



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

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

by Douglas Wagner

INTROIT - CHANCEL & BELL CHOIRS

Ding Dong! The Christmas Bells are Ringing

arr. by Lloyd Larson

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Candle Lighters

UMH 196, verse 1
Priscilla and Fred Lyon

* OPENING HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH 246

* OPENING PRAYER

God of Glory, we rejoice in the good news of your promises. Come into our parched world and shower us with your gushing, abundant water of life. Enter into our brokenness, and renew us with the strength of your love. Be born anew in our hearts and in our world. Come, Jesus; come. We are ready! Amen.

ANTHEM - BELL CHOIR

All is Well

by Joel Raney

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:7-10

Erin Smeller

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 11:2-11

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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REFLECTION/MESSAGE

What's to Come?

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

* HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. by Brant Adams

- Trumpet Soloist, Walter Moskwa

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

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

UMH 218

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

by Paul Manz

Selection of Readings Pertaining to Fellowship

James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



Matthew 11:2-11

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴ Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*Third Sunday
of Advent*

DECEMBER
15
2019
AT
10:30AM

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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec 15 - **PSALM 118:1-14** *Healing*
 Mon., Dec 16 - **GALATIANS 5:22-26** *A Blank Canvas*
 Tue., Dec 17 - **LUKE 1:26-38** *God's Surprises*
 Wed., Dec 18 - **JOHN 1:1-14** *Overcoming Darkness*
 Thu., Dec 19 - **PSALM 1:1-6** *Surefooted*
 Fri., Dec 20 - **LUKE 1:46-55** *Trusting in the Lord*
 Sat., Dec 21 - **PSALM 86:1-13** *The Longest Journey*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



Church Giving

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING
 (the last 8 weeks)
\$5,050.93

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, or visit 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

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

Dearest God:

The angel who visited Mary told her that nothing is impossible with you. In our hearts, we don't always believe that's true.

Sometimes we seek to limit your power or our response to your call to do astonishing things.

Lord, this Advent, we ask that you make us midwives to remarkable things, created to honor you and to bring healing and wholeness to our world.

Help us recognize the sacred in everything we touch and everyone we encounter.

Help us to be vulnerable so that we can discover the strength to do the impossible and transform the world.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Tidbit

Keep watch on the Visual Arts display at the cross in Spurrier Hall during Advent. A progressive display takes us visually from darkness to light.

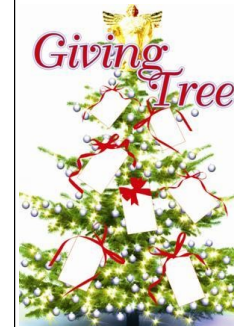
"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them has the light shined." (Matthew 4:16)

Upcoming Liturgist/Greeter Schedule

DATE	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 29	JANUARY 5
LITURGIST	Brenda Boulter	Dennis Minor	TBD
GREETERS	Lori Kocur Steve Kocur	Link Hoewing Ray Hoewing	TBD

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - DEC 15 <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
MON - DEC 16	4:30 pm - 6 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Room 1 Reserved Small Group: Learn Spanish Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - DEC 17	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
WED - DEC 18	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
THU - DEC 19	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 w/Pr. Tim-CANCELLED Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
SUN - DEC 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:45 am - 1:45 pm 1 pm - 6 pm	Sunday School Worship Service - Christmas Cantata Youth Group Meeting Private Party in Fellowship Hall
MON - DEC 23	7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Group: Learn Spanish - CANCELLED Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
TUE - DEC 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4 pm - 5 pm 8 pm - 9 pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship Service Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
WED - DEC 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	Merry Christmas!	
THU - DEC 26	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview w/Pr. Tim-CANCELLED Zumba Class - CANCELLED Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group - CANCELLED
SAT - DEC 28	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Frederick Rescue Mission
SUN - DEC 29	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service



All gifts towards Memorial's **Giving Tree** are to be returned today.

The items for under the tree are to be wrapped with their tag attached to the top of the package.

The food items can be left in the kitchen with a note attached with your name and "WUMCO Family" on the label.

Any questions, please contact Dianna McGrew at mdmcrews@aol.com.

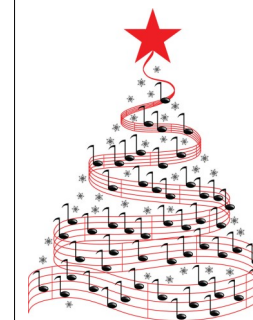
Let's Go Caroling!

Thur., Dec. 19th from 5:30-8pm

Help to spread some Christmas Joy by joining along in Christmas Caroling to some of our neighbors on Dec. 19th. 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 17th at 7 pm in Room 8.

Any questions please see Link Hoewing.



Christmas Cantata

**Sunday, December 22nd
during 10:30 Worship**

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the Season!



Men's Group
Tue, Dec 17th, 7-9 pm

Review/Preview-Thursdays
will RESUME January 2nd

The Friendly Thriftshop
Wed., Dec 18th, 7-9pm



Mark Your Calendars for a new Fellowship Time

Starting in January, we will return to "Coffee Hour" after worship on the 2nd Sunday each month with four different families working together to provide light refreshments for the congregation.

To help one month, please *contact Kirsten Lewis at kir05@hotmail.com or 301-349-2750.*