

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

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

Our Family in Mourning

Curt & Sharon Greenway on the passing of brother, Robert Greenway.

Our Family and Friends

(requests in the past two months)
 Robin Watson (daughter of Fern Schmidt)
 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)



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)
 John Sherouse, Air Force, Israel
(good friend of Pastor Malcolm & Jacki)
 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)
 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
 11:30am Coffeehouse (after service) - Jubilee

MONDAY

12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

TUESDAY—Happy St. Patrick's Day

9:30am Prayer Group—Martha Manahan Room

WEDNESDAY

10am Endowment Meeting—Conference Room
 1pm Compassionate Knitters—Library
 6pm Missions—Conference Room
 6:30pm Handbell Choir—Bell Room
 7:30pm Chancel Choir—Choir Room

THURSDAY

6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

FRIDAY—UMYF to IGNITE Conference in OC

8:30am Organ Tuning—Sanctuary
 12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
 2pm SETUP UWF Indoor Yard Sale—Jubilee Hall

SATURDAY—UMYF to IGNITE Conference in OC

8am-2pm UWF Indoor Yard Sale—Jubilee Hall

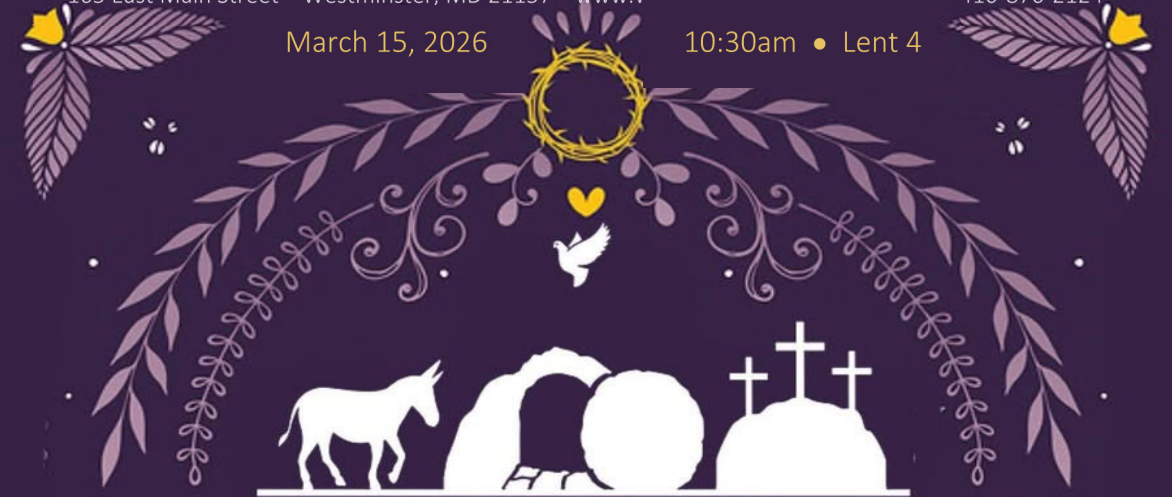
Deficit Free Land graphic appears monthly, first Sunday.

Westminster United Methodist Church

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March 15, 2026

10:30am • Lent 4



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

Woodie Wood

PRELUDE

"The Lamb of God"

Mansfield

* CALL TO WORSHIP—written by Mary J. Scifres,
 Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

Gather us in, the young and the old.

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

* OPENING HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

UMH 292

* GATHERING PRAYER—**God of compassion, whose Son walked the road of suffering and was not left to bear the cross alone. Draw us near to the mystery of your love. When the burdens of this world feel heavy, teach us not to turn away, but to walk beside one another with courage and grace. Open our hearts to your presence among us, that in sharing sorrow we may also glimpse hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM *"I Believe"* Mark A. Miller
Leah Schryer, soloist

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 *"The Servant Song"* FWS 2222

GOD'S WORD IS READ Luke 23:26-31

SOLILOQUY 1 Simon of Cyrene—The Day It Happened

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
"An Unlikely Lent: The Unlikely Champion"

SOLILOQUY 1 Simon of Cyrene—After the Resurrection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD Practice: Sharing in One Another's Suffering (from the book—The Unlikely Lent)

OFFERTORY *"Nocturne on "Creator of the Stars of Night""* Katherine Wright
see note on Announcements Page

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Offertory Prayer—(from GBOD.org)—**Radiant Shepherd, you walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Even in a world clouded by shadows, your light shines through—inviting us to live as children of the day. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our desire to walk in your ways, to live as your people, and to shine with the goodness, justice, and truth that reflect your image. Let our giving be more than ritual; let it be an act of trust, a response to your faithfulness, and a testimony of your light at work in us. In Christ's holy name, 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 *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"* stanzas 1-3 UMH 359

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *"Grave"* Spourni
please be seated for the Postlude

TODAY'S OFFERTORY (10:30am) is the First-Place Winner in the Short Composition for Worship Services Category of the American Guild of Organists' 2026 Women Composer Sunday Competition.

COFFEEHOUSE—JUBILEE HALL
TODAY—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.

EASTER FLOWERS & ALTERNATIVE GIVING
DUE DATE—SUNDAY, MARCH 22
Order forms are on the narthex wall-desk.

COLLECTION—CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY
DUE BY SUN, FEB 22—As we prepare to say farewell to our beloved Financial Secretary, Belinda Norton, SPRC is collecting a love offering to celebrate Belinda's ministry at WUMC. Please make checks payable to "Kenna Haj" and note "love offering" in the memo line. Please place checks in the offering plate. Thank you.

SPONSOR A BULLETIN
scan QR code or go to our website
worship links / bulletins-songs



CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM SIGN-UPS—contact Tim Edwards, 410-596-8760, wvualum95@gmail.com
Did you know WUMC has a softball team and we need a few more players to round out our roster for this season? Eligibility—18yrs or older; Games/Fields—Thu nights, Carroll Co Sports Complex; Season—Thu, Apr 16, thru July.

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 Liturgist: Woodie Wood
Soliloquy: Will Somers ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Bill Eckles AV/Slides: Bill Eckles

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Our Mission: "Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference."

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



SUN, MAR 29—Palm Sunday—onsite at WUMC 8:15am Chapel, 10:30am Worship
THU, APR 2—Maundy Thursday—OFFSITE 6pm at Church of the Ascension (old stone church)
FRI, APR 3—Good Friday—onsite at WUMC 7pm worship service and cantata
SUN, APR 5—Easter Sunday—onsite at WUMC one big service at 10:30am

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