

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 Lead Pastor on Renewal Leave

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan and wife, Jacki

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

Carlie (friend of Melinda Houston)
 Neely Jane Gibbs (great-granddaughter of Chris Brown)
 Rev. Matthew Glasgow of First Presbyterian Church
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 Frank Cicero (brother-in-law of Lorna Rice)
 Killian (8-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

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)

CUB SCOUTS POPCORN SALE—SEPT 15 & 22

Popcorn season is back! Pack 631 is selling popcorn in the NARTHEX before/after 10:30am service. Stop by to fill all your popcorn needs and help support our scouts. Questions? Sarah Williams, cubscoutcor@wumcmd.org.



Sherri, Church Admin, will be on vacation Mon-Fri, Sept 9-13, & Mon, Sept 16. Our office will be closed except for advance financial appointments.

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—SEPTEMBER

Carole Roberts
(410) 790-7104


MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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 We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!
 We have no September nonagenarians (90+ year-olds) on record.

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

EDUCATION HOUR, ages 2yrs-adult

Register online for Sunday School, 2yrs-10th grade



Lower/Preschool Level Hallway
 -Nursery Childcare, ages 5yrs & under
 -Nursery Sunday School, ages 2-4yrs

Sunday School Tower
 -Primary, ages 4yrs-grade 5

Youth House
 -Middle/High, grades 6-10


NLIC Room
 -New Life in Christ Class

Disciple Room
 -The Adult Bible Study Class

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



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

GREETING		Pastor Lou Piel
* HYMN	<i>"This Is the Day"</i> (Leader = Choir; All = Congregation)	UMH 657
OPENING PRAYER		
WELCOME		Carole Roberts
PRELUDE	<i>"Jubilation"</i>	Handel
* CALL TO WORSHIP	Let us join together in our call to worship. We are called to love the Lord our God. We are called to love with all our heart and soul. We are called to love the Lord our God. We are called to love with all our mind and strength. We are called to Love the Lord our God And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves . As we gather this morning as the people of God, come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship.	
* HYMN	<i>"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"</i>	UMH 152

GATHERING PRAYER

Let us join together in our Opening Prayer.

You have come to us, O Lord, through your Holy Scriptures, for our learning and edification. Your written word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

We believe that over two-thousand years ago, Your Holy Spirit touched human lives. They heard your voice and felt your inspiration as they wrote down the words that we study today.

In congregational worship we open the book of Genesis. We read stories of faith. Open our hearts and minds to the mysteries and truths that are hidden within its pages. Allow this ancient document to reach out and touch our lives today.

Open our ears to hear Your voice speaking to us and remove any preconceived biases that we may have developed in these passages of Holy Scriptures.

Prepare our hearts and open our minds, we pray, and give us a teachable spirit that is receptive to all that You would have us learn today. We pray in the name of Jesus, who came, and comes again to hearts and minds that are open to receive him. So let it be! Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME *"Jesus Loves Me"* UMH 191

ANTHEM *"Offertory"* (Micah 6:6-8) Beck

A JOYFUL WITNESS Rachel Leister

* HYMN *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* stanza 1 UMH 496

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 *"Thy Word Is a Lamp"* refrain & stanza 1 UMH 601

THE WORD FROM OUR HOLY SCRIPTURES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Selected words from Genesis Chapters 1-11 Lou & Judy

REFLECTIONS UPON GENESIS 1-11 Pastor Lou Piel

OFFERTORY *"Meditation on "Beach Spring"* arr. Lau

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

*Offertory Prayer

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"* UMH 428

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"* Bourgeois

**THIS MORNING,
WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT:**

Rev. Dr. William "Lou" Piel



Pastor Lou's bio is in your August Herald newsletter, page 3. 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.

TODAY — CHURCH WIDE PICNIC ... follows 10:30am church; covered dish luncheon with chicken, and beverages provided. Meet at the city playground pavilion nearest the church. Rain plan is Jubilee Hall; announcement will be made.

TOWNSEND COOK MEMORIAL SOIL COLLECTION CEREMONY—TODAY, 2pm
Honoring Townsend Cook, 20yr-old Black man lynched near Westminster in 1885.
HELD OFFSITE at Old Carroll County Jail, 98 North Court Street, Westminster.
Check flyer on our bulletin board for more info.

TAKIN'-UP-TUESDAYS!
FASTING AND PRAYER
TUESDAYS THROUGH NOVEMBER 5
We use 3 historic spiritual disciplines: FASTING, PRAYER, PETITION for God's direction. Learn more in your eHerald. Sign-up, today, after church.

**SO(UL)JOURN IN THE HOLY WORD!
YOU... ACTUALLY WRITING SCRIPTURE**
THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH—
A Kinetic Learning experience.
Scripture will be presented HERE during Night in Bethlehem and in our Christmas Eve services. TODAY, after church... Sign up to participate.

JOYFUL WITNESS (10:30am service)
Share your 3-minute joyful witness!
Contact ronniecbohn@gmail.com to schedule.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES
If you wish to use boxed giving envelopes for 2025 (or *no longer wish to receive them*), please contact our Financial Secretary, Belinda Norton, no later than Fri, Sept 26, financesec@wumcmd.org
SAVE THE CHURCH \$\$ - cancel the envelopes and become a regular auto-draft giver. For ACH/EFT via Vanco, print/download a sign-up form at our website, www.wumcmd.org/giving and email or mail completed form to PO Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. The process is easy, secure, and transfers begin in about a week.

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS
NOW ACCEPTED — Bring your donations to the Jubilee Hall stage. Sale dates are Fri, Oct 4, 9am-5pm; Sat, Oct 5, 9am-1pm.

19TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUN, SEPT 22, 7-11:30am—Jubilee Hall sponsored by UWF
Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, chipped beef gravy on biscuits, home fries, fruit, coffee and juices
Price: \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children, under 3 free.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLET—
Narthex in-person sign-ups, TODAY. More details in your eHerald (no more Sign-up Genius).

2024 PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR
WED, SEPT, 25, 5-9pm
Carroll Arts Center, 91 W Main St
Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling will be honored. Get your tickets, NOW, from Community Foundation, 410-876-5505 or QRcode



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SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-organist Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Lou Piel & Judy Piel
10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director Liturgist: Carole Roberts ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Katherine Scherck, Kyler Brengle AV Techs: tbd

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