

Memorial United Methodist Church
15th Sunday of Pentecost-September 17, 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.

Today's Acolyte - Marianna A.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

by Dan Miller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe, O Lord,
that you have not abandoned us to the dim light of our own reason to conduct us to happiness, **but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice.**

How noble and excellent are the precepts, how sublime and enlightening the truth, **how persuasive and strong the motives, how powerful the assistance of your holy religion.**

Our delight shall be in your statutes, **and we will not forget your Word. Amen**

*PRAYER

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.

We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all.

Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self.

In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



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PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Gary Hartz

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

ANTHEM

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

by Crosby/Ahnfelt/McDonald

MESSAGE

Forgive From the Heart

Rev. William C. Maisch

*HYMN

God, How Can We Forgive

TFWS 2169

RESPONSE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

A Prayer From the Hills

by James Southbridge

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

Freely, Freely

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let Me Be Thine Forever



by Johann Christoph Bach

Today's Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)

FORGIVENESS

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	SEPTEMBER 24	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8 1
LITURGIST	Eleanor Bateman	Ralph Hitchens	Kirsten Lewis

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 17 - **DUETERONOMY 31:6-8** "Arm of Protection"

Monday, September 18 - **MATTHEW 11:28-30** "Alive Again"

Tuesday, September 19 - **I THESSALONIANS 5:1-11** "Handwritten Encouragement"

Wednesday, September 20 - **I CORINTHIANS 12:12-20** "Differing Roles"

Thursday, September 21 - **ROMANS 12:1-8** "True to Yourself"

Friday, September 22 - **I KINGS 17:8-24** "Choices"

Saturday, September 23 - **PSALM 139:13-18** "Wonderfully Made"

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Statements

MISSION

Empower all to be disciples through Christ-centered worship, education and service.

VISION

Serving God and neighbor through the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance: 124

Offerings/other income \$7,792

Total Offering since 1/1/2017 \$225,433

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www.PMUMC.org**

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

CHURCH COORDINATOR
Shirley Prasada-Rao

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

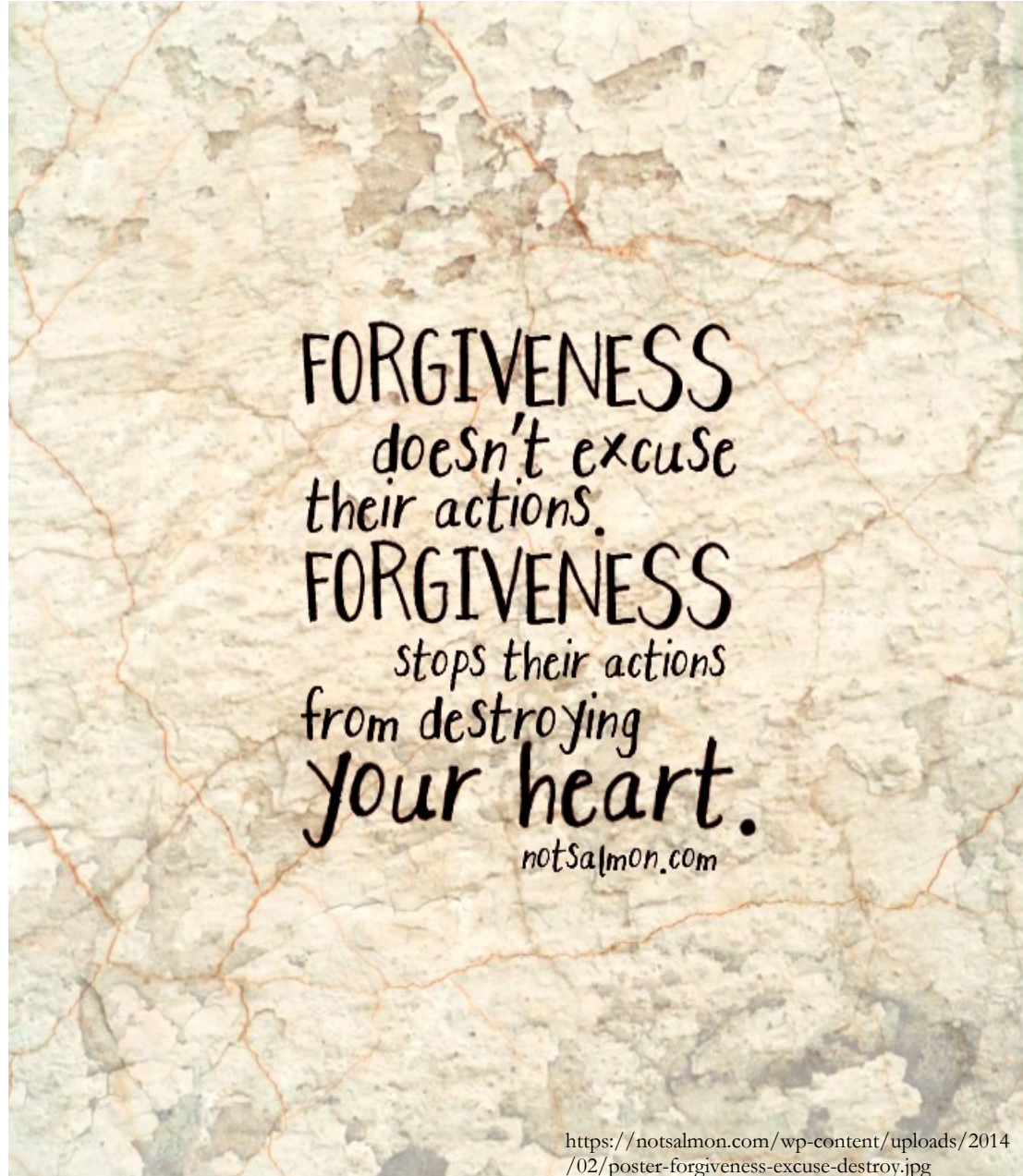
HEAD ACOLYTE - Emma Parker

FACILITIES - Richard Scheetz

NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS -
Robin Walker and Lori King



Thoughts and/or Prayers




Upcoming Happenings

SUN - SEP 17	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship 11:45am - 2pm 12:00 - 2pm	Sunday School Worship Service - Christian Ed Sunday Conversation with the Lay Leader Trustees Meeting Youth Group Kick-Off Party and Meeting
MON - SEP 18	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
WED - SEP 20	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - SEP 21	7pm - 9pm	Church Council Meeting
SAT-SEP 23	8am - 12:30pm 3pm - 7pm	Council Fall Retreat Youth Group Service Project
SUN - SEP 24	9:15am - 10:15am 9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship 12pm - 1:30pm	Sunday School Mothering with Faith Book Club Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Youth Group Meeting (Rain Date)
MON - SEP 25	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - SEP 26	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Men's Group (Open to all Men)
WED - SEP 27	5pm - 6pm 7pm - 9pm 7:30pm - 9m	Children's Choir Rehearsal Upcounty Prevention Network - Drug Addiction Community Dialogue Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SAT-SEP 30	8am - 12pm	Fall Clean-Up
SUN - OCT 1	8:30am - 9am 9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship	Communion Service Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader




Memorial has been busy, busy, busy
Sharing Christ's Love!

Thank You to all those that helped and continue to help with our many activities to benefit others.



Sunday School
9:15-10:15
Today is
**Christian Education Sunday
in Worship**

**Youth Group
Pool Party & Meeting**
September 17 after Worship 

Open to all 6-12 graders. Please RSVP to Beth Parker at parkerdbseg@comcast.net. If bad weather, we will meet on September 24 from Noon to 1:30pm at Memorial.


Your Invited to Join Adult Sunday School - 2 options available this Fall

- "More than Words - 10 Values for the Modern Family"
- "Therefore": A 10-week interactive conversation about the Book of Ephesians

See Church Bulletin Board for more info.




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

Conversation with Lay Leader 


Do you have something on your heart or mind? All are welcome for open conversation about any topic following the 10:30 worship service each Sunday in the Noah's Ark room. Look for signs.

Keep Memorial Beautiful!
Volunteers needed for Work Day
Saturday, September 30, 8am-Noon
RSVP/Contact Maureen Elder at mlcuster74@yahoo.com or 301-928-2596.

Safe Sanctuary Annual Questionnaire
If interacting with any Memorial children, follow instructions on the Church Coordinator's door to complete form.

Memorial's Prayer Connection
Please send all prayer concerns to prayers@pmumc.org. To be part of this ministry, call Dianna McGrew at 301-252-1555 or email office@pmumc.org 

Let Your Giving Be Automatic! If you are interested in sharing your gift of treasure with Memorial electronically you can schedule electronic payments at www.pmumc.org, or through your bank's billpay feature. Please contact Andrew Lewis at aclewismd@hotmail.com with questions.



WHO: The Upcounty Prevention Network in partnership with Montgomery County Police and Poolesville Town Commissioners

WHAT: "In Our Own Backyard: A Community Dialog about Drug Abuse and Addiction"

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27 from 7-9pm

WHERE: Memorial United Methodist Church

All are invited to attend a vital conversation about substance abuse. Police, county, and town representatives will provide information about the local impact of this expanding epidemic. Persons in recovery will share their personal stories and perspectives. We hope you will join us – and invite your families, friends, and neighbors, too. This is an important opportunity to support the health and well-being of everyone in our community especially our youth and young adults. Together, we can make a difference!

"Heroin affects one person, one family, one community at a time. When we ignore the pain and experience of others, it comes to our neighborhoods, our homes, and our hearts. There is no human exempt from this tragic epidemic. It is touching our communities in such a profound way that the Governor declared a state of emergency as 6 young people per day are dying in Maryland from heroin and opioids. Now, with this meeting, we want to reach every parent, guardian, family member, and friend who are truly able to influence those who have fallen victim to these drugs. We are going to spend the evening with videos, speakers and resources available to help. It is not going to be an easy evening, we are going to be direct and honest."

-Officer Doug Tressler, Montgomery County Police Department, and Valaree Dickerson, Poolesville Town Commissioner

**Exciting News for
All the Men of Memorial!**



A men's group, open to all men, is now a reality. A exploratory meeting at the church this past week was attended by ten men, with several additional people interested. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th at 7:30pm. The program will begin with discussion of an *Upper Room* meditations; the rest of the hour will be devoted to building relationships. Further information available from Ray Hoewing (301-461-9399, rayhoewing@aol.com) or Scott McGrew (301-349-2261, scott.mcgrew@aol.com).

**Memorial's following youth
will receive their Bibles today.**

Nathan Fielder

Frances Free

Sam Lewis

Aubrey Selby

Aiden Steward

Jayden Williams

Tristan Yarrington

