

# September Worship Schedule

9/7 10:00am Communion Service

9/14, 9/21, 9/28 10:00am Fall Service



**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 2025

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Message from Pastor Bob Wellman

Growing up it seemed like the pastor of the church was supposed to be everything and everywhere? The pastor was supposed to be at the hospital when every church member or their kid was sick. The pastor was supposed to be at every graduation from graduate school all the way down to kindergarten. The pastor was supposed to be at every birthday party. The pastor was supposed to do every funeral and wedding even if they were happening at the same time. The pastor was supposed to remember every person's name and take every phone call. The pastor should be the best greeter, children's minister, youth minister, outreach guy, teacher, consultant, and adviser. The pastor is supposed to do all of this while somehow giving his own family love, attention, and leadership as well as living off of a meager amount of money.

I have two questions for you:

How many of you would sign up to be a pastor like I just described?

How many of you think that it is pretty unreasonable to ask one person or even two to do all of this?

What's interesting is that God also thinks this is unreasonable to ask of one person to do all of this. In fact, God is grieved at anyone approaching church in this way because it hinders us in fulfilling God's mission.

This approach to church deprives the pastor of having a balanced life that can serve God and others well without burning out.

This approach also deprives followers of Christ of using their God-given gifts, strengths, and opportunities to serve each other and the world.

We fulfill God's mission by accepting His calling, appointing, and anointing.

You see, in Acts 5 the church has a dispute, but it was the religious leaders who had crucified Jesus earlier, who were not members of the church. Peter and John had been thrown in prison and then freed by an angel to go preach the gospel again.

God uses this circumstance to wake up the church to His voice. They become the woke church.

You can hear God saying through bible passages, "Look, I am calling you through a particular need to step up and help. Why? I don't want my mission to be hindered. I want my mission fulfilled and it's going to require all of us to serve in some way." The apostles accepted the call to delegate and not try to do everything so they can fulfill God's glorious mission. It is crucial that the church accepts God's call by being problem solvers and actually serving and not being complainers.

As the church, we are called to be participators and not spectators. Spectators would look at the problem and just complain, fault-find, or say somebody else will deal with that issue but not me.

We are called to be a part of the solution and not perpetuate the problem. Can you hear God's voice calling you to serve in a particular area? What problems or potential issues is God highlighting with you to solve in the church? What gaps do you see?

This is a moment for us to see what God may ask us to do in order to fulfill his mission as servant leaders. We fulfill God's mission by accepting His calling, appointing, and anointing.

Pastor Bob

| September                                                                         |                                                                                                             |                             |                                                                                      |                                          |                                                        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                      | Tuesday                     | Wednesday                                                                            | Thursday                                 | Friday                                                 | Saturday |
|                                                                                   | 1<br>(Office Closed)<br> | 2<br>7:00pm- Bazaar Meeting | 3<br>7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church                                          | 4<br>1:00pm-Craft Country Acres Outreach | 5                                                      | 6        |
| 7<br>10:00am— Communion Service                                                   | 8<br>7:00pm- SPRC Meeting                                                                                   | 9                           | 10<br>7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church                                         | 11                                       | 12                                                     | 13       |
| 14<br>10:00am— Fall Service<br>12:00pm- Picnic                                    | 15<br>6:00pm- Bishop Meeting @ Deer Park UMC                                                                | 16                          | 17<br>3:00pm- Bingo Country Acres Outreach<br>7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church | 18<br>5:00pm-Food Giveaway               | 19<br><div>Articles due for October VINE</div>         | 20       |
| 21<br>9:00am- Sunday School<br>10:00am— Fall Service (Christian Education Sunday) | 22<br><div>Last Day for October Altar Flowers</div>                                                         | 23                          | 24<br>12:00pm- Book Club<br>7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church                   | 25                                       | 26<br>6:00pm- Message & Singing Country Acres Outreach | 27       |
| 28<br>9:00am- Sunday School<br>10:00am— Fall Service                              | 29                                                                                                          | 30                          |                                                                                      |                                          |                                                        |          |

# September Bible Verse

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
 a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
 a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
 a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
 a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
 a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
 a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
 a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
 a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
 a time to love, and a time to hate;  
 a time for war, and a time for peace.

## September Birthdays

|                       |                 |                     |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2                     | 10              | 19                  | 25                 |
| David Urban           | John Hawkins    | Chelsea Seibel      | Kimberly Alexander |
| 3                     | Mandy Davis     | 20                  | 26                 |
| Robyn Gilden          | 13              | Patrick Bicking     | Jackson Scobie     |
| 4                     | Colin Erlichman | 21                  | 27                 |
| Brett Gill            | 14              | Aiden Geller        | Rebecca Reske      |
| 5                     | G. Scott Taylor | 23                  | 28                 |
| Alexander Goge        | Joyce Yanke     | Ernest Ogle         | Pastor Bob Wellman |
| Jeffery McDonough Jr. | 15              | Grant Vollmerhausen | Terri Pittinger    |
| 9                     | Amy Tesch       | William Boyer       | 29                 |
| Andrew DeGroff        | Cindy Taylor    | 24                  | Sandy Poe          |
| Mark Young            | 16              | Aleta Harry         | Anna Bicking       |
|                       | Michelle Geller |                     |                    |

# Volunteering Reminder

Protecting the youth and vulnerable adults that we serve in all of our programs, including our Outreaching Missions, is of utmost importance here at Sandy Mount UMC. Therefore, we are required to ask that all volunteers complete Abuse Awareness Training annually and submit to a bi-annual background check through the MinistrySafe website ([www.safetysystem/ministrysafe.com](http://www.safetysystem/ministrysafe.com).)

Please send your email address to Katie McDonough, Trustee Chair, at [jkmcdonough@aol.com](mailto:jkmcdonough@aol.com) or text to (410) 404-3217 for your initial access if you would like to volunteer at any event or program here at SMUMC. Renewals requests will be sent to you each year. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve!

## Bishop's Day on the District

**Bishop Easterling will be visiting each of the Districts** in the Baltimore-Washington Conference in September. This will be a time to meet with clergy and laity for sharing and communication. As our new structure takes effect and we begin new relationships in each of our new districts and across the area, this will be an important time of connection.

### Two Rivers District:

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 6 p.m.

Location: St. Matthews UMC

14900 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715

## Hub Meeting

HUB meeting on September 10 at 5pm. Our meetings will always be at Deer Park. For this meeting, please bring your lay member with you. If you have not chosen a lay member yet, you can work on that. The lay members of each church are invited to all of our HUB meetings.

# 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.



## Wreaths Across America



Saturday, December 13th at 12:00 noon

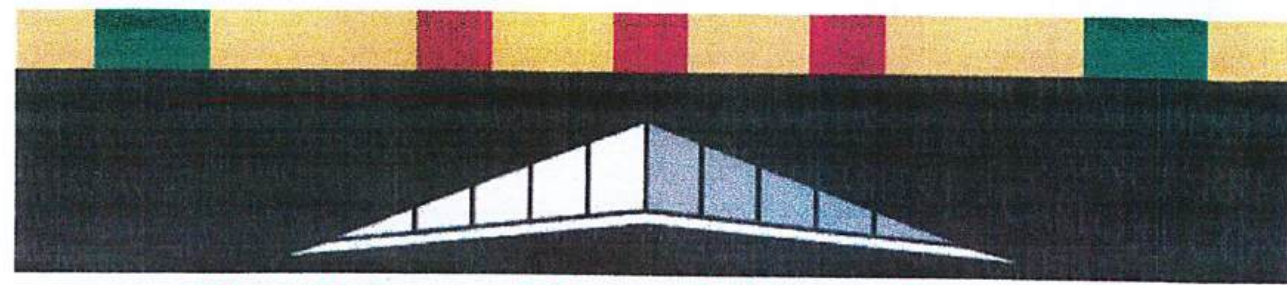


## Sandy Mount Cemetery

Everyone from Sandy Mount is invited to attend the dedication ceremony and wreath laying to honor the 88 veterans buried at Sandymount Cemetery. Those attending the dedication ceremony are urged to help lay the wreaths on the veteran's gravesites. Any veterans wishing to participate in the ceremony, please contact Tom Poe at 443-881-4599.

Everybody can purchase a wreath to honor a veteran. Please use the order form included and mail to Babylon Vault, our country wide sponsor. The cost for each wreath is \$17.00, please order more than one. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

## Join Us to Honor Our Veterans



**The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall®**  
Coming to Carroll County October 9 – 13, 2025



New Windsor Fire Department Carnival Grounds will be the location of this historic event in Carroll County in 2025. The Wall is a 3/5 scale replica of the original in DC and spans 300 feet end to end, standing almost 6 feet tall. The Wall honors over 58,000 names of the men & women of the armed forces who served & lost their lives in Vietnam.

**Remember – Honor – Heal**



Visit our website for updates leading up to this event  
[www.BabylonVaultCompany.com](http://www.BabylonVaultCompany.com) | Facebook: @BabylonVault

# 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.

**September 22nd is the last day to sign up for October Dedication.**

| <u>September</u>      | <u>October</u>     | <u>November</u>    | <u>December</u>   |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 7th- Nicole Caple     | 5th- Nicole Caple  | 2nd—Still Needed   | 7th—Steve         |
| 14th- Closed          | 12th- Still Needed | 9th—Still Needed   | 14th—Miller       |
| 21st- Tina Von Gunten | 19th- Fishers      | 16th- Stuart/Lyell | 21st—Still Needed |
| 28th- Pastor Bob      | 26th- Kara Urban   | 23rd- Connie/Russ  | 28th—Still Needed |
|                       |                    | 30th-Sally         |                   |

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

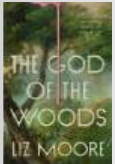
September 24

"The God of the Woods"

&

October 22

"The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle"




**September 2025**



**Dear Church,**

**Your Chancel Choir will begin singing again this month. Please support us with your prayers if not your voice. New people are always welcome in this open group. You do not need to be able to read music to lend your voice in song just a heart for Worship.**

**Our first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 pm. If you are newly joining the choir please let Connie Clarke know that you need a folder prepared by September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**We will be singing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday again this year.**

- **Specifically, expect to hear us on:**
- **September 28<sup>th</sup> October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 23<sup>rd</sup> December 21<sup>st</sup> (the third Sunday) and on Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**More information can be found if you decide to join us:**

**Email, Phone, Snail mail, or in person. My phone is 410-861-8774, cell 443-244-2901. [puddinheadconnie@hotmail.com](mailto:puddinheadconnie@hotmail.com)**

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psalm 95 1-2, 6*

**Love to all,**

**Connie**

## Community Table News September, 2025

This month marks the 3rd year we will be serving as part of the Community Table Outreach group at Wesley Freedom UMC. There are quite a number of churches who have teams that serve Monday, Thursday, and Friday from a variety of denominations. Each shares the same focus, feeding those in need and listening for what else might be needed.

Our next serving day will be Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-1. Our menu is the same Enchilada casserole, fresh fruit, salad, and corn bread. Lunch is served at 12.

If you know someone who could benefit from a meal Monday, Thursday, or Friday please see C. Clarke or pick up a flyer from the back table in the sanctuary to give to them. Wesley Freedom UMC is located at 961 Johnsville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784. While the Post Office



### The Chosen Season 5

Episode 8

September 3 - 7:00pm

### House of David Season 1

Episode 1

September 10 - 7:00pm

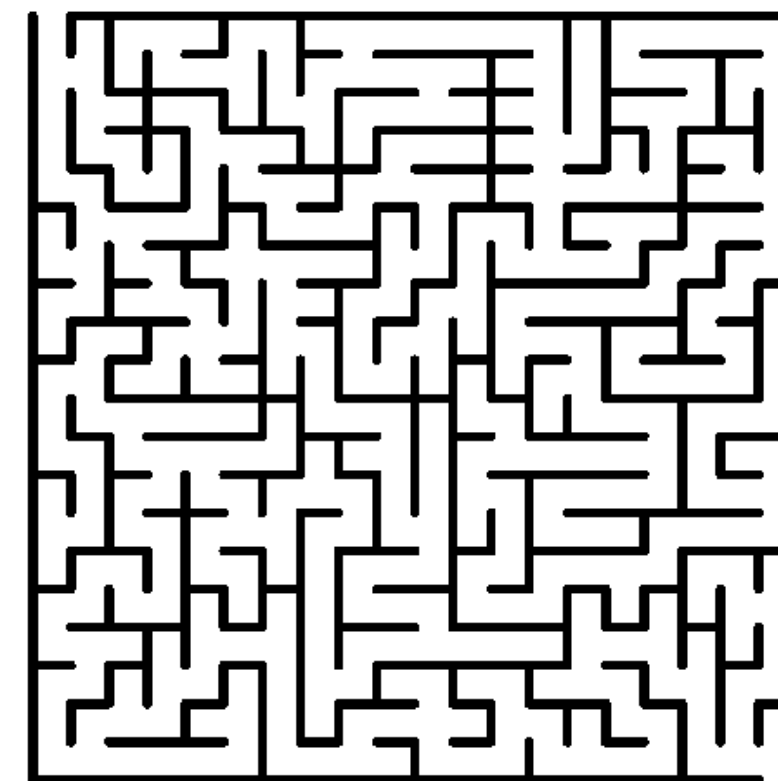
Episode 2

September 17 - 7:00pm

Episode 3

September 24 - 7:00pm

## Vine Activity



# Sunday School!

We have brought back Sunday School! We will be offering an adult class and a children's class. Sunday School will start September 21st at 9:00am (before service) Anyone can join!

Adult Class- will be with Doug Brooks or Pastor Wellman

Children's Class- will be with Mark Young

If you are interest please reach out to the church office.  
(410)861-5788



## Blessing of the Backpacks

As we begin to transition from summer into fall, we are reminded that several transitions in our lives are taking place as well. We begin to notice the change in the temperature of the weather outside our doors. We begin to notice the transition of the leaves on our trees as they prepare for the Autumn season. Some households have already made the transition to children starting the new school year. That can be a joyous and frightful transition by praying for those who are making the change to a school that is away from their home. We would also like to offer a



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

on Sunday, September 21



during our morning worship service. Families are invited to bring to worship the backpacks that their children will be using to carry their books, supplies and notepads during the school year. Also, if you do not have anyone with a backpack, perhaps you could donate some simple school supplies on that Sunday.



## September 14 at 12:00pm

We will be having a church picnic with House of Blessing. There will be food, entertainment and games with prizes. Please bring a side dish. We will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to bring a side dish. We will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs with rolls. Drinks will be provided by House of Blessing.

## Requesting College Student Addresses

Through the years of ministry at Sandy Mount, we have seen several students' progress from the nursery to the age level Sunday School and then seen their journey take them into college. Ah, but that's where a disconnect in their journey happens with the church. That's unfortunate, so we would like to keep that relationship going by contacting them whenever possible while they are in college. Would you be so kind as to send the Church Office their email address AND their physical address?

From time to time, we would like to try to connect with them as they continue on their journey in pursuing a degree or additional training in their chosen field.