

PRAYING TOGETHER

If you become aware of one of our members/regular attendees in the hospital or in need of immediate prayer, please contact Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman ASAP! You can send prayer requests to olivetumcoffice@comcast.net. We truly believe in the power of prayer; 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)

<i>Sermon Personal Reflection</i>
Sermon title:
Scripture:
What made you smile today with unspeakable joy?
What made you squirm, be bored or caused you to yawn?
What didn't you understand?
What will you change as a result of your worship experience today?

Unite with Olivet UMC

Welcome to Olivet! We invite you to become a full participant in this worship experience as we sing, pray, read, give, listen and learn together for God's revelation to us.

We welcome you to unite with us by either of these:

Confession of Faith – expressing first time belief in Christ and first time membership in a church.

Reaffirmation of Faith – reconnecting with Christ or re-connecting to the church by renewing your membership.

Affiliate Membership - already a member of another UMC located in another city or state but desire to be a part of the Olivet Family.

Associate Membership – already a member of another Christian fellowship where you desire to maintain your primary membership but want to be a faithful worshipper at OLIVET UMC.

If God leads you to unite with us, please contact the office at (410) 3267-8400 or at olivetumcoffice@comcast.net and we will journey with you.



**Rejoicing
Growing
Giving**



It's Offering Time



On-Line Giving

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

Welcome!



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

Olivet United Methodist Church

13575 Olivet Road

Lusby, Maryland 20657



**Sunday, August 17, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Experience**

OUR MISSION

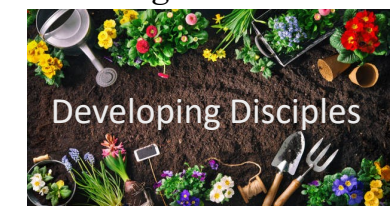
Rejoice In Jesus,
Grow Our Faith,
Pass It On!

OUR VISION

*We Are Passionate
Christians Making
Disciples of
Jesus Christ*

OUR 2025 FOCUS

Growing Our Garden



Developing Disciples

OUR 3 RULES

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

**Baltimore Washington Conference
of the United Methodist Church**

Bishop LaTrelle M. Easterling, Resident Bishop
Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,
District Superintendent, Two Rivers District

❖Order of Worship ❖

August 17, 2025

We Gather

Opening PrayerLiturgist
Silent Prayer.....Congregation
Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist
Processional & Lighting of Candles

We Worship

Welcome.....Pastor
*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

LEADER: Children of God, for the sake of Joy, we gather...
ALL: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, and faith.
LEADER: For the sake of joy, we proclaim...
ALL: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor and all creation.
LEADER: Come let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim and go from this place.
ALL: Come, Let’s worship! Thanks be to God. Amen!

*Hymn of Praise “Joy to the World” UMH 246

Prayer for the illumination of Scripture (in unison)
Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture ReadingLiturgist

Sermonic Meditation “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH 89

Sermon.....Rev. Wendy van Vliet

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer (in unison) *UMH #895

Offertory -You can share your gits in person or by utilizing our on-line portal @ <https://www.olivetumc-lusby.org/give>

*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.

Offertory Prayer.....Pastor

*Sending Forth Hymn “Victory in Jesus” UMH 370

*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)

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12-2, (NRSVUE)

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedientbecause she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. **12** ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.



Tues., August 19 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Thurs., August 21 10:30 am
Ripple Center Ministry
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Sat., August 23 7:00 am
AA Meeting @ Olivet United Methodist Church
For more information call 800-492-0209

Olivet’s Back To School Drive
Please support the students of the Patuxent Appeal Campus. Supplies and monetary donations will be accepted until **Sunday August 24th** and we will be **Blessing** the School Supplies on that Sunday.

Sat. November 1, 2025 1:00pm
Church Conference
Trinity UMC
90 Church Street
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



Grocery gift cards can be purchased in the office Tuesday– Thursday 10am – 2pm. For each \$100.00 card purchased, the church receives \$5.00

REMINDER

Join us on **August 31, 2025 @ 9:15am**
for our Joint Service with
St. Paul United Methodist Church
11000 HG Trueman Road
Lusby, Maryland 20657

GROWING THROUGH OUR GIVING

Monthly Bulletin Report	
Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action	
2025 Approved Budget	\$233,524.76
Average Weekly Income Needed	\$4,490.86
Average Weekly Giving for July 2025	\$3,328.23

Project Echo Ministry

The Olivet Family supports “Project Echo”, a homeless shelter in Prince Frederick, Maryland, by providing a meal on the first Sunday of each month for its residents. If you would like additional information about Project Echo and how to support this ministry, please email: olivetumcoffice@comcast.net

Grow Our Garden
“How did God speak to you today?”
Share your thoughts with us
Sundays after worship
Mondays @ 6pm via Zoom

Zoom Connections

Video: ID: 216-168-3604, PW: 181188

Phone: Call 1-253-215-8782, Enter 216-168-3604#, PW: 181188

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8:00 am — 4:00pm

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Facebook: Olivet United Methodist Church

Have a question/comment for the Unified Board?
We would love to hear from you.
Email: olivetumcboard@gmail.com

Need to meet with Dr. Cogman one on one?
Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman, Interim Pastor
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Victorious Voices

Aug. 24 Rev. Wendy van Vliet

Aug. 31 Rev. Angela Kittrell @ St. Paul