


**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

**Our Church Family** *Long-term:*  
 Lily Clendaniel Wayne Olson  
 Sharon Greenway Christy Swartzbaugh  
 Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel  
 Heidi Trimmer, Susan Harry, Faye Rosier

**We Rejoice with Our Family** at the birth of Grayson Hirtle, son of Elliot & Kayla Hirtle, grandson of Norman & Sandy Hirtle, and great-grandson of Jim & Arlene Hirtle.

**We hold in prayer** the Least of These mission team now in the Dominican Republic with Pastor Malcolm and our church members Jacki, Michaela, Kristin, Katie, and Danny.

**Our Family and Friends**  
 (requests in the past two months)  
 Mack Demetrakis (great-grandson of The Parlamans)  
 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)

 The rose on the altar is placed in memory of Jackie Cage, by the Susanna Circle.

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

**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

**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 Flinn's)

**THE WEEK AHEAD, ON CAMPUS**

*church ministries and charter organization*

**TODAY**—8:15am Chapel, 10:30am Worship, 9am Education; 1pm Cubs Religious Award

**MONDAY**  
 12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts—NLIC, Olson (A)  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts Carnival Night—Jubilee  
 6:30pm Education—Martha Manahan Room

**TUESDAY**  
 9:30am Prayer Group—Martha Manahan Room  
 6:30pm Trustees—Conference Room or ZOOM  
 6:45pm BSA/Cubmaster Roundtable—Jub, NLIC, Olson Ste A

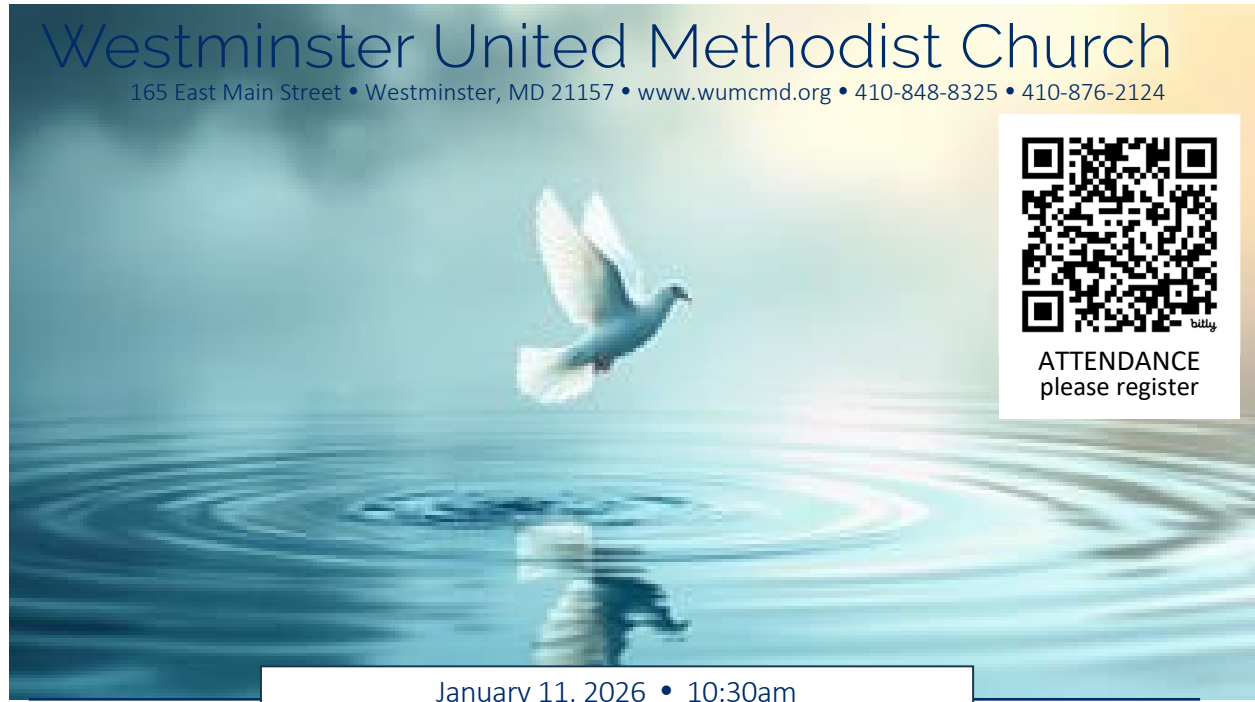
**WEDNESDAY**  
 6:30pm Handbell Choir—Bell Room  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir—Choir Room

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

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

**SATURDAY**—no events

*Deficit Free Land graphic appears monthly, first Sunday.*



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ATTENDANCE  
 please register

January 11, 2026 • 10:30am  
 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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

WELCOME Pastor Dave Highfield  
 PRELUDE *“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”* arr. Manz

\* CALL TO WORSHIP  
 Holy Triune God, author of community,  
**come baptize us.**  
 Remind us what it means to belong to one another.  
**God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.**  
 Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.  
**God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.**  
 Declare to us your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.  
**God of vulnerability, come baptize us.**  
 Welcome us into the paradox of strength that comes from weakness.  
**Together, let us remember and celebrate this day.**  
**In the Creator’s love we are held,**  
**into Christ’s body we are baptized,**  
**and by the Spirit’s power, we are claimed. All glory to God. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN *“Down by the Jordan”* bulletin insert

\* GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, we gather with joy in this new year.

We gather with brothers and sisters as we worship you and share the blessing of our common faith, a faith that saves, and a faith that is still growing. By your presence, may our worship be a spiritually deepening experience through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" Michael Helman

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 "Loving Spirit" TFWS 2123

GOD'S WORD IS READ Matthew 3:13-17

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "I Just Want to Celebrate" Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ever ready with cleansing love, God invites our confession, offering mercy and strength so that we may start anew. In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Worshippers, as led by God's Spirit, are invited to come forward to the baptismal font to remember their baptism.

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Lau

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

\*Offertory Prayer 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 "Baptized in Water" TFWS 2248

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "O for a Heart to Praise My God" arr. Powell

please be seated for the Postlude

WELCOME, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr. Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr., is an ordained United Methodist pastor with graduate degrees from Howard University School of Divinity and The Family Bible Institute of Baltimore, Maryland. He most recently served as the pastor of Sandymount UMC in Carroll County. He is married to Rev. Denise H. Norfleet, who pastors The Pikesville-Pimlico Charge. Rev. Walker and his wife share five children, fifteen grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Now mostly retired, Rev. Walker continues to serve the Lord with a passion for youth ministries, worship teams, Bible studies, and social justice.

UWF SOUP SALE PLACE ORDERS JAN 11 & 18; PICK-UP JAN 25 \$15/quart for delicious Chicken Corn Soup. Proceeds benefit mission work of the UWF. Questions? Contact Sue or Bertie. Thank you for your support of our projects.

UPCOMING EPIPHANY SEASON SERIES: THE BEGINNING OF THE WAY Throughout Epiphany, Jesus encounters people who begin gathering into a movement that the writer from Acts declares as "The Way." The movement didn't happen in a single moment, but as each disciple, person, or group heard Jesus' teachings and saw his miracles they came to realize he was the long awaited Messiah and they began to follow him along The Way. As 21st century followers of "The Way," we are reminded of those Jesus encountered in his earthly ministry and how these stories inform the direction that he would wish us to follow for our day.

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

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN! 2026 boxed Offering Envelopes are 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 IS 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.

2025 STATS ARE DUE JAN 19 Ministry chairs/leads—if applicable, an email was sent from the church office, this past week. Thanks.

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 January 90+ birthdays in our records. If we missed you, reach out to Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org

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SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-organist Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker, Jr. Liturgist: Rev. Dr. David Highfield ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Bill Eckles AV/Slides: Bill Eckles

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