

## BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

### Our Church Family

Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel  
Sharon Row James Brown  
Susan Harry Lorna Rice  
Faye Rosier Karen Gonsman  
Christy Swartzbaugh

*Long-term:*

Dan LaFon

Wayne Olson

### Those in Mourning

Lynne Luckenbaugh and family on the death of Lynne's mother and our church family, Marilyn Eyler.

Mark Gieselman and family on the death of Mark's father, Charles Gieselman.

Jennifer Munch, Ronnie Bohn, Andie and Alix Clise on the death of brother, husband, father, member Chris Clise.

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

Tommy Carr (nephew of Michael & Vicki Collett)

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)

### 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 Flinnis)

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Sundays, 9am

Leader: Anne Dorwart

Current: Study of Minor Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Hosea and going in order, Hosea to Malachi.

### NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS—Sundays, 9am

Session Leader: Woodie Wood, Jan 5—Feb 9.

Current: Unafraid video-based study by Adam Hamilton. What holds us back from pursuits that fulfillment and joy?

### 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—JANUARY

Donna Myers—(410) 259-2480

Dee Roush—(443) 398-5473

### MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

No January 90yrs+ birthdays.

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

Anne Dorwart

PRELUDE

*"Three Kings of Orient"*

arr. Staszkeski

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)  
Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

**We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

**We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

**We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

**We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day.**

\* HYMN

*"We Three Kings"*

UMH 254

GATHERING PRAYER (Written by T. Anne Daniel, The Africana Worship Book, Year B)

**Dear God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your light on the pages of our lives. In the places where we share the dark, everyone looks bright, and everything looks right. We are not anxious to move out of our darkness where we are fooled. In the darkness, our motives are not clear, our ideas are not voiced, and our relationships are not questioned. But when your light shines, everything is like an open window. We see clearly. Help us to move on with you, Light of lights. We praise you and pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Christmas Stars

Emily Gibbs

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"What Child Is This?"*

Wesley Quartet

arr. Kevin McChesney

CONSECRATION OF OUR MISSIONARY—Jacki Stranathan begins her year long missionary experience in The Dominican Republic serving with the Least Of These Ministries.

**We give thanks for all that God is doing in you and we will support you with our prayers as you leave in service to the Least of These Ministries in Barahona, Dominican Republic, and the bateyes [bay-tees] in that region. We ask for God's Spirit to embolden you so that you carry the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

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.**

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed. Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world. **Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray.** (Pause for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

**God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

\* PASSING THE PEACE May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion

UMH 17

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"And the Morning Stars Sang Together"*

Wagner

\*Offertory Prayer

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\* HYMN

*"The First Noel"*

UMH 245

\* SENDING FORTH—Beloved, go from this place carrying the blessing of the Light who has come among us so that the love of the Christ child may shine within you, casting rays of good news wherever you go. **Amen**

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"The Happy Christmas Comes Once More"*

Peterson

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!**

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX thru Jan 5

After Jan 5, boxes available via mail or pick-up by appointment with Financial Secretary via email at [FinanceSec@wumcmd.org](mailto:FinanceSec@wumcmd.org), or 410-848-8325, x15.

**SUNDAY ENTRY & GREETERS REQUEST**

We are seeking volunteers for the back door #14, Chapel door #17, and Mission Hallway door #5. Volunteers receive a few minutes of orientation and will serve as much or little as preferred.

Let one of us know if you can help out:

Larry Bohn—410-549-6827, [lab37024@comcast.net](mailto:lab37024@comcast.net)  
Ed Davis—240-446-8589, [eddavis643@comcast.net](mailto:eddavis643@comcast.net)

Should anyone find an entrance door locked, you can always enter through the front doors.

**RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION SERIES**

Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium will host conversations at local churches in February. Watch for more info to come!

**SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS**

MISSION HALLWAY DROP-OFF. Your stamps are valuable to the New Oxford Brethren Center.

**NEW SPACES AT WUMC**

Have you noticed a few changes?

- The Library moved upstairs into the former Disciple Room.
- The History Room will be moving up to the former Happening Hub Room.
- Our community groups meeting in the Susanna Wesley Room are in the process of transitioning to other spaces (you may see them, around—say “hi”).
- Our Inspirit Counselor will relocate to the former Sunday School Superintendent room.
- Pretty soon, we hope to begin construction on the new church offices in the lower level of our Parish House.

Stay tuned...



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Please reference “Bulletin, \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ [date]” in the memo line of your check.

**SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX**

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-organist      Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan  
 10:30am—Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader      Liturgist: Anne Dorwart  
 Wesley Quartet: Peggy Brengle, Kyler Brengle, Donna Kattermann, Linda Wood  
 ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond      Slides: Will Somers, Kyler Brengle      AV Techs: tbd

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