

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; TFWs=The Faith We Sing.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

David Cherwien

* OPENING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY: *Christ Be Our Light* by Farrell/Raney

*RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness,

People: but the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

People: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Leader: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

People: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Leader: We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

People: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Leader: For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

People: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Eleanor Bateman, Everly Reif

CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE (see insert)

PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

Carl Schalk

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Ralph Hitchens

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

Luke 3:1-6

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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

MESSAGE

Preparations

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

* HYMN

O Come and Dwell in Me

UMH 388

SEASON OF CELEBRATION

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

David Cherwien

* 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

People Look East

UMH 202

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

David Cherwien

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4 New Revised Standard Version

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.



Luke 3:1-6 New Revised Standard Version

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

*Second Sunday
in Advent*

DECEMBER
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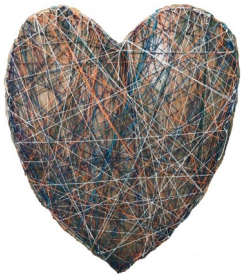
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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., December 9 - **LUKE 2:8-20** *A Piece of Christmas*
 Mon., December 10 - **MATTHEW 25:34-40** *Sharing What I Have*
 Tue., December 11 - **PSALM 13:1-6** *God is Good*
 Wed., December 12 - **EXODUS 39:32-43** *The Glory of the Lowly*
 Thu., December 13 - **MATTHEW 4:18-22** *Worth It*
 Fri., December 14 - **LUKE 6:43-45** *A New Opportunity*
 Sat., December 15 - **JEREMIAH 29:10-14** *Trust*

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: 124
 Offering/other income 12/2: \$8,483
 Total since 1/1/18: 462,781
 Fellowship Hall Renovation
 Goal: \$75,000 Received: \$18,660
**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.

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 People in need of immediate pastoral care,
 please contact Pastor Tim at
PastorTim@PMUMC.org

Church Personnel

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell
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Choral Response

Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
 BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
 hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 Church gath - ered to - day.



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Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 30
LITURGIST	Eleanor Bateman	Ray Hoewing	Jan Deloria

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - DEC 9 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1 pm 11:45 am - 2 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Christmas Play/Party/Potluck Luncheon Trustees Meeting - CANCELLED
MON - DEC 10	9 am 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Wesmond Townhouse Association Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - DEC 11	9 am - 1 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Organ Tuning Zumba Class Church Council Meeting - CANCELLED Small Grp: Good Grief - Coping with Loss
WED - DEC 12	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - DEC 13	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Grp: Review/Preview with Pastor Tim Zumba Class Small Grp: Judy's Covenant Group IOOF #97 Meeting
FRI - DEC 14	5 pm - 9 pm	Live Nativity Set-Up
SAT - DEC 15	12pm - 6pm 6pm - 8 pm 8pm - 10 pm	Live Nativity Set-Up LIVE NATIVITY - OPEN TO ALL! Live Nativity Clean-Up
SUN - DEC 16 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 8 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>McCraiths & Cooks Hosts</i> Reserved
MON - DEC 17	9 am 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline for 12/23 and 12/30 editions Brownie Troop #32009 Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - DEC 18	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Zumba Class Small Grp: Men's: "Troublesome Bible Passages" Small Grp: Grief Recovery
WED - DEC 19	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - DEC 20	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
SAT - DEC 22	3:30pm - 6:30pm	Frederick Rescue Mission
SUN - DEC 23 <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - Host Needed

Thank you to ALL for another successful Community Dinner



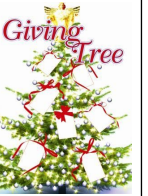
Play, Party and Potluck! Sun., Dec. 9 after Worship

Sunday School Christmas Program

Please join us for a Potluck and presentation of
"Not Just Once . . . But All the Time!"

Giving Tree Tags Are Available!

This Christmas, Memorial UMC will be sponsoring two families. WUMCO has provided us with the wishes of the family members and the information has been placed on tags and hung on our Giving Tree.



To participate in this special activity, simply...

- pick a tag of a gift you would like to purchase
- write your name and number next to the Tag # on the log by the tree
- purchase and wrap the gifts - make sure you include the tag on the outside of the package
- return the gift to Memorial by Tuesday, December 18 at 5pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianna McGrew at mdmcgrews@aol.com or call 301-349-2261.



Live Nativity - Saturday, Dec. 15th, 6-8 pm

Live Animals! Hot Chocolate! Cookies!

Keep our live nativity crew warm and energized!

Sign up to bring a crock-pot chili or soup,
bread or side dish or desert.

Sign up sheets available in Spurrier Hall.



**Music Ministry
Rehearsals**

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



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

Memorial's Prayer Connection

Send prayer requests to prayers@pmumc.org.



Stick Around After Worship!

Enjoy some fellowship and refreshments at Coffee Corner.

Trustees & Church Council Meetings

have been cancelled for December.
See you in January!

**Christmas Eve
Schedule**



4 pm - Family Worship Service
8 pm - Traditional Worship Service