

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

Name of Church: The Journey of Faith

Church Address: 2900 Smallwood Drive W

City: Waldorf State: MD Zip Code: 20603

County: Charles District: Washington East

Parsonage ____ Yes No Housing Allowance \$22,036 Salary \$52,270

Number of worship services 1

Average Worship Attendance: 65 (in-person) 20 (on-line)

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

What are the characteristics of the church and community?

The Journey of Faith UMC is a merger of two churches, Lakeside UMC, predominately Caucasian Congregation and Covenant Point UMC, a predominately African American Congregation, in 2013. Since the merger, they have had 3 pastors. The church is located in Waldorf Md in Charles County and is surrounded with several new housing developments. Additionally, it is one block from Westlake High School and on the same street Wade Elementary School. The building is designed such that it can be used for various sport and recreational activities for the local community as well as a wonderful worship space. Waldorf is very diverse community with lots of opportunities for ministry, serving others and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

Our church vision is to be more visible in the community hosting events for families at the building as well as out in the community. Our youth are in need; we will host events, and other activities for families to attend that will enhance the overall family dynamic. We will host Community Town Halls to ascertain our assistance to the community. We will adopt a teacher from a local school and provide resources to support their classroom during the school year.

What are the expectations of the pastor?

Consensus builder who will equips laity to fully engage in the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Stays actively involved in the local community as much as possible. Continues to develop and grow our Social Media Ministry. Actively participates with all age groups in ministry, mission and membership. Provides pivotal pastoral care. Preaches the Word with power and excitement so that all may understand and share with others.