

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Bob White
Chuck Sterling
Lynne Rittenberg
Jeff & Marjie Kimble
June & Don Hicks
Wayne Olson

Long-term:
Dan LaFon
Ellis Lawson
Chris Clise
John Carbaugh
Christy Swartzbaugh

Those in mourning

The family of Rev. Philip Cortney, young pastor of the broader church who leaves behind seven children.

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)

SECURITY SYSTEM ALERT

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

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 Mr. John Carbaugh
Bonnie Blink - Masonic Home of MD
300 International Cir, The Terrace #18
Cockeysville MD 21030

Feb 21 Nancy Coats
230 St. Mark Way
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

TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP

OFFERING

Text amount to 844-307-2876

Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158

Online offering—please scan QR code

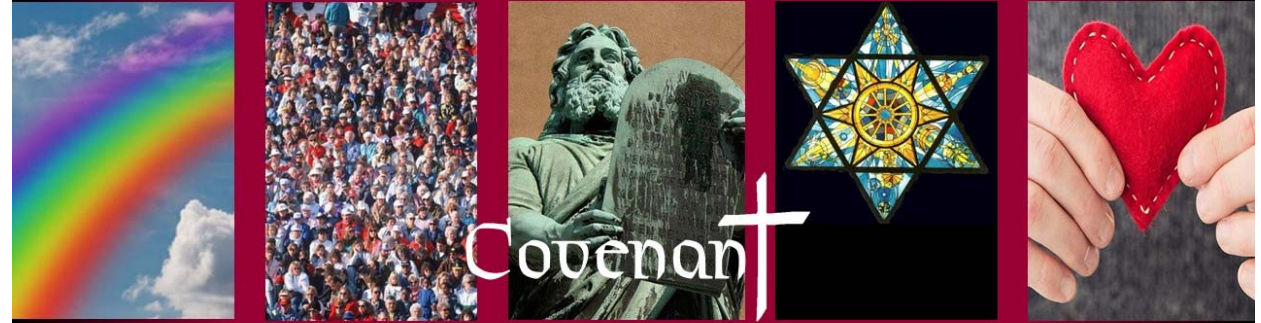
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Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806



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Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross

February 18, 2024, 10:30am ~ Lent 1

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

WELCOME

Larry Bohn

PRELUDE

"Wondrous Love"

arr. Lachenauer

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome, this day, to the beginning of a journey.

P: Where will this journey take us?

L: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

P: How much time do we have to get ready?

L: The time is now at hand for this journey.

P: Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. AMEN.

*** HYMN**

"This Is My Father's World"

UMH 144

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Unison: Have mercy upon us and hear our prayer, O God. We have failed to live in the light of your covenant. You set your rainbow above us, yet clouds of unbelief darken our days. Distrust wells within us; fear, not hope, is our watchword. As much as your son bids us to follow him, we are slow to obey. Without your grace, we are fruitless and inert. In mercy, renew us and bring us to life through your son.

Moment for silent confession

Hear the good news, “Never again, God determines, never again will you be destroyed by the floodwaters. Live into the promise that God forgives, renews, and restores us through his son. In the name of the God of rainbows, clouds, and fiery pillars, you are forgiven.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

KIDS’ TIME

PSALTER Psalm 25:1-10, sung response 2 UMH 750

ANTHEM *“Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)”* William Marion Runyan, Thomas Obidiah Chisholm, Jason Ingram, and Michael Weaver

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** *“God of the Sparrow”* UMH 122

GOD’S WORD IS READ Genesis 9:8-17

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
 Remember God’s Covenants: Noah and the Bow

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *“In the Midst of New Dimensions”* Rush
 (sing as directed—see bulletin insert)

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

***Offertory Prayer—Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent we can’t avoid or detour around the wilderness. Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us that the redemption of our lives did not come without a price. May our repentance reflect such grace and compassion in our encounters with others. In Christ’s name, we pray. 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** *“Hymn of Promise”* UMH 707

*** SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *“Postlude on “The Glory of These Forty Days””* arr. McConnell

LENTEN NEWS

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.

FAMILY FRIENDLY OPPORTUNITY

FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Dan and Kristi Reppe are hoping to start a group within our congregation called Faith, Family, and Friends. To start, we will meet for a family friendly afternoon/night out once a month. A time of fellowship amongst those raising children to be followers of Jesus. A time out in the community where parents and kids can visit and have some fun together, lean on each other for support, and have a safe space for discussion.

Our hope with this group is down the road it could also turn into a small group Sunday school class with a focus on family, marriage, and raising kids in Christ meeting weekly.

Those interested in being a part of this could email me at DReppe@gmail.com, and get on the email list to receive the updates of where and when we could meet.

This bulletin was printed in advance due to Sherri’s surgery. Please forgive any outdated info or items that were missed for inclusion. Thanks.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS will be joining the rest of the congregation for our Lenten study (February 18-March 31): "Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross." The class will be led by Rev Lou Piel and Woodie Wood.

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS will be joining the Methodism Series (see details, below).

“METHODISM” SERIES

JAN 28—MAR 3, 9am
 Martha Manahan Room,
 Conducted by Rev. Ken and taught by Rev. Ken and Pastor Malcolm during the Sunday School Hour. Everyone is warmly welcomed to join us.

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) Feb 4—Apr 21



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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: Larry Bohn
 Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
 AV Techs: tbd Slides: Kyler Brengle ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

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