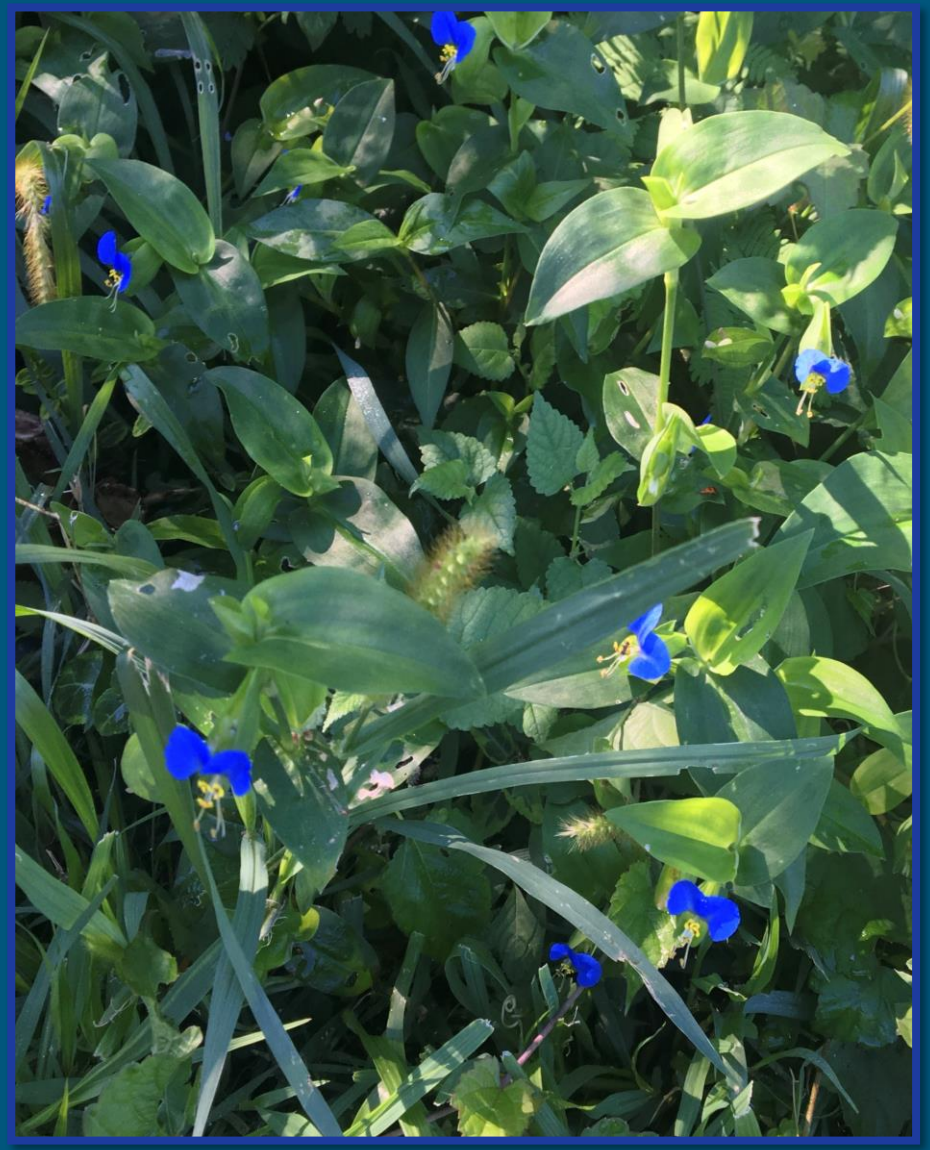

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Sunday, February 15, 2026

Culmore United Methodist Church

Welcome and Good Morning!

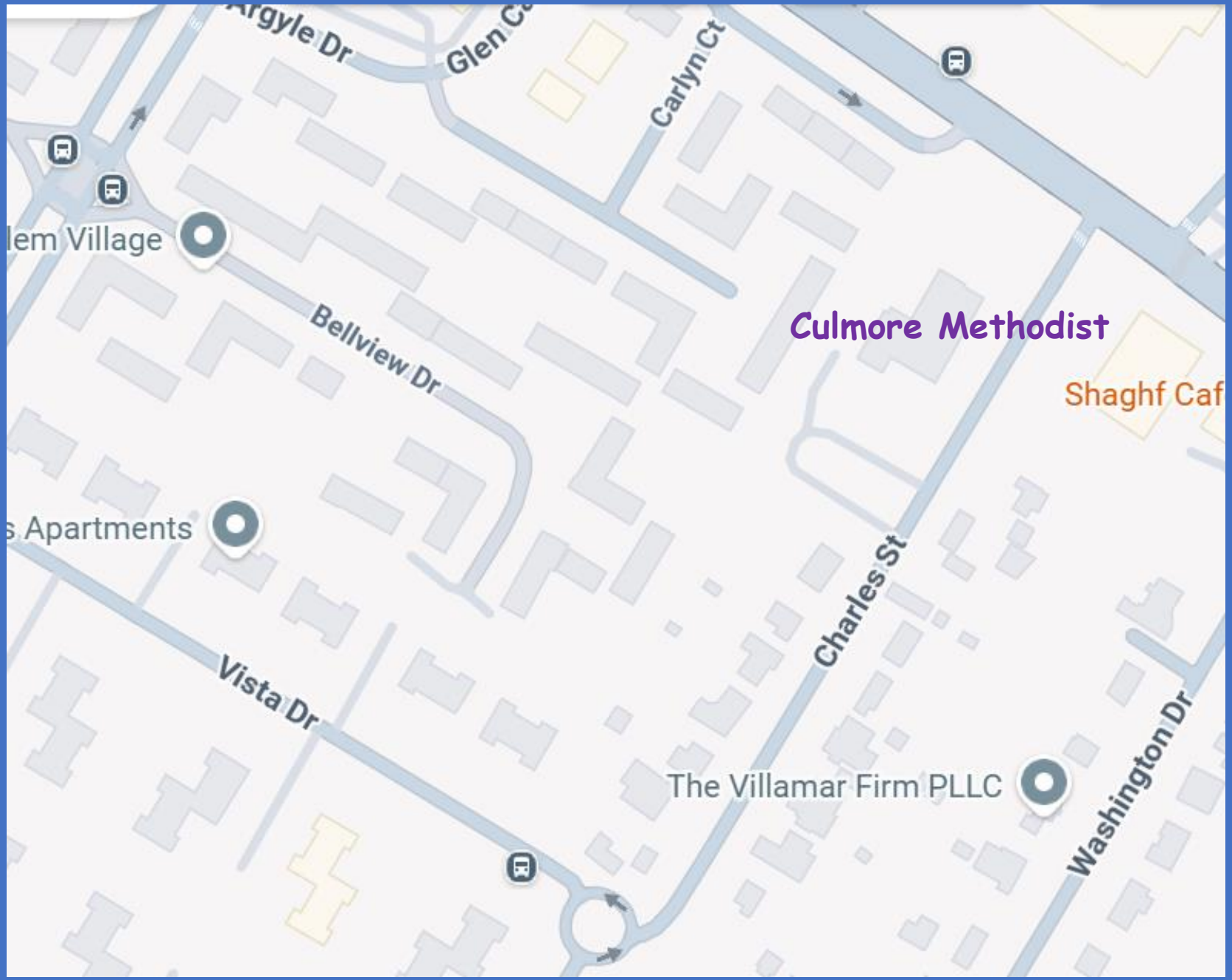
Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

Pop-Up Food Distribution

6400 Vista Drive

11 am Monday morning



Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

Message in a nutshell

Love the Lord - W&S 3116

Luke 4: 17-19

On the Sabbath day Jesus went into the synagogue,

as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll

of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him.

Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, how we long to be in right relationship with You, but we struggle to step away from self interest and worldly pressures when it comes to living out our faith. Sometimes the cost of following You just seems to cost too much. Our vision becomes clouded in the process.

Remind us that there is no easy way to be fully committed to a life of Christian discipleship. Help us to courageously to choose the path laid before us by Jesus. ***Amen.***

John 8: 31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said,

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Matthew 23: 13 -14, 23-28

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness.

You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous, but on the inside, you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Matthew 28: 11-15

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. The chief priests gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, '**His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.**'

If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed.

More Like You
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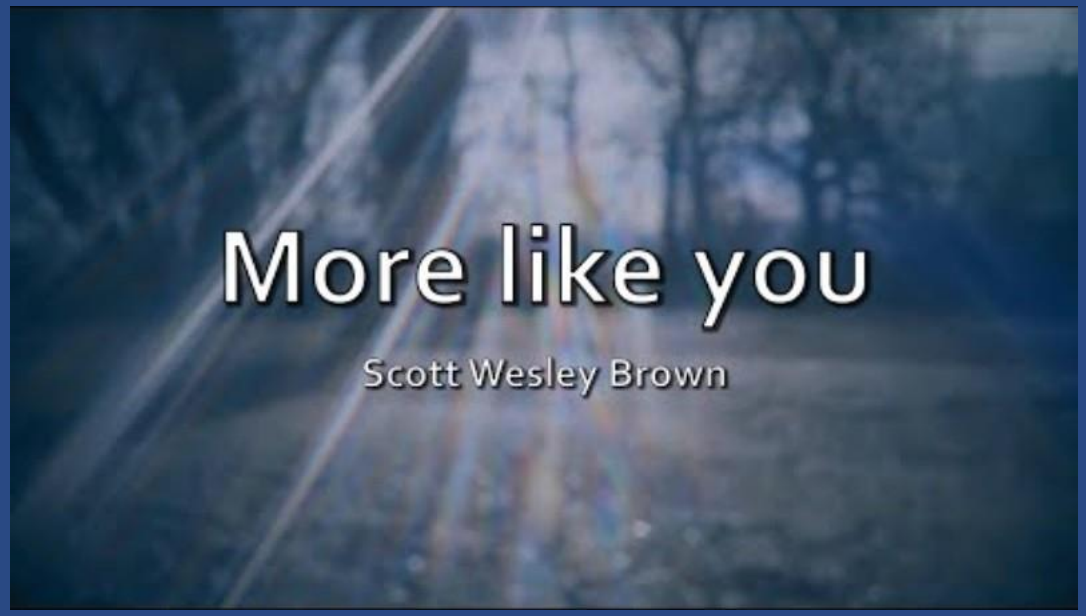

Community Prayer

LORD Jesus, when You came to earth, You showed us what it meant to give everything You had and were in service to Your Kingdom—You held absolutely nothing back, not even Your physical life.

Now that it is our turn to do the same because You have called us to take Your place, we tend to shy away from making full sacrifices for a lot of reasons. We have our own thoughts about how we want to live our lives, making choices that might feel good, or make us happy.

Giving things up for others does not come naturally, and yet the greatest blessings come to us when we sacrifice our own selfish desires for the good of others. It is also rather easy to give lip service instead of taking specific loving actions on behalf of others.

Help us to give up our tendencies to be hypocritical like the Pharisees were, Giving our all means keeping what we say in line with what we do, and all of it seeking to give everything we have and do in Your service. ***AMEN***

Offering and Doxology
UM Hymnal 95

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

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