

**Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost-September 24, 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 - Rachel S.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Gather Us In* by John Behnke

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

You turn our mourning into dancing!

**Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!**

\*PRAYER

**God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children.**

**Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,**

**hear one another with new hearts,**

**and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

**PROCLAMATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 18:35-43* Eleanor Bateman

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



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ANTHEM

*Make This Church a Welcome Place* by Williams/ Raney

MESSAGE

The Roadside View: Is Jesus Passing By? Helen Ballew

\*HYMN

*The Doorway of Welcome* See insert

**RESPONSE**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Just As I Am* by Joel Raney

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

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

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission* UMH 584

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* by Robert J. Powell



## Today's Scripture Reading

**Luke 18:35-43 (NRSV)**

### JESUS HEALS A BLIND BEGGAR NEAR JERICHO

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

## Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8	OCTOBER 15
LITURGIST	Ralph Hitchens	Kirsten Lewis	Ricky Ballew

## Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 24 - **PSALM 73:23-28** "A Fine Line"  
 Monday, September 25 - **JOHN 2:1-11** "The Best for Last"  
 Tuesday, September 26 - **PHILIPPIANS 4:10-19** "God's Gifts"  
 Wednesday, September 27 - **PSALM 145:8-21** "Prayer Changed Me"  
 Thursday, September 28 - **JAMES 2:14-18** "River Laundry"  
 Friday, September 29 - **PSALM 27:1-3, 13-14** "Undaunted Faith"  
 Saturday, September 30 - **LUKE 7:11-15** "Up Close and Personal"

Visit [www.upperroom.com](http://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: 101

Offerings/other income for this week will be shared in the upcoming bulletin  
 Total Offering 1/1/17-9/10/17 \$225,433

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**For online giving options visit**  
[www.PMUMC.org](http://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](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or visit [www.pmumc.org](http://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



## The Doorway of Welcome

by John Ridgway Walker

*For now in Christ Jesus we all are brought near  
to the Doorway of Welcome. No tribe holds sway here.  
For God's law is established not in rules or commands  
But in healing humanity. God's house in God's hands.*

*Christ draws us together, putting rancor to death  
Becoming one body that He fills with breath  
For we, who were far off, are received as we come  
No longer strangers, but members, each one.*

*Yet not in division, but as one body, we  
Embrace our redemption through God's unity  
With all of creation, sublime sanctity  
In Jesus, our differences are affinities.*

*For God's Spirit grants access, makes us holy and whole  
God joins us together, one temple, one soul  
This is the marriage that God fashions so well  
A Covenant People in a space where God dwells.*

*Preachers and Prophets, and citizen-saints  
All bring their witness in Songs, words and paints  
The Founder's foundation, the Anointed One's Way  
The Doorway is Welcome. Come enter and stay.*



## Upcoming Happenings

<b>SUN - SEP 24</b>	9:15am - 10:15am 9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship After Worship	Sunday School Mothering with Faith Book Club Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Coffee Corner (Host-McKenney)
<b>MON - SEP 25</b>	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - SEP 26</b>	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Men's Group (Open to all Men)
<b>WED - SEP 27</b>	5pm - 6pm 7pm - 9pm  7:30pm - 9m	Children's Choir Rehearsal UPNetwork - Drug Addiction Community Dialogue Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SAT-SEP 30</b>	8am - 12pm	Fall Clean-Up
<b>SUN - OCT 1</b>	8:30am - 9am 9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship After Worship	Communion Service Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Coffee Corner (Host- <i>Available</i> )
<b>MON - OCT 2</b>	9am 5pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline RSVP deadline-Church Conference Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>WED - OCT 4</b>	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9m	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUN - OCT 8</b>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship 11:30am - 12:30pm	Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Coffee Hour (Host-Onderko)





### Sunday School

9:15-10:15

See You There!!

### 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.

**Church Conference** - All members invited to attend and vote. Held at Grace UMC, Gaithersburg on Oct. 21, 1-3pm. RSVP by 10/2 to Joan C. at 301-349-2813.

### Keep Memorial Beautiful!

#### *Volunteers needed for Work Day*

Saturday, September 30, 8am-Noon

RSVP/Contact Maureen Elder at [mlcuster74@yahoo.com](mailto:mlcuster74@yahoo.com) or 301-928-2596.

### Conversation with Lay Leader

Something on your heart or mind?

All topics welcome for conversation each Sunday following the 10:30 worship in the Noah's Ark room.



### Memorial's Prayer Connection

Please send all prayer concerns to [prayers@pmumc.org](mailto:prayers@pmumc.org).



### Exciting News...



Memorial's new Men's Group will meet Tues., SEPTEMBER 26, 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 ([rayhoewing@aol.com](mailto:rayhoewing@aol.com), 301-461-9399) or Scott McGrew (301-349-2261, [scott.mcgrew@aol.com](mailto:scott.mcgrew@aol.com)).



***“In Our Own Backyard: A Community Dialog About Drug Abuse and Addiction”***

Wed., Sept. 27 from 7-9pm at PMUMC

Police, county, and town representatives will provide information about the local impact of this expanding epidemic.

**Together, we can make a difference!**

*Sponsored by UPN in partnership with Montgomery County Police Department and Poolesville Town Commissioners*

### Music Ministry

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Mondays 7:30-9pm

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Wednesdays 5-6pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Wednesdays 7:30-9pm



**Bulletin Deadline**-Mondays at 9 am.

**Time for Fellowship** - *Coffee Corner* offers light refreshments and time to mingle in the entryway each Sunday after the 10:30 am service. *Coffee Hour* will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall with seating available. If you are interested in hosting either, please sign up on the bulletin board at the bottom of the Sanctuary stairs.

