



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

Great God of Wonders

by Newton/Wyrtzen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If God had not been for us,

***People:* calamity would have swallowed us whole.**

Leader: If Christ had not been on our side,

***People:* we would have fallen like birds shot from the sky.**

Leader: If the Spirit had abandoned us in our need,

***People:* we would have dried up like blooms in the desert.**

Leader: Come to the Lord in prayer.

***People:* Come find healing and peace.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

*OPENING PRAYER

Maker of heaven and earth, remind us this day that you are our strength and our shield. When adversaries assail us like a raging river, you keep our necks above the churning waters. When enemies seek to destroy your people, you offer counsel and strength to avert disaster. When we suffer in body and spirit, the prayers of the faithful restore us to health. We come to you, O God, that we might be rescued and healed. We come to praise your holy name. Amen.

ANTHEM—BELL CHOIR

Processional on All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr by Anna Laura Page

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

Beth Parker

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

Mark 9:38-50

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

MESSAGE

"Guarding" the Faith?

Rev. Timothy Dowell

* HYMN

There's a Spirit in the Air

UMH 192

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

by Temple/Holsten

* 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Salvation"

by David Paxton

Readings

Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

RESPONSE – When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.

Please use the United Methodist Hymnal 846 to follow along.



Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Did you Know

Memorial UMC collected and delivered 25 pounds of food to WUMCO this week!

*Nineteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost*

SEPTEMBER
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2018

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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., September 30 - **DEUTERONOMY 10:12-22** *Watering the Fields*

Mon., October 1 - **ISAIAH 53:1-10** *Words that Heal*

Tue., October 2 - **PSALM 57:8-11** *Faithfulness*

Wed., October 3 - **1 TIMOTHY 4:7-10** *Faith Training*

Thu., October 4 - **ISAIAH 40:27-31** *God's Eternal Supply*

Fri., October 5 - **ROMANS 8:37-39** *Healing by Grace*

Sat., October 6 - **1 SAMUEL 16:1-12** *Last in Line*

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 - 99

Offering/other income for 9/23 will be in
a future bulletin

Total from 1/1/18 -9/16/18: \$335,794

**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

The disciples were guarding their “territory.” The
were claiming
“proprietary” rights over discipleship.
In other words,
they were being a “stumbling block”
in the faith life of others
because of their own selfish agendas.

Much of the political strife we see today
is rooted in the selfish desire
to protect one's own
proprietary understanding of the faith -
to “Guard the faith” as they see it,
as if almighty God needs anyone's defense.

Rev. Timothy A Dowell

Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	OCTOBER 7	OCTOBER 14	OCTOBER 21
LITURGIST	Emma Parker	Bob Bachman	Shannon Rhoderick

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - SEP 30	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 11:45 am - 12:15 am 7:30 pm - 12 am	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>Host Opportunity Available</i> Kitchen Committee Meeting Apple Butter Making
MON - OCT 1	12 am - 4 pm 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Apple Butter Making 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 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 Small Grp: Grief Recovery
WED - OCT 3	5:30 pm - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Community Dinner Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - OCT 4	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Sm Grp: Review-Preview Sunday's Sermon Zumba Class 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 - Sandy Dowell, Host
MON - OCT 8	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Small Group: Women's "Balanced Living" Wesmond Townhouse Association Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - OCT 9	7 pm - 9 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Church Council Meeting Zumba Class Small Grp: English for Spanish Speakers Small Grp: Good Grief: Coping w/ Loss
WED - OCT 10	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - OCT 11	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Sm Grp: Review-Preview Sunday's Sermon Zumba Class Small Group: Judy's Covenant Group IOOF #97 Meeting
SUN - OCT 14	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 11:45 am - 2 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner - <i>Host Opportunity Available</i> Trustees Meeting

Stick around after Worship

and spend time in Fellowship.
 Enjoy light refreshments and time
 with friends. All are welcome.
Coffee Corner hosts are needed for the fall.



Want to get involved?



Members needed for our new Kitchen Committee. Our purpose will be to monitor the kitchen in order to maintain adequate inventory of supplies and equipment and to keep the kitchen in orderly and sanitary condition. Join us TODAY, 11:45pm, Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Dianna McGrew, 301-349-2261 or Louise MacKenzie, 301-370-5025.

The weather hasn't been cooperating **Apple Butter Making start Today!**

One of our long-time fundraiser has been selling Memorial's delicious Apple Butter. To help with jarring on **Mon., Oct. 1**, please call Betty Jean Selby, 301-742-8253.



Needed - additional licensed kitchen managers to help with 2 community dinners a year. Becoming a licensed kitchen manager requires completing a half day ServeSafe Food Protection Manager Certification Course. If you feel called to serve in this way, contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net or 240-994-8011.

WUMCO Walk - We will be selling our famous Walking Tacos at WUMCO Walk on October 26. If you can help, please let Dianna McGrew know at 301-349-2261.



Classes on the Methodist Church's "Social Principles" will be held on Wednesday at church from 7-8pm on October 17, 24, 31 & November 7, 14 & 21. This will not be a lecture series but heavy on discussions as we work our way through this important document. **An information table has been set up today in Spurrier Hall where you may have your questions answered and pick up your study guide.**



Sunday School!!

9:15-10:15 am



Music Ministry Rehearsals

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

Memorial's Nursery is open for infants-preschoolers during worship.



Memorial's Community Dinner will be Wednesday, October 3 from 5:30-7pm. Homemade Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, and lots of yummy Desserts! To help with preparation or serving; or to request meal delivery or a ride, contact Lori Kocur: 240-994-8011 or kocurs@verizon.net



Office Hours will be Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to noon through the first week of November.

Opportunity to Bake & Help WUMCO!

Virtually every person in Memorial knows about the wonderful work of WUMCO Help that for the past 51 years has been serving the underprivileged in our area. Memorial's support in providing volunteers, food and financial support goes back to WUMCO's early days. Now comes a new opportunity.

Calleva, the upcounty's year-round recreational organization, is an annual supporter of WUMCO. Every October Calleva conducts its regionally-popular "Haunted Forest," attended by thousands of folks from the District, northern Virginia and Montgomery County.

WUMCO will be receiving part of the proceeds at the Calleva event on the evening of Friday, October 12th. In addition, Calleva has invited all the churches in the area to provide cookies, brownies, etc. so that trekkers can munch on as they "shudder" their way through the horrors of the forest. Memorial will be providing cookies for October 12.

All proceeds from this sale will be given to WUMCO.

If congregants want to help in this undertaking, simply pack your "sweet tooth" delicacy in transparent zip bags and deliver to 18002 Bliss Drive after 5 pm the evening of October 11th or during the day October 12th.

Tear off this portion and either place into offering plate or leave with Ray or Ralph in Spurrier Hall after the service so that we can provide information to Calleva on what to expect.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Number of bags I plan to provide. _____

The Visual Arts Committee will be holding a Chrismon ornament refurbish/replace workshop in October.

What is a Chrismon, you ask?

"Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram," and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white, representing majesty and purity. Ideas for fashioning them are developed from early Christian symbols, the Bible and church histories. The use of Chrismons to decorate Christmas trees is popular in many churches today. Chrismons were first developed in 1957 by Frances Kipps Spencer of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Va. In an effort to create appropriate decorations for her church Christmas tree, Spencer fashioned centuries-old symbols into white and gold tree decorations.

Chrismons are the ornaments we use to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree. The current ornaments have been used for years and are in need of refurbishment or replacement.

All supplies will be provided at the workshop for *high school age and above* to create beautiful new decorations for our sanctuary tree.

Please contact Dianna McGrew at 301-349-2261 or by email at: mdmcgrews@aol.com if you are interested. Workshop will be held mid to late October, date to be determined based on interest. Thank you.

