



Our mission is to worship God, make disciples, and serve others.

August 23, 2026, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Kelly Burgess – Chapel Musician

Welcome

Rev. Laurel McNeal

Centering Moment

It takes a village to build the realm of God.

It takes each of us to play our role and work together to build the kingdom.

Prelude

Gary Lushbaugh – Music Director

*Call to Worship

Karen Knauer

You have called us to this place, O God.
Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.
Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God's realm.
God, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.
Come, let us praise God who has called us here.
Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's word for us.

*Song of Praise

"Jesus Messiah"
Chris Tomlin

See Screen

A Message for All of God's Children

The teachers will lead the children to their classes after the message.

Prayer of Yearning

Let us pray: **Rock of ages, be our fortress and our shelter in troubled times. Be our strength and our courage when we are afraid. Be our grace and our forgiveness when we fall short. Be our inspiration and our guide when we strive to serve you and your world fully. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the

Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and

nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

*Hymn "God of Love And God of Power" UMH 578

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Message Rev. Laurel McNeal

Song of Response "Control" See Screen
Tenth Avenue North

Offering our Finest Gifts to God

Offertory

*Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray: **Loving God, accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to build your realm in our midst. Accept our very lives as pledges of our commitment to pursue what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. May these gifts become resources to draw others closer to you. Amen.**

Sharing our Lives

Kathy Whitson

*Closing Hymn

“Go Forth for God”

UMH 670

*Blessing

Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit.

UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal (hard cover)

TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal Supplement (black softcover)

W&S – Worship & Song Hymnal Supplement (green softcover)

Also serving the community today:

Ushers – Frank Long & Allen Zink

Acolyte –

Tech Team – Winston Bain (sound), Cheryl Kempler (ZOOM), Jacob Smith (slide preparation) & (video)

Counting Team – Cheryl Kempler, Joyce Kraft & Anita Obinger

Summer Church School Coordinator – Angela Gaskin

Church School Teacher – Kelly Burgess & Rita Tally

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

Prayer Concerns

Use this space to note today's prayer requests for your personal prayer time.

Known Prayer Concerns Within the Congregation

Insiders	Recently Bereaved	Special Concerns & Recovering
Dottie DeCarlo Helen Fringo Robert Lentz Jackie Potter Mary Foster Betty Conrad Edna Halcott Gloria Marks		Caregivers Marvin Gyr Florence Littleton Cheryl Welsh

THIS WEEK AT CCUMC							
Sun 8/23	Mon 8/24	Tue 8/25	Wed 8/26	Thu 8/27	Fri 8/28	Sat 8/29	Sun 8/30
10:00am Sunday School & Worship Service		7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)					10:00am Sunday School & Worship Service

Backpack/ School Supplies Program



We will be collecting backpacks and school supplies again this year for the Eastern Regional Shelter. We need #2 pencils, colored pencils, colored markers, crayons, composition books, pink erasers, etc. (And of course backpacks) The children at the Shelter go to Rossville Elementary School and Nottingham Middle. You can go to the schools websites to get a detailed list. There's a box next to the side entrance of the Church for the items. Thanks so much!! Sharon Smith

Upcoming Event

**** Gary Lushbaugh's 40th Anniversary Celebration ****
 Sunday, September 6th. Starting at noon
 lunch, dessert and a program to honor Gary

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Beginning **Sunday, September 13th**, we're delighted to resume our full Sunday Morning Fellowship. You're warmly invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall **between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**, either before or after worship, to enjoy light refreshments and meaningful conversation. It's a lovely way to reconnect, share stories, and strengthen our sense of community.

To make this ministry possible, we're seeking volunteers to help provide a **savory or sweet item**, or to assist with **setup from 8:45–9:15 a.m.** or **cleanup from 11:00–11:30 a.m.** If you're willing to serve in any capacity, please email **Angela Gaskin** at agaskin5525@gmail.com and let her know which Sundays you're available from **September through December 2026**.

Thank you for helping create a warm and welcoming space for all.



The Fall Community Yard Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, September 26, 2026**, and the rain date is **Saturday, October 3, 2026**. Spaces are \$25 each and can be reserved on the church website, campchapel.org. **Volunteers are needed to assist the chairpersons with the event from 6 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. and volunteers to help with the white elephant table.** 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 or call 443-823-7700 if you can help



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