

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Vicki Collett
Lynn Shaw
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 and Friends (requests in the past two months)

Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
Killian (8-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)
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)

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
(sun-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)
Jason Marusiak, Army, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Riley, KS
(sun-in-law of The Flinns)

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/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.

REQUESTING PRAYER

- Online, www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.htm
• Email Pastor Malcolm, m.stranathan@wumcmd.org
• Email Rev. Ken, k.humbert@wumcmd.org
• Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

March 16, 2025 • 10:30am
Lent 2
Turn to the Cross
Attendance — 443-234-0806
Please text your first/last name. Thank you.
Westminster United Methodist Church
162/165 East Main Street • Westminster, MD 21157 • www.wumcmd.org • 410-848-8325 • 410-876-2124

WELCOME

Chris Brown

PRELUDE

“With Grief My Heart is Laden”

Saxton

- * CALL TO WORSHIP—written by Dr. Lisa Hancock
Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?
God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?
When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?
God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?
When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.
Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

* HYMN

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117

* GATHERING PRAYER

Lord, you called us to this journey. Open our hearts to hear your word. Place us on the journey with confidence and assurance of your presence. When this past week has caused us to fall away

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ATTENDANCE—LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE. Complete this tear-off

for the offering plate —or— simply text your first and last name to 443-234-0806.

DATE: _____

Are you a visitor to our church?

YOUR NAME: _____

Are you seeking a new church home?

Yes No Unsure

Names of those with you, today:

Preferred contact: _____

from the path, we ask that this time of worship will lift us up, Lord. And if we think we can go no further, may your Spirit pick us up and draw us close to you. As our praises are raised up, bless our hearts with your loving presence; that in all things you may be glorified. AMEN.

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

PSALTER Psalm 27 with sung response UMH 759

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

* HYMN *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* stanzas 1-4 UMH 295

GOD'S WORD IS READ Phil 3:12—4:1

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
"Turn to the Cross: Turning to God's Call"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO PRAYER *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"* UMH 349

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.

OFFERTORY *"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"* arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Offertory Prayer—**Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.** (Luke 13:31-35)

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 *"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"* UMH 301

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Take Up Your Cross"* arr. Broughton

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY—Chapel

THURSDAYS IN LENT, 6:30pm

Join us via Center Str lot entrance; ZOOM via scanned code or church calendar link (zoom-in to scan).

ZOOM Meeting ID: 890 5624 0172
ZOOM Passcode: 440835



LADIES LUNCH—CORRECTED DATE ✦

MARCH 21, 11:30am at Kountry Kafe & Katering
Locust Lane, Westminster (park in city lot or garage)

COFFEEHOUSE

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

EMPTY BOWLS—OFFSITE (flyer on bulletin board)

MARCH 30, 2-3pm seating still available
St. John's Portico, 43 Monroe Street
Westminster, MD (sponsored by Shepherd's Staff)
\$35 tickets available at shepstaff.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

APRIL 1, 1-6pm, Jubilee Hall
Make your appointment at redcross.org

Give blood at our April 1st blood drive and get a \$15 Amazon gift card by email!!

Setup/clean-up help greatly appreciated. Please contact Michelle Olson at m.olson@wumcmd.org.



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 are on the upper narthex wall desk.

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP,

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



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.

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

EDUCATION HOUR—ADULTS, Sundays, 9am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Library

Leader: Anne Dorwart
Study: Savior (Lenten Study)

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS—NLIC room

Session Leaders: Woodie Wood and Rev. Dr. David Highfield
Study: Savior (Lenten Study)

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: Chris Brown ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Bill Eckles
AV Tech(s): Mark Gieselman

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