

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel

Sharon Row

Susan Harry

Faye Rosier *Long-term:*

James Brown Dan LaFon

Lorna Rice Wayne Olson

Karen Gonsman Christy Swartzbaugh

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
- 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—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.

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

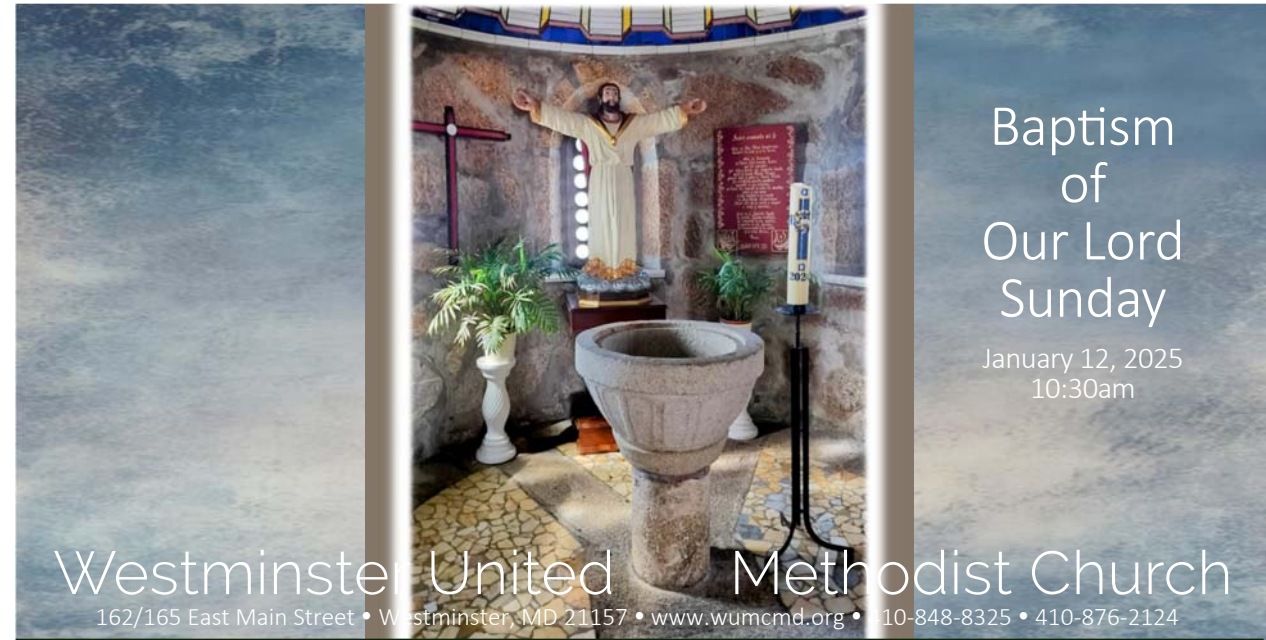


Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158

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

Lorna Rice

PRELUDE

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

arr. Leatherman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

P: God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.

L: The light of God shines on us with new hope.

P: We are called to be people of compassion and justice.

L: Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.

P: Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world.

* HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

UMH 252

GATHERING PRAYER

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

KIDS' TIME

A JOYFUL WITNESS

ANTHEM *“Down to the River to Pray”* Debra Morton
Sue Hughson, Leah Schryer, Linda Wood trio

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 Isaiah 43:1-7

* HYMN *“Spirit Song”* UMH 374

GOD’S WORD IS READ Acts 8:15-17

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD *“Taking Advantage of It All!”* Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.
(pause for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. **AMEN**

OFFERTORY *“The Lord Came Down to the River”* Choplin
*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.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT UMH 50-53

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

* HYMN *“I’ve Just Come from the Fountain”* (Choir as leader) TFWS 2250

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *“Epilogue on “Lobe den Herren”* arr. Smith

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, 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
Ed Davis—240-446-8589, 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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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 Liturgist: Lorna Rice
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Will Somers, Kyler Brengle AV Techs: tbd

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