

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling
Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel
Vicki Collett
Lynn Shaw
Sharon Row
Susan Harry
Faye Rosier
James Brown

Lorna Rice
Karen Gonsman
Long-term:
Wayne Olson
Christy Swartzbaugh

Our Family in Mourning

Carol LaFon, Donna Kattermann, Cortney, Michael, and Leah Golden, on the passing of husband, father, and grandfather, Dan LaFon.

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)

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.

REACH MINISTRY

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery/mourning
- Transport to local medical appt's

MARCH

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

Our Least of These Ministries 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, Fort Riley, KS
(son-in-law of The Flinns)

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: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

Names of those with you, today:

☐ Are you a visitor to our church?

Are you seeking a new church home?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Preferred contact: _____

Debt Free Land

Total debt = \$105,825

Way to Go! 25% done = \$25,000+ debt

Halfway There! 50% done = \$50,000+ debt

You're on Fiyah! 75% done = \$75,000+ debt

FINISH \$0 debt

START

Each ☐ = \$ approx \$1,000

\$100,000+ debt (there are 100 ☐s)

March 23, 2025 • 10:30am
Lent 3



urn to the Cross

Attendance — 443-234-0806

Please text your first/last name. Thank you.

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WELCOME

Larry Bohn

PRELUDE

“When Jesus Wept”
Wesley Carillon

Saxton

* CALL TO WORSHIP—written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

Children of God, what has God done for you?
God saves, provides, and holds us in God’s steadfast love.
Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?
God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.
When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus’ story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?
God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.
Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!
We come to worship and cling to God, for God’s steadfast love never fails!

* HYMN

“O Word of God Incarnate”

UMH 598

* GATHERING PRAYER

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN

* PASSING THE PEACE

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

PSALTER	Psalms 63:1-8 with sung response	UMH 788
KIDS' TIME		
ANTHEM	<i>"O Savior of the World"</i>	Somervell
A JOYFUL MOMENT	Youth Ignite Conference Jonyae Curry, Director of Youth Ministry with youth: Addie Lyle, Will Schryer	
WELCOME, NEW MEMBER	Will Schryer	UMH 33
* HYMN	<i>"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"</i>	UMH 295
GOD'S WORD IS READ	Luke 13:1-9	
REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD	Pastor Malcolm Stranathan "Turn to the Cross: Turning to The Source"	
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) 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	<i>"Melody"</i>	Schultz
*Doxology	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH 95
*Offertory Prayer—Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen		
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	<i>"How Lovely Lord, How Lovely"</i>	TFWS 2042
* SENDING FORTH		
POSTLUDE (please be seated)	<i>"Adagio"</i>	P.Piel

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


LENTEN BIBLE STUDY—Chapel
THURSDAYS IN LENT, 6:30pm
Join us via Center Street lot entrance

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—APR 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.

COFFEEHOUSE—NEW DATE!!!
APRIL 13, following worship
Jubilee Hall—join us for coffee, snacks, and
music from our Praise Band @ Center & Main

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



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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.

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-organist
10:30am—Wesley Carillon: Peggy Brengle, Director
Liturgist: Larry Bohn
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
AV Tech(s): Mark Gieselman, Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer
Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan
Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director
Slides: Will Somers

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Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS *published with permission through LINKS*
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.

SOFTBALL—would you like to be added to our roster? Thursday evenings, Apr 17—end of July, at the Carroll County Sports Complex; ages 18+. Contact Tim Edwards, wvualum95@gmail.com.

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


CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL,
a ministry of our Church, is seeking a church member to serve on its Board. Please contact Peggy Hepler at crossroadsboard@wumcmd.org or 410-236-4174, if you'd like more information.

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)