



**Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**Ascension Sunday-May 13, 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

*In the Garden* arranged by Martha Mier

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

**Our life is hidden with Christ in God.**

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,  
 that he might fill all things.

**When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER

**Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.  
 Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise,  
 he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the world;  
 through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN

*For All the Saints* UMH 711

**PROCLAMATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11, 15-17, 21-26 Eleanor Bateman

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



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ANTHEM

*In Christ Alone* by Townend/Getty/Angerman

MESSAGE

Alone, Yet Unafraid Rev. William C. Maisch

\* HYMN

*He Lives* UMH 310

**RESPONSE**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*The Starry Night* by Catherine Rollin

\* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

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 dai-  
 ly 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

*Thine Be the Glory* UMH 308

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Standing on the Promises of Christ my King* by Russell Kelso Carter

## Reading

*Acts 1:1-11, 15-17, 21-26 (NRSV)*

### THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Ascension*  
*Sunday*  
MAY  
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2018

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### Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., May 13 - **PSALM 146:1-10** *Mother's Legacy*  
 Mon., May 14 - **MATTHEW 13:1-23** *A Rich Harvest*  
 Tue., May 15 - **EPHESIANS 4:20-32** *Starting Again*  
 Wed., May 16 - **PSALM 84:1-12** *Losses*  
 Thu., May 17 - **GALATIANS 6:1-10** *Late To Church*  
 Fri., May 18 - **LUKE 15:11-21** *Lollipop Lesson*  
 Sat., May 19 - **PSALM 119:105-112** *One Page At A Time*

Visit [www.upperroom.com](http://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 - 80  
 Offering/other income 5/6/18: \$27,026  
 Total since 1/1/18: \$147,241  
**For online giving options visit  
[www.PMUMC.org](http://www.PMUMC.org)**

### Office Information

**COORDINATOR HOURS**  
 Mon.-Fri., 9am 12pm

**PASTOR APPOINTMENTS**  
 To schedule, please contact the office at  
 301-349-2010, [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or  
 visit [www.pmumc.org](http://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  
**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

### Mother's Day Prayer

*Loving God*



**we ask your blessings on all mothers.  
 May they be inspired with your  
 mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love.**

**For new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;  
 For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;  
 For those who are tired, stressed or depressed;  
 For those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;  
 For those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;  
 For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;  
 For those who raise children on their own;  
 For those who selflessly place their child for adoption;  
 For those who adopt a child into their family;  
 For those who have lost a child;  
 For those who care for the children of others;  
 For those whose children have left home;  
 For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.**

**Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,  
 and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,  
 living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.**

Adapted by [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org)

### Upcoming Liturgist Schedule

DATE	MAY 20	MAY 27	JUNE 3
LITURGIST	Ray Hoewing	Jan Deloria	Beth Parker

## Upcoming Happenings

<b>SUN - MAY 13</b> <i>Ascension Sunday</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12pm	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Hour - <i>Host - King</i>
<b>MON - MAY 14</b>	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - MAY 15</b>	7:30pm - 9pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Small Group-Good Grief: Coping w/Loss Small Group-Men's Group
<b>WED - MAY 16</b>	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THU - MAY 17</b>	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Small Group-Judy's Covenant Grp.
<b>SAT - MAY 19</b>	8am - 12pm	Spring Clean-Up
<b>SUN - MAY 20</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12:30pm	Sunday School Worship Service - Confirmation Confirmation Luncheon Celebration
<b>MON - MAY 21</b>	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>TUE - MAY 22</b>	7pm - 8pm	Evangelism Meeting
<b>WED - MAY 23</b>	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THU - MAY 24</b>	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Small Group-Judy's Covenant Grp.
<b>SUN - MAY 27</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12:30pm	One-Room Sunday School Worship Service - Confirmation Coffee Corner - <i>Host: Available</i>




**Spring Clean-Up**  
has been  
**rescheduled**  
for  
**Saturday, May 19.**  
Please bring yard tools,  
paint brushes, etc.  
**See you there!**

Contact Maureen Elder with questions at  
[mlcuster74@yahoo.com](mailto:mlcuster74@yahoo.com).

**Mark your calendars!**  
*Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>*  
after church we will have a  
Potluck in Fellowship Hall to  
say farewell to Rev. Bill Maisch.  
The church will provide fried chicken,  
dessert and drinks.  
Please plan to bring something to share.

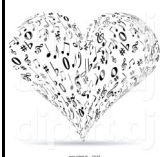




Classes available for ages 3-103  
**Sunday School, 9:15-10:15am**  
One-Room Sunday School will start  
Sunday, May 27th.  
If you are interested in helping contact  
Betty King, [bking21710@gmail.com](mailto:bking21710@gmail.com)

**Memorial's Prayer Connection**  
Send prayer requests to [prayers@pmumc.org](mailto:prayers@pmumc.org).





**Thank you**  
**Amanda Lyon**  
for sharing your gift of music  
with us!


All are invited to  
**Celebrate Our**  
**Confirmands**  
at a  
**Confirmation**  
**Luncheon**  
after worship on  
**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Food Donations Needed**  
On the 4th Saturday of each  
month a group from Memorial  
UMC feed the men at the Frederick Rescue  
Mission. Several 9x13 dishes are needed to  
provide a nutritious and tasty meal.  
If you are interested in cooking for this  
worthy cause, please contact Barbara Polak  
at [rapbap00@yahoo.com](mailto:rapbap00@yahoo.com)




**Hosts Needed** for Coffee Corners 



**Men's Group**  
May 15 at 7:30pm, Room 6

**Evangelism Committee Meetings**  
are open for all to attend and will be held  
on the 4th Tuesday of each month.  
The next meeting will be  
May 22 from 7-8pm.  
Questions contact Kirsten at  
[kir05@hotmail.com](mailto:kir05@hotmail.com)





**Music Ministry Rehearsals**  
**BELL CHOIR** Mondays 7:30-9pm  
**CHILDRENS CHOIR** Wednesdays 5-6pm  
**CHANCEL CHOIR** Wednesdays 7:30-9pm