



- ✦ To get further connected with us, we invite you to fill out a connection card in the back of the Sanctuary.
- ✦ Please be sure to sign in on the attendance sheet in the back, which provides accurate worship numbers for our annual statistical reporting. Also in the back, are prayer request cards and a sign-in sheet to serve as a worship assistant. Worship is *always* a team effort!
- ✦ We usually have Giant & Weis \$100 gift cards (Olivet gets \$5 for each), and free flowers across the street in the GNC for the taking.
- ✦ Lastly, we enjoy coffee fellowship after worship. All are welcome!



**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>Mon, Apr 22</b>	<b>Sabbath Day – Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tues, Apr 23</b>	Flying Needles	6:00 PM
<b>Wed, Apr 24</b>	Grief Support Group	11:00 AM
	Strummers Practice	3:00 PM
	Choir Practice	4:00 PM
<b>Thurs, Apr 25</b>	<b>NO</b> Ripple Center Worship this day	
	VBS Planning Meeting	6:30 PM
<b>Sat, Apr 27</b>	AA Meeting (call Bob E. 410-279-6664)	7:00 AM
<b>Sun, Apr 28</b>	Sunday Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Hour	10:30 AM

For further information, check out our website at [olivetumc-lusby.org](http://olivetumc-lusby.org).

**Video Zoom Connection: ID: 216-168-3604, PW: 181188**

**Phone Zoom: Call 1-253-215-8782, Enter 216-168-3604#, PW: 181188**

For pastoral care or prayer needs, call the church office, or text/email Pastor Alex Thomas at 410-231-1115, [olivetumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:olivetumcpastor@gmail.com).

<b>Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action</b>	
<b>2024 Approved Budget</b>	<b>\$218,396.94</b>
<b>Average Weekly Income Needed</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</b>
<b>Average Weekly Giving as of 3/31/24</b>	<b>\$4,331.63</b>

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 Office hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.  
 410-326-8400--olivetumc-lusby.org*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide, April 21, 2024**

Good morning and welcome to worship! The fourth Sunday of Eastertide is always Good Shepherd Sunday. Chances are, you'll hear the words "sheep" and "shepherd" countless times today! I studied abroad in Ireland for a month one summer and I had to have seen thousands of sheep grazing all over the rolling, emerald green hills. They always seemed so picturesque, like they belonged there, and content, like they knew they belonged there. Sheep have a reputation of being rather doltish, though they simply prefer being led. Being an obedient follower is anything but doltish!

Jesus is our good shepherd, which means he leads us to accept the inherent, God-given goodness each of us was born with. We can and should take comfort in being like sheep who just want to be led. The word "pastoral" has two meanings: one is related to the keeping of sheep or cattle, and one is related to the duty of a clergy person. A pastor's role is to direct everyone's devotion and attention to Christ, which means all pastors are united in mission. We are one flock led by the one shepherd, and he is Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Going Forth Prayer: *Lord, in this season of change, help us to be content with where and how we're led anew, all to your glory. Amen.*