Westminster United Methodist Church

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AUGUST 23, 2026 • PENTECOST 13 • 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 — Susan Harry

PRELUDE — *"Father, We Thank Thee" (UMH 565)* — arr. Calkins

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to offer our whole lives as an act of worship.

People: We come ready to be renewed and transformed by grace.

Leader: In Christ, we are many members, each with gifts to share.

People: Together we are one body, belonging to Christ and to one another.

* OPENING HYMN — *"My Life Is in You, Lord"* — TFWS 2032

* GATHERING PRAYER

Transforming God, by your grace, renew our minds, reshape our hearts, and transform the ways we live. Form us into the body of Christ, where every person is valued, every gift has purpose, and every life has a place. May we belong fully to one another and serve faithfully together, so that through us the world might see the transforming power of your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Simple Gifts"* arr. Hayes
Jennifer Stitely, soloist

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 *"Living for Jesus" stanzas 1,3* TFWS 2149

GOD'S WORD IS READ Romans 12:1-8 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Be Transformed" Pastor Amanda McMurtrey

OFFERTORY *"Aria Cantabile"* Beethoven/Parks
*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given each of us gifts according to your grace. As we bring these offerings, we also offer ourselves—our abilities, our time, our compassion, and our service. Take what we offer and transform it for your purposes. Use every gift and every person to strengthen the body of Christ and share your love with the world. May all that we give become part of our living sacrifice of praise. 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 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* TFWS 2153

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *"Sonata in D Major"* D.Scarlatti
please be seated for the Postlude

Today's bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Gregg Gillespie.

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.). **TODAY IS THE FINAL DATE to place an order.**

Thank you for helping Westminster UMC make a visible, joyful witness of God's inclusive love!

TAKE THE READINESS360 SURVEY

DUE TODAY—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.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday school will now be named FAITH EXPLORATION.

Why? We believe this name more fully embraces our commitment to both education ABOUT and discipleship OF Jesus.

For our young people, it removes the potential barrier of a 6th day of school and makes clear the connection between Faith Exploration and Faith Confirmation.

SAVE THE DATES

TUE, SEPT 8, 11am—Fellowship Lunch, CLV Bistro.

SUN, SEPT 13—Faith Exploration Kick-off, Choir returns, Fun Fellowship Church Picnic

SUN, SEPT 20, 4pm—HUB Churches Pot Luck OFFSITE at Deer Park UMC.

SUN, OCT 4—Words&Music Concert @ WUMC.

SUN, OCT 11—Coffeehouse follows worship.

SUN, OCT 18—VIP Luncheon follows worship.

SAT-SUN, SEPT 26—Fallfest Table (more info, soon). Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 12-6pm.

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: Susan Harry 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."

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)

Gabriella "Gigi" Hart (friend of Dan Dell)
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
6:30pm Cub Scouts Cmte Mtg—Jubilee Hall

TUESDAY
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
1pm Archive Work—Conference Room
6:30pm Church Council—Martha Manahan Room

WEDNESDAY
9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Suite

THURSDAY
9:30am Herald Mailing—Conference Room
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

FRIDAY
9:30am UWFaith Executive Cmte—Library
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall