

**Baltimore-Washington Conference + The United Methodist Church
Open Church Form 2024**

Name of Church: Olivet UMC

Church Address: 13575 Olivet Road

City: Lusby State: MD Zip Code: 20657

County: Calvert District: Washington East

Parsonage _____ Yes No Housing Allowance \$22,036 Salary \$50,410

Number of worship services 1

Average Worship Attendance: 58 (in-person) 62 (on-line)

Number of appointed clergy: 1 Number of additional paid staff: 1

What are the characteristics of the church and community?

The church is nestled at the end of a quiet street right beside the creek, in beautiful Lusby MD in Calvert County. They use the creek for several immersion baptisms. Education is key in this area. Lots of school age children. It is just one mile from Eastern UMC, a predominately African American church in which they share in many ministry opportunities together. They also do ministry with churches of other denominations. They support Solomons Mission Center, HEART-Felt, as well as other feeding ministries. There are lots of addition recovery and family support groups in the area; some use the church for meetings.

What is the vision for the next 3-5 years?

The church has a vision of continuing a positive spirit of collaboration with other community churches, UMC and other denominations. Another vision is to identify, train and equip laity to become lay servants and lay leaders.

What are the expectations of the pastor?

The pastor needs to be welcoming and inclusive. First and foremost, the pastor is expected to value relationships, work collaboratively with the laity, believe in the priesthood of all believers. Be ethical and communicate with transparency. The pastor must live and model healthy boundaries, faithfully observe the sabbath, take vacation time, lead with humility compassion and grace. Pastoral care and life-transforming preaching that connects with all ages.