

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling
Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel
Sharon Row
Susan Harry
Faye Rosier
James Brown
Lorna Rice
Karen Gonsman

Long-term:
Dan LaFon
Wayne Olson
Christy Swartzbaugh

Our Family in Mourning

Jennifer Munch and family on the death sister-in-law,
Julie Munch.

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

Jeanette Buscik & family (friend of Lynne Rittenberg)
Michael Blake (cousin of Melinda Houston)
Paula (friend of Melinda Houston)
Craig (great-nephew of Mary Louise Poole)
Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
Killian (8-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)

Our Least of These Ministries church member Missionary

Jacki Stranathan (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)

REQUESTING PRAYER

- 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

COFFEEHOUSE

MARCH 30, following worship
Jubilee Hall—join us for coffee, snacks,
and music from our Praise Band @ Center & Main



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—MARCH

Peg Hepler—(410) 236-4174
Kristy Vandervalk—(443) 789-0346

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

Mar 21 Mrs. Charlotte Wheatley
41 W. McKinsey Rd, apt 201B
Severna Park MD 21146

Mar 26 Mrs. Betty Ridgell, CLV
205 St. Mark Way, Apt #212
Westminster MD 21158

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri,
s.haines@wumcmd.org.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—

Sundays, 9am

Location: Library

Leader: Anne Dorwart

Study: 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

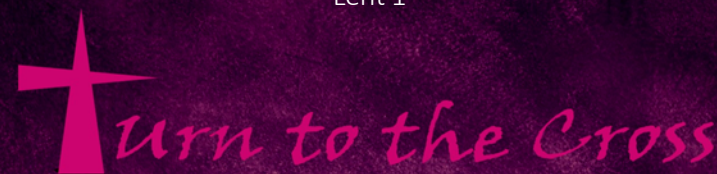
Location: New Life in Christ Classroom

Session Leaders: Woodie Wood and
Rev. Dr. David Highfield

Study: Savior

During the Lent/Easter Sunday period (March 9-April 30) the New Life in Christ class will be studying some of the many images the Bible uses to help us understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. You are welcome to join us in the video-based series, Savior, taught by master communicator Magrey deVega.

March 9, 2025 • 10:30am
Lent 1



Attendance — 443-234-0806

Please text your first/last name. Thank you.

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WELCOME

Richard Marrs

PRELUDE

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you are our refuge.

You are the shore in sight, you are hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest.

God, you are our strength.

You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us.

God, you are our help in time of trouble.

We call on you from the ruins and the rubble, we call on you from the wildness and the deep,

ALL: We call on you to meet us in this place!

* HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

UMH 116

* GATHERING PRAYER

We call upon you, O God; hear our prayer. We raise our voices in glad adoration. You have brought your people out of bondage; you ministered to Jesus when he was tempted by Satan.

You know when your people are afflicted, and understand their estrangement when they are alone and dismayed. We pause along our journey of faith, to acknowledge and reaffirm our trust in you, again, as we join in worship this day. Amen


* PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

PSALTER	Psalm 91	UMH 810
KIDS' TIME		
ANTHEM	<i>"O Peace of Christ"</i>	Parker, Lantz
A JOYFUL MOMENT		Emily Gibbs
* HYMN	<i>"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"</i>	UMH 269
GOD'S WORD IS READ	Luke 4:1-13 (The Living Bible)	
REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD	Pastor Malcolm Stranathan <i>"Turn to the Cross: Turning to Trust"</i>	
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
INVITATION TO PRAYER	<i>"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"</i>	UMH 349
PASTORAL PRAYER/COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)		
<p>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.</p>		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Prayer"</i>	Portman
	see Music Note on the announcements page	
*Doxology	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH 95
<p>*Offertory Prayer—Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.</p>		
<p>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.</p>		
* HYMN	<i>"Standing on the Promises"</i>	UMH 374
* SENDING FORTH		
POSTLUDE (please be seated)	<i>"Kyrie Eleison"</i>	Bach

MUSIC NOTE—Today is Woman's Composer Day, as sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Today's Offertory, by Brenda Portman, was written in 2024, and is the 2025 winner of the Woman Composer composition competition. This offering of her piece here at WUMC will be logged into the Guild's database of organists across the country playing compositions by woman composers.


LENTEN BIBLE STUDY—Chapel THURSDAYS IN LENT, 6:30pm
We hope you will join us, in person, in our Chapel space (Center Str parking lot entrance). Also available via ZOOM (scan code).
Meeting ID: 890 5624 0172
Passcode: 440835



LADIES LUNCH—not associated with UWF
MARCH 14, 11:30am
Kountry Kafe and Katering
Locust Lane, Westminster (parking lot or garage)
Our lunches are Dutch Treat; no reservations required—meet us at the restaurant at 11:30am. We look forward to seeing you.

UWF INDOOR YARD SALE
MARCH 15, 8am-2pm
JUBILEE HALL Great sale with all types of items from many vendors!!!

SPONSOR A COLOR BULLETIN
Scan the QR code to sponsor a bulletin with your dedication—or—go to our website www.wumcmd.org and the MEMBER TOOLBOX tab.
Sponsorship payments may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to Westminster UMC, POB 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316.
Please reference bulletin date in the memo line of your check.



EASTER FLOWERS & ALTERNATE GIVING DUE BY APRIL 6
Order forms on the upper narthex wall desk.


THANK YOU, CHILDREN/ADULTS—
On February 23, many of you brought dry goods for the Carroll County Food Sunday Food Pantry. The collection was delivered to the food pantry and together we brought in 127 pounds of food for people in need. Thank you all for participating in helping others. PM

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL, a ministry of our Church, is seeking a congregational member to serve as an additional member of its Board. The Board meets even months via Zoom. The Board's purpose is to support the Preschool in its decision making as it provides a Christian-centered, learning environment for the little ones of our community. Please contact Peggy Hepler at crossroadsboard@wumcmd.org or 410-236-4174 if you'd like more information.

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP, APRIL 21-26; Dominican Republic with Least of These, sponsored by WUMC. \$645 covers everything except airfare. Scan code.



VBS REGISTER & SAVE THE DATE
"True North" VBS at WUMC, July 13-17, 5:45-8:15pm.
Welcoming youth/adult volunteers!
Linda W. - 410-596-1258
Lori H. - 410-960-9826
Emily Gibbs - childrensminister@wumcmd.org



SAVE THE DATE—NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM
FRI, DEC 5, & SAT, DEC 6 at WUMC

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: Richard Marrs	ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
	Slides: Will Somers
AV Techs: Mark Gieselman, Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer	
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