

**Memorial United Methodist Church
Second Sunday of Advent-December 10, 2017**

A special welcome to our guests. Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here! Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you prefer, a nursery for infants through preschoolers is available. Hearing assistance (headphones, earbud, or T-coil) is available during worship.

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying David Cherwien

GOD WITH US, EMMANUEL: A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent by Joel Raney

* CALL TO WORSHIP

During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One in whom we find redemption.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One who forgives our sins.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One who has come to set us free.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE The Hoewing Family

* CHORAL RESPONSE (see insert) Congregation, Chancel Choir

* PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, remind us of your power throughout the Advent season.
In times of weakness, remind us that you are the One who gives strength.
In times of confusion, remind us that you are the One who reveals truth.
In times of doubt, remind us that you are the One who gives hope.
We thank you for being our Mighty God.
We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

People, Look East UMH 202



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PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8 Shannon Rhoderick

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way of the Lord by Joseph M. Martin

MESSAGE

From Wilderness to Wealth-A Treacherous Journey Rev. William C. Maisch

*HYMN

Prepare the Way of the Lord UMH 207

RESPONSE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus by David Cherwien

*DOXOLOGY

In the Bleak Midwinter UMH 221, verse 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Lead Me, Lord UMH 473

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Von Himmel Hoch by Max Reger



Today's Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
 "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

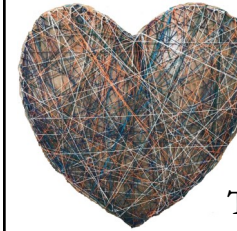
DATE	DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 24 10:30AM	DECEMBER 31
LITURGIST	Fred Lyon	Petty Jean Selby	Dennis Minor

Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Dec. 10 - **JOHN 1:1-14** *Second Sunday of Advent*
 Mon., Dec. 11 - **LUKE 18:1-8** *A Widow and a Willy Wagtail*
 Tue., Dec. 12 - **ISAIAH 61:8-11** *Viewpoints*
 Wed., Dec. 13 - **MATTHEW 14:22-33** *Like Thomas*
 Thu., Dec. 14 - **1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29** *Nobody Special*
 Fri., Dec. 15 - **ECCLESIASTES 5:13-20** *Joy in the Journey*
 Sat., Dec. 16 - **LUKE 2:1-20** *Emotions of the Season*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



**Loving God
 Welcoming All
 Serving Neighbors
 Together
 Through Jesus Christ**

Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance: 100
 Offering/other income - 11/26/17 - \$4,337
 Offering/other income - 12/3/17 - \$7,076
 Total from 1/1/17- 12/3/17 - \$291,982
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Office Information

COORDINATOR HOURS
 Mon.-Fri., 8:30am 12:30pm

PASTOR APPOINTMENTS
 To schedule, please contact the office at
 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or
 visit www.pmumc.org

EMERGENCIES
 People in need of immediate pastoral care,
 please contact Pastor Bill at 301-461-0301

PHONE MESSAGES
 Messages for Shirley and Pastor Bill are
 sent to their email accounts.

Church Personnel

PASTOR - Rev. William Maisch
**CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR
 ORDAINED MINISTRY** - Helen Ballew
CHURCH COORDINATOR
 Shirley Prasada-Rao
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Janet Hartz
ORGANIST - Linda Custer
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley
HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker
HEAD ACOLYTE - Emma Parker
FACILITIES - Richard Scheetz
NURSERY CARE PROVIDER
 Lori King

Congregation Choral Response

God with Us, Emmanuel

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace,
 Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God.
 Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el. God with
 us, Em - man - u - el.

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Upcoming Happenings

SUN - DEC 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship After Worship 11:45am - 2pm	Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Christmas Party/Potluck Trustees Meeting
MON - DEC 11	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
WED - DEC 13	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
FRI - DEC 15	5pm - 9pm	Live Nativity Preparation
SAT - DEC 16	12pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm 8pm - 10pm	Live Nativity Set-Up LIVE NATIVITY Live Nativity Clean-Up
SUN - DEC 17 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship After Worship	Sunday School Worship Service Conversation with the Lay Leader Coffee Corner (<i>Host-Carroll</i>)
MON - DEC 18	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - DEC 19	7:30pm - 9pm	Men's Group
WED - DEC 20	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - DEC 21	7pm - 9pm	Church Council Meeting
SUN - DEC 24 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am After Worship 4:30pm - 5:30pm 7:30pm - 8:30pm	Sunday School Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Conversation with the Lay Leader Christmas Eve Family Worship <i>No Nursery Available</i> Christmas Eve Traditional Worship <i>No Nursery Available</i>





We
are
blessed
to have an
incredible
church family
come together
to help with our


- Community Dinners
- Hanging of the Greens
- Donations for WUMCO
- Photo Directory Hosting
- Christmas Party & Potluck
- Volunteering at Thrift Shop
- Caroling and Gifts to Asbury
- Donations to Hands of Love
- Donations and Serving at FRM
- Providing Compassionate Care
 - Live Nativity and more!

A big Thank You! to all supporting these activities and also to those involved in our regular happenings - Clergy, Council Members, Trustees, Christian Educators, Musicians, Visual Artists, Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Greeters, Hospitality Providers and Bulletin Folders!



May we all feel the joy in giving and sharing of ourselves during this Advent Season!


Our church family is presenting the **LIVE NATIVITY** Sat., Dec. 16th 6-8pm on our lawn to share the true meaning of Christmas with our community. Inside, all can enjoy some cookies and a warm drink.




To donate cookies, please contact Jan Deloriea at jdeloriea1@verizon.net, 301-972-8013 or you can place the cookies in the kitchen labeled "Live Nativity."

Our Own Apple Butter For Sale

This delicious spread makes wonderful Christmas gifts, hostess gifts, and yummy for your own tummy!





\$5/pint or \$3/half pint.
Contact Betty Jean Selby, 301-742-8253.



Classes available for ages 3-103
Sunday School, 9:15-10:15
See You There!!

Saturday, January 6th - Help needed for "Removal of the Greens"

All Men Invited!
Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 7:30-9pm.**

Poolesville Area Senior Center
Dec.14 - A Christmas Tea Luncheon held at 17550 W. Willard Rd in the Café. RSVP by Tue., December 12th by contacting Reneta: 301-875-7701, pvillesseniors@comcast.net.