

**Welcome!**



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

# OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD  
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



**Sunday March 22, 2026**  
**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 3 RULES**

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

**Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck, Pastor**

❖ Order of Worship ❖

March 22, 2026

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist  
Opening Prayer .....Liturgist  
Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Processional

We Worship

Introit “Change My Heart, O God”

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

\*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Come, all who seek God’s presence, who long for mercy and peace.

**People: We come with hearts open, ready to receive God’s love.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who gathers us as one family and strengthens us for service in the world.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

**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 Reading .....Liturgist

\*Sermon Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” UMH 420

Sermon .....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response “Cast Thy Burden”

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

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

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 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS 2158

**\*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.*

**Old Testament  
Psalm 130:1-8 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup>Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. <sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. <sup>8</sup>It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

**New Testament  
Romans 8:6-11 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.



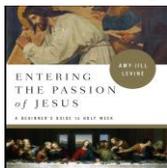
**RIPPLE CENTR MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!**

**Please see Pastor Andercheck if you desire to serve as a Ripple Center minister**

**THURSDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Strummers @ 3pm ~ Choir @ 4pm

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Every Wednesday (February 25- April 1)  
12 noon & 6pm



*Books are available in the GNC*

Pastor Andercheck will host a discussion on “**Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**” Wed. **March 25, 2026 @ 5:30 pm** in the GNC. You can obtain a copy of the book in the GNC. Please remember to sign-up if you are attending. Sign-up sheets available in the Church or GNC



**APRIL Meal Donations are due Saturday April 4, 2026 @ 3pm**  
**In the Good News Center**

**RIPPLE CENTER LUNCHEON**  
**THURSDAY APRIL 30**  
**MORE DETAILS FORTHCOMING**

**Tues., March 24 6:00 pm**  
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

**Thurs., March 26 10:30 am**  
Ripple Center Ministry  
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

**Sat., March 28 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.

**CONTACT US**

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**Facebook:** Olivet United Methodist Church

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**Zoom Connections**

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

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

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**All appointments with Pastor Andercheck can be scheduled through the Church Office**

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

**Bishop LaTrelle Easterling,**  
Resident Bishop

**Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,**  
District Superintendent, Two Rivers District<sub>3</sub>

## 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 [olivatumcoffice@comcast.net](mailto:olivatumcoffice@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)

### From The Pastor's Desk

Grace and peace to you in this holy season of Lent.

As we walk this Lenten path together, we are reminded of our shared call to repentance, renewal, and deeper discipleship. We discover a rich harmony grounded in Scripture, formed through prayer, and made visible in works of mercy and grace.

Lent invites us to examine our hearts, to turn again toward God, and to embody Christ's love in the world. May this season be for each of us a time of holy reflection and faithful action, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection with renewed hope.

With a thankful heart,  
Pastor Ed



Rejoicing  
Growing  
Giving

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

Please consider a sacrificial gift Today.

### LOVE THROUGH GIVING

#### Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action

Approved Budget	\$217,207.80
Monthly Income Needed	\$18,100.58
March Giving Total	\$8,708.54

#### On-Line Giving

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

### 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 re-connecting 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 [olivatumcoffice@comcast.net](mailto:olivatumcoffice@comcast.net), and we will journey with you.*