

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)
prepared in advance due to Admin vacation.

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)

**ANNUAL CARROLL COUNTY CHRISTIAN
 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** Sat, Oct 5, 7:30-10am
 at Pleasant Valley Fire Hall. \$20 tickets online, <https://carroll.mdmen.org> or at the door. More info to come.

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



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

GREETING		Pastor Lou Piel
* HYMN	<i>"This Is the Day"</i> (pastor reads / congregation sings)	UMH 657
OPENING PRAYER		
WELCOME		Anne Dorwart
PRELUDE	<i>"All Things Bright and Beautiful"</i>	arr. Swift
* CALL TO WORSHIP	We gather this day to worship We gather as sisters and brothers, and all who are bound together in Christ Jesus, All who love and serve the Lord, Outsiders and insiders, Old timers and new-comers, the young, the old, and those in between. God invites us to come as we are For this is God's house – a house of prayer for all people And God welcomes each one of us who come. When we leave we take the love of God with us to share with others. Thanks be to God.	
* HYMN	<i>"Standing on the Promises"</i>	UMH 374
GATHERING PRAYER	Let us join together in prayer.	

Most holy and loving God, we humbly admit that all too often we know about Jesus but really don't know him.

Far too often we emphasize the importance of going to church but fail to acknowledge that for good or for bad we are the church. We may be the only church some people see.

We spend a lot of time promoting reading the Bible but far too often we do not put what we have read into daily living.

Lord, we don't want a faith that is only meaningful when everything goes our way. A faith that crumbles when things go badly. We want a faith that will guide and sustain us when we go through the ups and downs of life.

A faith that guides us when the sun is shining and when darkness has darkened the light.

We want to go deeper in our faith. We want a faith that warms us on Sunday but also lightens us the other six days. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear the prayers of your people. 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 *"tbd"* tbd

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS
"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" stanza 1 UMH 277

DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKERS Linda Wood
"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" stanza 2 UMH 277

A JOYFUL WITNESS Spike Morningstar

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.

THE WORD FROM OUR HOLY SCRIPTURES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Selected words from Luke 10:25-37

* HYMN *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* UMH 334

MESSAGE *"Dig a little deeper in the well, boys; dig a little deeper in the well."* Pastor Lou Piel
(The Oak Ridge Boys)

OFFERTORY *"What Love Demands"* Hayes
*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 *"A Charge to Keep I Have"* UMH 413

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Once More, My Soul"* arr. Shearing

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.

**CUB SCOUTS POPCORN SALE
SEPT 15 & 22—NARTHEX**

Popcorn season is back! Pack 631 is selling popcorn before/after 10:30am service. Stop by to fill all your popcorn needs and help support our scouts. For any questions, reach out to: Sarah Williams, cubscoutcor@wumcmd.org.

LADIES LUNCH (not affiliated with UWF)

FRIDAY, SEPT 20, 11:30am
Join us at Stables Restaurant, 452 E Main Street, Westminster. Dutch treat. See ya, there!

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.

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



JOYFUL WITNESS (10:30am service)

Share your 3-minute joyful witness!
Contact ronniecbohn@gmail.com to schedule.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET
FAMILY TRADITIONS—sign-up, today!**

Just as we did in 2021, we are asking the congregation's help in preparing our own personal Advent Guide. Start thinking about your Advent family traditions and share with us. Sign-up in the narthex, today, and receive instruction for sharing your tradition.

WAIT, WATCH, PREPARE!

TAKIN'-UP-TUESDAYS!

FASTING AND PRAYER
TUESDAYS THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

Takin'-Up-Tuesday weekly posts on our website www.wumcmd.org; links posted Tuesdays on our Facebook page. Participant sign-up, 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.

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.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

See info in our weekly eHeralds & Sept Herald.



SPONSOR A SUNDAY BULLETIN

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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: Anne Dorwart ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
Slides: Katherine Scherck, Kyler Brengle AV Techs: tbd

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