

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

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

Our Family and Friends

(requests in the past two months)
 Lisa Norton (sister-in-law of Belinda Norton)
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 Matt Younglove (son of Mary Louise Poole's friend)
 Robert Greenway (brother-in-law of Sharon Greenway)
 Mack Demetrakis (great-grandson of The Parlamans)
 Pastor Johnson, Union Memorial Baptist Church
 Michael Aldom (brother-in-law of John Taylor)

During the season of Advent and Christmas we shall actively pray for sisters and brothers persecuted for their faith, and especially for those in Nigeria.

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

DECEMBER

Kristy Vandervalk
 (443) 789-0346
 Joan Redman
 410) 596-7152

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 Flinn)



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: _____

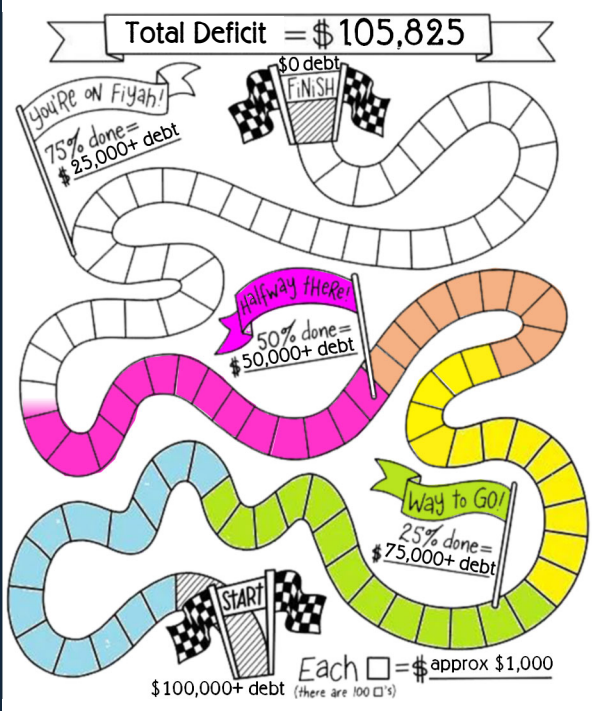
Names of those with you, today:

Are you a visitor to our church?

Are you seeking a new church home?
 Yes No Unsure

Preferred contact: _____

Deficit Free Land



Restroom use during worship – youth, especially, are encouraged to access private restrooms via the exit door, front left wall near the altar rail.

- WELCOME
- PRELUDE "A Carol for All Seasons" arr. Terry Price
 Wesley Carillon
- WREATH LIGHTING—(Scripture Isaiah 35:1-20) The Keefer Family
 Leader: May this flame be a sign of the joy that comes from God— joy that shines in dark places, joy that strengthens weary hearts, joy that carries us toward Zion with singing.
- People: We welcome your joy, O God. Bloom within us. Steady us. Lead us in your holy way until sorrow and sighing flee away and your joy fills all creation.
- Sung Response: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jes-sus.
- * OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211
- * PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
- KIDS' TIME
- A JOYFUL WITNESS Lou Piel
- * HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" UMH 626

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 Luke 1:39-45

ANTHEM "My Soul Glorifies the Lord (Mary's Magnificat)" David Foley

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Voices of Advent—Mary" Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD—AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT
(Based on Isaiah 35:1-10 & Luke 1:46-55)

Leader: We believe in the God who comes to restore and to save.
All: The God who makes the wilderness rejoice and blossom, who strengthens weak hands and steadies trembling knees, who speaks to fearful hearts, saying, "Be strong; do not fear." We believe God is preparing a holy way—a road where all may walk in safety, and where the redeemed return with singing and everlasting joy.

Leader: We believe in the God who lifts up the lowly.
All: The God whose mercy stretches from generation to generation, who scatters the proud, brings down the powerful, and raises up those the world has overlooked. We believe God fills the hungry with good things and remembers every promise of mercy.

Leader: We believe joy is breaking in.
All: In barren places God brings life; in weary hearts God kindles courage; in a world longing for hope, God's salvation draws near.

Leader: This is the God we trust.
All: The Father who restores, The Son who redeems, The Holy Spirit who renews; One God, forever faithful, Bringing joy to the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY "O Christ-Child Sweet" J.S.Bach
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer—Gracious God of deep joy, even when storms rage and doubts rise, you call us to see with kingdom eyes—to look for healing, hope, and signs of your grace breaking in. In this Advent season of expectation and weariness, we bring these gifts as expressions of joy, rooted not in ease but in trust. May our giving bear witness to your good news: that the blind still see, the lame still walk, and the poor still receive care. Use these offerings and us as signs of your coming reign, lights in the storm, and carriers of joy. In the name of Jesus, our hope and our Redeemer. 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.

* CLOSING HYMN "Word of God, Come Down to Earth" UMH 182

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "On This Glad Day" D.Scarlatti/Smith
please be seated for the Postlude

RECONCILING MINISTRIES 2nd SIT-DOWN LUNCH—TODAY, following 10:30am worship. Soup and salad provided as we begin to study the Reconciling Statement. Please bring the worksheets you received at the 1st luncheon—extra copies will be available.

CHRISTMAS EVE WREATH LIGHTING AND READING
Light the Advent Wreath on Christmas Eve — 9pm service still available at the time of this printing. Ideal for families, friends, multi-generational groups. To sign-up, please scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/49ma4xj>



SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS—We will be giving \$10 gifts cards from Chick-fil-A, tucked into a Christmas card signed "from your friends at Westminster UMC." Thank you for placing your monetary donation in the collection box in the narthex, SUNDAYS DEC. 7, 14, 21.
(Barbara Luckenbaugh will be shopping for us and purchasing the gift cards.)

LADIES LUNCH (not affiliated with UWF)
FRI, DEC 19, 11:30am
Greenmount Station, 1631 N Main Street
Hampstead, MD 21074 — Dutch Treat. Join us!

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE NIGHT-BY-NIGHT SHELTER—Drop off cookies in Mission Hallway on Christmas Eve, Wed., Dec. 24, 11am-12noon, or before the 7pm Christmas Eve service from 6-6:50pm in the Martha Manahan Room. Please—no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies, due to food allergies. Learn more in your Dec/Jan Herald or contact Norman Hirtle.

Today's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my Dad Erich J. Hofmann Jr.
Happy 3rd Heavenly Birthday.
With Love,
Heather, Rob, Jakob and William Keefer

YEAR-END GIVING donations credited in 2025 may be brought to the church office at 165 E. Main Street until Dec 31, 12noon. Electronic donations, either by transfer of funds or stock donation, must be received by our third-party processors by Dec 31. Mail-in donations must be postmarked by no later than Dec 31, 2025: Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Questions? Belinda Norton, Financial Secretary, FinanceSec@wumcmd.org or 410-848-8325, x115

WYP COAT/HOODIE COLLECTION—Please put items in box in Mission Hallway. Thank you, from the Westminster Youth Project.

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
ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS—Library room

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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 note the bulletin date on your check memo line.



CHRISTMAS CARD LISTS are available in the narthex! Consider sending Christmas joy to our friends at home.

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	Wesley Carillon: Peggy Brengle, Director
Liturgist: Lorna Rice	Wreath: The Keefer Family
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond	Slides: Bill Eckles
	AV Tech(s): Tyler Williams, Bill Eckles

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