

BULLETIN

PRAYER LIST

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

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

Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 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)

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.

SAVE THOSE STAMPS



from your cards, please! Drop off envelopes or cancelled stamps in Mission Hallway; they will be of great use to the New Oxford Brethren Center. Thank you.

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



WESTMINSTER UMC

162/165 East Main Street • Westminster, MD 21157
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TRADITIONS: Preparing through Caring

Advent 3
 December 15, 2024, 10:30am

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

WELCOME

Ronnie Bohn

PRELUDE

"Lord of Glory, Who Hast Brought Us"

Manz

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Good friends, Rejoice. God is with you.

P: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.

L: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

P: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.

L: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

P: Praise be to God for such wondrous love.

* HYMN

"A Star Shone Bright"

W&S 3051 (bulletin insert)

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

The Marris 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, and Love.

SONG OF LOVE

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

TFWS 2157 - Come and Fill Our Hearts



Come and fill our hearts with your love. You a-lone, O Lord, are



ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts with your love, Al-le-lu - ia!

GATHERING LITURGY

Liturgist: Listen! I am standing at the door knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come to you and eat with you and you with me. (Revelation 3:20)

Balcony/Choir: Who will give lodging to these pilgrims who are weary of traveling the roads? We have come exhausted from Nazareth.

Balcony/Choir Men: I'm a carpenter, by the name of Joseph. "In the name of heaven, I beg you for lodging, my beloved wife can no longer travel."

Nave/Lower Level: Although you tell us that you are weary, we do not give lodging to strangers. We do not care what your name is; let us sleep. We are telling you that we will not let you enter.

Liturgist: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him. But to all who receive him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

Nave/Lower level: Who are the children of God?

Balcony/Choir: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Nave/Lower Level: To what does the Spirit of God guide us?

Balcony/Choir: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Nave/Lower level: How do we know we love the Lord and have faith?

Liturgist: My brothers and sisters, what good is it if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is in need, lacking proper clothing and daily food, and you say to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill!" and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? Faith by itself, with no works, is dead.

Nave/Lower Level: We happily welcome you, come and join us; enter good Joseph; enter with Mary. Come, holy pilgrims. Come into this place, and welcome into our hearts as well.

Liturgist: God all-powerful, grant that we may rid ourselves of the works of darkness, and that we may invest ourselves into the light and life to which your Son, Jesus Christ, with great humility came to us. In His Name we pray, Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE

Friends as invited, let us welcome one another into this house of God, all are welcome. The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM "Thorn and Thistle" Michael Farren, Tony Wood, Kristyn Getty, Darren Mulligan

JOYFUL WITNESS Craig Williams

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

GOD'S WORD IS READ Luke 3:7-18 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan Traditions Series "Preparing through Caring"

OFFERTORY "It Opens Still" Kyler Brengle

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

*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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" stanzas 1,2,6,7 UMH 211

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Wilson

SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND GIFT

Donate on Sundays, Dec 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.



Today's bulletins are given to The Glory of God and in honor of my dad, Erich Josef Hofmann, Jr., on his second heavenly birthday, with love by The Keefer Family.

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 seeking 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).



SPONSOR A SUNDAY BULLETIN Scan the QR code

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 Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
Liturgist: Ronnie Bohn ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Kyler Brengle AV Techs: tbd
Advent Candle Lighting: The Marrs Family

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