



*We are called by Jesus Christ  
to worship, make disciples, and serve.*

**March 15, 2026    Traditional**

***UMCOR Sunday*    Lent IV**

Welcome

Rev. Carol L. Pazdersky

Centering our Hearts on God

How do you respond to Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki words?

*“God works with the world as it is in order to bring it to where it can be.*

*Prayer changes the way the world is and therefore changes what the world can be.*

*Prayer opens the world to its own transformation.”+*

Prelude

Gary Lushbaugh – Music Director

\*Call to Worship

Barbara Thompson

The Lord is our Shepherd. We lack nothing.

**He lets us rest in grassy meadows and leads us to peaceful waters.**

Our Shepherd restores our weary souls and leads us in the right path.

**Even in the hardest times, we are not afraid. Our Shepherd protects us.**

He gives us all that we need and more.

**The Lord’s goodness and faithful love will stay with us always, and we will live in his house forever.**

\*Hymn of Praise

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH 381

Prayer of Honesty and Hope

Gracious and forgiving Lord: **At times, we are certain that we see the ‘whole picture.’ We fail to consider the ways in which we may be blind and miss the lessons you teach.** *(All reflect and confession in the silence.)* Cover our blindness with your healing balm. **Give us true sight.** Beloved, hear the good news found in 1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Praise be to God!**

## Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

## Anthem

"Behold the Lamb of God"

H. Willan

*Chancel Choir*

## Gospel Lesson

*(please be seated)*

John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Response

“Open Our Eyes”

TFWS 2086

Message

\*Invitation to Generosity

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

TFWS 2237



## ***Known Prayer Concerns Within the Congregation***

<b><i>Insiders</i></b>	<b><i>Special Concerns &amp; Recovering</i></b>	<b><i>Recently Bereaved</i></b>
<i>Shirley Curtain, Dottie DeCarlo, Helen Fringo, Robert Lentz, Jackie Potter, Mary Foster, Betty Conrad, Edna Halcott, Florence Littleton, Gloria Marks</i>	<i>Marvin Gyr Mike Ryan Deb Kalendek Cheryl Welsh Marbara Price</i>	<i>The Lingner Family upon the death of Russ Lingner  The May Family upon the death of Gloria May</i>

***We want to know*** about the gift of your presence with us today. Please take a moment to sign the friendship pad found in each pew.

***Visiting today?*** We are so happy that you chose to worship with us. If you have any questions about our missions, ministries, or outreach opportunities, any of our members would be glad to answer them! If you did not receive a Welcome Packet when you came in, please ask for one as you leave today to learn more about our church.

***Interested in membership?*** If the Spirit is moving you to make a commitment to Camp Chapel with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact the church office: 410-256-5561 or [office@campchapel.org](mailto:office@campchapel.org).

## **CREATION CARE**

*Please join Creation Care for some March activities.  
Bring your energy, ideas and questions!*

- Wed, March 18th, 1pm - Land Stewardship, UMC March Movement Cafe Webinar - Fellowship Hall.*** Come to watch and chat on this webinar sponsored by our UN Creation Justice Movement focusing on church gardens as land stewardship. Presenters in the Kentucky Conference, Western North Carolina Conference, and Desert Southwest will talk about their garden ministries, which include gardens for growing and sharing produce, as well as prayer gardens and native gardens. All are offered to create healthy communities and celebrate a healthy planet. *These Cafe events are informal, virtual spaces meant to facilitate conversation, connection, and community focused on creation care and justice issues.*



- **Sunday, March 22, 12pm - Creation Care Committee Quarterly Meeting** – After the 11am service, join as we plan Spring and Summer projects.

**SAVE THE DATES...**

*At a time when many are asking what they can do, these gatherings offer connection, shared purpose, and practical pathways forward.*

- **Saturday, April 25, 12-5:30pm – National Faith + Climate Forum, The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow**
  - Camp Chapel UMC's Collaborative project, ***Faith Grows by Pizza***, was picked to be part of the Forum for going beyond a congregation's walls and partnering with other organizations on creation care and/or climate justice.
  - Join to help & be part of the kickoff our ***2026 Faith Grows by Pizza*** program
  - Hands on activity planting seeds for your early container garden
  - By attending the forum, you help Camp Chapel raise grants funds.

*People of faith across the country gather to be inspired, find hope, deepen understanding, and equip ourselves to take meaningful action grounded in faith.*

- **2026 Faith Grows by Pizza**
  - Container Gardening - St Ursula's - Sunday, May 24, 2025, 1-3 pm
  - Harvest Pizza Party - Camp Chapel UMC - Sunday, Aug 2nd, 1-3pm
  - Fall Harvest Fest - St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox - Sunday, Oct 4th, 3pm



**EASTER  
TULIPS - \$8.00**

The tulips are a grower's choice in a variety of colors. The flowers will decorate the altar on Easter Sunday. Submit your dedication/place your order online at: <https://campchpel.org/easter-flowers/> or scan the QR code.



**Today, March 15<sup>th</sup>,  
is the last day to order!**

**PILLOW MINISTRY  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Pillow Ministry needs volunteers to do the initial sewing of the heart shaped and/or rectangular shaped pillows, which would be done at home at your convenience. If interested, please reach out to Joyce Williams or Debbie Kalendek:

Joyce: 410-218-5690  
[joyce.a.williams0125@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.a.williams0125@gmail.com)  
 Debbie: 410-746-9731  
[djkalendek@gmail.com](mailto:djkalendek@gmail.com)



The Spring **COMMUNITY YARD SALE** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, and the rain date is **Saturday, June 13, 2026**. Spaces are \$25 each and can be reserved on the church website, [campchapel.org](http://campchapel.org).

***There is an URGENT need for a chairperson and or chairpersons to share the responsibility. This requires being there on the day of the event from 6 a.m. to approximately 2pm.***

Many vendors as well as the community look forward to this event each year.

**Please consider stepping up for just one day.** Responsibilities include making sure vendors get to their spots, controlling parking as needed, alerting vendors of the donation truck, and cleanup of the lot for trash following the event. Barbara Thompson will handle background duties; registration of vendors, contracts, assigning spaces and securing a donation truck. Please email Barbara at [barbara7916@msn.com](mailto:barbara7916@msn.com) or call 443-823-7700 if you can help.



**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday March 28, 10 am - 12 pm**  
This is a free event for children and families,  
Including crafts, games, prizes,  
and, of course, the Easter Egg Hunt.



**Register online at**  
<https://campchapel.org/event/easter-egg-hunt-2/>

Or scan the QR code ►



## **Easter Candy and Donations Needed**

Donations of individually wrapped candy, stickers, toys, (small enough to fit in eggs) are welcome as well as drinks and snacks. Please leave all donations in the box inside the side entrance to the church, and thank you.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help fill eggs, hide the eggs, manage crafts, serve the food, etc. If you can help, please contact **Kellie Smith, 443-691-2677** or [kellie.smith99@gmail.com](mailto:kellie.smith99@gmail.com)

# BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION

*Cathedral of Mary Our Queen*

*Friday, March 27 | 7:00 PM*

Join us for a powerful Lenten performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, led by Basilica Music Director Samuel Rowe. This special collaboration brings together musicians from the Basilica Schola Cantorum, Three Notch'd Road Baroque Ensemble, and Catholic University's Women's Choir in the stunning Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Experience one of sacred music's greatest masterpieces in an unforgettable evening of beauty, drama, and reflection.

**Contact Frank Long for additional details.**

[frank.h.long88@gmail.com](mailto:frank.h.long88@gmail.com) or 443-463-7929.

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**SAINT MATTHEW PASSION**

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## THIS WEEK AT CCUMC

Sunday 3/15	Monday 3/16	Tuesday 3/17	Wed 3/18	Thursday 3/19	Friday 3/20	Sat 3/21	Sunday 3/22
9:15a Sunday Hospitality	11:00a Bible Study	630p Circle of Sisters	1p Creation Care	730p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>First Day of Spring</i>		9:15a Sunday Hospitalit y
9:30a Sunday School	7p Creation Care		7p Band of Brothers		<i>Spring</i> 		9:30a Sunday School
9:30a Bible Study	7:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal						9:30a Bible Study