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**June 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)



## June Worship Schedule

6/1 10:00am Communion Service  
6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29  
8:45am Contemporary Service  
6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29  
9:00am Outdoor Service  
6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29  
11:00am Traditional Service

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Last Message from Pastor Walker

June Farewell Vine Article  
2025

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I write this, my final Vine article, to you as my farewell. I will retire from the active pastoral ministry on June 30, 2025. I will miss you folks and want to say to you that I love you with the love of Jesus. June 15<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday in the pulpit.  
I wish we could have worked better together and were able to move Sandy Mount to the place God is showing me He wants you to be; A place where the lost, weary, broken-hearted, and Spirit will find rest and the peace of God for their souls. (Vision for Sandy Mount). Your mission is to Praise God, grow in love, share the gospel, and touch your community, Shalom Zone, for Jesus' sake. A Shalom Zone is a ministry area that shows God's peace (shalom).  
I pray that the whole congregation will come together to move Sandy Mount toward a flourishing and nourishing place of God. It will take all of you on one accord to get back to a full-time Pastor—no more division between Contemporary and Traditional Worship. You can and have had both services co-exist every summer with one service and have done very well. You need to ask yourselves this: Do you think God is pleased with the bickering over worship styles? They can exist together as long as they both glorify and praise the Lord. Chaos is not of God. Fighting amongst yourselves is not of God. Unity, peace, love, and togetherness are needed and exemplify the Lord in your midst.  
Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)  
To grow numerically, you must grow spiritually. This means Church wide Bible study and prayer. What if Sunday School and Bible study were called "Faith Builders Academy"? This academy would include all ages and stages of Christian growth and development. Yes, this will put strain on you, but it may help to get those on the bench into the game. The academy does not have to be entirely in the church. Some parts of the academy could be housed in the community, in members' homes, modeling the Acts 2 church. It started small in homes in communities and became the mega church of Jesus, the church of today. Inviting friends, co-workers, acquaintances, etc., to a time of study to find themselves and who God says they are is a powerful selling point.  
It can be done. All things are possible when you move from fear to trust. Fear that you can not help others because you don't have enough. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 50:10 For every beast of the forest is Mine – the cattle on a thousand hills. In other words, God has what you need. Ask Him for it, and watch the glory of the Lord become alive, manifest in your present reality. You have not because you ask not.  
I pray that a new season is coming your way, and you recognize it is a season of power and prosperity. Grab hold of it and don't let go until you are blessed. Like Jacob, who recognized He had hold of an angel of God and told him, "I won't let go until you bless me. Jacob held on and received his blessing with his hip out of socket—his reminder about wrestling with God. When you wrestle with God for a blessing, you will get the blessing, and you will remember and be reminded of the result of wrestling with God.  
Sandy Mount, I love you more than you will ever know! Wrestle with God. This is your season to ask and receive, knock, and the door will be opened to you, seek, and you will find.  
Live long, love strong, and multiply for the Lord!  
Yours in His service,  
Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr., Pastor, Sandy Mount UMC

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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am- Outdoor Service (Doug Brooks) 10:00am—Communion Service	2	3	4 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church	5 1:00pm-Craft Country Acres Outreach 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	6	7
8 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	9	10	11 7:00pm- Cemetery Meeting 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church	12 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	13 6:00pm Message & Singing Country Acres Outreach	14
15  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 Farewell Lunch for Pastor	16	17 3:00pm- Bingo Country Acres Outreach	18	19  (Office Closed) 5:00pm-Food Giveaway 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	20  <div>Articles due for July VINE</div>	21
22 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	23 <div>Last Day for July Altar Flowers</div>	24	25 12:00pm- Book Club	26 7:00pm- Praise Team Rehearsal	27	28
29 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	30					



# June Bible Verse

## Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## June Birthdays

2		20
Jenny Wawrynski	15	Cecilia Young
5	Julie Goge	22
Brad Gilden	Sheryl Findley	Betty Lambert
7	16	23
Violet Hayes	Tom Rosso	Faye Haines
13	Charles Beckhardt	29
Becky Tesch	18	Allan Davidson
14	Jaime Barry	30
Tapiwa Chakanaka	19	Nicole Caple
Christine Bradley	Jeffrey Alexander	
Donna Caple		



# Reverend Dr. Robert Walker Jr.

After many years of Pastoral Ministry, including the 3 years he served here at Sandy Mount. Pastor Walker will be retiring on June 30, 2025, from Pastoral Ministry. We would like to thank him for all he has done for Sandy Mount and the other churches he has served. Most of all we want to thank him for being a faithful leader and always listening to the Father's heart. We want to wish him a wonderful and relaxing retirement. May the Lord be with you in this next phase of life. May he watch over you and keep you safe. Congratulations on your retirement!

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There will be a lunch held for him on June 15th after his last service at the pulpit. Please join us in celebrating Pastor Walker's Retirement.



In this photo are all the clergy members retiring July 1, 2025. This photo was taken at the annual conference. At the annual conference they honored and celebrated these clergy members for serving a combined total of 604 years.

## 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.



### Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Crew.

Thank you to all that participated in cleaning up Carroll County. If you are interest in or would like to participate in the next one reach out to Audry or Tina.



### Vine Activity

How does Moses make his coffee every morning?

Answer: Hebrews 11



## Cemetery Board Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Sandymount Methodist Cemetery Corporation is scheduled for

**Wednesday, June 11th at 7pm**

in the Red Room. All Lot Holders and members of Sandy Mount UMC are invited and are urged to attend. The meeting agenda will include a report from the Trustee President on the condition of the cemetery, the annual Treasurer's Report and the election of the Trustees for 2025-2026. Anyone in attendance is welcome to introduce other items of concern for discussion. Please contact Tom Poe at 443-881-4599 with any questions.

**PLEASE ADD THIS DATE TO YOUR CALENDAR.**

**WE NEED EVERYONE'S INPUT AND SUPPORT.**

## Worship opportunities for June 2025

**June 1st** 9 am outside service 10 am combined service with Communion.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** Pentecost Sunday the birthday of the church!  
9 am outside service, 8:45 am praise service and 11 am traditional service.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** Trinity Sunday and Father's Day  
9 am outside service, 8:45 praise service and 11 am traditional service.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9 am outside service, 8:45 am praise service and 11 am traditional service.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** 9 am outside service, 8:45 am praise service and 11 am traditional service.  
Doug Brooks will lead select-a-hymn at traditional worship during the traditional service.  
Bring your requests. It is an opportunity for you to sing some of your favorites.

\* Summer Worship for July and August has yet to be determined. Music and Worship are waiting to hear who will be assigned to serve as pastor at Sandy Mount and hear what they may want. We are assured that God is aware of the details and will reveal them when it is time.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13*



# 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](mailto:Mcrull@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.

**June 23rd is the last day to sign up for July Dedication.**

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
1st—Jennifer Glass	6th-Kara Urban	3rd-Still Needed
8th—Closed	13th- Nicole Caple	10th-Still Needed
15th—Closed	20th-Scarlett Fisher	17th- Kathleen Klinger
22nd- Kara Urban	27th- Still Needed	24th- Still Needed
29th—Michele Sick		31st-Kara Urban



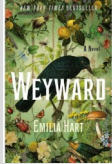
When taking your flowers please leave the sleeves for the next week and use a plastic bag to transfer your flowers home. Care should be taken so that the altar cloths do not get drip marks on them. Please remove the sleeves and carry them to the back of the sanctuary before placing the flowers in your 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



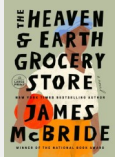
### June 25

### "Wayward"

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### July 23

### "Heaven & Earth Grocery Store"





June 4, 2025 7:00pm  
"Same Kind of Different Me"

June 11, 2025 7:00pm  
"Selfie Dad"



NO Movie Night June 18 or 25