

**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

**Our Church Family**

Betty Ridgell *Long-term:*  
 Dianne Bearr Wayne Olson  
 Arlene Hirtle Christy Swartzbaugh  
 Lily Clendaniel  
 Sharon Greenway  
 Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel  
 Heidi Trimmer  
 Susan Harry  
 Faye Rosier

**Our Family in Mourning**

The family of Eileen Burgher.

**Our Family and Friends**

(requests in the past two months)  
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)  
 Michael T. Spangler (grandson of Faye Rosier)  
 Mack Demetrakis (great-grandson of The Parlamans)  
 Lisa Norton (sister-in-law of Belinda Norton)



**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

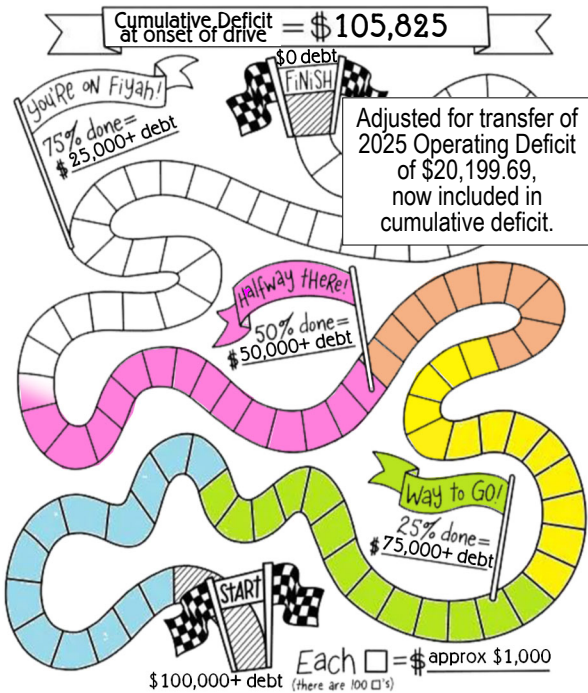
**FEBRUARY**

Donna Myers  
(410) 259-2480  
  
 Dee Roush  
(443) 398-5473

**Those in Military Service**

Jonyae Curry, Army  
 (Director of Youth Ministry at WUMC)  
 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)  
 Lance Cpl. Michael T. Spangler, USMC

**Deficit Free Land**



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ATTENDANCE  
please register

*Blessed  
Are...*

February 1, 2026 • 10:30am  
Epiphany 4

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

- WELCOME DonWeser
- PRELUDE *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* arr. Uppercue
- \* CALL TO WORSHIP—Micah 6:1-8  
 Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
 In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
 When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
 Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!  
**We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God!**
- \* OPENING HYMN *"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"* UMH 730
- \* GATHERING PRAYER  
**Gracious God, You meet us on the hillside with words that turn the world upside down. As we hear Jesus bless the poor in spirit, the grieving, the gentle and the hungry, quiet our striving and open us to your kingdom. Shape us by these strange and holy blessings, that we might live not by the world's measure, but by your grace. We pray in the name of Christ, Amen.**
- KIDS' TIME
- A JOYFUL WITNESS (bulletin insert) Sydney Lyle
- ANTHEM *"Who at My Door Is Standing"* K. Lee Scott

PASTORAL PRAYER / COMMUNITY PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)  
 RECONCILING MINISTRY NETWORK STATEMENT— We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed. [silent prayer and reflection]

**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 Matthew 5:1-12

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan  
 "The Beginning of The Way: Blessed Are..."

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(All pray in silence.)

Leader to People: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and People: Glory to God. Amen.

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

COMMUNION LITURGY

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: **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. . . .**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. . . .**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours,

almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Offertory on "Beatitudo"" arr. Peterson  
 Today's communion offering is designated for Crossroad Christian Preschool Scholarship fund. "Aubade" Broughton

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.

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.**

\* CLOSING HYMN "Trust and Obey" UMH 467

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "Festivity on "Holy Manna"" arr. Wagner  
 please be seated for the Postlude

**YOU'LL NOTICE SIGNS POSTED** in different places in our sanctuary. Each one names a Core Value of our congregation. **CORE VALUES** are those stated and unstated concepts or standards that we currently, or hope to, embody through the collective ministries of our congregation. They aren't measuring how far we have come; they remind us where we are headed and how faith touches every part of our life together. These Core Values were ratified at the 2016 Charge Conference.

Each week, we're focusing on one or two of the Core Values during our kid's time in worship.

Today's Core Values focus is on:

**CHURCH FAMILY:** There is a richness of being part of a church family. Through our gifts of time, talent, and money we have opportunity to work for the good of all. (Galatians 6:10)

~ and ~

**UNITY AND DIVERSITY:** We are a family of faith welcoming all persons as children of God. We respect a diversity of individuals and ideals that work in harmony to promote one body of Christ. (Galatians 3:28)

**FEBRUARY COMMUNION**—designated for Crossroads Christian Preschool Scholarship Fund. Two Scholarship Funds provide partial and full scholarships based on the financial need of the family seeking assistance. Thank you for giving generously to this offering which is given in addition to and not in place of your designated tithes and offerings.

**MOVIE & PIZZA SITDOWN**—NLIC ROOM  
 SUN, FEB 1, 11:30AM—Reconciling Ministries will host and show the documentary film "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture." This movie follows Yale University researchers who trace the anti-gay movement among Christians. RSVP's were requested in our eHerald; although we welcome all who wish to join. There is no charge.

**UMYF SUPER BOWL SUB SALE**  
**ORDERS DUE BY FEB 4**  
**PICK-UP & PAY ON SUN, FEB 8 - JUBILEE HALL**  
 Subs are \$8. Italian or Turkey available. Order form in the back of the church. Place order in the order collection bin or you email orders to UMYF@wumcmd.org. Proceeds benefit UMYF activities and missions. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED**  
 SUN, FEB 8, celebrate Scouting with Cub Scout Pack 631 by bringing a bag containing birthday party essentials: cake mix, icing, candles, cake plates, and napkins. Bags will be delivered to Carroll County Food Sunday for distribution to families with a birthday coming up. Scouts will be collecting bags at worship on SUN, FEB 8. Info—Sarah Williams, cubscoutcor@wumcmd.org

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER**  
 TUE, FEB 17, 5:30-7:30PM—JUBILEE HALL.

**ASH WEDNESDAY—JOINT-SERVICE**  
**ONSITE HERE AT WESTMINSTER UMC**  
 WED, FEB 18, 7PM  
 We join in worship with clergy and music of Church of the Ascension. Service includes imposition of ashes.

**UWF SOUP—NEW PICKUP DATE = MAR 1**

**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. Such a wonderful gift. Thanks to all who have donated.

**MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS**  
 We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians!  
 Feb 7 Mrs. June Hicks, 660 Gahle Drive  
 Westminster MD 21157  
 Feb 21 Ms. Nancy Coats, 230 St. Mark Way  
 Westminster MD 21158  
 If we missed you, reach out to Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org

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	Praise Band: Rich Umla, Director
Liturgist: Don Weser	ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Will Somers	AV/Slides: Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer
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## JOYFUL WITNESS

in Primary Sunday School

Please follow along during fourth grade Sunday School student Sydney Lyle's Joyful Witness, provided below in her own words:

*"My favorite Bible story is the story of Moses. To be honest, I don't know why but I just find it fascinating, how a boy can go from floating in a basket to parting seas. This tells me that even if you're feeling down like a baby floating in a river, you can go to feeling amazing like parting seas. All you have to do is believe in God. I remember in Sunday school last year when we were learning about the story, I was younger so I found it funny that God sent the seven plagues. My family went to a play about Moses at Sight & Sound theater. At first, I didn't understand the meaning of the play but towards the end I loved it. My favorite part was when they put lamb's blood on their houses. Some people might think that that is gross but I found it cool that people made sacrifices for their sins and I know Jesus died for me."*