



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

Prelude on Aberystwyth

by Raymond Haan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To those who eagerly came to worship God,

People: you are welcome here.

Leader: To those who grumbled about coming,

People: you are welcome here.

Leader: To those who are not sure why they are here,,

People: you are welcome here.

Leader: In the name of the One who loves and forgives us,

People: you are welcome in this place.

All: Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

* OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, creating God, you have called us to this place. You breathe life into us each day. You welcome us just as we are, with all of our hopes and fears, all of our faults and talents. As we worship, may we rest in your Spirit, and may we remember that you alone renew our lives. Help us shake off all that weighs down, that we may be free to hold fast to you, the One who fills our lives with unmerited grace and abounding love. In the name of Christ, your Son, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

Coming Home

by Kirkpatrick/Martin

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Kirsten Lewis

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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REFLECTION/MESSAGE

Agents of Repentance

Rev. Timothy A, Dowell

* HYMN

God, How Can We Forgive

TFWS 2169

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Lamb of God, Most Holy

by David Cherwien

* 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

Grace, Greater than Our Sin

UMH 365

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall

by J. S. Bach

Selection of Readings Pertaining to Fellowship

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹⁵ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

*Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

MARCH 31
2019

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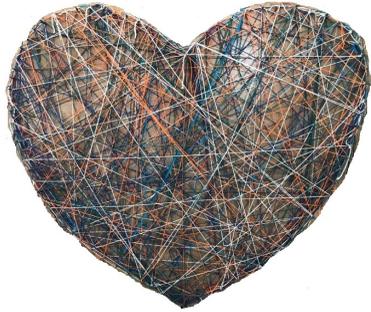
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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., March 31 - **1 SAMUEL 1:1-28** *In the Thicket!*
 Mon., April 1 - **COLOSSIANS 3:1-14** *You Never Know*
 Tue., April 2 - **JOHN 5:1-9** *Response Required*
 Wed., April 3 - **1 SAMUEL 16:1-13** *The Tiny Green Shoot*
 Thu., April 4 - **MATTHEW 6:25-34** *Birdsong*
 Fri., April 5 - **HEBREWS 12:1-3** *Finishing Well*
 Sat., April 6 - **ROMANS 12:9-18** *A Healing Balm*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



Loving God
 Welcoming All
 Serving Neighbors
 Together Through Jesus Christ

Office Information

COORDINATOR HOURS
 Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

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

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HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

HEAD ACOLYTE - Emma Parker

FACILITIES - Richard Scheetz

Thoughts / Prayers / Inspiration

God's will is to save us,
 and nothing pleases him more
 than our coming back to him
 with
 true repentance.

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~St. Maximus the Confessor

Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	APRIL 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent	APRIL 14 Palm Sunday	APRIL 18 Maundy Thursday	APRIL 21 Easter 8 am	APRIL 21 Easter 10:30 am
LITURGIST	Eleanor Bateman	Jan Deloriea	TBD	TBD	Ray Hoewing

Upcoming Happenings

SUN - MAR 31 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> UMCOR Sunday	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1 pm 11:45 am - 2:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Potluck, Family Games, & Foosball Tournament Finance Committee Meeting
MON - APR 1	9 am 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - APR 2	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Zumba Class Small Grp: Men's Group Meeting Small Grp: Ingles para Latinos (English for Spanish Speakers) Small Grp: "Good Grief: Coping with Loss" Small Grp: Grief Recovery
WED - APR 3	5:30 pm - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Community Dinner Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - APR 4	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
SAT - APR 6	10 am - 1 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry
SUN - APR 7 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner
MON - APR 8	9 am 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Bulletin Deadline Wesmond Townhouse Association Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - APR 9	7 pm - 8 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Zumba Class Church Council Meeting Small Grp: Ingles para Latinos (English for Spanish Speakers)
WED - APR 10	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - APR 11	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 IOOF #97 Meeting
SAT - APR 13	12 pm - 3 pm	Community Easter Egg Hunt
SUN - APR 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 11:30 am - 2 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner Trustees Meeting

FAMILY FUN - TODAY

Fellowship Hall after Worship
 Foosball Tournament/Games/Potluck



An afternoon
of fun,
fellowship,
good food and
lots of laughs!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday School - 9:15-10:15am

Worship Service - 10:30am

Children's Time begins during

*Worship then will dismiss to Social Hall
for Craft and Refreshments*



April 18th - Maundy Thursday

Worship Service w/Communion - 7pm

Friday, April 19th - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 3 to 7pm

Self Guided

Sunday, April 21st -Easter Sunday

Worship Service - 8am

Sunday School - 9:15-10:15am

Worship Service - 10:30am

UMCOR Sunday is TODAY

Please give as able using the
UMCOR SUNDAY envelopes.



Community Dinner FREE & OPEN TO ALL

Memorial UMC-Apr. 3, 5:30-7 pm.

Come enjoy Meat Lasagna (gluten free and vegetarian options will be offered), Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, and lots of homemade Desserts. If you have any questions contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 13, 2019, 12-3 pm

Whalen Commons

Easter Egg Hunt Games Story-Time

Face Painting Food Easter Bunny!

Want to Help? There are sign-up sheets in the main entrance. Help needed on April 13th with set-up, clean-up, running food table, registration. If you can't be there on the 13th but feel called to help, please sign-up to donate items such as condiments and/or paper goods. Monetary donations are also being accepted to off-set the costs.

Doing Some Spring Cleanng?

The Ladies of Memorial will be participating in the Big Flea in Whalen Commons on June 8th. All of your "no longer needed treasures" will be joyfully welcomed! We will start accepting household items, accessories- costume jewelry, purses, belts, etc after Easter. If you have clothing, please donate to Poolesville Friendly Thrift Shop. More details to come as we get closer. All proceeds will go toward the cost of the Ladies of Memorial's retreat.



Memorial's Prayer Connection

Send prayer requests to prayers@pmumc.org.



Stay and share some time in
fellowship after worship.



Music Ministry Rehearsals

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