

**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

**Our Church Family**

Meghan Haj  
 Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel  
 Heidi Trimmer  
 Lynn Shaw *Long-term:*  
 Arlene Hirtle Wayne Olson  
 Susan Harry Christy Swartzbaugh  
 Faye Rosier

**Our Least of These Ministries Missionary**

Jacki Stranathan (serving in the DR)

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

Lisa Norton (sister-in-law of Belinda Norton)  
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)  
 Killian (9-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)  
 Robert Greenway (brother of Curt Greenway)



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUESTING PRAYER**

- Online, [www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html](http://www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html)
- Email Pastor Malcolm, [m.stranathan@wumcmd.org](mailto:m.stranathan@wumcmd.org)
- Email Rev. Ken, [k.humbert@wumcmd.org](mailto: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

**OCTOBER**  
 Kristy Vandervalk  
 (443) 789-0346

**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)

**THE WEEK AHEAD, ON CAMPUS**

*church ministries and charter organization*

**TODAY**—8:15am Chapel, 10:30am Worship  
 9am Education; Confirmation  
 11:45am Children of Hope Rehearsal—Olson Ste.

**MONDAY**—  
 12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

**TUESDAY**—  
 9:30am Prayer Group—Martha Manahan Room  
 6:30pm Finance—Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY**—  
 9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Ste (B)  
 6:30pm Handbell Choir—Bell Room  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir—Choir Room

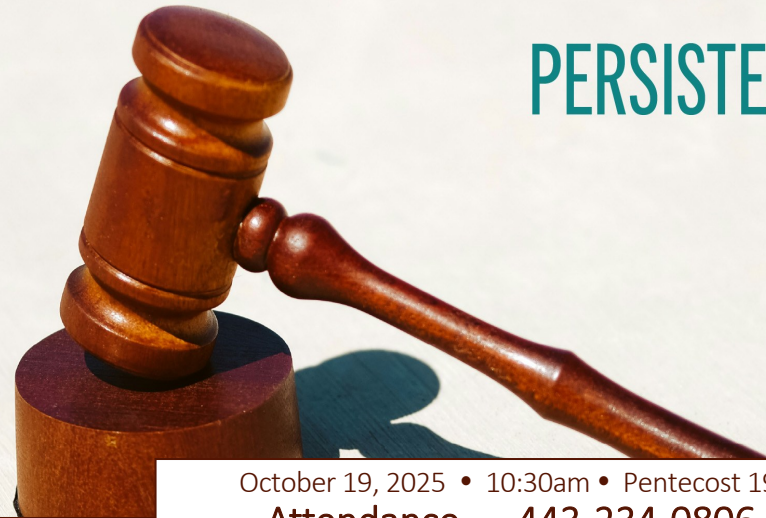
**THURSDAY**—  
 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

**FRIDAY**—  
 9:30am UWF Executive Committee—Library

New format—We will return to the Deficit Free Land graphic  
 on the first Sunday of each month (until we are deficit-free);  
 other Sundays, we will run THE WEEK AHEAD feature.

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**PERSISTENT Faith**

October 19, 2025 • 10:30am • Pentecost 19  
**Attendance — 443-234-0806**  
 Please text your first/last name. Thank you.

*Before the service, meditate and speak to God. During the service let God speak to you.  
 After the service, talk to each other and the wider community about God.*

WELCOME Lynn Kohr, Lay Leader

PRELUDE "Allegro" D. Scarlatti

\* CALL TO WORSHIP—The Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1–8)  
 Leader: Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray  
 and not give up.

**People: We come, persistent in faith, trusting in the God who hears and answers prayer.**  
 Leader: Like the widow who would not be silenced,  
 we lift our voices to the One who brings justice.

**People: We will pray without ceasing and hope without fading, for our God is faithful.**  
 Leader: In a world weary with waiting, we gather to remember God's promises.

**People: God will not delay forever—justice will come, mercy will flow, and faith will be found.**  
 Leader: Come, people of God—pray, persevere, and praise!

**All: We worship the God who hears our cries and renews our strength. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

\* GATHERING PRAYER  
**Gracious and faithful God, we gather in Your presence, trusting in Your steadfast love and mercy. You call us to pray and not lose heart—to bring before You our hopes, our hurts, our dreams, and our needs.**

**Like the persistent widow, teach us to keep coming before You with boldness and faith. When answers seem delayed, strengthen our hearts to trust that You are still at work. When the world grows weary and justice feels far away, remind us that Your Spirit is still moving, transforming hearts, lives, and communities.**

**Renew in us the courage to pray without ceasing, to seek Your will in all things, and to live as people of faith who never give up on Your promises. Gather us now in worship, that our prayers and praise may rise to You—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Svea Elizabeth Walsh UMH 33  
 daughter of Justin and Mallorie (nee Johansson) Walsh

POEM MEDITATION

ANTHEM “The Plans” Ed Cash, Scott Cash  
 Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Andrew Bergthold

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.**

\* HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH 496

GOD’S WORD IS READ 2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:5; Luke 18:1-8

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD “The Power of Holy Persistence” Meghan Humbert  
 WUMC Chair of Church Council / BWC Young People’s Ministry Organizer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD “The Talking Offering Plate”

OFFERTORY “Sing Unto the Lord” Yannerella  
 \*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94  
 \*Offertory Prayer

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\* CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (added verses onscreen) TFWS 2193

\* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE “Little Toccata” Curtis  
 please be seated for the Postlude

**TODAY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
 In the Narthex today, the UWF is selling Pumpkin Bread and coupons for “Boscov’s 25% off purchases on Oct 22nd.”


**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
 Sunday, Nov. 2, we celebrate those persons who died in the last year in our All Saints Services. We encourage you to bring something to church that reminds you of your loved one: a photo, flower, card/note, or memento to decorate the window ledges of our worship space so we will truly be surrounded by memories of these saints.

**SUNDAY SIT-DOWN LUNCH**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2—JUBILEE HALL**  
 Reconciling Ministries invites you to join us on Sunday, Nov. 2, for a sit-down lunch.  
 After church we’ll be serving a lunch of soup, bread, and lively discussion about becoming a Reconciling Church.  
 This is your opportunity to ask questions, express concerns and learn about the Reconciling Statement we will vote on in the coming months.  
 Reconciling Ministries hopes to see you there. Come Hungry!

**SAVE THE DATES.....**  
**NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM** Sign-up link at [www.wumcmd.org](http://www.wumcmd.org)  
**FRI, DEC 5 & SAT, DEC 6**  
 Mark your calendars to join us at WUMC for this meaningful, interactive experience. Consider volunteering in the event and/or prep.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS—9am Education Hour**  
**NURSERY—ages 2-4yrs**  
 Nursery Room, ground level  
**PRIMARY—ages 4yrs-4th grade**  
 Sunday School Tower  
**YOUTH—ages 5th-10th grade**  
 Youth House  
**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS—NLIC room**  
 6wk session focus —Bad Girls (and some Bad Boys) of the Bible  
**ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS—Library room**  
 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!  
 Oct 5 Mrs. Janet M. Hersh  
 5403 George Street  
 Adamstown MD 21710-9606  
 Oct 11 Mrs. Doris Beam  
 Carroll Lutheran Village  
 1000 Weller Circle, Apt 327  
 Westminster MD 21158  
 If we missed you, reach out to Sherri, [s.haines@wumcmd.org](mailto:s.haines@wumcmd.org)

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 Scan the QR code to sponsor a bulletin with your dedication—or—go to our website [www.wumcmd.org](http://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 Leading Worship: Meghan Humbert, Council Chair  
 Lynn Kohr, Lay Leader  
 10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader  
 ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Bill Eckles AV Tech(s): Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer  
 All music used in today’s service is podcast/streamed with permission from either ONE LICENSE #731177-A or CCLI Licenses #627547 & #20216174. Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.