

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST *Today's bulletins are given to The Glory of God by an anonymous donor.*

Our Church Family

Susan Harry
Faye Rosier
James Brown
Bonnie Clendaniel
Dixie Elmes
Lorna Rice
Karen Gonsman

Long-term:

Dan LaFon
Chris Clise
Wayne Olson
Christy Swartzbaugh

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

Patrick O'Brien (husband of Patty O'Brien)
Eddie Harbold (grandson of John & Susan Harbold)
Pastor Brandy (Barr family pastor in Texas)
Killian (8-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)
Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)
Craig (brother of Carole Roberts)
JoAnn (friend of Mary Louise Poole)
Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM

Our Least of These Ministries church member Missionary

Jacki Stranathan (soon serving in the DR)

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)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Anne Dorwart
Dec 1-29: Advent Study by Amy Jill Levine "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent."

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS

Sundays, Dec 1-22, 9am - Advent Study
The Christmas Letters, by Magrey R. deVega

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—DECEMBER

Kristy Vandervalk—(443) 789-0346

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

No December 90yrs+ birthdays.

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.

WELCOME

Rev. Ken Humbert

PRELUDE

"Gloria Hodie!"
Wesley Carillon

McChesney

* CALL TO WORSHIP—source W&S 4

We gather in preparation
for good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation
For joy is about to break forth in our midst.

We gather in celebration
**for we are those people who have said
yes to the manger, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.**

In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!

* HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

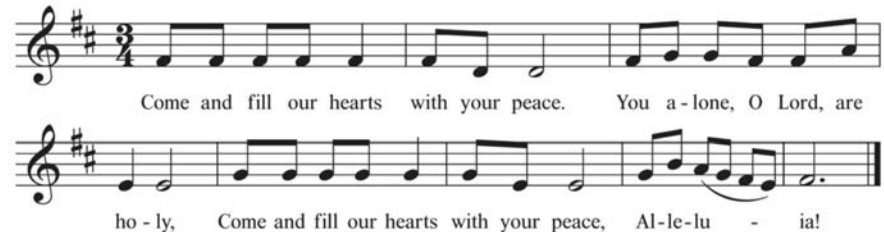
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (based on Luke 1:78-79)

The Hayman Family

All: Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of Hope and Peace.

SONG OF PEACE

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"



GATHERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Baptized, today—Madison Jay Birmingham UMH 33
daughter of Justin and Taylor (Klingelhofer) Birmingham, sister of Evelyn

ANTHEM "A Shoot Shall Come Forth" Richard Horn

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER "Until Jesus Comes" W&S 3050/bulletin insert

JOYFUL WITNESS Rich Umla

GOD'S WORD IS READ Luke 3:1-6 sung response UMH 207
"Prepare the Way of the Lord"
Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Preparing the Way!" Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERTORY "The Babe of Bethlehem" Thompson UMH 94
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
*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 "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" bulletin insert

* SENDING FORTH
POSTLUDE (please be seated) "The Song of the Angels" Hughes

SOUP KITCHEN
CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND GIFT
Donate on Sundays, Dec 8, 15, 22
This year we are giving each Soup Kitchen client a \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card. Please consider financial donations in the gift box in the narthex to support the Soup Kitchen Christmas Gift. We will gladly shop for you & purchase \$10 Chick-fil-A gift cards.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!
AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX thru Jan 5
The next time you're in the main building for worship, a meeting, or event, please stop by and pick yours up. After Jan 5, boxes will be available by mail or pick-up by appointment in the church office with Financial Secretary via email at FinanceSec@wumcmd.org, or 410-848-8325, x15.

2024 YEAR-END GIVING
•Donations to the church for end of year giving may be brought to the church office at 162 E. Main Street until Dec 31, at noon.
•Electronic donations, either by transfer of funds or stock donation, must be received by our third party processors by Dec 31, to be counted 2024.
•Mail-in donations must be postmarked no later than 12/31/2024, to be credited to this year and should be mailed to: Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316.
If you have any questions on the above, please reach out to our Financial Secretary, Belinda Norton at FinanceSec@wumcmd.org or in the office at 410-848-8325 x15.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING
WUMC Christmas Eve offering will be split between Night by Night Shelter and Good News Global international prison ministry placing chaplains in local jails to share the love of Jesus Christ. Good New funds will support Derrick Seegars, chaplain at Carroll County Detention Ctr.

CHRISTMAS CARD LISTS
AVAILABLE AT THE NARTHEX WALL DESK
Let's remember our church family at home with Christmas greetings. Lists are formatted to cut and tape directly on envelopes or print to labels.



SUNDAY ENTRY & GREETERS REQUEST
Beginning January 5, you will see additional door greeters on Sunday mornings. We are looking for volunteers for the back door (door 14), Chapel door (door 17) and Mission Hallway door (door 5). Those who volunteer will be used as much or as little as they choose, after receiving a few minutes of orientation on a Sunday morning, or the time that best suits them.
Let one of us know if you can help out:
Larry Bohn—410-549-6827, lab37024@comcast.net
Ed Davis—240-446-8589, eddavis643@comcast.net
Should you find an entrance door that's locked, you can always enter through the front doors.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET
NOW with added entries Pick up an Advent Devotional Booklet from the narthex wall desk. All contributions were submitted by WUMC members.

CELTIC CALENDAR
Celtic Calendars available on the narthex wall desk. The calendar spans Nov 17-Jan 6. Also in your Nov Herald (November dates) and your Dec/Jan Herald (full calendar, Nov 17-Jan 6).

CONCERT—A CHRISTMAS CARROLL
Sat, Dec 14, 7pm; benefits Shepherd's Staff, NESAP CROSSROADS CHURCH, 1040 S. Carroll Street, Hampstead, MD. flyer on our Community Board. (lower narthex)



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. Malcolm Stranathan
10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director	Wesley Carillon: Peggy Brengle, Director
Liturgist: Rev. Ken Humbert	ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
	Slides: Kyler Brengle AV Techs: tbd
Advent Candle Lighting: The Hayman Family	
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