



September Worship Schedule

9/1 10:00am Communion Service
9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29
8:45am Contemporary Service
9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29
11:00am Traditional Service



Church COVID Policy

Masks are optional. Social distancing is still recommended. Masks, COVID test kits, and hand sanitizer are available for free in the narthex.

Mission Statement
The mission of Sandy Mount UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19-20)

September 2024

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THE VINE

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Message from the Pastor

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been a long spring and summer for me. I had a shoulder replacement in March, rehab, and three steroid injections to calm the nerves in my left hand with a setback that caused me to raise my hand slightly above my head. And to make things worse, there is a possibility of more surgery on my rotator cuff. If it were not for Aleve, I do not know what I would do. Two critical dates: Friday, August 23, 2024, and Friday, August 30, 2024. I have nerve testing on August 23rd and an MRI on August 30th.

I am grateful to God for a wonderful woman who, despite my stupidity, continues to care for me. God is moving in our church— bringing visitors. We pray they will join us. Thank you for loving them and sharing radical hospitality with them. You have made them feel the love of God. Thank you, Lord, for sharing your love as we continue to lift you up. You promised in John 12:32 – “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” (NIV) The promise is being lived out through you.

Let us keep lifting Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to flow freely from each of us to our communities.

For Radical Hospitality to flourish, we must shift our focus outward to the communities around us. I propose developing a Shalom Zone, an area that Sandy Mount claims to minister to.

A Telephone Prayer line will be established in mid-September so we can pray with and for each other. Watch for the number.

We must change the Bible Study start date as the source material is on backorder. Sandy Mount will order the books and have them available to purchase. Constant Contact will be sent when the order arrives.

Continue to pray for me as I pray for you.

Yours in His Service,

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr., Pastor Sandy Mount U.M.C.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 10:00 Combined Communion Service | 2 Office Closed Labor Day | 3 1:00pm-Crafts (Country Acres Outreach) (Y Chipmunks Event) | 4 7:00pm-The Chosen (Y Chipmunks First Day) | 5 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal | 6 | 7 |
| 8 8:45- Praise Worship 10:00-Children’s Sunday School 10:00- In Between Café 11:00- Traditional Worship 12:00- Church Conference | 9 | 10 12:00- Administrative Council Meeting | 11 7:00pm-Show TBD | 12 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8:45- Praise Worship 10:00-Children’s Sunday School 10:00- In Between Café 11:00- Traditional Worship | 16 | 17 (Y Chipmunks Event) | 18 7:00pm-Show TBD | 19 4:00-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm-Food Giveaway 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal | 20 6:00pm- Message & Singing (Country Acres Outreach) | 21 |
| 22 8:45- Praise Worship 10:00-Children’s Sunday School 10:00- In Between Café 11:00- Traditional Worship 3:00pm- Bible Study | 23 | 24 11:00am-Bible Study 3:00pm- Bingo (Country Acres Outreach) | 25 12:00pm-Book Club 5:15pm-Outreach Conference 6:00pm-Supper 7:00pm-Show TBD | 26 4:00-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal | 27 | 28 9:00am-Church Conference (at Calvary UMC) |
| 29 8:45- Praise Worship 10:00-Children’s Sunday School 10:00- In Between Café 11:00- Traditional Worship 3:00pm- Bible Study | 30 | 31 11:00am-Bible Study | | | | |

Articles due for October VINE

Thanking SMUMC

"Thank you all for the prayers, cards, support, and concern everyone showed us doing George's health battles. A special thanks to those who provided and served a wonderful luncheon the day of George's funeral. May God bless the members of Sandy Mount."

With love, Kathy Klinger and Family

Dear Sandymount,

Thanks so very much for the beautiful get well cards and all your good wishes. I have been enjoying the service on my iPad each week and I am so happy that is available to me. Please continue to keep our family in prayers.

Jan Piern

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning!

The weather was perfect on the Saturday morning when a group of men and women gathered for a fellowship breakfast at Sandy Mount. Tables were covered in cool shades of lime green and white and topped with gorgeous lime green and lavender bouquets.

After some time greeting each other and getting settled, everyone was seated. Audrey Boyle, Chairperson of the Fellowship Committee, introduced the guest speaker, Brenda Pennington, from Bridging Life Hospice. Audrey blessed the food, and the meal was served buffet style. The food was scrumptious and plentiful.

After breakfast, Brenda told us about palliative and hospice care. Her years of experience in this aspect of health care was evident in her professionalism, knowledge and ability to answer the many questions asked. Those who attended felt she was very informative and that they learned a lot.

Good Job by our Fellowship Committee!

September Birthdays

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | 13 | 20 | |
| David Urban | Colin Erlichman | Patrick Bicking | 26 |
| 3 | 14 | 21 | Jackson Scobie |
| Robin Gilden | G. Scott Taylor | Aiden Geller | 27 |
| 4 | Joyce Yanke | 23 | Rebecca Reske |
| Brett Gill | 15 | Ernest Ogle | 28 |
| Jeffery McDonagh Jr. | Amy Tesch | Grant Vollmerhausen | Bob Wellman |
| 9 | Cindy Taylor | William Boyer | Terri Pittinger |
| Andrew DeGroff | 16 | 24 | 29 |
| 10 | Michelle Geller | Aleta Harry | Anna Bicking |
| John Hawkins | 19 | 25 | Sandy Poe |
| Mandy Davis | Chelsea Seibel | Kimberly Alexander | |

Service Opportunities

Food Pantry



Please know that we are in **NEED** of donations for our food pantry. It is important that we keep the food pantry stocked to help those in need in our community. We accept non perishable foods. The drop off area is in the closet across from the church office, or donations can be put directly in the food pantry. You can also make a monetary donation that can be placed in our offering. If you have any questions, please contact the Office Administrator.

Country Acres Outreach

We serve the residents by leading craft activities, organizing bingo games, and offering a monthly worship service with singing and a message. Our ministry dates are noted on the calendar in this newsletter.

If you have any questions, contact Audrey Boyle at 240-593-6462.

Please mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!

Clothing & Shoes Donations

If you have any shoes or clothing items to donate, please drop them in the large bin located in our church parking lot. The bin is emptied monthly by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Because of our effort to help their program, they donate \$50 each month to SMUMC.



FOOD GIVEAWAY

Finksburg



What:

We will be providing meat, dry and canned goods, and more!

When:

3rd Thursday each month from 5-6pm.

Where:

Sandy Mount United Methodist Church:

2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg.

Note:

Distribution is run in a client choice format. Please park in the parking lot, line up for check in. You will then walk through to select foods.

Volunteers will be present to assist loading items into your vehicles. Please bring reusable shopping bags if you have them. Bags will also be provided on site.

In case of inclement weather, we will resume a drive-thru format.

For more information call or text 443.547.8055 or email Mcrull@westminsterrescuemission.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS *THE 2024 HOLIDAY BAZAAR* IS COMING FAST –

Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th

Help us get ready.....



Craft Sessions -

The *Bizarre Bazaar Crafting Crew* is still in swing. We meet in the *Wilson Workshop* (a.k.a. *Ted & Sally's basement*) on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.. Help is always welcome. We have a good time and share a LOT of laughs. See Kara or Sally if you'd like to join us.



Craft Supplies Needed

Lots of our craft ideas start with something old that you might not need anymore. Before you throw it out, or give it away, check with us. Currently, we repurpose the following:

Repurposed Items

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Framed mirrors | Christmas figurines & ornaments | Old skeleton keys |
| Picture frames, Wall frames, & mini frames | Vintage buttons, etc. | Old jewelry (especially w/ rhinestones) |
| Wooden paper towel holders | Unusual bottles/glassware | |
| Wooden mug stands | Anything Grinch related | Beaded garland |
| Greeting Cards (especially Christmas), before you throw those cards away, think about donating them to us | | |

We can also ALWAYS use the following supplies if you find a good deal somewhere:

Shopping List

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Styrofoam cones | Deco mesh (Christmas colors) | Rolls of tulle (any color) |
| Hot glue sticks | Spray sealer (gloss) | Crafting beads |

(items can be given directly to Kara or Sally, or left in the church office for us to grab)

Don't Forget

Hold onto those goodies you might be planning to get rid of. We are looking for gently used jewelry, children's clothing & toys, home décor items, books, movies, games, etc to sell in the *Treasures from the Attic* room. As the bazaar gets closer, we'll let you know when and where, to drop off items.

Also be thinking about:

- Items that you might have that would be suitable for donation to the *Silent Auction* (ex. Gift cards, hand-crafted items, collectibles, services, etc.)
- Whether you have a nativity set that you'd be willing to lend for our annual display in the sanctuary
- What yummy item(s) you can make to donate to the Bake Table

Please feel free to contact either one of us for more information. We can be reached as follows:

Kara Urban-Holiday Bazaar Chair

[410-596-7183/kdurban@comcast.net](mailto:kdurban@comcast.net)

Sally Wilson-Holiday Bazaar Co-Chair

[410-871-1935/ld4saw@hotmail.com](mailto:ld4saw@hotmail.com)



We're excited! Hope you are too.





Wreaths Across America December 14, 2024 at noon Sandymount Cemetery



Sandymount Cemetery has joined 40 other cemeteries in Carroll County participating in the 'Wreaths Across America' program. Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday, December 14th at noon for a ceremony honoring our deceased veterans and the placement of a wreath on each veteran's gravesite. Sandymount has 89 veterans, serving from the War of 1812 through the Vietnam War.

Everyone is welcome to sponsor a wreath that will be placed at Sandymount. There are several Sponsorship Levels starting at \$17. Honor your vet and help with the wreath laying ceremony.

Please place the code 'MD0316/MDSMMC' in the remarks section of your check and mail to Tom Poe at the church. Please return the order form by November 15, 2024. If you wish to volunteer or have questions, contact Tom at 443-881-

To access the order form please click the link below.

[Sponsor A Wreath Form](#)



Worship, Sunday School, and In-between Café for Fall 2024

10 am First Sunday of each month--Combined Service with Communion/After Hour Café with Casa de Bendicion immediately following the service.

September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1.

All other Sunday's -2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday's of the month consult your calendar or the calendar in the VINE.

8:45-10 Praise Worshipnew time****

10-10:45 Children's Sunday School

10-11 In-between Café

10:20-10:55 traditional prep for organ and choir

11-12 Traditional Worship

Chancel Choir will sing on the fourth Sundays for the fall season at the 11 am service. Our Praise team will continue to lead the 8:45 service. Both groups serve joyfully and with gratitude for how God works in their lives. Please join us for worship.



September 19, 2024 4-5:30pm in the sanctuary.

Event: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Needed: A heart to sing for God's glory.

Requirements: We will sing the fourth Sunday of each month at 11 am service October-May.

Please consider lending your voice for the Glory of our Lord. Additional information contact: Connie Clarke 410-861-8774

Wednesday Nights at the Church!

Please join us to watch the last episode of the acclaimed series of

“The Chosen”

Wednesday **September 4 at 7:00pm.**

The next show is still **TBD** but will show

Wednesday **September 11, 18, and 25 at 7:00pm**

Feel free to bring your beach chairs if you'd like a more comfortable seat.

There will be light refreshments provided.

For more information please reach out to Audrey Boyle.



Join your Church Family for
Wednesday Nights at the Church



Wednesday Nights at the Church always includes snacks, but beginning in September something new will be tried. One Wednesday of each month there will be a potluck supper prior to the evening's entertainment. It is the plan to continue the monthly supper if it is well received.

The suppers will be coordinated by Sally Wilson. The first supper will be on **September 25th at 6:00 pm.**

Sally will be trying a new method for providing the food in September. The menu will be as follows:

Veggie Tray & dip

Sandwiches

Tossed Salad & dressing

Fruit Tray

BBQ & Rolls

Brownies

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please sign up for attendance and indicate if you will bring one of the above items.

Steve Boyle will continue to provide the entertainment. Showing of “The Chosen” will end in a few weeks, and Steve will keep us updated on what will follow.

Questions: Sally Wilson /supper and Steve Boyle/everything else

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

9:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

AT

EMORY GROVE

(WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!)

Community Table News

Our team from Sandy Mount will be serving at Community Table on **September 26, 2024.**

This begins a second year of serving every other month on the fourth Thursday. We are grateful that our Outreach Committee continues to want to support feeding the hungry in a variety of ways. This team is always open for other members in our congregation to come and serve or eat with us. This initiative is funded through your offering.

We begin preparing the meal at 9:30 am and serve lunch at 12pm. We are usually finished, cleanup included, by 1pm.

Want to know more? Pick up a flyer from the back table in the sanctuary, look on the bulletin board in the hall, or contact CommunityTable@WesleyFreedom.org

REDEEMED

SEEING THE MESSIAH IN THE BOOK OF RUTH

Bible Study Syllabus

The class will meet on Sunday’s from 3:00pm – 4:30pm or the following Tuesday’s from 11:00am-12:30pm, with the same lessons for those who cannot make Sunday for whatever reason. Each student MUST purchase a book. Christianbook.com is on back order, so the church will have some for purchase for \$12.00 “Redeemed Seeing the Messiah in the Book of Ruth.” The dates have been pushed back because of the book order back up. Please sign up so we know how many people will be attending. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the hall.

Session 1 – Sunday, September 22 or Tuesday, September 24

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Introduction to the Book of Ruth

Session 2 – Sunday, September 29 or Tuesday, October 1

NAOMI’S FAITHLESSNESS

Ruth 1:1-22

Session 3 – Sunday, October 6 or Tuesday, October 8

RUTH’S FAITHFULNESS

Ruth 1:14-22

Session 4 – Sunday, October 13 or Tuesday, October 15

SURPRISING GRACE

Ruth 2:1-23

Session 5 – Sunday, October 20 or Tuesday, October 22

THE LAW OF LOVE

Ruth 3:1-18

Session 6 – Sunday, October 27 or Tuesday, October 29

REDEMPTION

Ruth 4:1-21

Altar Flowers \$50 for 2 vases

Payment Policy: Please put your check along with a note stating the date you are dedicating flowers for the altar. This will clarify where the money is to be credited for the counters.

Flower Dedication: Please let Rebecca know the Monday before the flowers are given. Please leave the dedication form in the Secretary mailbox, email or call.

We need a person to help Rebecca if we are to have a poinsettia tree. This process begins in late September.

September

1st - Kara Urban

8th - Nicole Caple

15th - Tina Von Gunten

22nd - McDonough

29th - Stacey Esgar

October

6th - Connie & Russ Clarke

13th - Nicole Caple

20th - Scarlett Fisher

27th - Kara Urban



When taking your flowers please leave the sleeves for the next week and use a plastic bag to transfer your flowers home. Care should be taken so that the altar cloths do not get drip marks on them. Please remove the sleeves and carry them to the back of the sanctuary before placing the flowers in your bag. Empty the water in the vases on the parking lot then return the sleeves to the vases on the altar. **TIP:** Large zip-lock bags work really well. Thank you.

Book Club

Please Join us here at SMUMC for Book Club! We are always looking for new members. We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon. Feel free to bring your lunch and chat about the book.

Upcoming Meetings

September 25

"Remarkably Bright Creatures"

&

October 23

"The Women"



Cheryl's Retirement



After many years of being a part of the YMCA Chipmunks Preschool, Cheryl is saying her goodbye. She has taught many students and teachers. She has made an impact on everyone she has been in contact with. We want to thank Cheryl for her dedication for all of those years. No matter how difficult something may have been Cheryl never gave up. Sandy Mount wants to wish her the happiest retirement with our sincerest appreciation. We hope she enjoys every moment in this next phase of her life. Cheryl deserves every second of it.

Your friends,

Sandy Mount United Methodist Church



The 2024 CARROLL COUNTY FOOD SUNDAY

Milk RUN 5K& **STROLL**
(2 MILE)



SPONSORED BY



When: Saturday September 21, 2024

Where: Wakefield Golf Course Trail- map & info:

<https://www.westminstermd.gov/499/Wakefield-Valley-Park>

Time: 8:30 AM start. Race day registration starting at 7:30 AM

Cost: \$26 before 9-1-24, \$36 after and race day.

Students, Eldersburg Rogue Runners & WRRC Clubs -\$21

Awards, Refreshments & Fun

MORE INFO: email ccfsmilkrun@gmail.com or visit the Milk Run's Facebook page or ccfoodsunday.org

REGISTER ONLINE HERE
or at: ccfoodsunday.org



All proceeds will help to help support CARROLL COUNTY FOOD SUNDAY's Milk Voucher and other emergency and supplemental nutrition programs.