PRAYER NEEDS

—**Our Church Family**— Carmen Johns | Pat Ferguson | Kristy Johns | Caroline Galphin | Jane Mezza | Brian Hunter John Nunn | Sharon Nunn

—**Homebound**— Mae Jones | Nell Webster | Helen Rose | Tanya Roche | Jim Porterfield | Fred Boyd Jerry Ferguson

> —**Our Pastor**— Rev. Eric Williams

—**Our Community, Nation and World Leaders**— Medical Personnel | Police | Firefighters | First Responders | Military Members

-Our Family Members Serving our Nation-

Seth Buswell—Coast Guard Brandon Goodner, son-in-law of the Pauza's—Army Vincent LaGrasso, nephew of Fred Boyd—Navy Jeff Ransom, son of Jim & Anne Ransom—Navy Christopher Sherrill, son of Virginia Sherrill—USAR Kelly Spencer, niece of Mike and Becky Chambers—Army Max & Dani Weaver, grandson of Nancy Russell and his wife —Navy C.J. Manley, nephew of Christina Schwartz—Navy Austin Canos, grandson of Jim Stutz—Coast Guard Kody Priest, grandson of Tom Blair—Space Force



PASTOR, Rev. Eric Williams

Appointments with Pastor Eric can be made by calling the church office, (904) 249-5370, X-200.

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Order of Worship

* Please rise in body or spirit

CHIMES

PRELUDE: "Hymns of the Cross" played by Kim Keepers

WELCOME: Rev. Eric Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP: "God Almighty Is" sung by Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Liturgist, Norman Gamble

INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Hymn #6

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* GLORIA PATRI

* PASSING THE PEACE

VIDEO: Under This Roof

HYMNS FOR ILLUMINATION: "O How, I Love Jesus" Hymn #170, and "There's Just Something About That Name" Hymn #171

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16: 13-15 (NRSV)

SERMON: "Faith Builds Character: Lydia" Rev. Eric Williams

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

ANTHEM: "Make My Life An Alleluia" sung by choir

* DOXOLOGY: Hymn #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN: "Take Time To Be Holy" Hymn #395

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Fill My Cup, Lord" played by Kim Keepers

Announcements

Welcome! I We are so glad you're here. If you are looking for a church home, or just looking for a community to walk alongside you on your journey, look no further! Stop by the Information Table in the narthex so we can say hello!

Children I While children of all ages are always welcome in our worship service, we offer childcare for infants through age 3. (Exit the sanctuary doors, the nursery is the first room on the right.)

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This Week: Lent Begins I Shrove Tuesday, from 5:30-7pm on March 4th, will include a pancake & bacon dinner for just \$2 per person at the door! Stop by the info table in the narthex to RSVP (but drop-ins are welcome). Then, on Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm, join us as we worship, reflect, and receive the imposition of ashes at our Ash Wednesday Service. We will also have drivethru ashes available in our circle driveway that morning from 7-9am. You only need to drive up and Pastor Eric will impose the ashes on your forehead and have a prayer with you.

Free Concert I Enjoy a free concert from the choirs at Harvest Community School here at CUMC on TODAY, at 3pm. Doors open at 2:40pm and while the concert is completely free, donations will be accepted. Hope to see you there!

This Week at Christ UMC

Monday, March 3 7pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 4 2pm Child & Youth Protection Training in Parlor 3pm Feed the Hungry Prep **5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Wednesday, March 5th Ash Wednesday 7am Drive-Thru Ashes 10am UWF Board Mtg. 10am Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6 10am Preschool Book-Character Parade 10am Christ Quilters

Friday, March 7 10am Church Women United 5pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, March 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins

9am Heavenly Hash (Adult Bible Study) 10:15am Worship Service in Person + online 10:30am Adventure Kids 11:15am Fellowship in Wilson Hall

Halfway There! I Over the past decade, our Live Nativity Drive-Thru has shared the story of Christ with 7,000+ people, offering a place of hope and reflection each Christmas season. This is just one of the many ways our church serves the community year-round—through worship, outreach, and fellowship. To continue these vital ministries, we must care for the place that makes them possible. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised \$60,700 toward our \$100,000 goal! Let's come together to close the gap and ensure our church remains a welcoming space for all.

United Women in Faith I Church Women United will be meeting in Wilson Hall on March 7th at 10am; all UWF women are invited. Light refreshments will be served. Any questions please call Mimi Ames @ 904-246-1843.