

Welcome!



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

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday Worship

August 2, 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 ❖

August 2, 2026

We Gather

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

Processional

We Worship

Introit "Holy Ground" TFWS 2272
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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH 496

Special Music "Serenity" Jack Shunk & Val Hermansen

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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" UMH 348

SermonPastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" UMH 629

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 "Standing on the Promises" UMH 374

*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

Psalms 17:1-7, 15 (NRSVUE)

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. ²From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. ³If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. ⁴As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. ⁵My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. ⁶I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. ⁷Wonderfully show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. ¹⁵As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

New Testament

Romans 9:1-5 (NRSVUE)

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 will be on
vacation
Aug. 3–11.



Pastor Chat &
Snack Hour
will resume
Wednesday, Aug. 19.



The Administrative
Assistant will be
out of the office
Aug. 4–6.



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.



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

November 7, 2026 • 9:00 AM

at the Mt. Harmony-Lower Marlboro
United Methodist Church
155 E. Mt. Harmony Road
Owings, Maryland 20736

Tues., Aug. 4 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Thurs., Aug. 6 10:30 am
Ripple Center Ministry
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Sat., Aug. 8 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 14:13-21 (NRSVUE)

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children

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 OR Code

On-Line Giving

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

Pastor's Corner

Serenity

*O sabbath rest of Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity interpreted by love.*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.*

United Methodist Hymnal, No. 499

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Music: Charles E. Ives, c. 1909