



*A special welcome to our guests.* Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here!  
Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.  
Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer,  
a nursery for infants through preschoolers is available in Room 5.

*\*Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.; TFWs=The Faith We Sing.*

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

*A Rossetti Christmas* Hayes/Wagner  
(Two carols by Christina Rossetti - *In the Bleak Winter* and *Love Came Down at Christmas*)

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196, verse 1  
Candle Lighters Bennett & Karen McPhatter

#### \* OPENING HYMN

*Away in a Manger* UMH 217

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God:** In this season of Advent, when we prepare to celebrate your coming to us in the flesh; we pray you would come yet again in our hearts as Holy Spirit, and plant in us your spirit of love and unity, that together, despite all our differences, our community of faith, united in love, might open the eyes of the world around us to see and receive your saving love for them. Amen.

#### ANTHEM - CHANCEL CHOIR

*God In This Child* Bryan Sharpe

### PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 15:4-13* Fred Lyon  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Matthew 3:1-12*

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell  
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#### REFLECTION/MESSAGE

*Hope* Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

#### \* HYMN

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* UMH 247

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

*Setting on "Veni Emmanuel"* Gregg Sewell

#### DOXOLOGY

*In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221, verse 4

### THANKSGIVING

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*All Earth is Waiting* UMH 210

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* Charles Callahan

## Selection of Readings Pertaining to Fellowship

### ***Romans 15:4-13***

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; <sup>11</sup>and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



### ***Matthew 3:1-12***

<sup>3</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Second Sunday  
of Advent*

DECEMBER  
8  
2019  
AT  
10:30AM

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## Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec 8 - **2 TIMOTHY 1:6-14** *Power over Fear*  
 Mon., Dec 9 - **PSALM 103:1-5** *Give Thanks*  
 Tue., Dec 10 - **PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9** *Praying for Guidance*  
 Wed., Dec 11 - **MATTHEW 22:1-10** *Everyone Invited*  
 Thu., Dec 12 - **PSALM 63:1-8** *God Waits*  
 Fri., Dec 13 - **MATTHEW 6:25-34** *A Way Through*  
 Sat., Dec 14 - **JOHN 15:1-8** *Bearing Fruit*

Visit [www.upperroom.com](http://www.upperroom.com) for more information.

## Memorial's Purpose



## Church Giving

**AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING**  
 (the last 8 weeks)  
 \$4,938.94

**WEEKLY NEEDS**  
 (to meet budget)  
 \$5,770.00

## Office Information

**COORDINATOR HOURS**  
 Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

### APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

To schedule, please contact the office at  
 301-349-2010, [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or  
 visit [www.pmumc.org](http://www.pmumc.org)

### PHONE MESSAGES

Messages for Shirley and Pastor Tim are  
 sent to their email accounts.

### EMERGENCIES

People in need of immediate pastoral care,  
 please contact Pastor Tim at  
[PastorTim@PMUMC.org](mailto:PastorTim@PMUMC.org)

## Church Personnel

**PASTOR** - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

**CHURCH COORDINATOR**  
 Shirley Prasada-Rao

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** - Janet Hartz

**ORGANIST** - Linda Custer

**BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR** - Becky Smalley

**HEAD USHER** - Dr. Robert Spiker

**HEAD ACOLYTE** - Emma Parker

**CUSTODIAN** - Pecoe Fleming

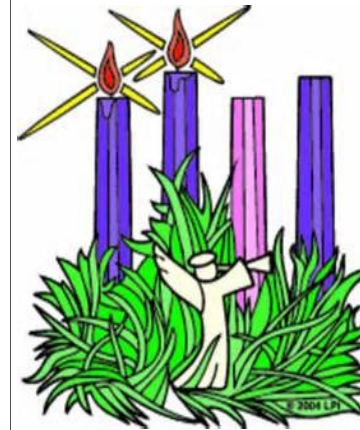
## Thoughts/Prayers

*People of God,  
 we wait with hope;  
 we wait with courage;  
 we wait with joy unspeakable, full of glory;  
 we wait with the assurance that*

*The Liberator will come  
 in power, in justice, and in peace.*

*Go now, trusting and believing  
 that it is so....*

*On the name of Jesus, the Christ!*



## Tidbit

Keep watch on the Visual Arts display at the cross in Spurrier Hall during the Advent Season. A progressive display is planned to take us visually from darkness to light through the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve.

*"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them has the light shined." (Matthew 4:16)*

## Upcoming Liturgist/Greeter Schedule

DATE	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 29
LITURGIST	Erin Smeller	Brenda Boulter	Dennis Minor
GREETERS	Jennifer Bowen Suzanne Shorts	Lori Kocur Steve Kocur	Link Hoewing Ray Hoewing

## Upcoming Happenings

<b>SUN - DEC 8</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1:45 pm 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon & Program Private Party
<b>MON - DEC 9</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8:30 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Group: Learn Spanish Room 4 Reserved Wesmond Townhouse Association Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - DEC 10</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Group: Aprender Inglés Zumba Class Church Council Meeting - CANCELLED Small Group: Grief Recovery
<b>WED - DEC 11</b>	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Membership Committee Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THU - DEC 12</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class IOOF #97 Meeting Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
<b>FRI - DEC 13</b>	12 pm - 8 pm	Live Nativity Prep
<b>SAT - DEC 14</b>	9 am - 10 am 10 am - 6pm 6 pm - 8 pm	Backpack Bites Bag Packing @ Poolesville Presbyterian Church Live Nativity Prep Live Nativity - OPEN to ALL
<b>SUN - DEC 15</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service PHS Football Banquet
<b>MON - DEC 16</b>	4:30 pm - 6 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Room 1 Reserved Small Group: Learn Spanish Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - DEC 17</b>	7 pm - 7:30 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Christmas Caroling Practice Small Group: Aprender Inglés Zumba Class Men's Group Small Group: Grief Recovery
<b>WED - DEC 18</b>	7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry Boy Scout Troup #496 Adult Committee Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THU - DEC 19</b>	5:30 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Christmas Caroling in the Community Small Grp: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group



### Pot Luck LUNCHEON & CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - TODAY

Enjoy watching Memorial's children share the true meaning of Christmas.



Memorial's **Giving Tree** will have tags for gifts for three families this year that could use a little lift in spirits. We will also be collecting food for their holiday meal. When you choose a gift tag off the tree, please make sure that you sign up on the corresponding sheet that will be next to the tree. The **tags are available TODAY!**

Donated **gifts (wrapped with tag attached on top)** needed by **NEXT SUNDAY**.

Questions contact Dianna McGrew at [mdmcmcgrews@aol.com](mailto:mdmcmcgrews@aol.com).

**Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm on Memorial UMC's Front Lawn**

**LIVE NATIVITY** - Join in the fun of sharing the true meaning of Christmas!

#### Ways to help...

- Donate a side-dish for the volunteers dinner (veggie tray, pasta salads, or lettuce salads). Please bring dish to the church on the afternoon of Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Portray one of the lucky ones there the evening Jesus was born. We still need Wise Men, Shepherds, Angels, etc). All adults and kids in Middle School and older are welcome to join in. We work in shifts so no one has to stay out in the cold for too long.
- Come enjoy this heart-warming experience!

**Sign-up before/after church in Spurrier Hall.**

Questions *contact Ellie Bateman at [EleanorGBateman@gmail.com](mailto:EleanorGBateman@gmail.com)*



**Let's Go Caroling! - Thur., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm.** Help to spread some Christmas

Joy by joining along in Christmas Caroling to some of our neighbors on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. We will start in Memorial's parking lot and then go to homes in the local area to sing a few songs before coming back to church to enjoy a warm treat.

**There will be an optional "practice" on Tue., Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Room 8.**



**Christmas Cantata -**  
**Sunday, December 22nd during 10:30 Worship**  
*Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the Season!*



**Church Council-Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
CANCELLED.

**Membership Committee**  
Wed., Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm

**Men's Group**  
Tue., Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm

You're invited: **Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser! Sat., Dec. 14, '10a-12p.**

Breakfast, Arts & Crafts, and Fun! \$10/person. Menu to include pancakes, eggs, bacon, hash browns, juice, etc. All proceeds to support women, children, and youth in our surrounding communities. Sponsored by West Montgomery UMC's United Methodist Women. Event location- WMUMC, 21000 Beallsville Rd., Dickerson 20842.

