

Westminster United Methodist Church

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God's Stewards
of God's Grace

September 7, 2025 • 10:30am • Pentecost 13

Attendance — 443-234-0806

Please text your first/last name. Thank you.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Built on a Rock"

Giamannco

* CALL TO WORSHIP—inspired by Psalm 95:3-7. Friends in Christ, please rise in heart or posture, and join in the singing of the first stanza of *"What a Mighty God We Serve"* (TFWS 2021).

*Singing: What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!*

Leader: Friends, we come together to worship a mighty God—
the One who is above every power, every name, every rival.

People: **God holds the lowest valleys and the highest peaks,
the places near and the places far away.**

Leader: The ocean waves obey the Lord,
and the solid ground rests in God's hands.

People: **So let's come with open hearts—
to bow down, to honor, to listen to our Maker.**

Leader: We belong to the Lord.
We are God's people, cared for like a shepherd cares for his flock.

All: **The Lord is a mighty God—
a mighty ruler above all gods!**

*Singing: What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!*

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

TFWS 2021

- * GREETING FROM OUR LAY LEADER Lynn Kohr, Lay Leader
- * HYMN *"This is a Day Of New Beginnings"* UMH 383
- KIDS' TIME
- CELEBRATION AND CONSECRATION of our New Office Suite, Library, and The Methodist Room
 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. To God's glory and honor, we come this day to consecrate the Library and the New Office Suite in the Parish House, as well as our museum relocated to the 2nd floor and renamed The Methodist Room.
 (see your bulletin insert for the responsive service of consecration)
- 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 1 Peter 4 (from The Message version)
- REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "God's Stewards of God's Grace" Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
- OFFERTORY *"Bless We the Name of the Lord"* Michael Burkhardt
 *Doxology *"Bless Thou the Gifts"* UMH 587
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.
- RESPONSE TO THE WORD — Sacrament of Holy Communion
 The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
 Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ ... we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
 Pour out your Holy Spirit ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**
- MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"Hymn for Communion"* Michael C. Olson & Michael W. Smith
- COMMUNION PRAYER
- * CLOSING HYMN *"A Mighty Fortress"* UMH 110
- * SENDING FORTH—Benediction and Invitation
- POSTLUDE *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95
 please be seated for the Postlude

WELCOME TO A DAY OF CELEBRATION!

We celebrate a new season—

- 9am Education Hour kicked-off, today.
- Choir rehearsals have begun.
- Renovated spaces will be consecrated.
- Our picnic begins after 10:30am service.

BISHOP VISITS THE LAKES DISTRICT

MON, SEPT 15—Bishop Easterling will be gathering with the Lakes District on Mon, Sept 15, 6pm, at Deer Park UMC. This will be a time of sharing and interaction with clergy and laity. As our new structure takes effect and we begin new relationships in the Lakes District and across the area, this will be an important time of connection. This is an in-person meeting and will not be live-streamed nor recorded. Questions? Kayla Harkcom, District Administrator, 301-788-0016. To request an ASL interpreter, please contact Rev. Leo Yates at lyates@bwcumc.org. No registration for this event, please just come join us!

SAVE THE DATES.....

LADIES LUNCH—OFFSITE

FRI, SEPT 19, 11:30am, First Watch

ANNUAL UWF RUMMAGE SALE

FRI, OCT 3, 9am-5pm | SAT, OCT 4, 9am-1pm
Jubilee Hall—stay tuned for more details

CHURCH CONFERENCE—OFFSITE

SAT, OCT 18, 2:30pm, held offsite at Wesley Freedom UMC
961 Johnsville Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784
All members of the congregation are invited; our chairpersons will all be in attendance, too.

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

FRI, DEC 5 & SAT, DEC 6 Sign-up link at www.wumcmd.org

HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS VISIT AT WUMC

NEW DATE — SUN, OCT 12, at both services — A Christian family from Bethlehem tells us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land and presents their olivewood carvings for purchase after services. More than 70% of the Holy Land Christians depend upon tourism as their only source of income. Tourism has sharply decreased due to COVID-19, ongoing conflict and wars, and the 12-yard wall built around Bethlehem. In the past century, Christians comprised 30% of Holy Land population; now, less than 1%. All proceeds go to support Christians from Bethlehem.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

9am Education Hour

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS—NLIC room
6wk session The focus will be on The Message of Jesus. Session 1: The Kingdom of God Has Come Near. Jesus's first public message was brief and blunt. How does his urgent announcement of God's reign matter to us and to the world, two thousand years later? You are invited & welcome.

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS—Library room
3wk session concludes study of Acts; 6wk study from the book The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently, by Amy-Jill Levine & Marc Zvi Brettler

MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians!

We have no September 90+ birthdays in our church database

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



SPONSOR A COLOR BULLETIN

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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 Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan
10:30am—Praise Band @ Center & Man: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Bill Eckles AV Tech(s): Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer

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Our Mission: "Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference."

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Heidi Trimmer
 Lynn Shaw
 Linda Portner
 Sharon Row
 Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel
 Arlene Hirtle
 Darlene Parlaman *Long-term:*
 Susan Harry Wayne Olson
 Faye Rosier Christy Swartzbaugh

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

SEPTEMBER

Carole Roberts
 (443) 289-7446

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

Carolyn Bowen (friend of Lynne Rittenberg)
 Jeanette Busick (friend of Lynne Rittenberg)
 Autumn Finnerty & unborn son (grand/great-grand of Paul Finnerty)
 Bishop Latrelle Easterling (Baltimore-Washington Conf of the UMC)
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 Killian (9-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)
 Michael Aldom (brother-in-law of John Taylor)
 Angele Smith (dear family friend of Vicki Collett)

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. Gordon, GA
 (son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)
 Jason Marusiak, Army, 82nd Airborne,
 Fort Carson, CO (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: _____

Deficit Free Land

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You're on Fiyah! 75% done = \$25,000+ debt

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

Way to GO! 25% done = \$75,000+ debt

START

Each square = approx \$1,000 (there are 100 squares)

\$100,000+ debt



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Let us now consecrate these spaces.

To the teaching of the Bible, prayers among the faithful, and meetings to fulfill our mission.

WE CONSECRATE THIS RENOVATED FACILITY.

As a place of fellowship, where people are loved through Christian relationships,

WE CONSECRATE THIS RENEWED SPACE.

Where citizens of the community may gather, where laughter, happiness, and caring abound,

WE CONSECRATE THIS HISTORICAL BUILDING.

Where church leaders and members will find spiritual and intellectual renewal in a Christian library,

WE CONSECRATE THIS BEAUTIFIED FACILITY.

With thanksgiving to God for the rich and ongoing history of Westminster United Methodist Church and its congregation, for the numerous saints of God who have given generously for this renovation program, and for the saints of God who have sustained and continue to support the mission of Jesus Christ through the ministry of this congregation,

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD, FOR YOUR BELOVED SAINTS.

We do now, as the people of God, set aside this newly renovated Parish House and all renovated portions of these buildings for the ministry of Jesus Christ, and consecrate them to the glory and honor of almighty God and to the service of God's holy church. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN AND AMEN!**