

May Worship Schedule

5/4 10:00am Communion Service
 5/11, 5/18, 5/25
 8:45am Contemporary Service
 5/11, 5/18, 5/25
 9:00am Outdoor Service
 5/11, 5/18, 5/25
 11:00am Traditional Service



May 2025



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)

May 2025

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 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr.
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THE VINE

The Vine
April 2025



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Message from the Pastor

Where do we go from here in our spiritual walk?

Jesus has been risen from the dead, the Holy Spirit has come and fallen on the world and we who are in Christ have become new creations the old us have passed away. Are we new? Are we really new?

Living this life in Jesus is a new phenomenon and it takes time to walk in it with confidence and humility. When the disciples fully received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and allowed the power to be released on the people as Peter breathed on the crowd, all seven of the fruit of the Spirit fell that day as well.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Notice the one fruit, the Holy Spirit has many pieces. All of us have all of the pieces of the fruit of the Spirit awaiting to come alive and active in our souls to touch others with the love of Christ. (Read Galatians 5:22-26)

Because of the fruit of the Spirit in us, when one is overtaken in any trespass, we who are spiritual are to restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness back into the fold, the family of God.

Our walk in Jesus is to be a walk that bears one another's burdens so that we are fulfilling the law of Jesus, is to love God with all of our being and love our neighbor as ourselves. (Read Mark 12:32-33)

Let us walk in the power of the fruit of the Spirit so that Jesus is lifted up so that the world sees our love and realizes we have come to share abundant life thru Jesus. Let us our walk be an example of how to restore others back to God. Let our walk be so confident that the fruit of the Spirit is ours and no one can take it away, that people will ask, how can I have what they have.

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr., Pastor Sandy Mount United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	2 (Office Closed)	3
4 10:00am—Communion Service	5 (Office Closed)	6	7 1:00pm-Craft Country Acres Outreach 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church	8 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	9	10
11 (Mother's Day) 8:45am- Praise Service 9:00am-Outdoor Service (Doug Brooks) 10:00am-Children's Sunday School 10:00am- In Between Café 11:00am- Traditional Service	12	13	14 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church	15 5:00pm-Food Giveaway 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	16 6:00pm Message & Singing Country Acres Outreach	17
18 8:45am- Praise Service 9:00am-Outdoor Service (Doug Brooks) 10:00am-Children's Sunday School 10:00am- In Between Café 11:00am- Traditional Service	19 Last Day for June Altar Flowers	20 3:00pm- Bingo Country Acres Outreach	21 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church	22 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	23 Articles due for June VINE	24
25 8:45am- Praise Service 9:00am-Outdoor Service (Doug Brooks) 10:00am-Children's Sunday School 10:00am- In Between Café 11:00am- Traditional Service	26 Memorial Day (Office Closed) Happy Memorial Day	27	28 12:00pm- Book Club 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church	29 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	30	31



May Bible Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

May Birthdays

1
Janet Mathias
Walter Amass
6
Kyle Barone
Nicholas Gill
8
Brody Wilson
Ethan Wilson

9
Pamela Lindsay
13
Connie Clarke
17
Jessie Young
Sally Wilson
23
Linda Wheat

24
Michele Barone
25
Joe Wawrztnski
28
Carl Von Gunten
31
Fran Hoffmeister



Service Opportunities

Food Pantry



Please know that we are in **NEED** of donation's 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.



Thanking SMUMC

To All at Sandy Mount Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for collecting and donating tabs to RMHC Maryland. We will recycle every single tab and use the money that we receive to buy gas for our shuttles. The children staying here love to ride to their appointments in the brightly decorated vehicles; their parents love the convenience of 'in house' transportation. With your help and the help of others we are able to keep our shuttles moving through the busy Baltimore streets to hospitals all around the city! Again, thank you for your support!!

Your Friends at RMHC MD

Vine Activity

Throughout this vine I have hidden (18) pink flowers.

The flowers all look like this  but may differ in size or be turned in a different direction. Can you find all (18) flowers.

(The flower on this page does not count to the total of flowers in the vine)

You can check the vine in the office to find all the correct locations.

Grateful for the Spirit which brings joy
 March 27 Community Table Meal

The Sandy Mount Team continues to serve a meal every other month out of Wesley Freedom's kitchen. We are one of 12 churches that provide a meal for the greater Carroll County Community. While each member of the Sandy Mount Team has their own unique skill set and idea about how to prepare their part of the meal, there is also an obvious shared sense of purpose, love and like mindedness among the members. Laughter and friendship lighten the load and strengthens the bond shared. That bond is the love for Jesus Christ.

The Community Table project is one of several that your Outreach Committee sponsors. Over the years Sandy Mount has had many such projects and the same love, like mindedness, and sense of purpose have been present. May we remember to be grateful for what God leads us to do in His name and rejoice in all circumstances.



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 McCrull@westminsterrescuemission.org.



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.

May 18th is the last day to sign up for June Dedication.

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
4th- Scarlett Fisher	1st--Jennifer Glass
11th-Belinda Von Gunten	8th--Still Needed
18th- Closed	15th--Still Needed
28th- Fran Hoffmeister	22nd- Kara Urban
	29th--Michele Sick



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.

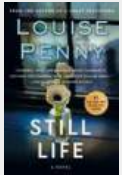
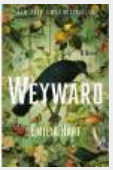



Book Club

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

May 28
"Still Life"
&
June 25
"Wayward"



May 7, 2025 7:00pm
"Brother White"

May 14, 2025 7:00pm
"Faith Like Potatoes"

May 21, 2025 7:00pm
"Akeelah and the Bee"

May 28, 2025 7:00pm
"The Secret Garden"



