Westminster United Methodist Church

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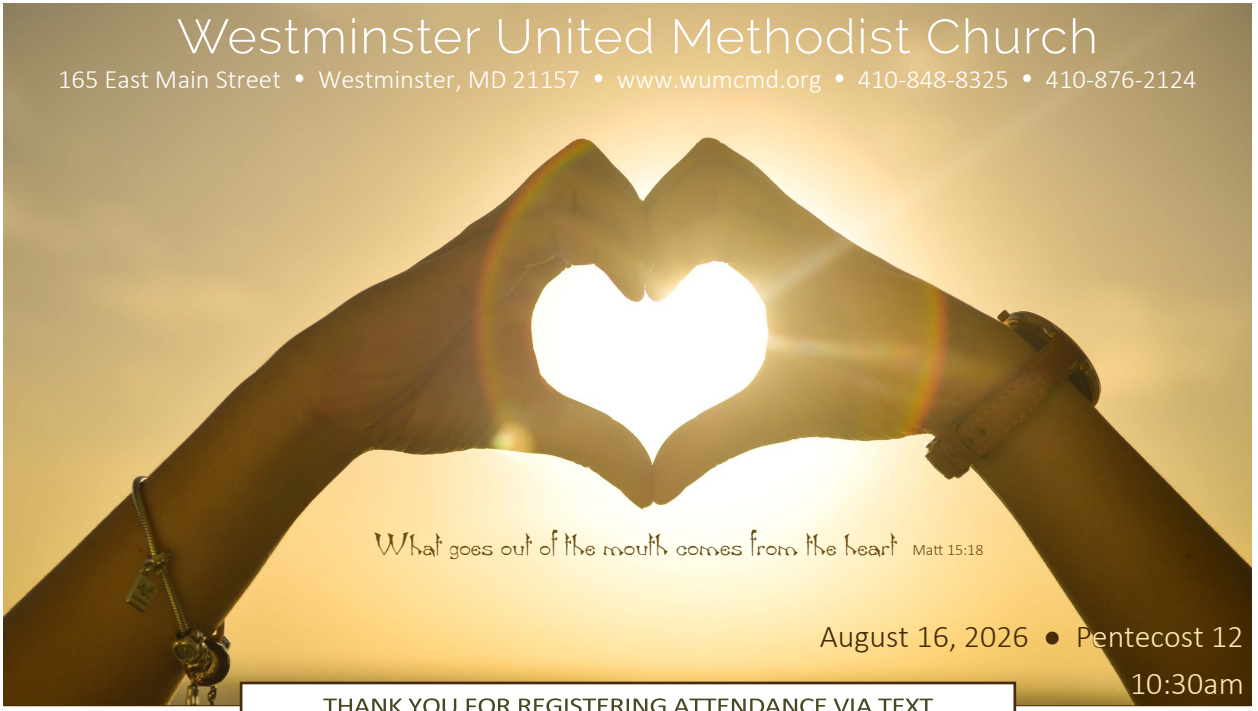

August 16, 2026 • Pentecost 12

10:30am

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 — Rich Gonsman

PRELUDE — *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee"* — arr. Mantz

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ calls us beyond outward appearances and into lives of genuine faith.

People: We come seeking hearts that are shaped by God's love.

Leader: May our words bring grace, truth, and hope to the world.

People: May our lives reflect the heart of Christ as we worship together.

* OPENING HYMN — *"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" stanzas 1-4* — UMH 383

(hymnal use recommended)

* GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, you know us more deeply than we know ourselves. You see beyond our words and actions into the places where our hopes, fears, and desires are formed. As we gather in worship, search our hearts and renew our spirits. Remove what is selfish, bitter, or prideful, and fill us instead with the compassion, humility, and love of Christ. May the words we speak, the choices we make, and the lives we live bear witness to Your transforming grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

GIVING THANKS FOR JONYAE'S MINISTRY AMONG US

ANTHEM *"Speak O Lord"* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* UMH 452

GOD'S WORD IS READ Matthew 15:10-20 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "From the Inside Out" Pastor Amanda McMurtrey

OFFERTORY *"Blessed Assurance"* Callahan
*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, you have been faithful to us in every season. As we offer these gifts, we place our trust not in what we can accomplish alone, but in your power to accomplish far more than we can imagine. Receive these offerings and use them to bring hope where there is fear, peace where there is uncertainty, and love where there is doubt. Strengthen your Church to be a witness to Christ's presence in every storm, and teach us to live with generous and trusting hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *"Jesus Shall Reign"* UMH 157

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *"A Time for New Beginnings"* Smith
please be seated for the Postlude

Today's bulletins
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Alex Olson, by The Olson Family.

TODAY, WE GIVE THANKS IN WORSHIP

for Jonyae's ministry among us and we join in wishing her well at a Farewell Reception in the Martha Manahan Room, after service. Jonyae is an Active Duty Army Chaplain. Jonyae, we thank you for your service to WUMC and to our country.

FRIENDS' LUNCH—OFFSITE

FRI, AUG 21, 11:30am. We hope you'll join us!
Bullock's, 2020 Sykesville Rd, Westminster
We meet 3rd Fridays at local restaurants; Dutch Treat.

WELCOME McDANIEL COLLEGE STUDENTS

SAT, AUG 22, corner of Main & Pennsylvania Ave; setup 10:30am; welcome 10:45-1pm. Let's provide refreshments and let students know our church is a place they are **welcomed, valued, and supported** through their college journey. **To help, contact:** ***Meghan 410-259-1148, councilchair@wumcmd.org.***
Donations needed: Pre-packaged retail cookies, ice pops (bring frozen), 8oz bottles of water, coolers for ice. Call Sherri to make an appointment to drop-off your donations at the church office, 410-848-8325, or you may bring donations directly to the event.

TAKE THE READINESS360 SURVEY

DUE AUGUST 23—YOUR VOICE MATTERS!
Share your thoughts, experiences, and hopes for the future of our church. Celebrate our strengths and identify opportunities for growth as we continue toward a **vibrant, healthy, faithful church.** Every response helps us understand where God is leading WUMC. Thank you for sharing your voice. **Check your email for the survey link. If you cannot access the survey online, please see Pastor Amanda; we will assist you in taking the survey.**

SHOW YOUR WELCOME!

Help Westminster UMC share our commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive, Reconciling congregation!
Reconciling Ministries yard signs and window clings are now available to order. Display one at your home, in your car, or at your business as a joyful sign that all are welcome, valued, & loved.
Order sign-up clipboards are on the table near the Sanctuary door and include example photos of the 5" window clings ($5) and 24x18"yard signs ($15).
Payment is due when you pick up your order (early Sept.). **Orders accepted Sundays, Aug 16 & 23.**
Thank you for helping Westminster UMC make a visible, joyful witness of God's inclusive love!

ATTENTION BAKERS

We need your special scratch-made baked delights to be used as prizes for trivia bingo at the church picnic on September 13th. We are looking for 7-8 special baked items. Both sweet & savory baked goods are welcome. Contact Leah Schryer leahschryer@gmail.com or 812-525-9160.

SAVE THE DATES

TUE, SEPT 8, 11am-1pm—Fellowship Lunch at CLV Bistro
SUN, SEPT 13—Faith Exploration Kick-off, Choir returns, Fun Fellowship Church Picnic follows worship.
SUN, SEPT 20, 4pm—HUB Churches Picnic @ Deer Park.
SAT-SUN, SEPT 26—Fallfest Table (more to come).
FRI, OCT 23, 9-5pm; SAT, OCT 24, 9-1pm—UWFaith Annual Rummage Sale; donations to the stage after Labor Day.

MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians!

! ! ! PEGGY CELEBRATED HER 101st BIRTHDAY ! ! !

Aug. 2 Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Morningstar
67 Ralph Street
Westminster MD 21157

Aug. 15 Mrs. Jeanne Carbaugh
The Terraces at Westminster
45 Washington Road, #213
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. Amanda McMurtrey
Liturgist: Rich Gonsman Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Will Somers AV/Slides: tbd

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Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.

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

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Charles Sterling
Sandy Hirtle
Lorna Rice
Arlene Hirtle
Dixie Elmes
Betty Ridgell

Lily Clendaniel
Susan Harry
Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel

Long-term:
Wayne Olson
Christy Swartzbaugh

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)
Heather (sister of Heidi Trimmer)
Robin & Tony (daughter/son-in-law of Fern Schmidt)
Cole Finnerty (great-grandson of Paul Finnerty)

REQUESTING PRAYER

- Online, www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html
- Email Pastor Amanda, a.mcmurtrey@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

AUGUST

Carolyn Scott
(443) 536-1030

Contact monthly coordinator, directly.

In Military Service

Jonyae Curry, Active Duty Army Chaplain
(formerly served as WUMC Director of Youth Ministry)

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)

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: _____

THE WEEK AHEAD, ON CAMPUS

church ministries and charter organization

TODAY
10:30am Worship

MONDAY
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

TUESDAY
8am Fire Alarm/Ext. Test & Inspection—Campus
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200

WEDNESDAY
9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Suite

THURSDAY
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

FRIDAY
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall