

OUR PURPOSE



*Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun., Mar 19 - **ACTS 16:1-5** *Fourth Sunday in Lent*
Mon., Mar 20 - **PSALM 28:6-9** *God Gave Me Strength*
Tue., Mar 21 - **JAMES 4:1-10** *Draw Near*
Wed., Mar 22 - **ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8** *Resilience & Brokenness*
Thu., Mar 23 - **REVELATION 1:9-20** *Called to Write*
Fri., Mar 24 - **ISAIAH 55:6-13** *God's Good Guidance*
Sat., Mar 25 - **JEREMIAH 18:1-5** *Finding Encouragement*

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OFFICE INFORMATION

COORDINATOR HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages sent to designated email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email Pastor Tim at PastorTim@PMUMC.org

CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (*last 8 weeks*)
\$7,493.56

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD - Janet Spiker

WORSHIP ASSISTANT - Sandy Parnell-Dowell

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Janet Spiker

ACOLYTE COORDINATOR - Roy Melton

HEAD ACOLYTES - Grace P., Sam L.

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

NURSERY - Stephanie Parker, Sierra Waterman-Wells

CHURCH COORDINATOR - Shirley Prasada-Rao

CUSTODIAN - Ximena "Patricia" Murdock

ACOLYTES - Chloe D., Nicole L., Addie S., Aubrey S. Evie S., Izzy S.,

BELL CHOIR - Brenda Boulter, Kay Breed, Jennifer Fielder, Janet Hartz, Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kaitlyn Schramm, Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Evie Smalley, Isabel Smalley

CHANCEL CHOIR - Sandi Baggett, Eleanor Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Steve Krasner, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim Melton, Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Rachel Poirier, Roger Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller



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Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 19, 2023
Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am



Fourth
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

Knowing Jesus



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture. **UMH** = United Methodist Hymnal. **TFWS** = The Faith We Sing.
Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—PIANO DUET
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz
 by Runyan/Raney

Worship Service
 Grace P., Acolyte

WELCOME Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE SELECTION—TRUMPET/PIANO DUET
He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Walter Moskwa/Linda Custer
 by John Carter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Erin Smeller

LEADER: We are blind to many things.

PEOPLE: *Lord, cure our blindness*

LEADER: The light of God shines for us today.

PEOPLE: *Lord, pour that light on us.*

LEADER: Come, worship God who forgives and heals your blindness

PEOPLE: *Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you. Amen.*

Townley, Nancy C. "Ministry Matters™ | Worship Connection: March 19, 2023." *Ministry Matters*, 8 February 2020, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4557/worship-connection-march-19-2023>. Accessed 13 March 2023.

***OPENING PRAYER**

led by Erin Smeller

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN. (Townley)

***OPENING HYMN—He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought**

UMH 128

LENTEN MEDITATION

Sandy Dowell

LENTEN PRAYER

led by Sandy Dowell

Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.

LENTEN RESPONSE HYMN—*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

UMH 357, vs. 4

FIRST READING—*Ephesians 5:8-14*

Betty Jean Selby

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

ANTHEM Bell Choir

led by Becky Smalley
 by Jason W. Krug

Reflections on Kelvingrove

SECOND READING—*John 9:1-41*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

SERMON *Knowing Jesus*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

HYMN OF RESPONSE—Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH 454

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

DOXOLOGY—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

CLOSING HYMN—Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

UMH 581

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE SELECTION

Linda Custer

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

by Conkey/Carter

Memorial's Small Groups - some online only, some in-person, some hybrid.

To connect with a group, please email...

- **Adult Sunday School** - email Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School** - email Betty at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim** - email PastorTim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group** - email Ray at RLHoewing@gmail.com
- **Youth Group** - email PastorTim@pmumc.org or Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Have a calling to start a new small group?** Contact Pastor Tim or call the church office.



SCHEDULE	MARCH 26	APRIL 2	APRIL 2
LITURGIST	Sandi Baggett Scott McGrew	TBD	TBD
ACOLYTE	Chloe D.	Addison S.	Chloe D.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - MAR 19 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary & YouTube Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall Finance Committee Mtg, OPEN TO ALL - Rm 6
MON - MAR 20	4:30 - 6 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting - Room 1 Girl Scout Troop #32095 Meeting - Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall
TUE - MAR 21	5:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Men's Group Meeting - In-Person & via Zoom
WED - MAR 22	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 23	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim - Zoom Zumba Class - Fellowship Hall IOOF #97 Meeting - Room 6
SAT - MAR 25	1 - 4 pm 3 - 6 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location Frederick Rescue Mission - On Location
SUN - MAR 26 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary & YouTube
MON - MAR 27	7 - 8:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall
TUE - MAR 28	5:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Christian Education Meeting - Room 6
WED - MAR 29	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 30	11 am - 12 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Columbarium Committee Meeting - Room 6 Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim - Zoom Zumba Class - Fellowship Hall
SAT - APR 1	11am - 1 pm 1 - 4 pm	Children & Family Easter Celebration - Lawn/FH & K Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - APR 2 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service w/Communion-Sanctuary/YouTube

WEEKLY SAYING—If the grass is greener on the other side, fertilize yours.

Friendly Thrift Shop **DONATE/SHOP/VOLUNTEER**
W & F, 2-8pm • Th & Sat, 10am-4pm

 Please send all prayer requests to Prayers@PMUMC.org

Help Our Child/Youth Sunday School SHARE GOD'S LOVE 

- Share a "You're a Piece of God's Plan" ornament off the tree by the back door with someone.
- Put the name/address of someone that could use a "Cheer Card" in the folder on the bulletin board in the back of Spurrier Hall.



 **HELP NEEDED** with dinner for The Frederick Rescue Mission on March 25. Go to www.SignUpGenius.com and in the search area put "office@pmumc.org."

 **Review/Preview** (Study Sundays' scriptures w/Pastor Tim) Thursdays via Zoom. **No preparation required!** To get the link email pastortim@pmumc.org.

 **TODAY is UMCOR Sunday**
In a small way we can carry out Jesus' teachings to love the least among us by donating to United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), our denomination's organization for the needy around the world. Please consider over-and-above offering. Envelopes next to offering plate.

 **FELLOWSHIP TIME**-Third Sunday each month, right after worship.

 **Family Easter Celebration/Sat., Apr. 1st 11am-1pm**
Egg Hunt • Crafts • Story • Light Lunch
Questions email Dianna McGrew at mdmcmcgrews@aol.com

 **Mar-Apr Upper Room**
Daily Devotionals are available on outside bench & entrance.

 **Calling ALL KIDS**
Join in learning about and sharing God's love.
Sunday School, 9:30-10:15am

 **Does Singing Bring you Joy?**
Reach out to Janet Hartz, Choir Director at gjalaska@verizon.net or 301-349-5935

 22 families are being helped with this program. Food items listed below can be dropped off in the box under the Church Office's window. If you are able to help pack bags on Saturday, Apr 1, contact Catherine at crbeliveau@gmail.com.
Canned Vegetables • Single serving fruit/applesauce cups • 1 lb bags of rice • 1 lb boxes of pasta • 16 oz jars of peanut butter • Canned tuna • Instant oatmeal packets (plain) • Treats (granola bars/cheese crackers) • 8 oz shelf stable milk • 1 lb bags of dry beans • Canned chicken • Mac & Cheese (multi serving box)
To sign up to deliver the packed bags to Poolesville and Monocacy ES, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa8a82ca75-backpack#/>

GREETERS NEEDED!
 Signup on board at the base of the steps. Questions, email bjspike@verizon.net.

The Men's Group - Tue, Apr 4th. All men invited! We will discuss Adam Hamilton's book, *Words of Life, Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today* - copies available. 

 **Nursery is Open!**
6mo-4yr olds
Sundays during Worship

Thanks to generous donations, Memorial's MEL Program is making a difference! To donate or request equipment, contact Eleanor Bateman, 301.461.7898. 