



*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; TFWIS=The Faith We Sing.*

## WELCOME

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER

## GATHERING

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, death and disease, when we cannot see God

***People:* we will turn to the light.**

*Leader:* When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

***People:* we will turn to the light.**

*Leader:* When our vision dims due to the darkness within

***People:* we will turn to the light.**

*Leader:* Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

***People:* The light of the world is Jesus Christ.**

*Leader:* Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind. Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

### \* OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, our goal and guide: You go before and await our coming. Only our thirst for your mercy compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship. Pour your love into our hearts that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Sandy or Chloe Dowell

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

*Psalms 23*

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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### REFLECTION/MESSAGE

*The Valley of the Shadow of COVID-19*

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

### \* HYMN

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

## DOXOLOGY

## 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

### \*BENEDICTION


Selection of Readings Pertaining to Fellowship

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

**16** The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” **2** Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ **3** Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” **4** Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” **5** He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

**6** When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” **7** But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” **8** Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” **9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” **10** Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” **11** Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” **12** He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” **13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**Psalm 23**



<b>1</b> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.	they comfort me.
<b>2</b> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;	<b>5</b> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
<b>3</b> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.	you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
<b>4</b> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—	<b>6</b> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

*Fourth Sunday  
in Lent*

MARCH 22  
2020

**10:30 am**

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## Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Mar 22 - **JOHN 14:1-6** *Sadness and Love*

Mon., Mar 23 - **MATTHEW 22:34-40** *Priorities*

Tue., Mar 24 - **DANIEL 2:10-23** *Without Words*

Wed., Mar 25 - **LAMENTATIONS 3:25-33** *The Cards Never Stopped*

Thu., Mar 26 - **ISAIAH 55:6-13** *God's Way*

Fri., Mar 27 - **JAMES 1:19-27** *My Responsibility*

Sat., Mar 28 - **GALATIANS 6:2-10** *Beyond the Walls*

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

## Memorial's Purpose



## Church Giving

### AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

(the last 8 weeks)

**\$4,886.25**

### 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](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

## Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic Prayer

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.  
We come to you in our fear.  
We come to you with trust.  
For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.  
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Amen.

Author Unknown

## Upcoming Happenings

<b>SUN - MAR 22</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 1 pm - 5 pm	Sunday School - CANCELLED Worship Service - ONLINE ONLY Youth Group Meeting - CANCELLED Fellowship Hall Reserved- POSTPONED
<b>MON - MAR 23</b>	4:30 pm - 6 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Room 1 RESERVED - CANCELLED Community Egg Hunt Planning Mtg - CANCELLED Room 4 RESERVED - CANCELLED Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
<b>TUE - MAR 24</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Zumba - CANCELLED Small Grp: Grief Recovery - CANCELLED
<b>WED - MAR 25</b>	6:30 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Connections Committee Meeting - CANCELLED Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
<b>THU - MAR 26</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview - ONLINE ONLY Zumba Class - CANCELLED IOOF #97 Meeting - CANCELLED Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group - CANCELLED
<b>FRI - MAR 27</b>	5 pm - 11:59 pm	Women's Group Retreat - CANCELLED
<b>SAT - MAR 28</b>	10 am - 1 pm 12 am - 5 pm 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - CANCELLED Women's Group Retreat - CANCELLED Frederick Rescue Mission - Meal Delivery Only
<b>SUN - MAR 29</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Sunday School - CANCELLED Worship Service - ONLINE ONLY
<b>MON - MAR 30</b>	7 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Room 1 RESERVED - CANCELLED Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - MAR 31</b>	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	Zumba Helping Hands Poolesville, Inc. Meeting
<b>WED - APR 1</b>	5:30 pm - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Community Dinner - CANCELLED Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THU - APR 2</b>	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
<b>SAT - APR 4</b>	11 am - 2 pm	Community Egg Hunt - CANCELLED
<b>SUN - APR 5</b> <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Trustee Meeting

**Church Building will be CLOSED through March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**A re-evaluation will be done on March 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Please check your email for updates. If you need to reach the church office, please leave a message at 301-349-2010 or send an email to [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org)



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY 2020 Schedule

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** - Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

**HOLY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE** - Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY SELF-GUIDED STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6-8:30 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE** - Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE w/COMMUNION** - April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 am and 10:30 am



**Community Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm - CANCELLED**



**UMCOR** - Help alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing. **A new collection date will be determined in the near future.**

### Frederick Rescue Mission

**Support Needed** - Meals, Serve, Donate money to purchase food. Contact Terry Ferril to help - [HeyTerryF@yahoo.com](mailto:HeyTerryF@yahoo.com).

### Memorial UMC "Spirit Wear"

Our Connections Committee will place an order for:

- Adult short-sleeve T-shirt, gray (\$14)
- Youth short-sleeve T-shirt, gray (\$10)
- Adult long-sleeve Sweatshirt, blue (\$22)

To order contact Kirsten Lewis (301-349-2750 or [kir05@hotmail.com](mailto:kir05@hotmail.com)). Once minimum pieces have been pre-ordered, money will be collected



**Memorial's Women's Retreat** - Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm to Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 5pm  
CANCELLED



### On-Call Table/Chair Set-up Team Members Needed

If you are interested in being part of this elite group of movers and shakers, please contact Shirley at [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org)



### Manidokan & West River Summer Camps

**Campers/Parents** - See Pr. Tim for details about all the fun, excitement, and growth!

**Sponsorship Opportunities Available** - Help our campers make it to camp by providing an offering toward "camperships."

Checks can be made to Memorial UMC with "CAMP" in the memo section.