

WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here in worship today! Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or you're here every week, we want to help you take your next step in faith.

ON THE CALENDAR

Visit mdumc.org/events to find registration details and for a full list of all upcoming opportunities to connect!



MEMORIAL DRIVE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I'M NEW HERE

STAY CONNECTED | JOIN OUR WEEKLY NEWS LIST

📧 mdumc.org

Stay up to date on important announcements and all that's happening in the life of the church. Visit mdumc.org to subscribe to our weekly e-mail news and have all the info delivered to your inbox every Friday, or text MDUMC to 71301 to receive our text alerts.

MDUMC KIDS

📧 mdumc.org/children ✉️ Allyson George | AllysonGeorge@mdumc.org

Children are welcome and celebrated in all worship services! Children are invited to Children's Time as a part of each worship service.

TAKING MY NEXT STEP

READY TO JOIN? | MEMBERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

✉️ | Kelly Cragg Vicente | KellyVicente@mdumc.org

Ready to call MDUMC home or ready to get involved? We're so glad to have you as part of the family. Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday or email KellyVicente@mdumc.org throughout the week to learn more about how to join or how to volunteer.

BAPTISM AT MDUMC

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We believe baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace marking us as the children of God. At MDUMC, we baptize adults through profession of faith and children as a sign of God's grace.

GIVING

📱 Text GIVE to 71301 or visit mdumc.org/give.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRAYER WALK

As part of Back to School Sunday, you're invited to join a Community Prayer Walk today after worship!

How it works:

- Head to a nearby school from the list below. We'll meet at the flagpole and begin around 12:30 PM
- A leader will open and close with a short prayer.
- Use the prayer card you received with your bulletin — one side has today's Prayer Walk instructions, and the other side offers 31 Days of Prayer to continue praying throughout the month for students, teachers, schools, and parents.
- The full experience will take about 30 minutes.

Prayer Walk Locations:

Stratford High School
Westside High School
Spring Forest Middle School
Memorial Middle School
Cornerstone Academy
Rummel Creek Elementary
Bunker Hill Elementary

Frostwood Elementary
Wilchester Elementary
Sherwood Elementary
Nottingham Elementary
Meadow Wood Elementary
Thornwood Elementary
Hollibrook Elementary

If your school isn't listed above, you're invited to use the prayer card as a guide and head to your school to pray for the year ahead!

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 | 12:15 PM | WEST CAMPUS - THE NEW ROOM

New to MDUMC or just curious to learn more? Join us for Pizza with the Pastors! This casual lunch is a great way to hear about what's happening beyond Sunday mornings, ask questions, and get to know our pastors in a relaxed, friendly setting. Lunch is on us, & kids are welcome! We'll also provide childcare if you need it, just let us know in advance. Visit mdumc.org/events to let us know you're coming!

FALL LEARNING - STARTING SOON

This fall, new learning opportunities are available to deepen your faith and connect with others! From Bible studies to small groups - there is a place for you to grow. A *Learning at a Glance* guide is available at the welcome desk or visit mdumc.org/learning to see all upcoming opportunities. Questions?

Contact DanyAttal@mdumc.org.

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RE START
purpose. priorities. relationships.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

9:30 & 11:00 AM

Back to School Sunday



Scan the QR code
to check in!



SUNDAYS AT MDUMC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FROM PASTOR SEANN

SUNDAY MORNING

CLASSIC WORSHIP | 9:30 & 11 AM

Worship God in our Main Campus Sanctuary, which is surrounded by beautiful stained glass. In these services, God’s truth is proclaimed through the rich heritage of United Methodist liturgy, hymns, an inspirational message, and a more formal worship order.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | 9:30 & 11 AM

With a casual and friendly atmosphere on our West Campus, the Journey Contemporary Worship is a place to come as you are and leave changed by the grace of God. We connect with God through worship that combines the church’s ancient traditions with modern music and a relevant teaching message.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

Our adult Sunday school classes are a wonderful way for individuals to deepen their faith, connect with others, and grow spiritually. To see what classes are offered, visit mdumc.org/adultsundayschool.

ARISE | 9:30 AM | THE REFUGE

Build community and faith together with 7th-12th graders every Sunday at Arise. Whether it’s mission opportunities, music and worship, small groups or more, we always have a great time on Sunday mornings. Visit mdumc.org/youth for more information.

NURSERY & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

We want your child to feel at home at MDUMC. We have nursery & Sunday School options on both campuses for all ages so your child can learn about God’s love on their level. Our main goal is to facilitate your child’s growth and knowledge of God through activities and lessons that keep them engaged and having fun. Visit mdumc.org/children for more information.

GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude.....Kathy Crain, organist | *“Prelude & Fugue in A Minor” - J.S. Bach*

*Welcome & Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise.....No. 400 | *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Sacrament of Baptism.....9:30 AM | Emeri Jesselyn Dewar
11 AM | Annie Clarke Prudhomme

*Passing The Peace of Christ

HEAR & RESPOND

Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 43:18-25

Sermon.....Rev. Seann Duffin

Anthem.....*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” - arr. Hayes*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost

Invitation to Give

Offertory

*Doxology.....No. 94

Hymn.....No. 356 | *“When We Are Living”*

Children’s Time.....Allyson George

Blessing of the Backpacks/Prayers for Schools

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship

*Closing Hymn.....No. 77 verses 1, 3, 4 | *“How Great Thou Art”*

*Benediction

Postlude.....Kathy Crain, organ | *“All Creatures of our God and King” - Hal Hopson*

** Please stand as you are able.*

Thank you for being here on Back to School Sunday! As we kick off a new season of ministry at MDUMC, it’s a perfect time for a Re-Start in some key areas of life. Over the next several weeks, we’ll be talking about finding a fresh start in our purpose, in our priorities, and in our relationships (with God and with each other). If you are looking for a reset, or if you want to begin building new, faith-forming habits this fall, there is a place for you here! Stop by the Welcome Desk this morning or check out mdumc.org to explore all that’s happening at MDUMC.

Here are two specific things I hope you’ll consider:

Beginning September 10, I’ll be leading a 3-week Bible study on The Will of God that I think is just right for this season. We’ll reflect on questions like: Where (and how) do we find God in the trials and turmoil of life? What do we do (and believe) when bad things happen? How can we know (and do) God’s will in every season of life? All are welcome, and please feel free to email me directly if you have questions. You can start signing up for this and all Fall Bible Studies right now at mdumc.org/learning.

Later this fall, MDUMC is sending a team to Reynosa, Mexico to work with Manos Juntas, a United Methodist mission organization doing some really great work along the US-Mexico border. I’ll be helping to lead this trip, and it coincides with SBISD’s fall break, so this a great opportunity for families with students in upper-elementary through high school to go and serve together. We’ll have an information session on **Sunday, August 24 at 4 PM** for everyone who is interested. Contact KellyWilliams@mdumc.org for details.

Lastly, here are two ways that you can help this be a successful fall at MDUMC:

1. Serve on Sunday mornings. Every Sunday, teams of volunteers help make MDUMC a warm and welcoming place by serving as greeters, ushers, communion servers, Sunday school teachers, and more. We need your help to make this happen, and you can serve as frequently as makes sense for you. So come to the Welcome Desk to sign up today, or contact KellyVicente@mdumc.org for more information.

2. Schedule a recurring financial gift to support MDUMC. Your generosity empowers all of our ministry, and every gift makes a difference here at MDUMC or through our work in the community. Go to mdumc.org/give today and schedule your recurring weekly or monthly giving. It’s a safe and convenient way to make an ongoing impact through MDUMC. You can also make one-time donation of any amount at mdumc.org/give.

I’m excited for a wonderful season of ministry at MDUMC, and I hope you’ll let me know if I can be helpful to you.

In Christ,
Pastor Seann
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“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” – ISAIAH 43:19