



# COMMUNITY OF FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"about us / publications"*

## Rob's Ramblings

Happy Easter! Sunrise Worship at CoF was blessed with glorious weather as folks gathered around a fire pit to proclaim Christ's resurrection and remember our baptism as a way of following our resurrected Lord. Over 250 folks worshiped on Easter and 41 children were part of our 10:30 worship time and Easter Egg Hunt – it was a grand day.



This past month began a new series in our Adult Church School, facilitated by Raj Bartakke and Mike Folsom using material and videos featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Amy-Jill is one of the most gifted teachers of the New Testament I've encountered and for many years has taught at Vanderbilt University. A conservative Jew, AJ bring a very fresh perspective on what it means to encounter the scriptures in 2019. If you've not yet been a part of this Sunday morning faith & learning experience, I'd encourage you to attend. Class begins at 9:30 AM.

Over the last two weeks, two of our Franklin Farms neighbors have been at church on Tuesdays – one to volunteer and another to work with some students learning Chinese. Seeing the many persons who come for food and the needs they have, their mouths just dropped. They were amazed – it's one thing to read about such need in the news but completely something else to encounter it in the lives and eyes of our own neighbors. And not only the need but all that is involved in meeting it. So, thank you all who provide real servant leadership in our food ministry. Thank you for your gifts of time to help our sisters and brothers who live on a financial edge. Thank you for helping to educate others about human need in our neighborhood. Thank you for witnessing to your faith in such a powerful and visceral way in this ministry.

*More Rob's Ramblings including  
a report on Judicial Council on page 6*

## CoF Annual Picnic

**Sunday, May 19 @ 11:45 AM**

The annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, May 19 at CoF. Come and enjoy a fun time of food, fellowship and games. Just bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers along with beverages will be provided.



## **Prayer Concerns**

*Birthday joys for Justin King*

*Beth Carter for health, in Inova Fairfax Hospital*

*David Mezainis for discernment*

Brianna & Pete Codd 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary honeymoon  
and pregnancy

East family good news for Helen's school work

Prayers for Jade D'Avanzo for clarity

College Graduation joys for Kendra Maynard, Troy  
& Jake Fries and Ryan Mowery

Steve Greenberg, pain management

Joy for marriage of Paige Warmbrunn & birthday  
joys for Nick Warmbrunn

### **For our parents and families**

For friends who are losing parents, Eva Barcia

Alex & Rachel Carter, expecting a baby girl in July

Alisa Britt with lymphoma, undergoing treatments,  
sister of Terri Timanus

Barb Reiff's mom, healing from broken hip

Bob Stevens, for open-surgery, brother-in-law to  
Chuck Timanus

Charlotte, Steve Maas' mom

Jackie McKavitt, Mary Ann East's Mom

Jeanine, Elaine David's sister

Katie, home from hospital, niece of Jeannine  
Maynard

Lynne, battle with cancer, Jeff Mowery's stepmom

Mary Ann East's father's internment in Arlington  
Cemetery

Oliver Snead, for brain surgery, great nephew of  
Terri Timanus

Raj's mother-in-law celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

Russ, for health Steve Childress' brother

Sam & Kate, high risk pregnancy, Terri Orvis  
nephew

Sara Marie Panzer, friend of Mike Folsom

Shelby, brain tumor surgery, neighbor of Nuckols

Uncle Dan battling lung cancer, Joe Barcia

For the parents of Laura Babbitt (Nancy), Bane  
Vaughn (Betty Shamburger), Pat LeClere  
(Phyllis), Jeannine Maynard (Marilyn & Jim),  
Rolanna Bell-Lindell (James), Jeff Mowery (Fred)  
Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Jack Lockwood  
(Sandra Baron)

### **For our friends and neighbor**

Alex and family during cancer treatments, friend of  
Eddie Timanus

Barbara Lindsay, treatment of breast cancer, friend  
of Terri Timanus



Benjamin's father for health and healing, co-  
worker of Ali Greenberg

Bobbi Prees, friend of Marcia Johnston

Bob Olsen, friend of Chuck & Eddie Timanus

Bonnie & Elena, friend of Dhana Magness

Brophy & Beverly, friends of Marcia Johnston

Colleen for healing, co-worker of Terri Orvis

Deb, kidney cancer, friend of Raj Bartakke

Emily, battling depression, friend of Ali Greenberg

Jerry Frank, friend of Raj Bartakke

Jeremy Rohrer, serving in the Peace Corp, friend of  
the Maynard's

Kandi Jo upon a diagnosis of breast cancer, friend  
of Chuck & Terri Timanus

Larry Dewberry, friend of Raj Bartakke

Laura DeGraff, friend of Carter's

Maria, battling brain cancer, friend of Eva Barcia

Marvella, neighbor of Joe & Eva Barcia

Minnie, friend of Natalie Gohrband

Patty Hamilton, friend of Sandy Jones

Palian family as their 10-year daughter received a  
liver, friend of Ghazal Chilan

Prayers for transitions at work for Dawn Gittings

Ray Shubert, friend of Barb Reiff

Roger, during chemo, friend of the Gittings

Sam for discernment, friend of David Mezainis

Sharon Boisvert, friend of Natalie Gohrband

### **For the nation and world**

Sri Lanka Church Bombings

Churches in Louisiana

New Zealand Massacre

Military family and friends

### **Expressions of Christian sympathy are extended:**

- ✦ The family of John Deliz, friend of Joe & Mary  
Ann East
- ✦ Jennifer and family upon the death of her mom,  
friend of Ali Greenberg
- ✦ The family of Scott, upon his death, co-worker of  
Rory Maynard

## ***Worship Servants for May***

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Greeters at 8:30</b>	<b>Greeters at 10:30</b>	<b>Offering Counters</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>May 5</b>	Susanne Jewell	Jeff & Lynne Mowery	Lynne Mowery & Bill Huff		Jeff & Lynne Mowery	<i>Family Worship Day</i>
<b>May 12</b>	Penny Beuch	Joe & Eva Barcia	Chris Gohrband Carol Walls	Wilson Lindquist	Joe & Eva Barcia	<i>After kid's time for 3-year-old to middle school</i>
<b>May 19</b>	Ann & Dave Nuckols	Jocelyn Gabriel	Brad Fries Roy Kallman	Jackie Larsen	Larry Gittings	<i>After kid's time for 3-year-old to middle school</i>
<b>May 26</b>	Dave & Violet Durfee	Sandra Baron	Terri Timanus Bill Huff	Cate East	Jake Mihalak	<i>After kid's time for 3-year-old to middle school</i>
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***New Roof*** | There's a new roof in place over the Narthex which also increases the efficiency of the HVAC units for the sanctuary. The roof leaks are repaired and the ducts for the heating and cooling units have been replaced. The cost for this project is \$40,000 and will be self-financed from our savings. Gifts to the "roof fund" are welcomed either through our website or Sunday offerings.

***Altar Flowers Volunteers*** | We are looking for volunteers to provide flowers for the altar each Sunday and each volunteer does it for the month. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please contact Carol Larsen at [c@3larsens.net](mailto:c@3larsens.net).

### ***Do you like Sunday morning Snacks?***

**Hospitality Opportunities** - Needed are volunteers to bring snacks for our Hospitality Center on Sundays. Simply sign up on the link below to bring a sweet or non-sweet snack on the Sunday of your choosing. You'll need to bring enough for 25 bite-sized servings for 1st service and 48 for the 2nd service. Cookies, coffee breads, mini-muffins, donuts, cheese & crackers, fruit, veggies & dip are all great ideas. Sign up today at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4baca292-cofsunday/3530239>



### ***Church directory, calendar, giving portal - There's an App for that!***

Looking for a church calendar, directory or ways to donate? Check out the *Church Life App*. You can download it by searching "Church Life ACS" at your App Store. Trouble? Contact Di Hannum Beatty, office manager, at the church office at 703.620.1977.

## Fellowship Events | Save the Dates

- **June 14** – S'mores Night at the Firepit
- **August 23** – S'mores Night at the Firepit
- **September 8** – Fall Rally Day Kick Off
- **October 26** – Annual Hayride at Camp Highroad (new date)



### ***Congratulations to Graduates***

Jake Fries – Christopher Newport University

Troy Fries – James Madison University

Kendra Maynard – Savannah School of Art & Design (Savannah)

*From Chantilly High School*

Jade D'Avanzo – planning on attending James Madison University this fall

### ***Flower Calendar for Worship | Altar flowers for 2019***

To reserve a special date, email the church office with your flower order so that we may decorate the altar each Sunday with flowers in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. Cost is \$15.00 per arrangement. There is a sign-up chart in the narthex or email the church office at [office@cofumc.org](mailto:office@cofumc.org)

### ***Card Making | Sunday, May 5 at Noon***

Come join in the fun and learn something new! Try your hand at a variety of crafts introduced and taught by different members of COFUMC. The first meeting will be held after the 10:30 worship service on May 5. Sandy Jones will share her love of paper crafting and will teach the use of rubber stamping to make greeting cards. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex to ensure your spot and that adequate craft supplies are prepared. Adults and children (9 and older above accompanied by a parent) are invited to participate. Lunch will be provided. Come join in the fun and learn a new craft. Sign up on the sign-up genius or the clipboard.

### ***Mission Trip to Shalom Farms in Richmond***

#### **Save the Date: Saturday, May 18**

Sign up for a one-day mission trip. Leaving COF at **6:15 AM**. We'll be returning once we complete our tour and work at the farm about 12:30. For more information, contact Eva Barcia at [eva\\_barcia66@yahoo.com](mailto:eva_barcia66@yahoo.com).

## ***Update on Reconciling Team***

Shortly after the General Conference voted to adopt the Traditional Church Plan, our Administrative Council voted unanimously to be a church which rejects the tenor of the plan passed at General Conference and thus affirm our openness to ALL people. We now have a committee tasked with exploring the option of becoming a Reconciling Congregation. This means the adoption of a welcoming statement which specifically states that we are church which is welcoming to ALL people no matter what their gender identity or sexual orientation might be.

Our first task has been to have some individual conversations with persons at Community of Faith. This committee will be reaching out to church participants to see if there are questions that need to be answered or if additional information is needed as we explore becoming a “Reconciling Congregation.” Any conversations between committee members and congregants will remain anonymous. We will also be having some discussion groups and education events over the next several months to help provide information about the Reconciling Congregation process and what this might look like here at Community of Faith. So please keep an eye on all church communications for opportunities to learn and participate. To learn more about the Reconciling Ministries Network, visit <https://rmnetwork.org>

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with anyone on our committee.

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## ***Celtic Evensong Worship***

**Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 PM**

Quiet and meditative is the nature of the monthly Celtic Evensong Worship (occurring on the third Sunday of the month). The 50-minute service is filled with long moments of silence, readings, music and prayer. Bring a friend with you – you will both be blessed.



## ***Rob's Ramblings Continued***



April 26 witnessed the decision of The Judicial Council which acted upon the actions of General Conference 2019. In summary, the Judicial Council provided no surprises – they affirmed that what they had deemed unconstitutional was unconstitutional (the third time they ruled on the unconstitutionality of some parts of the Traditional Plan) and what they thought passed constitutional mustard, did. A more robust report can be found in a United Methodist News report by [clicking here](#). The Council not only acted upon the Traditional Plan but also the exit plan – the means by which a church might “leave” the denomination. If you desire to read all the details, [click here and search](#) for Decision 1378 and Decision 1379.

### ***What else is happening denominationally in response to the 2019 General Conference?***

In the broader church, several bishops and larger church pastors have gathered for initial conversations and have called for a larger gathering over May 20-22 at the Church of the Resurrection. (you can read [Adam Hamilton's blogs about this from mid-April here](#)). Each conference nominated 10 persons to attend a conversation about what's next in the United Methodist Church. I'll be one of the ten from Virginia participating.

From a 50,000-foot level, I'm expecting two paths to emerge. One path is finding a way to structure the United Methodist Church in the USA as an independent, legislative body that is still connected to the rest of the denomination – in UMC terms, making the US church a “Central Conference” in the same manner as central conferences in the Philippines, Africa, Europe. This would maintain our agencies and assets while remaining in mission and ministry with the rest of the church. The other path is the developing of a separate, new Methodist denomination (especially if the first path cannot be enacted). In addition to which path emerges, there will be changes in the 2020 General Conference in how churches can “leave” the denomination – the current “exit” path was only adopted by a vote of 402-400!

As you can imagine, there are lots of articles appearing in the religious and United Methodist press. One place that curates a host of thoughtful articles is found at [www.um-insight.net](http://www.um-insight.net). I've found it a good source of reflections.

I don't expect there to be substantive news until after the gathering at the Church of the Resurrection in late May. When I return, I'll offer an update both in person one Sunday as well as in June's newsletter.

In our local context at CoF and in the midst of denominational conversations, our Reconciling Team is working on individual conversations and developing what educational needs and small group conversations need to occur as we consider becoming a “Reconciling Congregation.” You will find their report in this edition of the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you this month at church – there are many great fellowship and worship opportunities to nourish and sustain us. May God bless you as we celebrate the Easter season together.

*Peace, Pastor Rob*

# Kid's Page

## Thanks FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

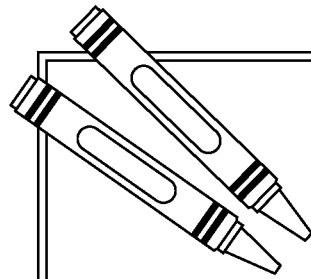
Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

### What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

### What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
  - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
  - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
  - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.



Just for **KIDS**

## A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

**VOWELS:** 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

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### ***May Events***

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Mission Trip Shalom Farms – May 18  
Annual Church Picnic – May 19  
Celtic Evensong Worship – May 19

### ***Weekly Events***

- Sundays – Junior/Senior Youth Group 12-2 PM
- Tuesdays - Food Distribution at 5 PM
- Thursdays - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM