

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

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

Our Family and Friends

(requests in the past two months)
 Elisa Galinaitis (family member of Teresa Shipley)
 Joyce Bowman (mother of Jon Bowman)
 Matt Younglove (friend of Mary Louise Poole)
 Lisa Norton (sister-in-law of Belinda Norton)
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 Michael T. Spangler (grandson of Faye Rosier)
 Mack Demetrakis (great-grandson of The Parlamans)



ATTENDANCE— LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE.

Complete this tear-off for the offering plate
 or text this info 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
- 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

MARCH

Peggy Hepler
 (410) 236-4174

Kirsty Vandervalk
 (443) 789-0346

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
 (grandson of Faye Rosier)

THE WEEK AHEAD, ON CAMPUS

church ministries and charter organization

TODAY

8:15am Chapel, 10:30am Worship,
 9am Education and Confirmation
 12:30pm Scouts Training—Jubilee
 6pm HUB Youth Gathering—Jubilee

MONDAY

12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
 6:30pm Cub Scouts—Jubilee Hall
 6:30pm Education—Martha Manahan Room

TUESDAY

9:30am Prayer Group—Martha Manahan Room
 6:45pm BSA Roundtable—Jubilee, NLIC, OlsonSteA

WEDNESDAY

1pm Compassionate Knitters
 6:30pm Handbell Choir—Bell Room
 7:30pm Chancel Choir—Choir Room

THURSDAY

6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 6:30pm Trustees—Conference Room

FRIDAY

12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

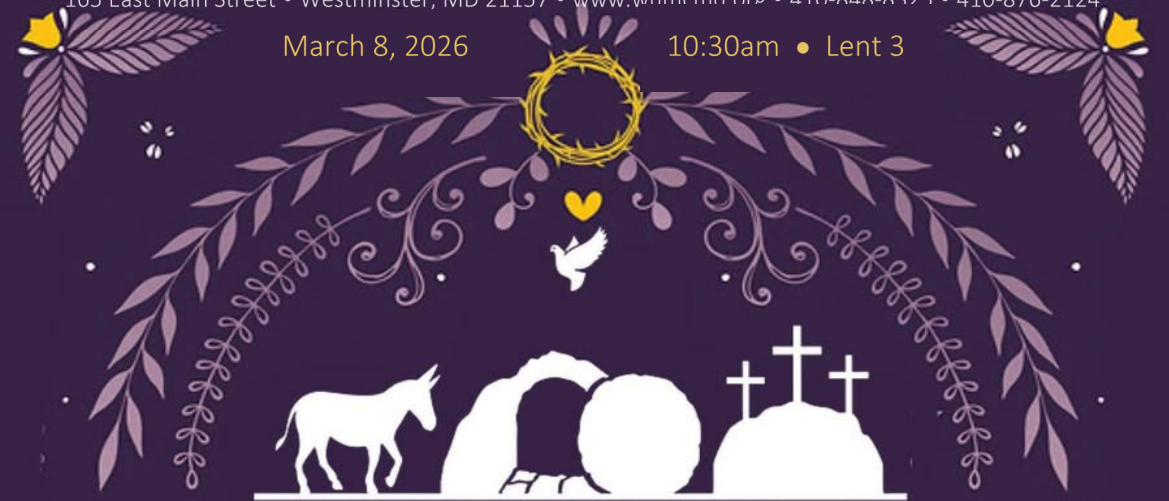
Deficit Free Land graphic appears monthly, first Sunday.

Westminster United Methodist Church

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March 8, 2026

10:30am • Lent 3



AN UNLIKELY LENT

EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE OF THE EASTER STORY

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING ATTENDANCE VIA TEXT

Please text your **FIRST/LAST NAME: 443-234-0806**

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

WELCOME

Larry Bohn

PRELUDE

"God So Loved the World"
 Wesley Carillon

Stainer/Wagner

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come carrying what we think we must carry—old regrets, quiet shame,
 stories we cannot undo.

People: We come weary of proving, weary of blaming.

Leader: The world tells us freedom is earned. The gospel tells us freedom is given.

People: We come to receive what we could never deserve.

Leader: For in Christ, shame does not have the final word.

People: And in Christ we, are set free.

* OPENING HYMN

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"
 (sung to the tune Canterbury 465)

UMH 164

* GATHERING PRAYER

God of surprising mercy, you free us in ways we do not expect and love us beyond what we deserve. Lift from us the weight of shame, silence the voice of blame, and by your Holy Spirit teach us to live as those who have already been spared. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

KIDS' TIME

A JOYFUL WITNESS

Tallulah Hempstead, Mabel Keefer

ANTHEM

"Amazing Love"

Graham Kendrick

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

"O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High" stanzas 1-3

UMH 267

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Matthew 27:15-26

GOD'S WORD THROUGH DRAMA

Barabbas: The Day of Release

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

"An Unlikely Lent: An Unlikely Freedom"

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

GOD'S WORD THROUGH DRAMA

Barabbas: After the Resurrection

OFFERTORY

"Assurance"

John Ness Beck

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

***Offertory Prayer—Steadfast God of Hope, You pour your Spirit into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. As we bring these gifts, may they testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Christ. Embolden us in our sharing, joyful in our service, and confident in your grace. In the name of the One who died for us and lives within us, we pray. 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

"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"

UMH 295

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"Sorrow and Pain"

Handel

please be seated for the Postlude

HUB UMYF PIZZA PARTY

SUN, MAR 8, 6-7:30PM—JUBILEE HALL
All Middle and High School Youth are invited to a joint Youth Group meeting hosted by Calvary UMC and WUMC for fun, fellowship, and mission outreach assembling Hygiene Kits for UMCOR. **RSVP by Mar 3** to Gail Evans, Calvary UMC, gevens0429@hotmail.com or 410-830-0713. Each Hygiene Kit costs \$14 and will be purchased by Calvary UMC Missions. **If you wish to donate/contribute**, please contact Gail Evans at Calvary: gevens0429@hotmail.com or 410-830-0713.

COFFEEHOUSE—JUBILEE HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 15—after 10:30am service
Lite refreshments will be served and a freewill offering will be collected. Please join us.

LADIES LUNCH (not affiliated with UWF)

FRI, MAR 20, 11:30AM—OFFSITE
Meet us at Sergio's (Fairground Village Shopping Ctr) 330 140 Village Rd Westminster, MD 21157

UWF INDOOR YARD SALE

SAT, MAR 21, 8am-2pm
Great sale with all types of items from many vendors. All tables are reserved. To be added to the wait list, contact Sue Thomas.

SPONSOR A COLOR BULLETIN

Scan the QR code to sponsor a bulletin with your dedication—or—go to our website www.wumcmd.org, click 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 note the bulletin date on your check memo line.*

EASTER FLOWERS & ALTERNATIVE GIVING

DUE DATE—SUNDAY, MARCH 22
Order forms are on the narthex wall-desk.

THANK YOU—Six Hands in Concert: Thanks to everyone for your attendance and support of our recent concert. Your love and generous support is acknowledged and most appreciated. Peggy, Nathan, Marnus and our sanctuary keyboards!

BLOOD DRIVE—SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE

TUE, APR 7, 1-6pm, Jubilee Hall
Make appointments now, www.redcrossblood.org or send Michelle a text 443-605-7569. Thank you. Supply is down by 35% over the past month.

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

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!

Mar 21 Mrs. Charlotte Wheatley
41 W. McKinsey Rd, 201B, Severna Park MD 21146

Mar 26 Mrs. Betty Ridgell, 205 St. Mark Way, #212
Carroll Lutheran Village, 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 Wesley Carillon: Peggy Brengle, Director
Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader Liturgist: Larry Bohn
God's Word in Drama: Chris Schryer ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Will Somers AV/Slides: Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer

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