



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

O Holy Night

by Adolphe Adam,
arr. Eugenie Rocherolle

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148

UMH 861

* OPENING HYMN

What Child is This?

UMH 219

* OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, in Christ you have come among us and we rejoice; yet still the world groans in hope of redemption. Open our hearts to hear you speaking through your word today. By your Spirit give us grace so that we deny neither the sufferings that remain nor the hope that you give us; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

He Is Born, the Holy Child (traditional French)

arr. Melody Bober

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

Dennis Minor

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

Matthew 2:13-23

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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REFLECTION/MESSAGE

Friends in Low Places

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

* HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

UMH 229

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten (12th century Gregorian Chant)
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (16th century melody)

arr. Kathleen Massoud
arr. Eugenie Rocherolle

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain (African American spiritual)

arr. Melody Bober

Selection of Readings Pertaining to Fellowship

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,
²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.
²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled,
“He will be called a Nazorean.”

*First Sunday
of Christmas*

DECEMBER
29
2019
AT
10:30AM

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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec 29 - **PSALM 30:8-12** *God's Helpers*
 Mon., Dec 30 - **EPHESIANS 2:4-9** *Not By Our Merits*
 Tue., Dec 31 - **PSALM 29:1-11** *Beauty in the Storm*
 Wed., Jan 1 - **PSALM 90:1-12** *Time Flows Away*
 Thu., Jan 2 - **EPHESIANS 4:25-32** *The Bigger Picture*
 Fri., Jan 3 - **MATTHEW 13:1-9** *Listening to God*
 Sat., Jan 4 - **LAMENTATIONS 3:19-26** *In the New Year*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



Church Giving

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING
 (the last 8 weeks)
 Updated information will be
 shared next week

WEEKLY BUDGET GOALS
 \$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

Prayer for a Happy New Year

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one...

*Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain,
 but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.*

*Not by making my path easy,
 but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.*

*Not by taking hardship from me,
 but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.*

*Not by granting me unbroken sunshine,
 but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.*

*Not by making my life always pleasant,
 but by showing me where men and His cause need me most and by making
 me zealous to be there and to help...*

God, make my year a happy one.

(Guidepost magazine January 1973)

Upcoming Liturgist/Greeter Schedule

DATE	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 19
LITURGIST	Gary Hartz	TBD	TBD
GREETERS	Andrew Lewis Kirsten Lewis	Bob Bachman Clare Garrett	TBD

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - DEC 29 <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service
MON - DEC 30	12 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Small Group: Learn Spanish - CANCELLED Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
TUE - DEC 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm	Small Grp: Aprender Ingles (<i>Learn English</i>) - CANCELLED Zumba - CANCELLED
WED - JAN 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>		
THU - JAN 2	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
SAT - JAN 4	10 am - 1 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry
SUN - JAN 5 <i>Epiphany</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1 pm	Sunday School Worship Service De-Hanging of the Greens
MON - JAN 6	12 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Small Group: Learn Spanish - CANCELLED Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - JAN 7 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Grp: Aprender Ingles (<i>Learn English</i>) Zumba Men's Group Small Grp: Grief Recovery
WED - JAN 8	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
THU - JAN 9	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group
SUN - JAN 12 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 2 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Trustees Meeting



Thank you Amy Zimmerman
for sharing your gift of music with us today!



De-Hanging of the Greens - Jan. 5th
Join in the fun with many hands making light work!
Contact Dianna McGrew at mdmcgrews@aol.com
or 301-349-2261 with questions

Church Council will meet Tuesday, Jan 14, 7-9 pm



We
are so
blessed
to have such
an incredible
church family
that come together
throughout the year
to help with so much!

- Community Dinners
- Donations for WUMCO
- Volunteering at Thrift Shop
- Caroling and Gifts to Asbury
- Donations and Serving at FRM
- VBS, Parties, Potlucks, and Plays
- Live Nativity and more!



A big Thank You! to all supporting Memorial's activities and regular happenings: Clergy, Council, Trustees, Musicians, Visual Artists, Hospitality Providers, Christian Educators, Ushers, Acolytes, Bulletin Folders, Liturgists, Greeters, Compassionate Care-Givers, Small Group Leaders, EVERYONE!

May we all feel the joy in giving of ourselves during this Christmas Season!

Youth Opportunities

Student Leader Cohort Retreat - High school students are invited to attend the BWC's Student Leader Cohort retreat on Jan. 10-12 at West River Camp near Annapolis. This is a new approach to developing student leaders based upon interests. Open to all youth. Includes a small group time with a mentor. **Registration closes Dec. 27.** Learn more and save a spot -- go to <https://www.bwcumc.org/student-leader-cohort/>.

BWC Scholarship Application - The BWC awards scholarships to qualified students currently attending college along with high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall. **The application process opens January 3 and closes March 5.** To be considered students must:

- complete the full online application
- provide contact information for their pastor and one additional church reference (they will be asked to submit info on student's church participation)

Learn more and apply -- <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>.