

Welcome!



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

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday Worship
July 26, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

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 ❖

July 26, 2026

We Gather

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

Processional

We Worship

Introit "Seek Ye First" UMH 405
Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck
*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: Come and worship the Lord, who is gracious and merciful.

People: We gather with joy to give God praise.

Leader: God's love calls us together and sends us forth in faith.

People: We open our hearts to God's Word and Spirit.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" UMH 540

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.

Special Music "Goodness of God" Cindy Hillen

Scripture ReadingLiturgist

*Sermon Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS 2152

SermonPastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "Be Not Afraid" Video

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 "Here I am Lord" UMH 593

*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 105:1-11, 45 (NRSVUE)

¹O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the

LORD rejoice. ⁴Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. ⁷He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations, ⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, ¹⁰which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, ¹¹saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." ⁴⁵Praise the LORD!

New Testament

Romans 8:26-39 (NRSVUE)

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[1] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR CHAT & SNACK HOUR

Every Wednesday • 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Drop in for casual conversation, spiritual visits, or just plain compliments. Snacks provided.

UNIFIED BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 • 6:00 PM
GNC Conference Room

PROJECT ECHO — HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

Olivet supports Project ECHO and its ministry of hope for those experiencing homelessness.

August Donations Due: Sun. August 2 • 3:00 PM
Good News Center (GNC) • Kitchen

NEW BIBLE STUDY

“Living into the Love of God”

Beginning in September • Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Pastor Ed will present how God’s promises are already ours to keep. Sign-up sheets are in the office.

MINISTRY FAIR

**Second and Third Sundays of September •
(13th & 20th)**

After Worship in the GNC - Explore outreach and service opportunities and discover ways to get involved in the life and ministry of Olivet.

Refreshments will be provided.

Tues., July 28 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

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

Sat., Aug. 1 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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9:30 am — 3:30 pm

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Facebook: Olivet United Methodist Church

Zoom Connections

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

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

**Schedule an Appointment with
Pastor Andercheck through the Church Office**

**or “POP IN” for a Visit
Wednesday between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm**

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

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling,

Resident Bishop

Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,

District Superintendent, Two Rivers District

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 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSVUE)

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Word of God, For the people of God, **Thanks be to God.**



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

2026 Annual Budget	\$217,207.80
Total June Income	\$17,461.87
Total June Expenses Paid	\$14,296.94



Olivet UMC Giving QR Code

On-Line Giving

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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Olivet Family,

God has given each of us gifts—not to keep, but to share.

Olivet is blessed to be the home of active ministries, including outreaches such as **Project ECHO**, **Solomon's Mission**, **Ripple Center**, **S.M.I.L.E.**, and **Heart F.E.L.T**

Here at home, our **Radical Hospitality** team and our **Evangelization** team are both looking for new team members to help create excellence in ministry. Whether you are a potential Greeter or a fellowship supporter, please reach out to Cef. If you can help engage future members or add content to the website, we need you; please reach out to Peggy.

When we support the work of the Church, we become partners in God's mission and witnesses to Christ's love. Thank you.

Peace,
Pastor Ed