

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 and Friends

(requests in the past two months)
 Mack Demetrakis (great-grandson of The Parlamans)
 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 Flinn's)
 Lance Cpl. Michael T. Spangler, USMC
 (grandson of Faye Rosier)

THE WEEK AHEAD, ON CAMPUS

church ministries and charter organization

TODAY—UMYF at IGNITE Conference in OC

8:15am Chapel, 10:30am Worship,
9am Education and Confirmation

MONDAY

12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
5pm Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta—Jubilee Hall
6:30pm Cub Scout Cmte Mtg—Jubilee Hall

TUESDAY

9:30am Prayer Group—Martha Manahan Room
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
6:30pm Church Council—Martha Manahan Room

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

FRIDAY

9:30am UWF Executive Meeting—Library
9:30am Herald Mailing—Office Conference Room
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

SATURDAY

11am Funeral and Repast—Sanctuary/MM Room

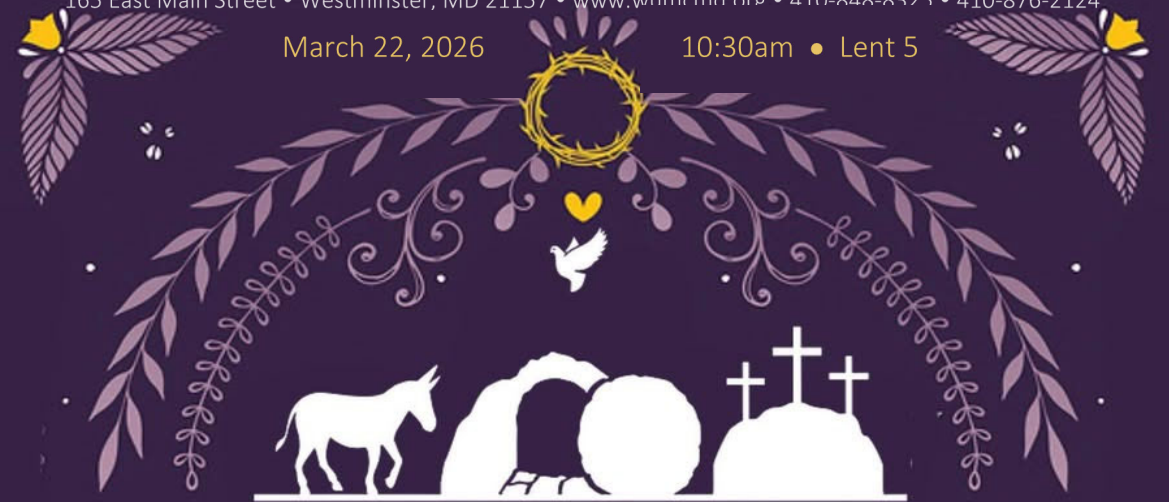
Deficit Free Land graphic appears monthly, first Sunday.

Westminster United Methodist Church

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March 22, 2026

10:30am • Lent 5



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

Ronnie Bohn

PRELUDE

"Lead Me to Calvary"

arr. Young

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time for passivity is over; the mission before us is clear.

People: We are called to be bold and courageous followers of the Way.

Leader: Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

People: We will not fear, for God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, love, and self-control.

Leader: Let us leave behind what is comfortable to pursue what is true and just.

People: We are ready to serve the Lord with purpose.

Together: Come, let us worship the God who empowers our steps.

* OPENING HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

TFWS 2083

* GATHERING PRAYER

Lord God, You have called us to be courageous in an age that prizes comfort. As we gather, grant us the boldness of the prophets and the faithful heart of a servant. When we are tempted to be silent, give us Your word. When we are afraid to stand up, remind us that You are our shield. We come to worship you—our Deliverer and Source of Strength—and to step out in faith this week. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

A JOYFUL WITNESS Liam Somers, Buck Hempstead (bulletin insert/slide)

ANTHEM "Always on Our Side" arr. McDonald

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 "Woman in the Night" (hymnal use recommended) UMH 274
Choir—stanza 1; All—stanzas 2-7, sing Refrain after stanza 7, only

GOD'S WORD IS READ Luke 23:44-49

WOMEN AT THE CROSS

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
"An Unlikely Lent: Unlikely Courage"

MANY YEARS LATER—REMEMBERING THE CROSS

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. Wood
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 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH 301

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "Postlude" Walczynnski
please be seated for the Postlude

EASTER FLOWERS & ALTERNATIVE GIVING
DUE DATE—TODAY—FINAL DATE
Order forms are on the narthex wall-desk.

COLLECTION—CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY
DUE BY TODAY—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.

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

SPONSOR A COLOR BULLETIN FOR PALM SUNDAY (or any future Sunday)
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.

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: Ronnie Bohn
Drama: Linda Wood, Emily Gibbs, Lori Hayman ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Will Somers AV/Slides: Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer
All music used in today's service is podcast/streamed with permission from either ONE LICENSE #731177-A or CCLI Licenses #627547 & #20216174. Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.

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 & cantata (no livestream)
Note: Good Friday service will not be recorded.

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.

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