



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; TFWIS=The Faith We Sing.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Make Me A Servant

by Carolyn Hamlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.

***People:* Seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.**

Leader: Live as trees planted by living waters and Christ will give you peace.

***People:* Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life, and Christ will lead you home.**

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

*OPENING HYMN

Near to the Heart of God

UMH 472

*OPENING PRAYER

**Source of wisdom and understanding, plant us by your streams of living water,
that we may bear the fruit of peace and mercy**

throughout the seasons of our lives;

root us in the soil of your grace and compassion,

that we may reach out our hands to the needy

and speak with gentleness to the sorrowful; nourish us in your righteousness,

that our actions may reflect your presence in our living and in our loving.

Place your wisdom and understanding within us,

that those in need of your healing love might find it through us.

We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

ANTHEM

Like a Tree Planted by the Water

by Sandra T. Ford

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Scott McGrew

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

Mark 9:30-37

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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MESSAGE

Who is the Greatest?

Rev. Timothy Dowell

* HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

by Gilbert Martin

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH 463

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet in Dialogue

by Louis Clerambault

Readings

James 3:13-4:3 (NRSV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.



Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Note of Thanksgiving

Thank you for the kindness and generosity you showed us upon the passing of our beloved Doris (Mom, Granny) Glass. We were overwhelmed by your support.
Heart felt thanks, Charles, Sandy, Jon, Lynne, Tad and families.



*Eighteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost*

SEPTEMBER
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2018

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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., September 23 - **1 KINGS 19:11-13** *Sacred Silence*
 Mon., September 24 - **PROVERBS 3:27-29** *Nudges From God*
 Tue., September 25 - **TITUS 2:11-14** *Drops of Paint*
 Wed., September 26 - **PSALM 100:3-5** *Baskets of Blessings*
 Thu., September 27 - **ACTS 2:42-47** *An Inspiring Visitor*
 Fri., September 28 - **PHILIPPIANS 4:18-20** *God's Faithful Provision*
 Sat., September 29 - **ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11** *One Day At a Time*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



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

Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance - 110
 Offering/other income 9/16: \$11,625
 Total from 1/1/18: \$347,420
**For online giving options visit
www.PMUMC.org**

Office Information

COORDINATOR HOURS
 Mon.-Fri., 9am 12pm

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

Reflections



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Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 7	OCTOBER 14
LITURGIST	Beth Parker	Emma Parker	Bob Bachman

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - SEP 23	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 11:45 am - 1:45 pm 7:30 pm - 12 am	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>Host Opportunity Available</i> Youth Group Meeting Apple Butter Making
MON - SEP 24	12 am - 4 pm 9 am 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Apple Butter Making Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - SEP 25	7 pm - 8 pm	Zumba Class
WED - SEP 26	4pm - 6pm 5 pm - 6 pm 7 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Youth Grp - Fred. Rescue Mission Dinner Children's Choir Rehearsal Girl Scout Troop #3032 Boy Scout Leaders Troop #496 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - SEP 27	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Grp: Review-Preview w/Pastor Tim Zumba Class Small Group: Judy's Covenant Group
FRI - SEP 28	10:30 am - 12 pm	Church Women United Meeting
SUN - SEP 30	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>Host Opportunity Available</i>
MON - OCT 1	9 am 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Brownie Troop #32009 Small Group: Women's "Balanced Living" Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - OCT 2	7 pm - 9 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Sm Grp: Men's "Troublesome Bible Passages" Zumba Class Small Grp: English for Spanish Speakers Small Grp: Good Grief: Coping w/ Loss
WED - OCT 3	5 pm - 6 pm 5:30 pm - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Community Dinner Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - OCT 4	7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Sm Grp: Review-Preview Sun.'s Sermon Small Group: Judy's Covenant Group
SUN - OCT 7	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>Host Opportunity Available</i>



Community Food Drive

Multi-Church drive to benefit WUMCO and Germantown Help!
Donations being accepted at church TODAY and September 30th.
 Needed: cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned meat/tuna, baked beans, rice, boxed mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, beans, peanut butter, jelly.
 Contact: Barbara Polak, rapbap00@yahoo.com or 301-349-5901. \$ donations also accepted

Apple Butter Making Date Change!

One of our long-time fundraiser has been selling Memorial's delicious Apple Butter. To help with jarring on **Mon., Sept 24**, please call Betty Jean Selby at 301-742-8253.



Fall Group Sign-Up

Memorial's Fall Small Groups

*Please join one of the following.
Come every week or when you can.*

“Good Grief: Coping with Loss”

Led by Joan Carroll
Tuesdays, 7:30pm, 10/2-11/6, Rm 4
Review/Preview Sunday's Sermons

Led by Pastor Tim Dowell
Thursdays, 7pm, 10/4-11/29, Rm 8
Social Principles for Christian Living

Led by Ray Hoewing
Wednesdays, 7pm, 10/17-11/21, Rm ?
Women's Book Study: Balanced Living

Led by Dianna McGrew
Mondays, 6:30pm. 10/1-11/19, Rm ?
Men's Grp: Troublesome Bible Passages

Led by Ray Hoewing & Scott McGrew
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30pm, Rm 6
Ingles para Latinos (English for Spanish Speakers)
Ensenado por Carolina DeVriendt
Tuesdays, 7:30pm, 10/2-12/4, Rm ?

Register by calling 301-349-2010 or emailing office@pmumc.org



Memorial's Community Dinner Wed., Oct. 3rd, 5:30-7 pm

Homemade spaghetti, salad, bread, and lots of Homemade Desserts!

To help with preparation or serving; or to request meal delivery or a ride, contact Lori Kocur at 240-994-8011



Music Ministry Rehearsals

Bell Choir - Mondays, 7:30-9pm
Chancel Choir - Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm
Children's Choir - Wednesdays, 5-6pm

Sunday School! 9:15-10:15 am



Church Women United will be using Memorial's Conference Rm to host a meeting Friday, Sept. 28, 10:45am-noon. Theme is "All God's Creation is Good." Founded in 1941, CWU is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive ecumenical women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. To attend contact Patsy Marks, 301-869-1314.



Memorial's Prayer Connection - Send prayer requests to prayers@pmumc.org.