

PASTOR'S PAGE

2 Corinthians 5:17 (CEB)

"So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!"

Dear members and friends of Central UMC,

What a joyous Easter Sunday we experienced together on March 31. It was a day filled with hope, renewal, and the promise of new beginnings as we celebrated the grand opening of our worship space. Truly, God is doing a "new thing" in our midst, and we are blessed to be part of it. We set up 100 chairs in the sanctuary and had to bring in another 50 chairs from the fellowship hall to accommodate everyone who came to worship that morning!

On April 15 we had another great celebration in our sanctuary space. This time it was to mark the grand opening of Unity Homes at Ballston, the on-site apartments owned by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing. That day we welcomed more than 130 guests for the ribbon cutting and tours of the church, school, and apartment spaces. This project has been years in the making, and to see it come to fruition is nothing short of miraculous. As we cut the ribbon and welcomed our first resident, I couldn't help but feel the presence of God's love surrounding us.

This building is more than just bricks and mortar; it is a testament to our commitment to serving our community and spreading the love of Christ. Each apartment represents a new opportunity for someone to find a safe and welcoming home.

As we celebrate this new chapter in the life of our church, let us remember that God is always at work, bringing about transformation and renewal. Just as Jesus emerged from the tomb on Easter morning, so too are we witnessing new life springing forth in our midst.

Let us continue to hold each other in prayer as we embark on this journey together. May we always be open to the "new things" that God is doing in our church and in our lives, and may we never cease to be instruments of God's love and grace in the world.

With gratitude and blessings,

Pastor Sarah

MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE



MARCH 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



"For Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Choral Anthem



"The Holy City"
Dr. Carl Tanner, Tenor



Leader: Lord in your mercy, People: hear our prayer.

APRIL 15, 2024 GRAND OPENING OF UNITY HOMES AT BALLSTON APARTMENTS!





LEADERSHIP BOARD

The Leadership Board met on April 13, 2024 in the choir room of our new building! The main discussion was looking at a sample fee schedule for building use from a Woodbridge church. There is already a request from Arlington County to use our space for a meeting of 120. The board discussed security deposit amounts and amounts for different spaces. Members of the board will talk to nearby providers of rental spaces to get an idea of the current market rates.

Robert Thomas did a great job describing the requirements and duties of nursery care workers. The church needs to hire two child care workers to provide care during church services and special events. If anyone in the congregation knows of any candidates, please have them contact the church office.

Pricing was researched for janitorial services. The Leadership Board identified a provider to start this week.

The Leadership board sees a need for a new building and grounds committee to deal with the issues that may arise. This new committee will hopefully take shape over the next few months.

Pastor Sarah reports that we are in good shape with our welcome baskets. Many individuals and area churches have contributed to the cost of the welcome baskets. Residents will fill out a survey when they move in and then APAH will communicate with Pastor Sarah so someone can deliver a welcome basket to the new resident.

Barbara Peterson Kieffer will retire at the end of the year. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

The next Leadership board meeting will be May 5, 2024 after worship.



The Virginia Conference will host a post-General Conference Zoom webinar on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. The panel will include Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson; Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman, head of the Virginia delegation; and delegates Rev. Mark Ogren, Marshall Bailey, and Rev. Dr. Jonathan Page. The webinar will be recorded for later viewing.

Register for webinar at this link <https://bit.ly/4bbpKSE>

MISSIONS

Once again, we have the opportunity to make hygiene kits for conference. From May 1-19 you can donate money (preferable as we can buy these items in bulk) or donate a complete kit. If you donate money please make your check out to CUMC and in the memo section, write kits. Last year we turned in over 80 kits. Each kit contains: a hand towel, wash cloth, 1 pair nail clippers, 1 toothbrush, 10 standard band aids, 1 bar soap, 1 wide tooth comb at least 6 inches, and a 1-gallon Ziplock bag to put these items in. These hygiene kits are given to both people in the US and in foreign countries that have experienced earthquakes, hurricanes and other disasters. Thank you ahead for all the support you give on this worthwhile project. Any questions you can contact Pat Barham at office@cumcballston.org or [703-527-8844](tel:703-527-8844)

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DEDICATION



CENTRAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Join us for Worship and
**BUILDING
DEDICATION**

MAY 12, 2024, 10:30 AM

4201 FAIRFAX DRIVE, SUITE 1, ARLINGTON VA 22203
ACROSS FROM BALLSTON METRO
office@cumcballston.org

Everyone is invited to our Central United Methodist Church building dedication that will be held during our May 12, 2024, worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



LEARN TO PREPARE YOUR CONGREGATION FOR EMERGENCIES + SAVE LIVES WHILE WAITING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Equip yourself with the essential skills to face any crisis head-on.

Attend free emergency training!

Please RSVP to the Main Office by 5/9/24:
office@cumcballston.org
 or 703-527-8844.

Class is hosted by Arlington County Government.

Sat., 5/18/24 | 12 PM to 2:15 PM

- Central United Methodist Church (4201 Fairfax Dr., Suite 1, Arlington, VA 22203)
- Training conducted in the Sanctuary
- Free emergency kit supplies provided!

Free Training includes:

- ✓ Emergency preparedness tips
- ✓ Best practices for calling 9-1-1
- ✓ Maintaining situational awareness
- ✓ Stopping bleeding
- ✓ Positioning the injured

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CUMC NEW ADDRESS

Central United Methodist Church has a new address as of May 15, 2024.
 Central United Methodist Church
 4201 North Fairfax Drive
 Suite 1
 Arlington, VA 22203

God is everywhere. We can be, too.

Since we moved to our new building we have enhanced our online experience and are now live streaming our Service directly on our website at <https://www.cumcballston.org>. This change aims to provide you with a more user-friendly and integrated way to join us from the comfort of your home.

We appreciate your continued support and flexibility as we make this transition. Should you encounter any difficulties or have questions during this process, please feel free to reach out to us.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new online platform and creating an even more engaging virtual community.

Thank you for being a valued part of Central United Methodist Church.



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- Donations can be made to Central United Methodist Church as follows:
- PayPal by using the QR code on the left.
- Checks or cash donations can also be dropped in the offering box at the in-person, 10:30-11:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings.
- Checks can be mailed to:
Central United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 50415
Arlington, VA 22205