

HE IS RISEN
alleluia



April 5, 2026 • 10:30am • Easter Sunday

Westminster United Methodist Church

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Welcome to WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING ATTENDANCE VIA TEXT
or tear-off on the bulletin back cover

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 Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed!** Anne Dorwart

PRELUDE “Up From the Grave He Arose” arr. Powell

GOD’S WORD IS READ Matthew 28:1-10
This is the Gospel of Our Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you heard the Good News! I ask again, *Have you heard the Good News!*

Christ the Lord is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

* OPENING HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” stanzas 1-4 arr. Dobrinski, UMH 302

* GATHERING PRAYER—**Resurrecting God! The women shared the good news of Christ’s Resurrection! We come this day to commemorate and celebrate the joyous news for all to hear. Enliven our worship with new life as we have discovered that God’s promises are trustworthy and true! In the name of the one who was raised we pray, Amen!**

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

“Welcome”

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KIDS’ TIME

A WELCOME FROM OUR LAY LEADER

Lynn Kohr

ANTHEM

“Rise Up Singing”

Pam Martin & Craig Courtney

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.

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD

"Feasting at Christ's Table"

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"As the Morning Sunlight Appears"

Paxton

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

* CLOSING HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"Thine Be the Glory"

arr. Smith

please be seated for the Postlude

Easter Gifts

Our Easter Gifts are given to the Glory of God and dedicated as follows:

— ARRANGEMENTS —
ON THE NARTHEX CREDENCE TABLES

in loving memory of Jane Anderson, with love by her family.

— LILIES —

In memory of Lura and Earl Griswold, by their family.

In honor of my siblings, Keith Clise, Sarah Sampson, by Jennifer Munch.

In honor of my children and grandchildren, by Sue Thomas.

In memory of my father, Charles Furlong, by Betsy Waldheim.

— TULIPS —

Anonymous

In honor of Jennifer Munch, by Ronnie & Larry Bohn.

In memory of Dan Bohn and in honor of Sue Bohn, by Ronnie & Larry Bohn.

In celebration of Michele & Gary's 18th wedding anniversary, by Gary Bowman.

In memory of our parents, Donald & Dora Bowman, and John & Cathy Miller,
by Gary & Michele Bowman.

In memory of Tom Hepler, missed by Peggy, Zac, Amanda, Mark, Kaia, and Cole.

In memory of Guy & Ellen Hepler and Richard & Genevive Watson, by Peggy Hepler.

In honor of grandchildren, Michaela and Natalie, by Rev. Ken & Beverly Humbert.

In honor of children, Dr. Micah Humbert and Meghan Humbert,
by Rev. Ken & Beverly Humbert.

In honor of our children and grandchildren, Rob, Heather, Jakob, William,
Josh, Brittany, Mabel, and Wren, by Al & Sandy Keefer.

In loving memory of my dad, Erich J. Hofmann, Jr.,
with love by Heather, Rob, Jakob, and William Keefer.

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Earl Kimble, by Jeff & Marjorie Kimble.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Rogers Rankin, by Jeff & Marjorie Kimble.

In memory of Ellis Lawson, by Linda, Brian, and Katie.

In honor of Ronnie & Larry Bohn, sister & brother-in-law, by Jennifer Munch.

In honor of Sue Shorb-Sterling, by Carole Roberts.

In honor of Bunny Johnson, by Carole Roberts.

In memory of David Roush, by Dee Roush.

In honor of my children, grandchildren, and great-grandboys, by Dee Roush.

In memory of my husband, Tom Thomas, by Sue Thomas.

In memory of my parents, Robert & Helaine Bowersox, by Pam Valis.

In honor of my mother, Elizabeth Furlong, by Betsy Waldheim.

— LOAVES & FISHES SOUP KITCHEN —

In memory of Chris Clise, by Ronnie & Larry Bohn.

In honor of Pastor Malcolm for being our spiritual leader.
God bless you and your family during your retirement
and all the new adventures that await you. Given by Michael & Vicki Collett.

In memory of Bill & Jackie Hering, by Randy & Diane Groft.

In honor of our children, Ashley & Kevin Graff, and Ryan & Lauren Groft,
by Randy & Diane Groft.

In honor of our grandchildren: Olivia, Ava, Nathan, Madison, Carsyn, and Rhett,
by Randy & Diane Groft.

In memory of Barbara Hayman, with love by Lori and Alexa Hayman.

In honor of Bob Hayman, with love by Lori and Alexa Hayman.

In memory of grandson, Killian, by Pastor Dave & Conni Highfield.

In memory of Anna Mae Melown Beard, Robert W. Melown, Harry B. Beard, Jr.,
by Al & Sandy Keefer.

In honor of our grandchildren, by Dean & Pat Minnich

In memory of my brother, Chris Clise, by Jennifer Munch.

In honor of our Risen Lord and all who serve Him, by Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

In honor of Dick & Barbara Luckenbaugh, by Bob & Dot White.

— NIGHT BY NIGHT SHELTER —

In memory of Albert (Bud) Vogel, Sr. Albert was a dedicated father, grandfather, and
great-grandfather to Vicki & Michael Collett, Joanna & Aaron Lyle,
and Addison & Sydney Lyle. Given by Michael & Vicki Collett.

In memory of Stephany and Geoffrey Seargeant, with love by Lori and Alexa Hayman.

In memory of Mac Conover, with love by Lori Hayman.

In memory of my parents, Robert & Helaine Bowersox, by Pam Valis.

Thank you for your generosity
in adorning our worship space
with beautiful Easter flowers.

Thank you for your compassionate giving as
we support our local shelter and commit to
feeding the hungry of Carroll County in
WUMC's soup kitchen, Loaves & Fishes.

\$	465	—	Loaves & Fishes (Soup Kitchen)
	66	—	Night by Night Shelter (local year-round shelter)
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\$	971		Easter Gifts Total (monetary gifts)

...plus, fresh flowers to adorn our space!

TODAY'S EASTER SUNDAY BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, Mildred and Robert Poole, by Mary Louise Poole.

My mother passed Easter Week, 26 years ago on April 18, 2000.



ONE BIG CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO!

TODAY! following worship

Join us after worship for a full congregational photo! We'd like to capture our congregation in their Easter finery as a gift for Pastor Malcolm and for our new clergy, Pastor Amanda. The photo will also be used on our website. We look forward to having everyone included in our photo.

BLOOD DRIVE—SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE

TUE, APRIL 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

COVERED DISH & BIBLE TRIVIA EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, JUBILEE HALL following worship
Hosted by Fun Fellowship.

SPONSOR A BULLETIN

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



 **CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM SIGN-UPS**—Tim Edwards, 410-596-8760, wvualum95@gmail.com
WUMC's softball team needs a few more players to fill our roster for this season. Eligibility—18yrs or older.
Games/Fields—Thu nights, Carroll Co Sports Complex. Season—Thu, Apr 16, thru July.

STORIES THAT MATTER —

Easter Season Worship Series

The season of Easter is a time of embracing the promise and hope of Resurrection. From Confirmation Sunday on April 12 to Ascension Sunday on May 17, we will celebrate stories that matter, ancient stories that are woven into the tradition of our faith which give meaning to our stories of contemporary society. As the resource asks, "How often do we worship and believe in the idea of Christ's resurrection without expecting to witness real Resurrection in our lives, our communities, and our world?"

Our response each week will be to share a story from our lives of how we have experienced some aspect of real resurrection in our lives, our community, and our world. These will be compiled to tell our congregation's stories.

Some of the best stories use illustrations and pictures to tell our story. After worship on Easter Sunday, we will take a photo of our congregation on the front steps of our church. **Over the next week, please locate a recent photo, a 3"x 5" snapshot, of you or your family to help us record your story and attach it to the card you receive, today. Fill out a card telling us who is in the photo, their name and birthday, and the circumstances or event of when the photo was taken. Bring this to worship next Sunday. Don't forget.**

MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians!

Apr 2 Mr. Donald L. Hicks
660 Gahle Drive
Westminster MD 21157

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-organist

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director

Wesley Carillon: Kyler Brengle, Director

Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader

Liturgist: Anne Dorwart

ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

Slides: Will Somers

AV/Slides: Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer

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

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Betty Ridgell
 Arlene Hirtle
 Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel
 Lily Clendaniel
 Heidi Trimmer

Susan Harry
 Faye Rosier

Long-term:
 Wayne Olson
 Christy Swartzbaugh

In Military Service

Jonyae Curry, Army (our Youth Director)
 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)

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.

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: _____

Our Family and Friends

(requests in the past two months)
 Jack Anderson (father of Jacki Stranathan)
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 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)

REACH MINISTRY

Are you a
 church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery/mourning
- Transport to local medical appt's

APRIL

Sue Thomas
 (410) 917-3149

Brenda Tracy
 (410) 215-6557

IT'S A NEW DAY!
Deficit Free

Current Deficit = **\$0—No Deficit!**

You're on Fiyah!
 75% done = \$25,000+ debt

Halfway There!
 50% done = \$50,000+ debt

Way to GO!
 25% done = \$75,000+ debt

START

\$0 debt FINISH

Each = \$ approx \$1,000
(there are 100 s)

Onset of drive = \$105,825+ debt
 2025 added \$20,200 additional debt