

Today's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my nephew, David Taylor, on his one-year anniversary in heaven, August 6, by Mary Louise Poole.

### BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

#### Our Church Family

Dixie Elmes	<i>Long-term:</i>
Lorna Rice	Dan LaFon
Karen Gonsman	Chris Clise
Lynne Rittenberg	Wayne Olson
	Christy Swartzbaugh

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

Frank Cicero (brother-in-law of Lorna Rice)  
Killian (8-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)  
Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)  
Meg Oskam (friend of Melinda Setren)  
Vivian Dorwart (mother of Anne Dorwart)  
Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)

#### Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM

#### Those in Military Service

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 Flinns)

#### TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGE

Dixie Elmes shared that her team moved her to a new facility and she invited us to share her temporary address. Dixie welcomes cards and notes from her WUMC family:  
Country Meadows Retirement Community  
1920 Trolley Rd. Apt. 115  
York, PA 17408

#### REQUESTING PRAYER

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

- Online, [www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html](http://www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html)
- Email Pastor Malcolm, [m.stranathan@wumcmd.org](mailto:m.stranathan@wumcmd.org)
- Email Rev. Ken, [k.humbert@wumcmd.org](mailto: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—AUGUST

Carolyn Scott  
(443) 536-1030

#### MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

Aug 2 Mrs. Peggy Morningstar  
67 Ralph Street  
Westminster MD 21157

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri,  
[s.haines@wumcmd.org](mailto:s.haines@wumcmd.org).

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

by appointment, 410-848-8325

Sherri, [s.haines@wumcmd.org](mailto:s.haines@wumcmd.org)  
Belinda, [financesec@wumcmd.org](mailto: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

Greg Goodell

PRELUDE

*"Meditation on "O How I Love Jesus""*

arr. Rasley

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Creator God, you who called Abram to journey with you to lands unknown,

**P: Thank you for continuing to call us to journey with you into the unknown.**

L: Jesus, our Christ, you journeyed from heaven to earth to walk among us.

**P: Thank you for your sacrificial journey to the cross for us.**

L: Holy Spirit, your presence and power are always with us.

**P: Thank you that no matter where our life's journey takes us, you are present, guiding our steps.**

**All: We humbly offer our thanks for the Wonders of Your Grace in all of our journeys.**

#### \* HYMN

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

UMH 116

#### GATHERING PRAYER

**God of the Journey, you call each of us to walk with you without fear of stumbling. Guide us with your loving arm as we struggle with our doubts. Rescue us when we stray. Help us listen to your voice and obey you. Give us faith to trust that you are always with us on this path of life. And draw us closer to you with every step we take. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD IS READ

HEBREW LESSON, Genesis 12:1-9

KIDS' TIME

*"When we cannot see..."*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Goodness of God"* Jenn Johnson  
Alexa Hayman, soloist

COMMUNITY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD IS READ EPISTLE LESSON, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-12

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Sue Shorb-Sterling  
*"And So, The Journey Begins..."*

COMMUNION LITURGY UMH 15  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Abraham and Sarah, we confess that we have not always been faithful in our journey with you. (Pause) We did not always listen for your guidance, but went our own way. We allowed doubts to steer us in the wrong direction. (Pause) We have not trusted you in all circumstances of our lives, especially when your way contradicted our logic. (Pause) We failed to follow the loving ways of your Son, Jesus Christ, especially when it was difficult or unpopular. (Pause) Forgive us for all these times of our unfaithfulness. (Pause) Increase our faith and draw us closer to you so we can trust that you are with us, guiding us, and protecting us every step of our life here and into our eternal life with you. Amen.**

THE PARDON  
OFFERING THE PEACE OF CHRIST The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 895  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"* arr. Warriner  
Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at [www.wumcmd.org](http://www.wumcmd.org); or Mail to:  
Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. As we go into the world, walk with us, give us the strength of your Spirit and the courage to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN *"Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom"* UMH 508

\* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* arr. Smith

THIS MORNING,  
WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT:

**Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling**

Pastor Sue's bio is in your August Herald newsletter, pages 1-2. Additional August Herald newsletters are available in our narthex and online at our website's "What's New" tab or directly at [www.wumcmd.org/monthly-newsletters.html](http://www.wumcmd.org/monthly-newsletters.html).



**EVENSONGS FROM DUBLIN, IRELAND**

To watch the services from St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, this week: Open YouTube, search "St. Patrick's Dublin live stream," select St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, scroll to upcoming events. There you will find the upcoming Evensongs. We will be singing Mon, Tue, Thu, and Fri at 12:30pm **USA time!** These services are NOT archived, you can only watch them LIVE. On Sun, Aug 11, we will sing the morning Choral Eucharist at 6:15am **USA time** and the Evensong at 10:15am **USA time**. Hope you can catch at least one.  
—Kyler, Peggy, Leslie, Ashley, Jackie Cage

**ACTIVE SHOOTER PRESENTATION**

WED, AUG, 7, 7pm in Jubilee Hall  
Sargent Lasser of the Westminster Police Department speaks on prevention of and reaction to an active shooter situation. All readers of this announcement are invited to attend. Feel free to invite others to attend.  
*Ed Davis, Safety/Security Chairman*



**SPONSOR A SUNDAY BULLETIN**—Scan the QR code to sponsor a bulletin with your dedication—or—go to our website [www.wumcmd.org](http://www.wumcmd.org) and MEMBER TOOLBOX tab.

**SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX**

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Charlotte Young, Organist      Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling  
10:30am—Liturgist: Greg Goodell      ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond  
Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader  
Slides: Katherine Scherck, Kyler Brengle      AV Techs: James Scherck, Aidan Eckles, Mark Gieselman

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**COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT**  
—Westminster Homes Foundation—

**CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**  
**2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION OPEN**  
...and filling, fast! Registration packets are available in the narthex.  
2yr-old Class: Mon & Fri, 9-11:30am - \$220.00  
3yr old Class: Tue-Thu, 9am-12pm - \$245.00  
4-Day 4's Class: Mon-Thu, 9am-12pm - \$270.00  
5 Day 4's Class: Mon- Fri, 9am-12pm - \$290.00  
Extended Day Program for 3's and 4's: Tue-Thu until 2pm- additional \$42.50 per day, per month.

Questions?  
Contact Tracy Hulsman, Preschool Director  
email ([crossroadspreschool@wumcmd.org](mailto:crossroadspreschool@wumcmd.org))

**LADIES LUNCH** not affiliated with UWF  
FRI, AUG 16, 11:30am

Meet us at Applebees, route 140, Westminster.  
Dutch Treat—lots of fun & fellowship! Join us.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Consider teaching or co-teaching in our various levels of Sunday School (ages 3yrs to adult).

*Do you have interest in:*  
Primary, Pre-K-4th  
*contact Emily at [childrensminister@wumcmd.org](mailto:childrensminister@wumcmd.org)*

*Do you have interest in:*  
Middle, gr.5-7; High, gr.8-10;  
Young Adult, gr.11+; Adult Sunday School;  
Adult Discussion Class  
*contact Linda at [educationchair@wumcmd.org](mailto:educationchair@wumcmd.org)*