BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Long-term: Cooper Reppe Dan LaFon **Chuck Sterling** Ellis Lawson Lynne Rittenberg Chris Clise Jeff & Marije Kimble June & Don Hicks

Wayne Olson

John Carbaugh Christy Swartzbaugh

Those in Mourning

Peggy Hepler and family on the death of husband, father, and grandfather, Tom Hepler.

Our Family and Friends (requests in the past two months) Killian (7-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield) Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant) Som & Bill Kraemer & family (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM

Those in Military Service

LCDR Tracie Demaree, Navy, serving on an aircraft carrier in The Mediterranean (daughter of Jan Halman-Miller)

Jonyae Curry, Army (Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster UMC)

Alex Gray, Air Force, Ft. Gordon, GA (son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)

Jason Marusiak, Army, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Riley, KS (son-in-law of The Flinns)

REQUESTING PRAYER

Submit your prayer request via online, email, or phone:

- Online, www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html
- Email Pastor Malcolm, m.stranathan@wumcmd.org
- Email Rev. Ken, k.humbert@wumcmd.org
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

REACH

OUR MISSION: To reach out to those within our congregation who are reaching out to us in need of help.

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery or mourning
- Transport to local medical appointments

Please contact REACH, directly, for help:

REACH—FEBRUARY

Donna Myers (410) 259-2480 Dee Roush (443) 398-5473

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

Feb 20 awaiting permission

Feb 21 Nancy Coats 230 St. Mark Wav Westminster MD 21158

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS by appointment, 410-848-8325

Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org Belinda, financesec@wumcmd.org

SECURITY SYSTEM ALERT

Please conclude church business and exit all buildings by 9:30pm, latest.

TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP

OFFERING

Text amount to 844-307-2876



Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158 Online offering—please scan QR code

ATTENDANCE

Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806



Pastor Dave Highfield **WFI COMF**

January 28, 2024, 10:30am ~ Epiphany 4

Attendance — text "HERE" to 443-234-0806.

Visiting?—text "WELCOME" to 443-234-0806.

PRELUDE "All the Wav Mv Savior Leads Me"

* CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. God's works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us.

Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!

God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst, helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" * HYMN

UMH 176

arr. Southbridge

* GATHERING PRAYER

God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

GOD'S WORD IS READ

James 1:19-25

KIDS' TIME

ANTHFM "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Forrest

PASTORAL PRAYER/COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

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.

* HYMN "Sacred the Body" FWS 2228

GOD'S WORD IS READ Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (The Message)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan "Becoming the People of God: Discernment Among the People"

OFFERTORY "Two Anthems" A. Guilmannt *Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 94**

*Offertory Prayer

God of justice, mercy, and compassion; we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar and pray they will be used to make your amazing love known to all. Then, most often we leave and return to our weekday lives, expecting someone else to make that happen. Remind us that your prophets, your leaders, your missionaries, were called and raised up from "among the people." Help us open our lives and our minds to the possibility that we might be the ones you would call and send. We pray this in the name of Christ, our teacher and our redeemer. Amen.

Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at www.wumcmd.org; or Mail to: Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.

"People Need the Lord" * HYMN FWS 2244

* SENDING FORTH

"Another Year is Dawning (Aurelia)" S.S.Wesley/McDonald POSTLUDE (please be seated)

TODAY—UWF SOUP SALE! TAKING ORDERS IN THE NARTHEX

The UWF are taking orders for their delicious Chicken Corn Soup in the Narthex, today. Soup will be delivered on Sunday, February 4.

"METHODISM" SERIES—starts TODAY Sun. Jan 28. 9am. Martha Manahan Room. we begin this 6-week study conducted by Rev. Ken and taught by both Rev. Ken and Pastor Malcolm during the Sunday School Hour. Everyone is warmly welcomed to join us.

SHELTER HELP—WUMC Congregation. The homeless shelter in Westminster numbers have increased to 40-45 people per night. A group from our church helps support the shelter with food twice a month. We are asking if you would help support this ministry of the church that you donate money by writing a check to WUMC and in the memo line put Night-by-Night Shelter. The money donated will be used to buy food for the shelter. Thank You. Norman Hirtle

WESTMNSTER YOUTH PROJECT FUNDRAISER—JUBILEE HALL, FEB 9

Big-Little Valentine Family Paint Night Fundraiser for Westminster Youth Project, Fri., Feb 9 at 6-8 PM. Cost: \$2\$ for one adult and one child, \$10 for each child. Register at

http://www.westminsteryouthproject.org

FUNDRAISER—CHIPOTLE, FEB 17

Chipotle Fundraiser for Westminster Youth Project, Saturday, Feb. 17, 4-8 PM, 33% of sales will be donated to WYP. Online orders use this code ZL4TNQJ. Onsite order use flyer on wyp website and handed out at church. Feb 11.

LENTEN NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE—Feb 14, 7pm.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS—Thursdays, 6pm, in the Chapel. Pastor Malcolm invites you to join him. More info available in your upcoming Feb Herald. Please register for these workshops, directly: email—m.stranathan@wumcmd.org phone—410-848-8325, x14.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES available for pick-up in the Happening Hub or by arrangement with Belinda at FinanceSec@wumcmd.org or x15.

Did you know Jesus was fond of asking questions? Gather Sundays at 9am in the New Life in Christ room. Together we'll grow in our Christian faith. All invited! Feb 4 "What Are You Looking For?" Feb 11 "Who Will You Love?"

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE—

8:15am CHAPEL SERVICE—Duvall Chapel

9am EDUCATION HOUR—all ages

Nursery—3yrs and under (Preschool hall)

Primary—pre-K thru grade 4 (Tower)

Middle School—grade 5-7 (Youth House)

High School—grade 8-10 (Youth House)

Adult Sunday School—New Life in Christ led by Woodie Wood, Rev. Dr. David Highfield. Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling (NLIC room)

Adult Discussion Class—(Disciple Room) led by Anne Dorwart. Advent Study

10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online

11:45am CHILDREN OF HOPE—grades 3-7 led by Linda Wood (Handbell room)



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SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Dave Highfield

AV Techs: Bill Eckles, Mark Gieselman Slides: Kyler Brengle, Katherine Scherck ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

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