

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

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

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

Our Family and Friends

(requests in the past two months)
 Ernest (friend of Carole Roberts)
 Robin Watson (daughter of Fern Schmidt)
 Jack Anderson (father of Jacki Stranathan)
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 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:

Sue Thomas
 (410) 917-3149

Brenda Tracy
 (410) 215-6557

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)

THE WEEK AHEAD, ON CAMPUS

church ministries and charter organization

TODAY—Communion Sunday
 8:15am Chapel, 10:30am Worship,
 9am Education and Confirmation

MONDAY
 9:30am UW Faith Miriam Circle—Conf. Room
 12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
 6:30pm Cub Scouts Den Mtgs—Hall, NLIC, Olson A

TUESDAY—Deadline for June/July Herald articles
 9:30am Prayer Group—Martha Manahan Room
 10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
 8pm SPRC—ConfRm or ZOOM

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

THURSDAY
 10:30am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 6pm National Day of Prayer—Peace Garden

FRIDAY
 12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

MAY

May 3 2026 • 10:30am • Easter 5

Westminster United Methodist Church

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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 Pastor Dave Highfield

PRELUDE *"Meditation on "O Store Gud""* arr. Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER—written by Lisa Hancock
 Leader: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path,
 Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.
 The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.
 The Spirit draws us into God's story,
 showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.
 Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators
 of love and abundant life.

**ALL PRAYING: We come to worship Holy God; may we listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides,
 and helps us join in your story, until your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* UMH 152

KIDS' TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE
 (Written by the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting)

* HYMN *“Glory Be to the Father”* UMH 70

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

GOD’S WORD IS READ John 14:15-27

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
“Stories That Matter: The Spirit Abides”

...And so, as a people gathered into one story, let us begin as the church has always begun:
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 those whose stories have shaped our faith,
with saints and seekers in every time and place, we join our voices and say:
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.

...And so, in this remembering—not as something distant, but as something alive—
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 God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *“The Lord’s Prayer (excerpt from Thy Will Be Done)”* Joyce E. Eilers

COMMUNION
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *“Pastorale on “My God, Thy Table Now is Spread””* arr. Ashdown
As you come to the table, offering plates are available to receive God’s tithes and your offering. Also, please use this time to fill out your postcard and place it in the white box (at the end of the aisle or in the lobby.) Thank you.

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER
**Spirit of the living God, we give you thanks for meeting us at this table—
for feeding us with grace and reminding us who we are in Christ.**
As we rise and go from this place, abide with us still.
Guide us, shape us, send us, and remind us to live the story of God’s love in the world.
And when we forget, gather us again and make us one in Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN *“There’s Within My Heart a Melody” stanzas 1-4* UMH 380

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *“Postlude in C”* Johnston
please be seated for the Postlude

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 7, 6pm at the WUMC Peace Garden
Bring a prayer or reading that you would like to share during this time. Thank you.

LADIES LUNCH (not affiliated with UWFaith)
FRI, MAY 15, 11:30am
Café Blue (formerly Blue Bistro)
Fairground Village, 330 140 Village Road,
Westminster. Dutch Treat.
We hope you will join us for lunch and fellowship.

UWFaith HUB MEETING—OFFSITE
DEER PARK UMC
SAT, MAY 16, 9:30am (concludes by noon)
RSVP BY MAY 12 to Beverly, (410) 303-3418.
More info in your eHerald & May Herald newsletter.

RECOGNIZING GRADUATES—MAY 31
*** SUBMIT INFO BY SUNDAY, MAY 24 ***
email s.haines@wumcmd.org; 410-848-8325,x110
Graduates of High School and Higher Learning:
Graduate (full name) _____
Graduate of (school name) _____
Degree/Honors (if applicable) _____
Future Plans _____
Child of (grandchild of) WUMC members _____

YOU ARE INVITED—WILL SCHRYER’S
EAGLE COURT OF HONOR
WED, JUNE 10, 7PM—OFFSITE / RSVP THRU JUNE 1
THE PORTICO AT ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
The congregation is invited ... and ... Will would like to express his gratitude to the church community for their lifelong support and for their generous contributions to his Eagle Project.
PLEASE RSVP TO LEAH SCHRYER BY JUNE 1
text 812-525-9160; email leahschryer@gmail.com

STORIES THAT MATTER — Worship Series
The season of Easter is a time of embracing the promise and hope of Resurrection. From now until 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.

Please return cards to the white boxes.
Week #5—Where have you experienced the Spirit guiding or reminding you of God’s love this week?
Prior weeks’ cards are available in the narthex.

LET’S WEAR OUR CHURCH NAME TAGS
As we look toward Pastor Amanda’s arrival, let’s get back in the habit of wearing our name tags.
Check the magnet boards in the narthex (on the columns) for your tag. Contact Sherri if you need a new church name tag: s.haines@wumcmd.org

SAVE THE DATE:
VBS—RAINFOREST FALLS—more info, soon!
MON, JULY 6—FRI, JULY 10, 5:45-8:15pm
Now accepting adult & youth volunteers.
Linda, educationchair@wumcmd.org
Emily, childrensminister@wumcmd.org

MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS
We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians!
May No 90+ birthdays
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	Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. David Highfield	ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Will Somers	AV/Slides: Chris Schryer, Maddie Schryer
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