

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Dan Bohn Lynne Rittenberg
Richard 'Dick' Clendaniel Wayne Olson
Carole Roberts
Barbara Hayman *Long-term:*
Karen Gonsman Dan LaFon
Sharon Greenway Ellis Lawson
Linda Lawson Chris Clise
Bob White John Carbaugh
Chuck Sterling Christy Swartzbaugh

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

Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
Jane Anderson (mother of Jacki Stranathan)
Killian (7-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)
Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)

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. Eisenhower, GA
(son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)

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

NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WALK MS TODAY—SUNDAY, MAY 5

Mary Louise Poole is walking for MS in memory of her sister, Bernice, and WUMC's Rev. Elaine Emeth.

If you wish to donate, go to the National MS Walk page, click DONATE, and enter "Mary Louise Poole" in the participant search field.

More info is in our April Herald newsletter, page 6.

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—MAY

Sue Thomas (410) 917-3149

Brenda Tracy (410) 215-6557

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

May 3 Mrs. Eileen Burgher
Lighthouse Senior Living
3100 North Ridge Rd, Rm103
Ellicott City MD 21043

May 7 Mr. Daniel LaFon
3931 Hawks Hill Road
New Windsor MD 21776

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

FOSTER CHILDREN COLLECTION DUE TODAY

Kyra King is collecting essentials for foster children; donations go to Foster the Family Baltimore. For more info, check this week's eHerald or ask Kyra. Drop donations at our Nursery on May 5.

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

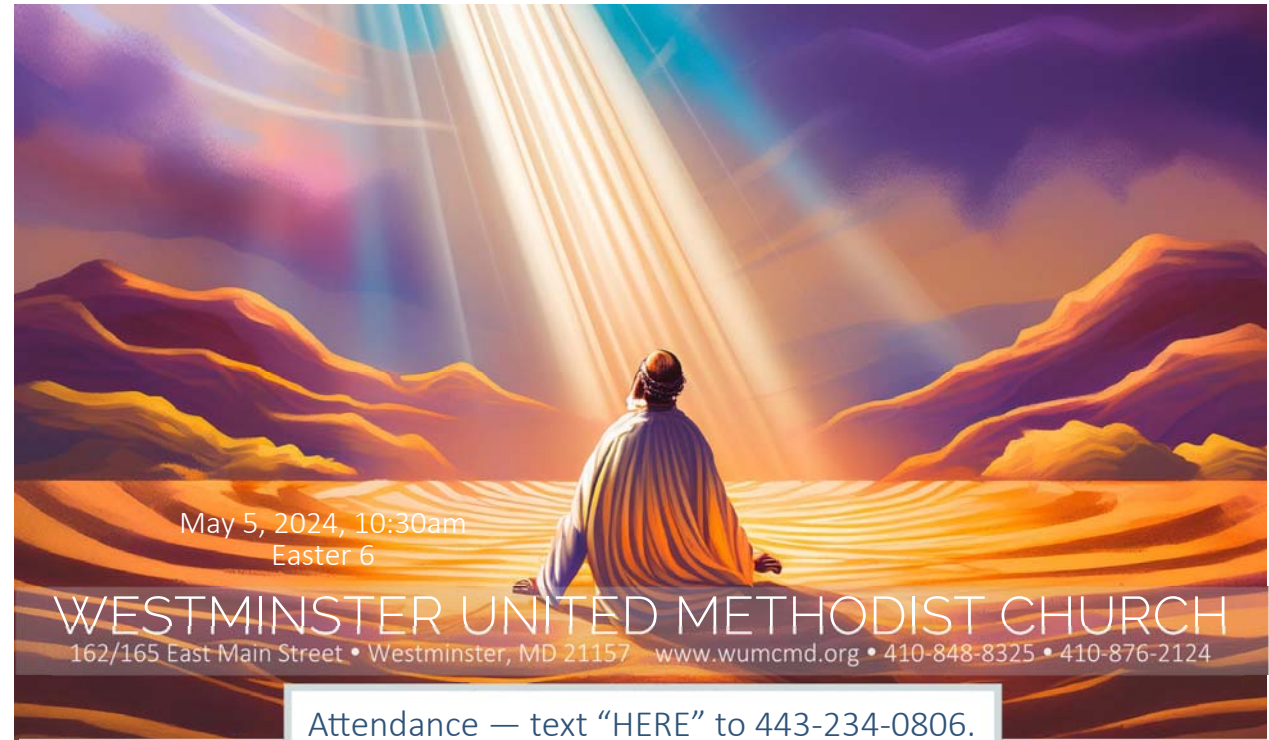


Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158

Online offering—please scan QR code

ATTENDANCE

Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806



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

WELCOME

Kris Somers

PRELUDE

"My Lord, What a Morning"

arr. Kim

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Living Creator, the world teems with your beauty and abounds with your artistry and grace.

P: We sing your praises, Lord, as we celebrate the risen Christ.

L: Celebrate the risen Christ who walks with us as we traverse the joys and fears of our lives.

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* HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

UMH 173

* GATHERING PRAYER

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. (Ministry Matters)

KIDS' TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

"The Lord's Prayer"
Chancel Choir

arr. Marnus Greyling

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Acts 9:1-19

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD *"The Third Day—Saul's Story"*

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

COMMUNION LITURGY (all are invited to stand in heart or posture)

Prayer of Confession (Acts 9, Psalm 30)

God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins.

Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends.

We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.

We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades.

Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope peace to our world. (we pause for personal confession)

Words of Assurance (Acts 9, Psalm 30)

God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime. The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel. **Thanks be to God!**

Passing the Peace of Christ (Acts 9, Psalm 30)

Christ has taken the scales from our eyes and turned our mourning into dancing. Rejoice with one another, remembering that the peace of Christ is with you.

The peace of Christ is with you always.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ.

We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts, **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. ... And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus, to be our deliverer.

By his obedience and suffering, his death on a cross, Jesus poured out forgiveness and grace upon us becoming the passover lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

By his resurrection, he become the destroyer of death and the promise of new life, both in this life and in the life to come.

Let us never forget Jesus, the Lamb of God who was slain has become the Passover lamb for us and for all.

ANTHEM *"Come, Celebrate the Passover Lamb"* Larson

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *"Amazing Grace" stanzas 1-4* UMH 378

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"The King of Love"* arr. Rowland-Raybold

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.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION—Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we give thanks that through Christ, we live in your favor.

We give thanks that through Christ, we come to the table of grace partaking heavenly food and the gift of salvation.

Like the great company of witnesses who came to this table before us, we are filled with gratitude and joy for your many blessings.

We come before you in praise and thanksgiving, as we commit ourselves again as members of the living body of Christ.

* HYMN *"Because He Lives"* UMH 364

* SENDING FORTH (Acts 9, Psalm 30)

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Mighty Are Thy Works, O Lord"* arr. Davidson

CONGREGATION SAFETY/SECURITY

TODAY, SUN, MAY 5, 6:30pm

Lt. Rife, WPD, is scheduled to talk about church safety/security in Jubilee Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and to ask questions. After the talk discussion regarding door monitors, Narthex greeters, and health issues will occur. To avoid stairs, use the entrance from the Youth lot.

PRESCHOOL APPRECIATION—DUE TODAY

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, MAY 6-10

Recognize our wonderful staff at Crossroads Christian Preschool, a WUMC ministry, with notes expressing our gratitude for all they do for the little ones in their care. A basket in the back of the Church will be available for your cards. Thank you! *Peggy Hepler, Chairperson, Preschool Board*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, MAY 26—submit info by SUN, MAY 12 to Sherri at s.haines@wumcmd.org. Thanks!

Graduates of High School and Higher Learning:

Graduate Name _____

Graduate of (school name) _____

Degree/Honors _____

Future Plans _____

Child of WUMC parents _____

Grandchild of WUMC members _____

MAY/JUNE UPPER ROOM BOOKLETS

DELAYED DELIVERY

Our May/June Upper Room booklet delivery has been delayed. To avoid future delays, sign-up for your own personal Upper Room, free via email:

https://identity.upperroom.org/users/sign_up?locale=en



SPONSOR THE MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN—Scan the QR code to sponsor a bulletin with your dedication—or—go to our website www.wumcmd.org and MEMBER TOOLBOX tab.

We learned our own Sharon Row was honored as Habitat for Humanity Volunteer of the month (one of the ministries with whom we partner). Congrats, Sharon, and thanks for your service!

SCUBA VBS 2024 at Westminster UMC

SUN, JULY 7—THU, JULY 11, 5:45-8:30pm

REGISTER, NOW—volunteers & participants, visit our website:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/c416e5>



For more info contact:

Linda Wood - 410-596-1258

Lori Hayman – 410-960-9826

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP, JUNE 24-28, 9am-12:30pm

Cost- \$250.00 plus \$50.00 registration fee

Ages 3- 5years old, Theme- Nature & Crafts

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE—

8:15am CHAPEL SERVICE—Duvall Chapel

9am EDUCATION HOUR—all ages

Nursery—3yrs and under (Preschool hall)

Primary—pre-K—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) "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection"

Adult Discussion Class—(Disciple Room) led by Anne Dorwart, The Third Day

10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online

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: Kris Somers ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

Slides: Katherine Scherck, Kyler Brengle AV Techs: Bill Eckles, Aidan Eckles, Mark Gieselman

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