

Welcome!



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

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday Worship

August 16, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

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 ❖

August 16, 2026

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist
Opening PrayerLiturgist
Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Processional

We Worship

Introit "I Love You, Lord" TFWS 2068
Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck
*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: Come, people of God, and set your hearts upon the Lord.

People: We come seeking God's presence and trusting in God's grace.

Leader: Christ calls us to follow faithfully, to love generously, and to serve joyfully.

People: Open our hearts, O Lord that we may hear Your voice and follow where You lead.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who strengthens our faith and renews our hope.

All: With grateful hearts, we come to worship the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98
Special MusicMarva Burgess

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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" UMH 452
Sermon Pastor Edward C. Andercheck
Meditative Response "You Raise Me Up" Video
Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (in unison) UMH #895

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

*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 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" UMH 557

*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 133 (NRSVUE)

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

New Testament Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 (NRSVUE)

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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.

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



PASTOR'S CHAT & SNACK HOUR

Every Wednesday from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM.

Drop in for casual conversation, spiritual visits, or just plain compliments. Snacks provided.



SCHOOL SUPPLY SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH

Let's come together to support the youth of our community for this school year with school supplies!

- If you don't have time to shop, we will do it for you.
- We will gladly accept all donations – school supplies or monetary – until **Sunday, August 30**.

Please see Peggy Wilson for additional information.



Project ECHO Hope for the Homeless

www.projectecho.net



Project ECHO - CHILI DINNER

♥ September Donations Due ♥

📅 Sunday, September 6 @ 3:00 PM

📍 Bring Donations to the Good News Center (GNC) Kitchen

🚚 All donated food will be collected at the GNC and transported to Project ECHO.



Sign up sheets for donations are located in the rear of the Sanctuary. ♥

OR

🍲 WARM MEALS 👥 SERVING OUR COMMUNITY 🤝 SHARING HOPE 🚚 DELIVERING HOPE

👉 "Feeding Families One Meal At A Time" 👈

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NEW BIBLE STUDY

"Living into the Love of God"

Beginning in September • Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Pastor Ed will present how God's promises are already ours to keep. Sign-up sheets are in the office.



MINISTRY FAIR

Second and Third Sundays of September • (13th & 20th)

After Worship in the GNC – Explore outreach and service opportunities and discover ways to get involved in the life and ministry of Olivet. Refreshments will be provided.



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

November 7, 2026 • 9:00 AM

at the Mt. Harmony-Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church

155 E. Mt. Harmony Road
Owings, Maryland 20736

Tues., Aug. 18 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Thurs., Aug. 20 10:30 am
Ripple Center Ministry
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Sat., Aug. 22 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

**Schedule an Appointment with
Pastor Andercheck through the Church Office**

**or "POP IN" for a Visit
Wednesday between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm**

**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 15:10-28 (NRSVUE)

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.



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

2026 Annual Budget	\$217, 207.80
Total July Income	\$11, 943.13
Total July Expenses Paid	\$19, 971.02



Olivet UMC Giving QR Code

On-Line Giving

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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Olivet Family,

Every member of the Body of Christ has gifts to share, and every gift matters.

I invite you to join us for our Ministry Fair following worship on September 13 and 20. Come and learn about the ministries of Olivet and discover where God may be calling you to grow, serve, and belong.

You don't need to make a commitment—just come with an open heart. Sometimes the first step is simply showing up.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Peace,
Pastor Ed