

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Cooper Reppe
Chuck Sterling
Lynne Rittenberg
Chuck Sterling
Jeff & Marjie Kimble
June & Don Hicks
Wayne Olson

Long-term:

Dan LaFon
Ellis Lawson
Chris Clise
John Carbaugh
Christy Swartzbaugh

Those in mourning

Charlotte Wheatley and family on the death of husband, father, and grandfather, Charles Wheatley.

Peggy Morningstar and family on the death of son and brother, Ron Morningstar.

Our Family and Friends (requests in the past two months)

Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM
Onney Khosa (Zimbabwe) - World Vision/WUMC UMYF

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)

MISSION TRIP

Least of These Ministries is hosting a mission trip from January 13-20, 2024.

On a Mission Team, you can see & experience first-hand the work we are doing in the Dominican Republic! Scan the code for registration info.



A BLUES CHRISTMAS & HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE—THU, DEC 21, 7pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 17 Bond Street, Westminster. www.stpauls-ucc.org

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, revkenh@starpower.net
- 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—DECEMBER

Kristy Vandervalk
(443) 789-0346

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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No 90's birthdays in December

If we missed someone, please reach out to Sherri at s.haines@wumcmd.org.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

by appointment, 410-848-8325

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

SECURITY SYSTEM CONCERNS

Please conclude church business and exit the 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

WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

162/165 East Main Street • Westminster, MD 21157 www.wumcmd.org • 410-848-8325 • 410-876-2124

December 10, 2023, 10:30am—Advent 2

Heaven and Earth



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

WELCOME

Dan Reppe

PRELUDE

"Bethlehem Journey"
Wesley Carillon

Lamb

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let me hear what God will speak, for God will speak peace to God's people.

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that glory may dwell in our land.

Yea, God will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

In God's righteousness let us worship, that we may walk in God's way.

* HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" stanzas 1-4

UMH 211

* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Reppe Family

Leader: In days when God's people longed for peace ... We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

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People: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

“When God Is a Child” (see bulletin insert) arr. Tim Osiek

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

KIDS’ TIME

ANTHEM *“A Voice in the Wilderness”* Arnold B. Sherman

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 *“Blessed Be the God of Israel”* UMH 209

GOD’S WORD IS READ Mark 1:4-8

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD *“Heaven & Earth: Surprise!”* Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* Forrest/Wagner

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 95

*Offertory Prayer

O God of our righteousness, in whose sight a thousand years are as one day, we come this day offering our gifts. Use them to spread the news that Christ comes so that we all may dwell in peace. Help us to break down whatever hostility divides our sisters and brothers and hear us as we dedicate ourselves anew to becoming your agents of reconciliation. 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.

* HYMN *“For the Healing of the Nations”* (sung to tune of UMH 220) UMH 428

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”* arr. Paxton

TODAY’S BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Erich J. Hofmann, Jr. Loving Husband, Father, and Opa. Happy 1st Heavenly Birthday, by The Hofmann-Keefer Family.

HISTORIC CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

TODAY, Sun, Dec 10, 4pm
Offsite at the Historic Log Meeting House
The Strawbridge Shrine
(off Wakefield Valley Rd or rte 31)
2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor, MD
Dress warmly.
More info—443-289-0191 or 410-751-9049.

SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS—DEC 18

\$10 Chick-fil-A gift cards for clients, this year! **SK Gift Box in the Narthex Dec 3, 10, 17**, accepting \$10 Chick-fil-A gift cards (must be \$10) or monetary donations. We are hoping and praying to meet our goal. Thank you, so much!
Questions—Barbara Luckenbaugh, 410-848-8726.

Evaluating the “Rightsizing” of WUMC Campus

Church leadership has identified the possible sale of our office building (162 E Main St) to “right size” our campus, which will reduce expenses and produce capital. Advice from credible real estate analysts suggests this property is quite marketable and could generate significant cash. This money could be used for needed capital improvements within our campus to advance the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Before moving forward with the decision to sell the property, a team consisting of representatives from the SPRC, Trustees, Finance committees and church staff has been created. This team is tasked with exploring the feasibility of moving offices to other spaces within our campus. This may include the consideration of designs and locations for offices, placement of furnishings, and preparation for installation of IT hardware.

Please pray for our church leadership as we navigate through this potential transformation.

Trustees

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE—

8:15am CHAPEL SERVICE—Duvall Chapel
9am EDUCATION HOUR—all ages, campus-wide
10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online

Westminster UMC received a \$10,000 grant from The Diener Family Charitable Fund to be used for humanitarian relief and in memory of Hank Diener. Here is a brief description of the five humanitarian organizations that we have designated and who shall receive \$2,000 each:

Night-by-Night Shelter – we donate food twice a month to a homeless shelter in Westminster that feeds 40 people. This supports for the local community and is open all year ‘round.

Westminster Youth Project (WYP) – provides opportunities for youth to pursue innovative entrepreneurial ventures, serve as role models for other youth, and contribute to the Carroll County community through civic engagement.

Westminster Rescue Mission – a nonprofit Christian organization committed to seeing lives healed and transformed. The Mission’s two distinct areas of service include: Addiction Healing Center & Mission Food Program.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) – the global humanitarian aid and development organization of the United Methodist Church.

- a. UMCOR – Palestinian/Gaza relief
- b. UMCOR – Ukraine relief

THANK YOU. There will be 62 smiling children’s faces somewhere around the world because they received Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes packed with love and prayer from WUMC.



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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 Slides: David Hughson, Kyler Brengle
Liturgist: Dan Reppe Advent Wreath: The Reppe Family
AV Tech: Maddie Schryer, James Scherck, Mark Gieselman ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Wesley Carillon: Peggy Brengle, Director Pianist: Charlotte Young

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Our Mission: “Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference.”