

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Lily Clendaniel
Sharon Greenway
Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel
Heidi Trimmer

Susan Harry Long-term:
Faye Rosier Wayne Olson
Christy Swartzbaugh

Our Family n Mourning

The Cage Family on the passing of mother and grandmother, Jackie Cage.

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)

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

JANUARY
Dee Roush
(443) 398-5473

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 scan the QR code.



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: _____

THE WEEK AHEAD, ON CAMPUS

church ministries and charter organization

TODAY—8:15am Chapel, 10:30am Worship, 9am Education; 11:30am Reconciling Ministries Lunch

MONDAY

8:30am De-Decorate—Sanctuary
9:30am UWF Miriam Circle—Martha Manahan
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
6:30pm Cub Scouts—Jubilee, NLIC, Olson (A)

TUESDAY

9:30am Prayer Group—Martha Manahan Room

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Handbell Choir—Bell Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir—Choir Room

THURSDAY

6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

FRIDAY

11am Funeral (Jackie Cage)—Sanctuary/Jubilee
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

SATURDAY

10am UWF Hub Meeting—Jubilee Hall

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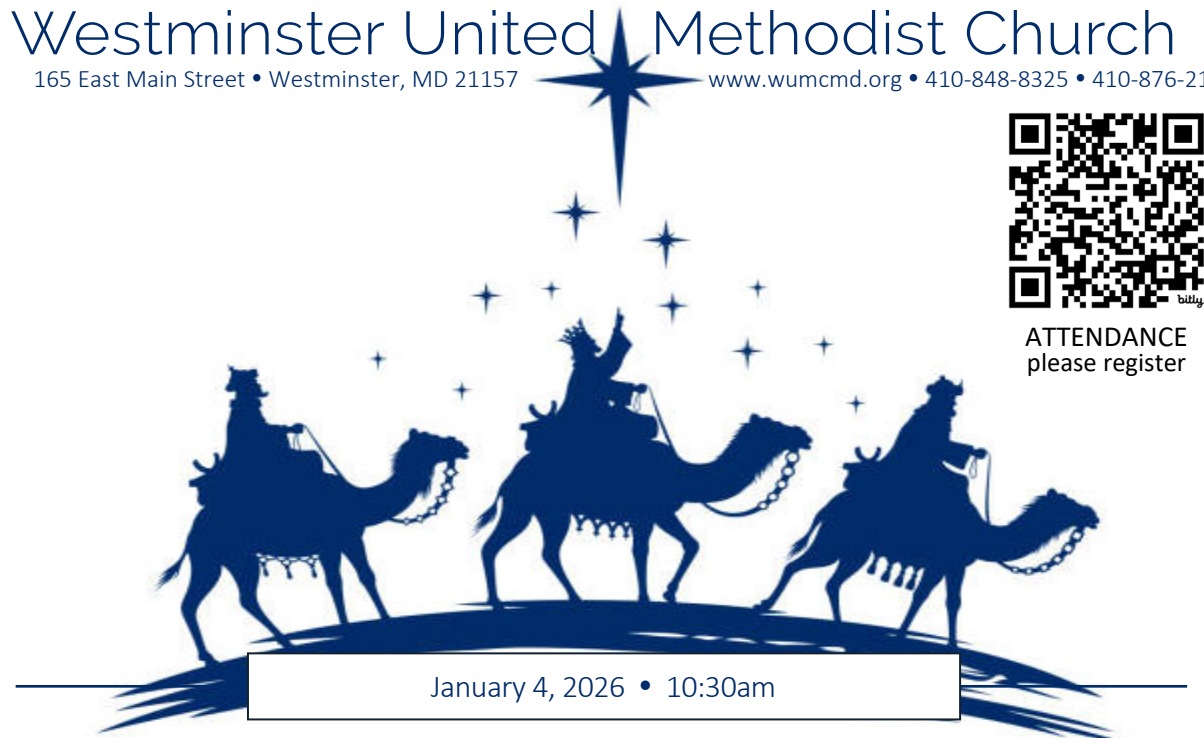
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ATTENDANCE please register



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

WELCOME Conni Highfield

PRELUDE "The Thankful Heart Rejoices" Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP
We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.
God, help us find your glory.

We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

God, help us notice your glory.
We gather as people yearning for Love’s presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.
God, help us encounter your glory. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

* OPENING HYMN "Morning Has Broken" UMH 145

* GATHERING PRAYER
Radiant God, on this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.
God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

KIDS’ TIME

GOD’S WORD IS READ John 1:1-18

* HYMN "A Voice Was Heard in Ramah" (bulletin insert)
REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child ...
... the injustices of this world.

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love. God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved; we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen. Written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

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

COMMUNION LITURGY A Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 17

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. ...**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **(sung) 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, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. ...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **(sung) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. ...**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever. **(sung) Amen.**

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S.Bach

Prayer after Communion—**Eternal God we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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* CLOSING HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" UMH 251

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "Alleluia Postlude" Mergarel

RECONCILING MINISTRIES SIT-DOWN LUNCH TODAY, following 10:30am worship. Our third luncheon includes soup and salad as we continue to study the Reconciling Statement. Please bring the worksheets you received at prior luncheons—extra copies will be available.

UWF "Get Acquainted" MEETING SAT, JAN 10, 9am-12pm
All women of our church are invited to attend a Hub "Get Acquainted" meeting sponsored by our UWF on Saturday, January 10, from 9am until noon. We will gather with women from the other Westminster Hub churches to discuss ways we can improve and extend our missional outreach programs. Please let Bev know if you plan to attend. beverlycreations467@yahoo.com

THANK YOU from Night-by-Night Shelter Congregation: Thank you all for your generous donations of cookies for the Night-by-Night Shelter. We were able to collect over 33 dozen cookies for the shelter that were enjoyed on Christmas day. Yours in Christ, Norman Hirtle

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!
The 2026 Offering Envelopes are in and are now available for pick-up in the Narthex.
The next time you are here for worship or in the main building, please stop by and pick-up yours. The boxes will be available in the Narthex through Sun, Jan18, after which time you may make arrangement for pick-up or mail.
Please email Financial Secretary, Belinda, at FinanceSec@wumcmd.org, or call her at the church office, 410-848-8325, x115. Thank you.

DONOR MATCH UP TO \$25,000 STILL AVAILABLE. A family in our congregation has agreed to match all funds that are given to the church to offset our running deficit up to the amount of \$25,000. We will publish a progress update in the near future. Thank you for considering and thanks to our generous donor family. May God bless you, all.

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

MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS
We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians! We have no December 90+ birthdays in our records. If we missed you, reach out to Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org

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

SAVE THE DATE(S)
SHROVE TUESDAY
TUE, FEB 17, 5:30-7:30pm - Jubilee Hall

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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.



SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-organist Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan
Liturgist: Conni Highfield
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Will Somers AV/Slides: Maddie Schryer, Chris Schryer

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