

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 send an email 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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SLOW START SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

As the new year begins, we're not asking for resolutions or intense spiritual programs. Instead, we invite you to slow down and embrace life-giving rhythms. Deepen the practices you already know so you can be restored for the year ahead.

We're offering resources in three areas:

- **Prayer** – even a simple breath prayer can center you.
- **Scripture** – pick up a 30-day “With Jesus” reading plan at the welcome desk.
- **Worship** – join us Sundays or at our midweek prayer service on Wednesdays.

This is a season to grow deep roots and live in rhythms of work and rest that bring abundant life in 2026.

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 | 8:30 AM - 12:45 PM
MAIN CAMPUS - SCOUT LODGE

Donating blood can give the gift of life. Before donating, please remember to eat a healthy meal, drink plenty of water, and bring a valid photo ID. Walk-ins are always welcome, or make an appointment by visiting mdumc.org/events. Questions? Contact Linda Jenkins at LindaJenkins@mdumc.org.

ADULT RECREATION AT MDUMC STARTING THIS MONTH

Start the new year strong—physically, mentally, and spiritually! This month, join our adult recreation offerings: Jazzercise, NEW Thursday Zumba Circle, indoor pickleball, a walking group, and NEW Hatha Yoga on Tuesday evenings. Learn more at mdumc.org/recreation or contact Ryan Harvey at RyanHarvey@mdumc.org.

JOIN THE OLDER ADULTS MINISTRY

MDUMC's fellowship group for singles 65+ offers connection through concerts, theater, festivals, and shared service projects. We also enjoy serving together through ministries like packing lunches for local schools and cooking for the Neighbors in Action Thanksgiving Feast. Many activities are free or low-cost and focused on fellowship, fun, and service. To learn more or join our weekly newsletter, contact Dany Attal at DanyAttal@mdumc.org.

**Connect
with us.**

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slow start

FINDING REST IN A RESTLESS WORLD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

9:30 & 11 AM



Scan the QR code
to check in!



SUNDAYS AT MDUMC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

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.....Quin Davis, flute | *“Reverie-Poetique” - Ernesto Kohler*
*Welcome & Call to Worship.....Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost
*Hymns of Praise.....No. 534 | *“Be Still My Soul”*
No. 144 | *“This Is My Father’s World”*
*Affirmation of Faith.....No. 881 | *“The Apostles’ Creed”*
*Gloria Patri.....No. 70

HEAR & RESPOND

Children’s Time.....Aaron & Cary McAllister
Pastoral Prayer.....Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost
Invitation to Give
Offertory.....Suzi Byrd, soloist | *“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child” - arr. Hayes*
*Doxology.....No. 94
Scripture Reading.....Matthew 11:28-30
Sermon.....Rev. Seann Duffin
Invitation to the Table
Holy Communion
The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship
*Closing Hymn.....No. 526 verses 1 & 3 | *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*
*Benediction
Postlude.....Stephen Distad, organ | *“Ode to Joy” - Beethoven*

* Please stand as you are able.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” – MATTHEW 11:28