

Welcome!



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

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday December 21, 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



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 ❖

December 21, 2025

Prelude Music

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist

Opening Prayer.....Liturgist

Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Introit "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH 204

Processional

We Worship

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

ALL: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The heavens are speaking; your kingdom is arriving.

ALL: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

ALL: Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

ALL: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234

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 "Love Has Come" W&S 3059

Sermon.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "Love Came Down At Christmas"

Offertory Prayer.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

*Doxology UMH #95

*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.*

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison) UMH #895

*Sending Forth Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

*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
Isaiah 7:10-16 (NRSVUE)**

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

**New Testament
Romans 1:1-7 (NRSVUE)**

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Word of God
For the people of God
Thanks be to 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.



Christmas Eve Service 7pm



PROJECT ECHO

Please sign up to donate a food item from the menu. Food Donations are due
SUNDAY January 4, 2026

The church office will be closed from December 24 through January 2, 2026. We wish you a joyful, blessed, and prosperous holiday season filled with peace and celebration!

Tues., December 23 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Sat., December 27 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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Facebook: Olivet United Methodist Church

Zoom Connections

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

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

Need to meet with Pastor Andercheck?

**Please schedule all appointments through the
Church Office**

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 1:18-25 (NRSVUE)

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Word of God, For the people of God, **Thanks be to God.**



Rejoicing

Growing

Giving



Jesus said "...It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action	
2025 Approved Budget	\$230,327.24
Average Weekly Income Needed	\$4,429.37
Average Weekly Giving for November 2025	\$4,441.52

On-Line Giving

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

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 reconnecting to the church by renewing your membership.

Affiliate Membership - already a member of another UMC located in another city or state, but desires 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) 326-8400 or at olivetumcoffice@comcast.net.