

OCTOBER 2020

CENTRAL CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church, Arlington, Virginia



October 4 (World Communion Sunday) "Unraveled by Mystery" John 20:19-29

October 11 "Unraveled and Re-raveled" Acts 9:1-20

October 18 "When Dreams Unravel" Jeremiah 29:1-7

October 25 "When Humans Unravel God's Plans for Justice" Exodus 7:8-23

World Communion Sunday

October 4 will be an exciting Sunday for worship in our community! First, it will be the first Sunday that we will be able to share communion together since March. Second, it will also be the first Sunday that our worship service will be broadcast on T.V. If you live in Arlington County and subscribe to cable you will be able to view worship on Comcast channel 69 and on Verizon channel 38 through Arlington Independent Media.

There are three options to participate in communion on October 4:

1. Walk to church. Receive consecrated elements in the church courtyard between 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Pedestrians don't need reservations. Participants must wear masks.
2. Drive to church parking lot. Receive consecrated elements in your car between 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Reservations for cars required. Visit www.cumcballston.org to RSVP. Participants must wear masks and remain in their vehicles.
3. Have bread and juice available for worship in your own home. They will be consecrated as we worship together virtually.

GOD IS EVERYWHERE. WE CAN BE, TOO.

Worship with us from home. Sundays at 10:30 AM.

For details on how to connect with worship online visit cumcballston.org

Worship also broadcast on t.v. Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

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courtesy of Arlington Independent Media.

Serving Others

Thursdays & Fridays Fellowship Hall and Kitchen continue to be used weekly by a very small number of volunteers under supervision of Jeanie and Gene Cross to continue preparing bag lunches and shelf stable food for distribution to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and hunger. We serve between 45-50 people each week.

Free Little Pantry

Canned goods are needed for our pantry. We particularly need items with pop tops that can be opened without a can opener. Congregation members and friends as well as neighbors are helping to stock it and it is still often empty. Demand is high. Tish and Lane make sure the pantry is stocked at least once a day, but our supplies to refill are running low. You're welcome to stop by and fill the pantry directly, or make arrangements with Tish to drop them off during office hours. (Call 703-527-8844). Thanks to our congregation, friends and neighbors for contributing food to fill the little pantry.

Book Club

The CUMC Book Club will meet again in the church Parlor on Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. wearing masks and safely seated with the new set up in compliance with social distancing, to discuss *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison. We are also able to welcome participants via zoom. To join the discussion contact Pastor Sarah at 703-527-1783 or pastor@cumcballston.org.

October Small Groups

On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Pastor John will lead a discussion inspired by the previous Sunday's sermon text in conjunction with the "Unraveled" study journal. To join via zoom contact Pastor John (jconway@cumcballston.org).

White House Ornaments

This year's White House ornament features John F. Kennedy, our 35th President. Pat Barham is accepting orders for White House Ornaments from October 3 to Oct. 16. Each ornament costs \$23.00. Make your check out to Central UMC and write, "ornament" on the memo line. Please mail your check to Pat Barham at 6020 Fairview Place, Falls Church, VA 22041. We must have payment with your orders. For each ornament purchased \$3.05 is tax deductible. All proceeds of this sale will go to the new church building. These are a great Christmas present. Ornaments will be available for pick-up from the Church in November by making arrangements with Tish Van Patten (703-527-8844). Questions? Contact Pat Barham at Zipcoder45@cox.net or 703-578-4935.