



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.

Hearing assistance (headphones, earbud, or T-coil) is available during worship.

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Saw Three Ships

by Anna Laura Page

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, holy and beloved, put on compassion and kindness this day.

People: Praise God in the highest heaven. Praise God in the deepest sea.

Leader: Children of the Most High, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves in humility and gentleness.

People: Praise God with the winged messengers. Praise God with the heavenly host.

Leader: Disciples of Christ, holy and beloved, find unity through the bonds of love.

People: Let all creation sing God's praise. Let all creation worship the Lord.

* OPENING HYMN

That Boy Child of Mary

UMH 241

* OPENING PRAYER

Swaddle us in your love, O God, that we may grow in wisdom and favor, as Samuel and Jesus before us. Clothe us with your compassion, and wrap us in your kindness and mercy, that we may be known for our humility, gentleness and patience. Bind us in love and unity, through the power of your Holy Spirit, that our words and deeds may honor in the name of Christ Jesus, our guide and guardian. Amen.

ANTHEM

Thou Who Wast Rich

by Rich Houghton/IJames

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Jan Deloria

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

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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MESSAGE

Growing Up

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

* HYMN

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY - PIANO SOLO BY GRACE PETTITT

Bethlehem Morning

by Chapman/Bober

* DOXOLOGY

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221, last verse

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

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Angels From the Realms of Glory

by Anna Laura Page

Readings

Colossians 3:12-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Luke 2:41-52 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents¹ saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years,² and in divine and human favor.

*First Sunday
of Christmas*

DECEMBER
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2018

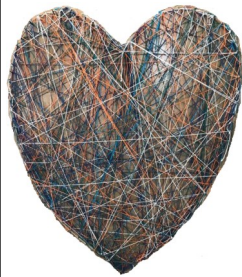
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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., December 30 - **PSALM 16:1-11** *God's Glory*
 Mon., December 31 - **ACTS 2:41-47** *Celebrating God*
 Tue., January 1 - **PSALM 67:1-7** *New Year's Resolution*
 Wed., January 2 - **2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21** *"Where's is the New?"*
 Thu., January 3 - **LUKE 19:1-10** *God's Tree Climbers*
 Fri., January 4 - **JEREMIAH 31:12-14** *Comfort After Loss*
 Sat., January 5 - **COLOSSIANS 3:12-17** *Forgiving Family*

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Memorial's Purpose



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

Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance: 126
 Offering/other income 12/23: \$22,286
 Total since 1/1/18: 499,690
 Fellowship Hall Renovation
 Goal: \$75,000 Received: \$29,900
**For online giving options visit
www.PMUMC.org**

Office Information

COORDINATOR HOURS
 Call or E-Mail office

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
FACILITIES - Richard Scheetz

Choral Response

Heavenly Father,
 May our Christmas season be
 A time of reconciliation and
 peace
 May the love of Christ be with us
 May His Peace surround us.

May our Christmas be a time
 Of healing, giving and sharing
 May Your spirit be with us
 As we share and care in Jesus'
 blessed birth,
 Amen!

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Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20
LITURGIST	Beth Parker	Scott McGrew	Emma Parker

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - DEC 30	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>Dowell's</i> Youth Group/Rock Attendees Meeting
MON - DEC 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	9 am 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
TUE - JAN 1	 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A year of favor FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us... PSALM 90:17a</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>	
WED - JAN 2	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - JAN 3	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 6	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner
MON - JAN 7	9 am 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
TUE - JAN 8	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	Zumba Class Church Council Meeting
WED - JAN 9	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - JAN 10	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
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We've Exceeded Our Matching Gift Challenge!

A family offered a \$10,000 matching gift for the Fellowship Hall renovation of any gifts \$1,000+ received by Dec. 31. We received \$11,000 toward our \$10,000 matching gift plus have an additional \$1,000 pledged for today! All together we've raised nearly \$41,000 in just three weeks! We are more than halfway there, but still need an additional \$34,000 to reach our goal of \$75,000.




Music Ministry Rehearsals

Bell Choir - Mondays, 7:30-9pm
Chancel Choir - Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm

Review/Preview with Pastor Tim

resumes this Thursday, 7 pm. See you there!!

Stick Around After Worship!


Enjoy some fellowship and wet your whistle! Starting next Sunday Coffee Corner will simplify and switch to drinks only.  If you have any questions please speak with Kirsten Lewis, Evangelism Chair.

De-Hanging of the Greens

will take place after worship on Jan. 6. Join in the fun with many hands making light work! Contact Dianna McGrew at mdmcmgrews@aol.com or 301-349-2261 with questions 



Sunday School!! 9:15-10:15 am

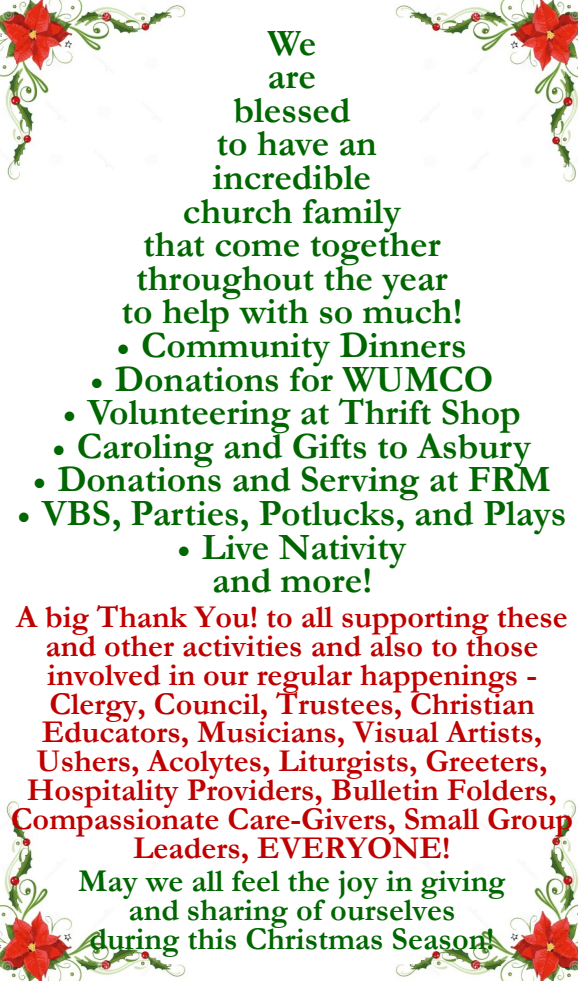


The Baltimore-Washington Conference awards a variety college scholarships. Applications open Jan. 3—Mar 7, 2019. Students must complete the full online application, including uploading current transcript and providing contact information for their pastor and one additional church reference. To learn more visit <http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>

Rock Attendees Meeting

We will have a meeting on January 6th after church for anyone attending Rock to go over the schedule, and complete paperwork.

We will meet in the Conference Room. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Parker at parkerdbseg@comcast.net.



We are blessed to have 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 these and other activities and also to those involved in our regular happenings - Clergy, Council, Trustees, Christian Educators, Musicians, Visual Artists, Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Greeters, Hospitality Providers, Bulletin Folders, Compassionate Care-Givers, Small Group Leaders, EVERYONE!

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