

Welcome!



*We are honored
that you chose
to worship with
us today!*

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday December 7, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Experience

OUR MISSION

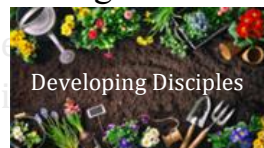
Rejoice In Jesus,
Grow Our Faith,
Pass It On!

OUR VISION

*We Are Passionate
Christians Making
Disciples of Jesus Christ*

OUR 2025 FOCUS

Growing Our Garden



OUR 3 RULES

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck, Pastor

❖ Order of Worship ❖

December 7, 2025

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist

Opening PrayerLiturgist

Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Processional

We Worship

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

ALL: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The heavens are speaking; your kingdom is arriving.

ALL: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

ALL: Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

ALL: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *"Jesus, the Light of the World"* W&S 3056

Prayer for the illumination of Scripture (in unison)

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.*

Scripture ReadingLiturgist

Sermon Hymn *"Like a Child"* TFWS 2092

Sermon.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response *"Christmas Duet Medley C" – Arr. William Ryder*

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison) UMH #895

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory/Offertory Prayer.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

***Doxology (in unison)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here
below, praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy
Ghost, Amen.*

*Sending Forth Hymn *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* UMH 230

***Benediction & Blessing (in unison)**

*The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine
upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance
upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)*

***Please stand in posture, sign, or heart.**

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Psalms 72:1-7; 18-19 (NRSVUE)

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
²May he judge your people with
righteousness and your poor with justice.
³May the mountains yield prosperity for the
people, and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the
people, give deliverance to the needy, and
crush the oppressor. ⁵May he live while the
sun endures and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations. ⁶May he be like
rain that falls on the mown grass, like
showers that water the earth. ⁷In his days
may righteousness flourish and peace
abound, until the moon is no more.
¹⁸Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things. ¹⁹Blessed
be his glorious name forever; may his glory
fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

New Testament

Romans 15:4-13 (NRSVUE)

⁴For everything that was written in the past
was written to teach us, so that through the
endurance taught in the Scriptures and the
encouragement they provide we might have
hope. ⁵May the God who gives endurance
and encouragement give you the same
attitude of mind toward each other that
Christ Jesus had, ⁶so that with one mind
and one voice you may glorify the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Accept
one another, then, just as Christ accepted
you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸For I
tell you that Christ has become a servant of
the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that
the promises made to the patriarchs might
be confirmed ⁹and, moreover, that the
Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written: "Therefore I will praise
you among the Gentiles; I will sing the
praises of your name." ¹⁰Again, it says,
"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people"
¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you
Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."
¹²And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of
Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to
rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles
will hope."¹³ May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of God

For the people of God

Thanks be to God

Let us pray: Lord, bless all who are here today, and all those on Zoom. May we spend the next few moments in silent prayer and personal reflection as we prepare ourselves to hear your message. May peace be within each one of us. Amen.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

“Because of Bethlehem” - written by Max Lucado

Wednesdays 12 noon & 7pm

December 10th & 17th

SECURE YOUR COPY THROUGH THE OFFICE

TODAY

Sunday, December 7th

Project Echo donations are due by 3 pm today. Your support makes a difference.

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL

December 10th, 12th, 17th

STRUMMERS 3 pm * CHOIR 4 pm

Soup & Santa

Saturday December 13, 2025 10am – 12 noon

Christmas Eve Service 7pm



Tues., December 9 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Thurs., December 11 10:30 am
Ripple Center Ministry
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Sat., December 13 7:00 am
AA meeting @ Olivet UMC. For more information,
call 800-492-0209



Grocery gift cards can be purchased in the office Tuesday– Thursday, 10am – 2pm. For each \$100.00 card purchased, the church receives \$5.00.

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Zoom Connections

Video: ID: 216-168-3604, PW: 181188

Phone: Call 1-253-215-8782, Enter 216-168-3604#,
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Need to meet with Pastor Andercheck?

**Please schedule all appointments through the
Church Office**

**Baltimore Washington Conference
of the United Methodist Church**

**Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Resident
Bishop**

Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,
District Superintendent, Two Rivers District³

PRAYING TOGETHER

If you become aware of one of our members/regular attendees in the hospital or in need of immediate prayer, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Edward C. Andercheck. You can send prayer requests to olivetumcoffice@comcast.net. We truly believe in the power of prayer; therefore, pray continually so that others will see the power of the Almighty God. *"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results".* (James 5:16, NLT)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSVUE)

3 ¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' " ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



Jesus said "...It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Please consider a sacrificial gift Today.

Rejoicing
Growing
Giving

On-Line Giving

<https://www.olivetumc-lusby.org/give>

Please Note - Vanco will not be available for online giving from 10pm Dec.9th to 2am Dec. 10th. If you experience issues outside of these hours, please contact the Office.

Unite with Olivet UMC

Welcome to Olivet! We invite you to become a full participant in this worship experience as we sing, pray, read, give, listen, and learn together for God's revelation to us.

We welcome you to unite with us by either of these:

Confession of Faith – expressing first-time belief in Christ and first-time membership in a church.

Reaffirmation of Faith – reconnecting with Christ or reconnecting to the church by renewing your membership.

Affiliate Membership - already a member of another UMC located in another city or state, but desires to be a part of the Olivet Family.

Associate Membership – already a member of another Christian fellowship where you desire to maintain your primary membership, but want to be a faithful worshipper at OLIVET UMC.

If God leads you to unite with us, please contact the office at (410) 326-8400 or at olivetumcoffice@comcast.net.