



**Memorial United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday of Lent-March 11, 2018**

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.

**Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.; TFWs=The Faith We Sing.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God So Loved the World

by John Stainer

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said:

“I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.” **Let us act justly.**

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing.”

Let us love tenderly.

“I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Let us walk humbly with our God.

May we see Christ in one another,

that we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ’s name.

*** PRAYER**

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without succor; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

UMH 108



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PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

Bob Bachman

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

ANTHEM

He Became a Lamb

Mary Kay Beall

MESSAGE

What’s Nipping at Your Heels?

Rev. William C. Maisch

Hymn

Grace Alone

TFWS 2162

RESPONSE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Wondrous Love

Dale Wood

***DOXOLOGY**

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

UMH 296, verse 5

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**

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

by Wilhelm Hieronymus Pachelbel

This Week's Reading

Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

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Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	MARCH 18	MARCH 25	APRIL 1
LITURGIST	Shannon Rhoderick	Fred Lyon	Gary Hartz

Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Mar 11 - **PSALM 46:1-11** *4th Sunday of Lent*
Mon., Mar 12 - **MATTHEW 25:35-40** *Welcome the Stranger*
Tue., Mar 13 - **PSALM 139:1-6** *Unexpected Generosity*
Wed., Mar 14 - **MATTHEW 11:28-30** *Lighten the Load*
Thu., Mar. 15 - **PSALM 1:1-6** *Streams of Living Water*
Fri., Mar. 16 - **2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17** *Looking or Seeing?*
Sat., Mar. 17 - **ROMANS 5:1-8** *On a Deserted Island*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together
Through Jesus Christ

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.

Last Sunday's Vitals

Worship Attendance - 97
Offering/other income 2/25: \$6,458
Offering/other income 3/4: \$6,759
Total since 1/1/2018: \$69,110
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For online giving options visit
www.PMUMC.org

Church Personnel

PASTOR - Rev. William Maisch
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

Spiritual Gifts

This week's spiritual gifts are:

FAITH: The gift of faith is more than belief in Jesus Christ, but an abiding foundation of confidence that God works all things together for good, and that the people of God can rise above any obstacle. Faith is the bedrock upon which we build lives, congregations, and communities. People with the gift of faith hold fast to the deep conviction that no matter what we see with our eyes, we can trust the promises and plan of God.

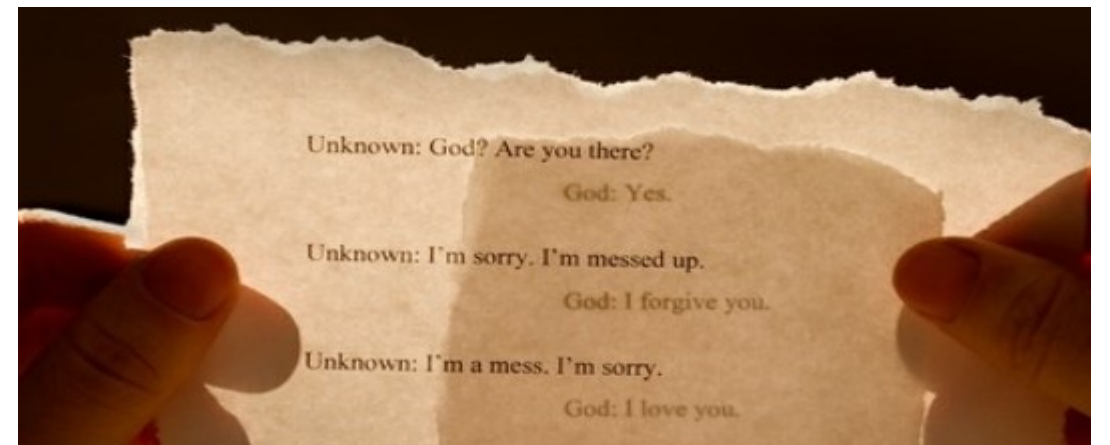
GIVING: The gift of giving is the deep commitment to provide whatever resources are needed to support God's will and plan. In addition to radical generosity, those who possess the gift of giving have the uncanny ability to discover and channel new sources of money, time and energy to needs.

Where are these gifts present within Memorial?

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment>

Fourth Sunday of Lent Prayer


*God of abundant mercy,
give us the courage to ask humbly for forgiveness where we have failed,
and to grant it where we have been wronged.
Heal our wounds and make us whole,
that we might find the joy of life lived fully. Amen*



Upcoming Happenings

SUN - MAR 11 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12:30pm 11:45am - 2pm 3pm - 4pm	Sunday School Sm Group-"The Holy Bible: Faith & History" Worship Service Coffee Hour (<i>Host - Available</i>) Trustees Meeting Small Group-Parenting Book Study
MON - MAR 12	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - MAR 13	7pm - 9pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Church Council Meeting Sm Group-"Good Grief: Coping w/Loss"
WED - MAR 14	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - MAR 15	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Small Group-Judy's Covenant Grp.
SUN - MAR 18 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12pm 12pm - 1pm	Sunday School Sm Group-"The Holy Bible: Faith & History" Worship Service Coffee Corner- Middle Eastern foods (<i>Host - Custer, Carroll, Deloriea, Boulter</i>) Israel Presentation
MON - MAR 19	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
TUE - MAR 20	7pm - 9pm 7:30pm - 9pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Church Council Meeting Sm Group-"Good Grief: Coping w/Loss" Small Group- Men's Group
WED - MAR 21	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU - MAR 22	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Small Group-Judy's Covenant Grp.
SUN - MAR 25 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12pm 12pm - 1:30pm 3pm - 4pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Corner (<i>Host - Available</i>) Youth Group Meeting Small Group-Parenting Book Study

Come and Experience
"A Journey to the Holy Land"
 through Sight, Sound, Taste and Touch
 at Memorial UMC on March 18th, 12pm
 following the Worship Service. Hosted by
 Pilgrims: Brenda, Joan, Linda, and Jan.

**Hosts Needed for Coffee Hour
 and Coffee Corners**
sign up at bottom of Sanctuary Stairs
**Share your hospitality during our
 time of weekly church fellowship.** 

Name Tags for Worship Services - Being greeted by first name is a gesture of welcome and builds relationships. Memorial's Evangelism Committee will be placing an order for new name tags mid-March. If you do not currently have a magnetic nametag please contact Kirsten Lewis by email (kir05@hotmail.com) or phone (301-349-2750).



Celebrate the Resurrection at Memorial's Easter Celebration!

Everyone is invited to have a donut,
 make a craft (something for all ages), and join in the Easter Egg Hunt on
 Easter Sunday, April 1st starting at 9:15am in Spurrier Hall.



Classes available for ages 3-103
Sunday School, 9:15-10:15am

Memorial's Prayer Connection 
 Send prayer requests to prayers@pmumc.org.



Music Ministry Rehearsals
BELL CHOIR Mondays 7:30-9pm

CHILDRENS CHOIR Wednesdays 5-6pm
CHANCEL CHOIR Wednesdays 7:30-9pm

Invest in Your Spiritual Growth - Attend regularly or when you can.

Please join one of our small groups. The format will be that of a book club.

Men's Group: "Living our Beliefs" - Led by Ray Hoewing & Scott McGrew
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm - Rm 6

"The Holy Bible: Faith & History" - Led by Ralph Hitchens- 3/18 at 9:15, Rm 9

"Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right" - Led by Kirsten Lewis-3/11, 3/25 at 3pm, Rm 6

"Good Grief: Coping with Loss" - Led by Joan Carroll- 3/13, 3/20 at 7:30pm, Rm 4



Exercise options! Games! Crafts! Dinner/Movie Night! Book Club! Community Wildlife Habitat Project! Trips to theatre, museums, river cruise, etc!.
 See the bulletin board between Church Office and Work Room for details.

Helping Hands Poolesville, Inc is looking for a homeowner in need of extensive home repairs but is unable to afford them. If you know of someone, contact Craig Cummins: 301-648-5508, cummins@avonel.com.

