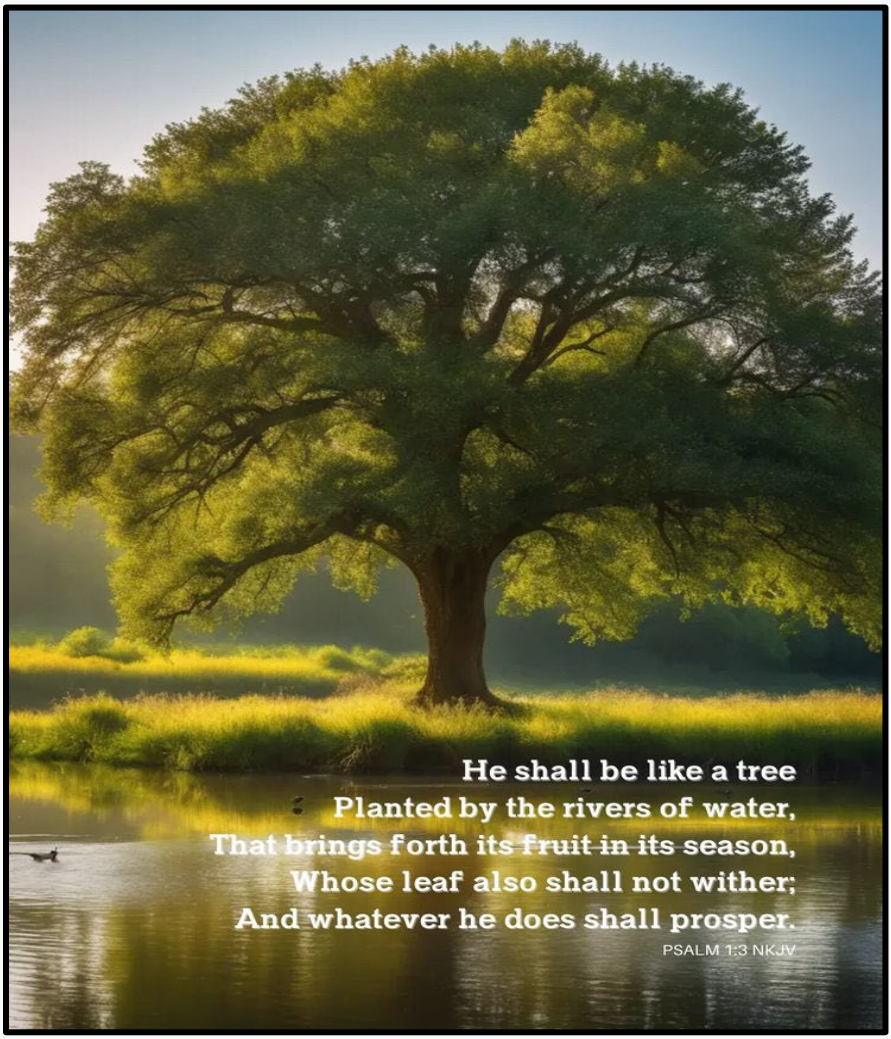
Pastor Appreciation Sunday **October 11, 2026**



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WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend Janice Odom
October 11, 2026
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Sermon Theme: Flourishing in Faith — A Life of Excellence

PRELUDE **ANN MCDANIEL**

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

SPECIAL MUSIC **"*CHRIST THE ROCK MEDLEY*"** **CHOIR**

PASTORAL WELCOME **REV. JANICE ODOM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS **ANN WHEELER**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **ANN WHEELER**

Leader: Come, let us draw near to the God who gives us life.
People: We come to be rooted in God's love and renewed by God's grace.
Leader: Like trees planted beside living water, we are called to grow and bear fruit.
People: May our lives bear the fruit of kindness, faithfulness, and hope.
Leader: Let us offer God our hearts, our gifts, and our daily work.
People: We will worship God and seek excellence through love and service.

HYMN** ***"LORD OF THE DANCE" **UMH 261**

***OPENING PRAYER** **UNISON**

God of abundant life, plant us deeply in your love. Help us flourish in every season, including seasons of struggle and change. Free us from measuring our worth by achievement or comparison. Teach us to pursue excellence with humility, to use our gifts faithfully, and to help others grow. May all we do reflect your goodness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE AMONGST US

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Offering/Doxology** **UMH 95**

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Generous God, receive these gifts and the lives we offer with them. Use our resources, our abilities, and our time to nourish hope in our community. May this offering help others flourish and make your love visible through our service. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn** ***"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **UMH 384**

Old Testament Reading ***Psalm 1:1-3***

Gospel Reading ***Philippians 4:4-9***

Sermon ***"Rooted in Grace, Growing in Excellence"***
Rev. Janice Odom

Hymn** ***"Marching to Zion" **UMH 733**

Leading of the Light & Benediction

Go forth rooted in God's love. Seek what is true, honorable, just, and worthy of praise. Offer your best with humility and help your neighbors flourish. May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit sustain you this day and always. Amen.

Postlude **Ann McDaniel**

****Please stand only if you are able.***

On Pastor Appreciation Sunday, we express our gratitude for Pastor Janice and Tom being part of our church family. Our church Is very blessed!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday School	**Each Sunday**	**10:00am**
Exercise Class	**Tuesdays & Thursdays**	**11:00am**
Finance Committee	**Tuesday, Oct. 20**	**6:00pm**
Administrative Council	**Thursday, Oct. 22**	**5:00pm**

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are participating with Crosspoint Community Church with the "backpack" ministry serving 81 children. For October, we are requesting breakfast bars. Thank you!

OCTOBER OUTREACH

During October, we will be collecting personal hygiene items for students at Spring Valley High School. Thank you!

Prayer List

If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office. For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates will be requested during worship service

Beth Carson
(Laura Blake's sister)
Mike Curry (Pastor Janice's 1st Cousin's Son)
Marcus Kirby (Age 3)
(Marty Bentley's Great Grandson)
Shirley Kizzee
(Brenda Carrico's sister)
Gary Maynard
(Donna Davis' brother)

Jimmy Morgan
(Judy Morgan's Son)
Ben Newhouse
(Ann Wheeler's Son-in-Law)
Pastor Janice & Tom
Jack Price
(Marilyn Lynch's Co-Worker)
Matt Thomas
(Laura Blake's niece's husband)
Gloria
(Geneva Tyson's niece)

Please pray for those with long-term needs:
Jill & Jim Combs, Milton Clay, Judy Given, Jeff Hunt
Remember those not able to join us for church:
Joy Fetty, Patricia Morgan, Dan & Shirley Webster

Rev. Janice Odom **Cell: 606-481-9431**
(Office Hours: Wed. & Thurs. 2:30 – 5:30pm)
Please give bulletin updates (preferably via text/email/note in office) to Sheree Downey by Tuesday @ 2:30pm.

Pianist: **Ann McDaniel**
Liturgist: **Ann Wheeler**
Acolyte: **Shaunda Rice**

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