

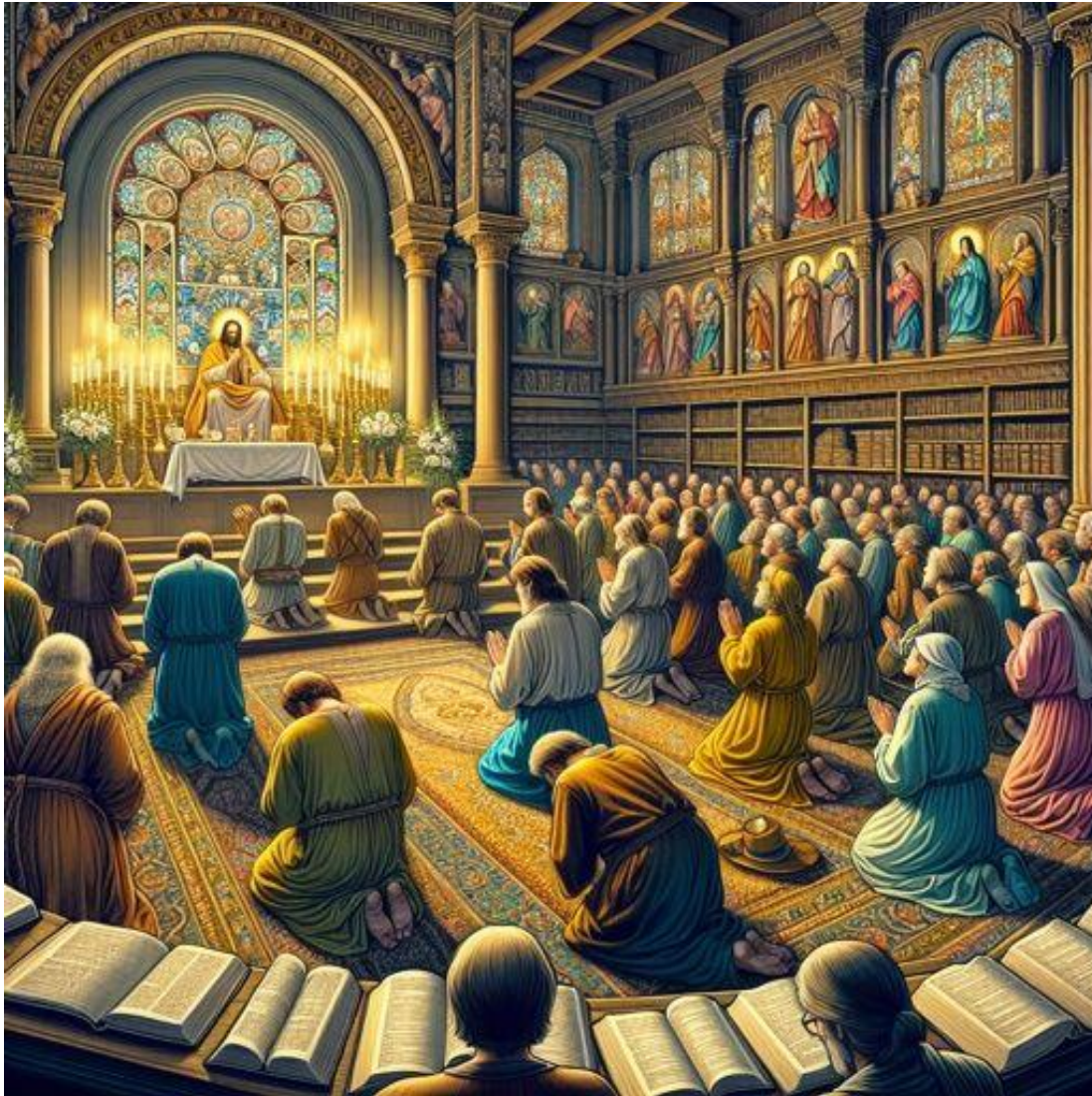
Welcome!



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

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657**



Sunday Worship

September 20, 2026 • 9:30

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 ❖

September 20, 2026

We Gather

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

Processional

We Worship

Introit *"Spirit of the Living God"* UMH 393
Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck
*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: Come, people of God, and rejoice in this new day!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: In every season God is faithful and God's love endures.

People: We place our hope in the LORD.

Leader: Come, people of God, let us worship together the One who renews us, strengthens us, and sends us into the world.

All: With joyful hearts, we come to worship the Lord! Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* UMH 89

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** *"Breathe on Me Breath of God"* UMH 420

SermonPastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
TFWS 2223

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** *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* UMH 133

***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 105:1-6, 37-45 (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. ⁷Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled. ⁸Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it. ⁹He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night. ¹⁰They asked, and he brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance. ¹¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. ¹²For he remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant. ¹³So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. ¹⁴He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, ¹⁵that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

New Testament

Acts 2:14-21; 33-35 (NRSVUE)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ²²Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you see and hear. ²³For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ²⁴until I make your enemies your footstool." ' "

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

13575 Olivet Road • Lusby, Maryland 20657

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP • CONNECT • SERVE • GROW • SHARE GOD'S LOVE

MINISTRY FAIR

Final date is Sunday, September 20

After Worship in the GNC – Explore outreach and service opportunities and discover ways you are involved in the life and ministry of Olivet. Refreshments will be provided. *All are welcome!*

Community Fellowship Meal

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thursday, September 24, 2026 6 P.M.

Food brings people together... and so does God's love.

Suggested Donation: **\$15**

Women's Bible Study

Begins Monday, September 14 @ 6:30 PM in the GNC

Continuing every other Monday.

All are welcome!

Small Groups

Study based upon **Creed** by Adam Hamilton

Grow in Faith. Build Community. Walk Together in Christ. *All are welcome!*

WEDNESDAYS AT 11:15 AM

NEW BIBLE STUDY

"Living into the Love of God" Every Wednesday @ 7:00 PM in the GNC Conference Room

Pastor Ed will present how God's promises are already ours to keep. Featuring the book, *Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado. Sign-up sheets are in the office.

MUSIC MINISTRY

REHEARSALS EVERY THURSDAY

Strummers @ 3:00 PM

Choir @ 4:00 PM

Pastor's Open Door

Thursdays 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Drop in for conversation, prayer, or just to say hello. *All are welcome!*

LASAGNA DINNER

Sunday, October 4 @ 3:00 PM

Bring Donations to the Good News Center (GNC) Kitchen



Project ECHO

Hope for the Homeless

WARM MEALS Feeding Families

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY One Meal

SHARING HOPE At A Time

DELIVERING HOPE



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 7, 2026 • 9:00 AM

at Mt. Harmony–Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church
15511 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, Maryland 20736

Tues., Sept. 22 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Thurs., Sept. 24 10:30 am
Ripple Center Ministry
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Sat., Sept. 26 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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**Schedule an Appointment with
Pastor Andercheck through the Church Office**

**or "POP IN" for a Visit
Thursdays between 12 noon and 1:30 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 20:1-16 (NRSVUE)

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 July Income	\$26,281.32
Total August Expenses Paid	\$17,313.69



Olivet UMC Giving QR Code

On-Line Giving

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

Pastor's Corner

The Blessing of Community

One of God's greatest gifts to us is **community**. We were never meant to walk through life alone. We are called to gather—to share a meal, exchange a smile, listen to one another, laugh together, and simply enjoy the blessing of being in each other's company.

And sometimes, the simplest invitation is an opportunity for someone to experience the love of Christ through us.

I invite you to join us for our **Community Dinner on September 24 at 6:00 p.m.** I'm asking you to **bring someone with you!** Invite a family member, friend, or a stranger to come and share the evening with your Olivet family.

Come hungry for good food, good fellowship, and the joy that happens when God's people come together.

See you around the table!

Pastor Ed