

## TOM'S CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Adult Sunday School Classes – 10:30am

#### **Triumphant Disciples – Led by Linda Myers**

This class discusses different books of the Bible and how they relate to our lives.

#### **Seekers – Led by Donna Hanning and Pat Baughman**

This mixed adult class follows The David C. Cook Sunday School material which focuses on the Old and New Testaments. We have a lesson focus, read the scripture and have discussion questions. Class discussion and participation are encouraged in learning more of the scripture and drawing closer to our Lord and Savior.

#### **Men's Bible Class – Led by Terry Boller**

This class explores the scriptures of the Bible and applies it to everyday life.

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### Sunday School for Young Disciples – 10:30 am

**“One Room Schoolhouse” Class for Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Led by Terry Boller and Trudy Price**

**Sunday School Class for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Led by Phyllis Kelly**

Everyone needs a place to grow in Jesus' family! All children are invited to come and learn together with us.

Check our website for more information about Tom's Creek UMC

[www.tomscreekumc.com](http://www.tomscreekumc.com)

## WELCOME TO



## Third Sunday of Advent

*December 14, 2025*

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## WELCOME

Pastor Mike

## PRELUDE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Carol Hipp

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman – Music: Anthony J. Showalter, (c) Public Domain – CCLI #961399

## \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 146:5-10*

Joe Coleman

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God,**  
**who made heaven and earth,**  
**the sea, and all that is in them;**  
 who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed;  
 who gives food to the hungry.  
**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**  
**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**  
**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**  
 the LORD loves the righteous.  
 The LORD watches over the strangers;  
 he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
**The LORD will reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, for all generations.**  
**Praise the LORD!**

## \*HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*UMH 57, vv 1-4*

Words: Charles Wesley – Music: Carl G. Glaser: arr. Lowell Mason– (c) Public Domain - CCLI #961399

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*TCUMC Trustees*

**Creative and redeeming God,**  
**We light this candle of joy**  
**as a sign of your Truth that sets us free;**  
**free to live in joy**  
**as we wait and work for the day**  
**when all creation will flourish in your fullness together.**

*-Adapted from Discipleship Ministries, UMC*

## Helpful Information

**Welcome Card:** First time visitors are invited to sign the card. Please place the card in the offering plate or in the basket near the bulletins.

**Restrooms and Water Fountains** are located beyond the glass double doors to the right as well as an elevator lift.

**Fragrance Free:** Please refrain from using perfume and cologne as many in our congregation have asthma and other allergies.

**Communion** is offered on the first Sunday of each month and open to all.

**Fellowship Hour:** A time of hospitality and refreshments is offered each Sunday following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Aluminum Can Recycle:** Barrels are outside the Church building for you to bring **only your rinsed out aluminum cans** to be recycled!

**Printer Cartridges** – Please donate your used printer / ink cartridges to the Church to help defray the costs for our Church office supplies. Put them in the collection box in the lobby.

**Reminder:** If you take pictures of Church activities, please make photocopies of the pictures and send them to Judy Coleman for the website.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
Wednesdays: Mahjongg at 9:30am Chimes Choir: 6:15-7:15pm Choir: 7:30-8:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 1:30pm – TCUMC Leads Worship for Lorien Residents (Taneytown)	
December 14	Tom’s Creek Leads Worship Service TODAY at Lorien (Taneytown)
December 16	Sunday Drive – Smoky Mountain Christmas, 7pm – at TC
December 18	Oldies and Goodies, 12pm
December 24	Candlelight Christmas Eve Services – 5pm and 11pm
December 28	Tour of Church – Starts at Tom’s Creek at 2pm
December 31	Church New Year’s Eve Party – 6-10pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tom's Creek Leads Worship Service TODAY at Lorien Taneytown,**  
December 14, 1:30 pm.

**Sunday Drive – Smoky Mountain Christmas, December 16, 7pm at Tom's Creek** – Flyers are on the lobby table.

**Oldies and Goodies –December 18, 12pm** – Sandy and Frank Negro will be providing lasagna soup and sour dough bread as the main meal. Please bring a dish to share—PLEASE NO BREAD. Sign-up sheet is on the Lobby table.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Church Services,** December 24, 5pm and 11pm.  
Everyone is invited!

**Tour of Churches** – December 28, 2-6pm – The tour begins at Tom's Creek UMC at 2pm. If you have any questions, please contact George Tuggle or Phyllis Kelly.

**New Year's Eve Party – December 31, 2025-. 6:00–10:00 pm.** You don't have to be a Church member to come so please invite your family and friends. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring snacks to share and games to play.

**The Christian Education Team** is in need of Sunday School teachers and helpers. Please contact Trudy Price at 717-337-2897 for further information and any questions you may have. If you have not already been approved by our Safe Sanctuary Committee, you need to contact Heather Fitzgerald at [faithisfirstnow@gmail.com](mailto:faithisfirstnow@gmail.com) to go through the process.

**Custodial Position for Tom's Creek** – Tom's Creek SPRC is looking for a custodian to begin on January 1, 2026. The position requires an average of 8-10 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Heather Fitzgerald at [faithisfirstnow@gmail.com](mailto:faithisfirstnow@gmail.com).

**HYMN** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* *UMH # 57, vv 5-7*  
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**SCRIPTURE** *MATTHEW 11:2-11* *Joe Coleman*  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** *Joe Coleman*

**HYMN** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* *UMH #209*  
Words: Michael Perry – Music: Hal H. Hopson – Words (c) 1973 Hoe Publishing Co. – Music (c) 1983 Hope Publishing Co. – CCLI #961399

## JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** *Joe Coleman*

*ISAIAH 35:1-10* *\*JAMES 5:7-10*

**MESSAGE** *“Good News for the Prisoners”*

**RESPONSE** *Somebody Build a Manger* *Choir*

Words & Music : Joel Raney - (c) 2003 and this arr. (c) 2006 Hope Publishing Co. - CCLI #961399

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *God Will Take Care of You* *UMH #130*

Words: Traditional French Carol - Music: French Carol Melody | arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes | harm. by Austin C Lovelace (c) harm. 1964 Abingdon Press - CCLI #961399

**DOXOLOGY** *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain only)* *UMH #238*

Words: Traditional French Carol - Music: French Carol Melody | arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes | harm. by Austin C Lovelace - (c) harm. 1964 Abingdon Press - CCLI #961399

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BENEDICTION

\***HYMN** *Are You the One Who Is to Come?* *Insert*

Tune: Lewis Henry Redner - Text: Copyright © 2010 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**POSTLUDE** *On Eagle's Wings* *Carol Hipp*

Words & Music: Michael Joncas - (c) 1979, 1989 North American Liturgy Resources - CCLI #961399

**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICES TODAY**

Acolytes	Carol Amoss/Bill Coburn/Christian Kendall/Ryan VanGarven
Greeters / Ushers	Kimberly Bauerlien and Jackie Troxell
Lay Reader	Joe Coleman
Music Director	Debbie Henning
Pianist	Carol Hipp
Time with Young Disciples	Joe Coleman
Nursery	Dave Guthrie
Fellowship	Susie Honaker

**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICES ON DECEMBER 21**

Acolytes	Carol Amoss/Bill Coburn/Christian Kendall/Ryan VanGarven
Greeters / Ushers	Judy Coleman and Susie Honaker
Lay Reader	Jaime Rickell
Music Director	Debbie Henning
Pianist	Carol Hipp
Time with Young Disciples	Pastor Mike
Nursery	
Fellowship	Lori Morgan and Penny Sica

*Giving Update - November 1-30, 2025*



**TOTAL OFFERING:** \$15,545.10 (includes Capital Fund, Cash, General Offering (envelopes and VANCO on-line giving).

**Tom's Creek UMC Connect/Serve/Share Team:** Total Donations for November were \$172.00.

**Monthly Communion offering:** every month our communion offering goes to a designated mission. For the Month of

November, Tom's Creek UMC supported the Weimer Ramp in the amount of \$207.05.

**Jimmy Hill Enduring Legacy Fund:** beyond our present ministries and expenses, we have a fund designed to support our church for generations to come. November contributions were \$140.00.

Besides when we "pass the plate" in worship, you can also give your tithes and offerings online. Please go to our website, [www.tomscreekumc.com](http://www.tomscreekumc.com), click on the "Donate" button and it will take you to our online giving page. Then follow the directions. **Thanks to everyone for supporting the LORD's work through our church.**

**PRAYER LIST**

*At Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, we believe in the power of prayer. Following is a list of some of our current concerns. Our Intercessory Prayer Group has an extensive list of people and situations for which our church is praying. Feel free to share your prayers so we can pray for each other and the world.*

**Recent**

Joyce Bruchey Faith Tuggle Crouse Peggy Norris Jocelyn Wivell

**Ongoing Health Concerns**

Marshall Dawson Casey Glass Ken Hood Carson Kelly  
Star Noel Linn McChancy

**Those with Cancer & Their Loved Ones**

Nancy Baker Mary Glass

**Limited to Home or Nursing Facility**

Libby Fuss Pat Hood Joan Keller Barb Phelps  
Rose Weimer Linda Woo

**Military and Their Families**

Nick Colby Ian Dincau Mason Hurst DJ Marcelle  
Darren Oreman Jacob Smith Nathan Schaffer

<b>Pastor Mike's Schedule for Week of December 14</b>	
If you're in need of pastoral assistance outside of office hours, call me at 443-501-6028. If I'm with someone, I will call you back. Never hesitate to leave me a message if you have an urgent need!	
Sunday, December 14	Pastor Mike Leading the Worship Service at Lorien, Taneytown
Monday, December 15	In the office – 11am – 1pm
Tuesday, December 16	In the office – 11am – 1pm Sunday Drive, 7pm
Wednesday, December 17	Visiting Choir, 7:30pm
Thursday, December 18	District Christmas Event, Frederick, 12pm
Friday, December 19	Pastor Mike's Sabbath