

**Memorial United Methodist Church
Epiphany-December 31, 2017**

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. However, if you prefer, a nursery for infants through preschoolers is available. Hearing assistance (headphones, earbud, or T-coil) is available during worship.

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

by Janet Linker

* CALL TO WORSHIP

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.
You will do well to be attentive to this,
as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns
and the morning star rises in your hearts.

* PRAYER

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,
you brought the nations to your light
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations;
through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star,
even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Dennis Minor

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



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MESSAGE

Twists and Turns

Rev. William C. Maisch

*HYMN

What Child Is This

UMH 219

RESPONSE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

by Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221, verse 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

*CLOSING HYMN

The First Noel

UMH 245

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It On The Mountain

by Robert Lau



Today's Scripture Reading

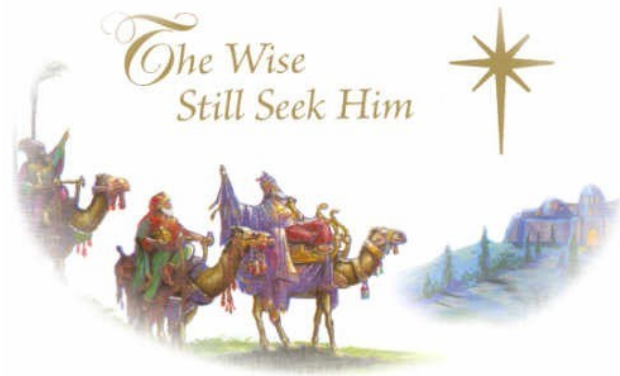
Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



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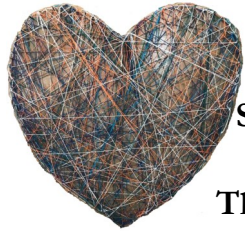
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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec. 31 - **GENESIS 1:26-31** *Beautiful Flowers*
Mon., Jan. 1 - **PSALM 139:7-18** *Another Year Begins*
Tue., Jan. 2 - **JOHN 11:32-37** *Jesus Wept*
Wed., Jan. 3 - **2 CORINTHIANS 7:2-7** *1,630 Kilometers of Prayer*
Thu., Jan. 4 - **JAMES 4:2-10** *Resisting Temptation*
Fri., Jan. 5 - **PSALM 23:1-6** *Never Alone*
Sat., Jan. 6 - **REVELATIONS 21:1-5** *What's New?*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



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

Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance - 372
Offering/other income-12/17/17 - \$9,337
Offering/other income-12/24/17 - \$10,197
Total from 1/1/17- 12/24/17 - \$317,958

For online giving options visit

Office Information

COORDINATOR HOURS
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am 12:30pm

PASTOR APPOINTMENTS
To schedule, please contact the office at
301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or
visit www.pmumc.org

EMERGENCIES
People in need of immediate pastoral care,
please contact Pastor Bill at 301-461-0301

PHONE MESSAGES
Messages for Shirley and Pastor Bill are
sent to their email accounts.

Church Personnel

PASTOR - Rev. William Maisch
**CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR
ORDAINED MINISTRY** - Helen Ballew
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
FACILITIES - Richard Scheetz
NURSERY CARE PROVIDER - Lori King

Prayer


*Loving Lord,
The Wise Men
returned to their homes another way
after meeting with Jesus.
As I return to my home,
may I resolve to live following the route
that He sets for me;
and may the blessings of
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon me and remain with me always.
Amen.*

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - DEC 31 <i>Epiphany</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am	Sunday School Worship Service
MON - JAN 1	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal-CANCELLED
TUE - JAN 2	7:30pm - 9pm	Men's Group Meeting
WED - JAN 3	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SUN - JAN 7 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am	Sunday School Worship Service
MON - JAN 8	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - JAN 9	7pm - 9pm	Church Council Meeting
WED - JAN 10	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SUN - JAN 14 <i>Visit by Bishop Easterling's</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am	Sunday School Worship Service

Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 21
LITURGIST	Gary Hartz	Ralph Hitchens	Kirsten Lewis



Classes available for ages 3-103
Sunday School, 9:15-10:15
See You There!!



All Men Invited!
Our next meeting
will be **Tuesday, Jan. 2nd**, 7:30-9pm.

Youth Group

Sunday, January 28
Noon-1:30pm
Contact Beth Parker
with questions at
parkerdbseg@comcast.net.



Hosts Needed for After-Service Fellowship

Coffee Corner offers light refreshments and time to mingle in the entryway.

Coffee Hour with seating held on the 2nd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in hosting either, please sign up on the bulletin board at the bottom of the Sanctuary stairs.



Memorial's Prayer Connection

Send prayer requests to
prayers@pmumc.org.



Saturday, January 6th
Help needed for
"Removal of the Greens"

Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 9 am
for the following Sunday's edition.



Music Ministry Rehearsals

BELL CHOIR Mondays 7:30-9pm
CHILDREN'S CHOIR Wednesdays
5-6pm
CHANCEL CHOIR Wednesdays 7:30-9pm

Poolesville Area Senior Commission - provides activities and events for residents age 55 and up. Contact Program Director, Reneta Funk at pvilleseniors@comcast.net or 301-875-7701 with questions. Weekly activities available!

