

**Welcome!**



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

## **OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

13575 OLIVET ROAD  
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



**April 12, 2026**

**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 3 RULES**

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

**Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck, Pastor**

❖ Order of Worship ❖

April 12, 2026

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist

Opening Prayer .....Liturgist

Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Processional

We Worship

Introit "He Is Lord" UMH 177

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

\*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: The risen Christ stands among us and says,

"Peace be with you."

**People: We receive His peace and rejoice in His presence.**

Leader: Let us worship the living Lord,

**All: Who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise "Thine Be the Glory" UMH 308

**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 Reading .....Liturgist

\*Sermon Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH 175

Sermon .....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "In Christ Alone"

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

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

\*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.*

\*Sending Forth Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" UMH 163

\*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  
Psalm 16 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup>I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." <sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup>Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. <sup>5</sup>The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. <sup>7</sup>I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup>I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. <sup>10</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. <sup>11</sup>You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**New Testament  
I Peter 1:3-9 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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.



### Unified Board Meeting

Tuesday April 28, 2026 @ 6:00pm

All Olivet members are encouraged to attend

Pastor Andercheck will be teaching a six-week study beginning **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, @ **12 noon** featuring **“Never Alone”** written by Max Lucado. You can reserve your copy of the book on the sign-up sheets located in the Church and the GNC.



**Donation: \$16**

### RIPPLE CENTER LUNCHEON

THURSDAY APRIL 30

MORE DETAILS FORTHCOMING



**MAY Meal Donations are due**  
**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3pm**  
**In the Good News Center**

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

SUMMER **VBS** IS COMING !!!!



**Tues., April 14 6:00 pm**  
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

**Thurs., April 16 10:30 am**  
Ripple Center Ministry  
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

**Sat., April 18 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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### 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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**All appointments with Pastor Andercheck can be scheduled through the Church Office**

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### Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

**Bishop LaTrelle Easterling,**

Resident Bishop

**Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,**

District Superintendent, Two Rivers District<sup>3</sup>

## 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](mailto: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

#### John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE)

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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**

Please consider a sacrificial gift Today.

### LOVE THROUGH GIVING

#### Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action

Approved Budget	\$217,207.80
Monthly Income Needed	\$18,100.58
April Giving Total	\$4,018.77



#### On-Line Giving

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

Olivet UMC Giving  
QR Code

### Pastor's Corner

#### *A Call for Shepherds*

**"I am the Good Shepherd-" the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."**

This is the essence of the future Jesus has given us. First, He tells us He is God, "I Am", and that He is our God who will care for us, "the Good Shepherd". Then He tells us His life will be given up for us, on a Cross. "The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" is the explanation of the true love that Jesus teaches. He will love us so much that He will give up His life for us. This brings two important messages to mind. First, that Jesus is explaining His death on a Cross as a sacrificial gift for us. Second, that Jesus wants us to appreciate and model His sacrificial love; He wants us to become shepherds as well. It is the Love of Jesus that we need to internalize to become the evangelists that Jesus seeks to spread His Sacrificial Love. Knowing how and what He gave up for us; makes any attempts we might make seem almost insignificant. But not in His eyes, Jesus knows our every gift of love and care, and they matter to Him intensely.

Every word of love sung or spoken at the Ripple Center, every helping hand given at Smile, Project Echo, Solomons Mission Center, and HeartFELT are acts of loving Jesus. Let us strive to be just pretty good assistant shepherds.

**"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me"**

Peace,  
Pastor Ed