

NEXT GOAL WINS



COMMUNITY
OF FAITH UMC

**EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

JULY 26, 2026

10:00 AM

OUR VISION

To be a church that
is creative, fearless,
diverse, and vibrant,
where everyone is
welcome regardless
of where they are in
their faith journey.

WELCOME!

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes
the one who sent me." (Mt. 10:40)*

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.



Getting Connected

We are truly glad you are here!
We invite you to look over this week's announcements. Feel

free to participate in any upcoming activities that interest you. Pastor Abi, staff, or greeters are happy to answer any questions.

Check out **cofumc.org** for information about:

- ♦ Children & Youth
- ♦ Adult Learning & Small Groups
- ♦ Choir & Music Ministry
- ♦ The Food Pantry
- ♦ Local Mission & Outreach

Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer, concerns, and praises online 24 hours a day through our website, (cofumc.org/church-online). Additionally, you are encouraged to visit this page regularly so that you may intercede on behalf of the community.

Ministry with Children

After the message, children are invited to head to Sunday School and parents may pick them up after service in the Next Gen room at the end of the Education Wing.

Holy Communion

As a United Methodist congregation, we practice an open Communion Table. This means that **all** are welcome to participate. For those with allergies, gluten free elements are available upon request.

Technology & Guest Wi-Fi

For those with hearing impairment, please see one of our ushers for hearing augmentation services that are available. To access wi-fi during worship, the guest password is:

Godlovesyou



Generosity

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the brass plate on the altar during the Sharing of the Meal. Or, you may give electronically through our website by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

We're glad you're here. Welcome!

** Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE	<i>Lord of ALL Hopefulness</i>	Praise Team
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Damian Okenwa
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Christ Our Hope in Life and Death</i>	Screens
*OPENING PRAYER		Damian Okenwa
WORDS OF WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE		Rev. Abi Foerster
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 40:25—31 (NRSV)	Lacy Lusk, Jr.
MINISTRY MOMENT	Eagle Scout Recognition	James Huang

Children are invited to Sunday School after the ministry moment.

Parents may pick up their children in the Next Gen Room at the end of service.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>My Hope is Built (The Solid Rock)</i>	UMH #368
TIME OF CENTERING	<i>Next Goal Wins</i>	Video
SERMON	Just One Goal: Hope that Changes Things	Rev. Abi Foerster
INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & PRAYER		

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Torch of Hope</i>	Praise Team
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*DOXOLOGY	<i>Give Thanks</i>	TFWS #2036
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Rev. Abi Foerster
SHARING THE MEAL	<i>Hope of the World</i>	UMH # 178
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Damian Okenwa
*SENDING HYMN	<i>May You Run and Not Be Weary</i>	TFWS #2281
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Abi Foerster
*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH #665
*POSTLUDE	<i>Reprise: May You Run and Not be Weary</i>	Praise Team

WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE



NEW Sermon Series: This August, we're exploring the songs that shape our life together. Summer Soundtrack is a five-week journey through our core values — authenticity, community, creativity, curiosity, and service — each grounded in Scripture and expressed through the rhythms of our shared faith. Each Sunday, we'll listen for the ways God is composing something new in us: welcoming us as we are, forming us in love, stirring our imagination, inviting our questions, and sending us out in compassion.



Feel the beat, find your center, and join Rev. Kelly Karges for a joyful **Drumming Circle** during our "Pop-Up" Sunday School series. Through rhythm, breath, and shared sound, we'll explore how spiritual practices can ground us, connect us, and open space for God's presence in community. All ages welcome for this hands-on, heart-opening session from **9–9:50 AM on Aug 2**.



Looking for a new way to connect up with others? Join the lunch bunch for a time of fellowship, good food, and fun! Our next lunch will be NEXT Sunday, August 2 at noon at **Tilly's Kitchen** (Asian Fusion Food Hall) in Chantilly. RSVP to the office (admin@cofumc.org) or sign up on the Ministry Clipboard so a reservation can be made. See you Sunday!



Let's enjoy a beautiful August evening together at Frying Pan Park! Bring a blanket, a chair, or a friend and settle in for a free outdoor concert featuring SGG&L on Thursday, August 6 at 7 PM. Their acoustic blend of folk, rock, and tight harmonies makes for an easygoing, joy-filled night under the summer sky. To carpool, meet Pastor Abi and Lacy by 6:15 PM in the church parking lot. Otherwise, we'll see you there! A perfect chance to relax, connect, and savor good music in a favorite local spot.