregation charge conference.

(Committee reports are needed by Friday, October 20th)

Friday, November 16th - 4 - 8pm Church Fair

Saturday, November 17th - 9am - 2pm Church Fair

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Rev. David F. Hurst (413) 426-6031 - feel free to call anytime for appointment

Office Hours week of 10/1 - Monday, 10/2 - call Rev. David for appointment

Wednesday, 10/4 - office open 9am - 5pm

stop in or call for appointment

## **CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"**

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

**Worship Service 10:00am**



**Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor**

Music Director, Pam Kukucka

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world."*

## *Order of worship*

**October 1, 2017**

**10:00 am**

### MORNING MEDITATION

**God, let us be a table spread, with gifts of love and broken bread, where all find welcome grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.**

**Ruth Duck**

### PRELUDE:

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

**Dot Lambert**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

#### \*\*\*PASSING THE PEACE of CHRIST

#### \*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP [ music verse from Queen]

Leader: So, all you people give freely and make welcome inside your homes. Thank God, you people; give freely!

**People: Don't turn your back on the lessons of the Lord!**

**All leaders and majesty around the world,**

**Open your eyes look, touch and feel! Rule with your heart, and live with your conscience.**

Leader: We're all God's people. We Gotta face up. Better grow up. Gotta stand tall and be strong.

We're all God's people.

**People: Rule with your heart and live with your conscience.**

**We're all God's people; give freely. Make welcome inside your homes. Let us be thankful, God's so incredible. We're all God's people!**

#### \*\*\*OPENING HYMN

### INVOCATION

**Dot Lambert**

Leader: Lord come into our hearts this day.

**People: Open us to your eternal love. Help us to be a church; to serve and love one another.**

Leader: Feed us that we might feed you

**People: Steer us away from the temptations in life and lead us to a deeper faith.**

Leader: Show your power that we are encouraged to build your kingdom.

**ALL: Lord, teach us to pray continually, with earnestness and the assurance that we are answered and loved. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

Leader: O Lord, you are our deliverer. Your Son, dear God is our Friend and Savior. Give us the confidence and the strength to live in your eternal Light.

**People: Forgive us when we break your heart with words and deeds that reflect our arrogance and selfishness. Forgive us when take more than we give. Understand and forgive**

**our bad motives. Give us the courage to actively make amends, to seek forgiveness and to plainly express our own faults to those who need an explanation from us.**

Leader: Awaken us to a new way of life. Carry us when we cannot walk. Help us to embrace your grace and live a life full of your salvation.

**People: O God, you have prepared a Table before us. So that we might remember the promises fulfilled to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, who in your mercy, we are promised forgiveness. Help us to accept your love so that we might change. Strengthen us, that we will follow your Will. Through the love and

**People: Thanks be to God**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Kids and Eduardo Bustamante**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 78 UMH p799

Pastoral Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer

**\*\*\*Response "Glory Be to the Father"**

*"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen"*

First Lesson: Matthew 21-23-32 (pg. 23&24 NT in pew Bible)

**Joe DeGrande**

### \*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Second Lesson: Exodus 17: 1-7 (pg 64 OT in pew Bible)

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

Sermon: "Question Authority, Trust God"

### Ministry of Giving

**\*\*\*Response**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all gifts

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Prayer of Dedication

Thanksgiving and Communion (see insert)

We celebrate an open Communion Table – All are welcome at the Lord's Table

### \*\*\*PARTING HYMN

(please be seated)

### COMMISSIONING

Leader: Let us go forth, as we walk with God.

**People: Let us share the joy that flows through all of God's creation. May God's faithfulness and goodness gladden our hearts in this and every season of life.**

### POSTLUDE