Westminster United Methodist Church

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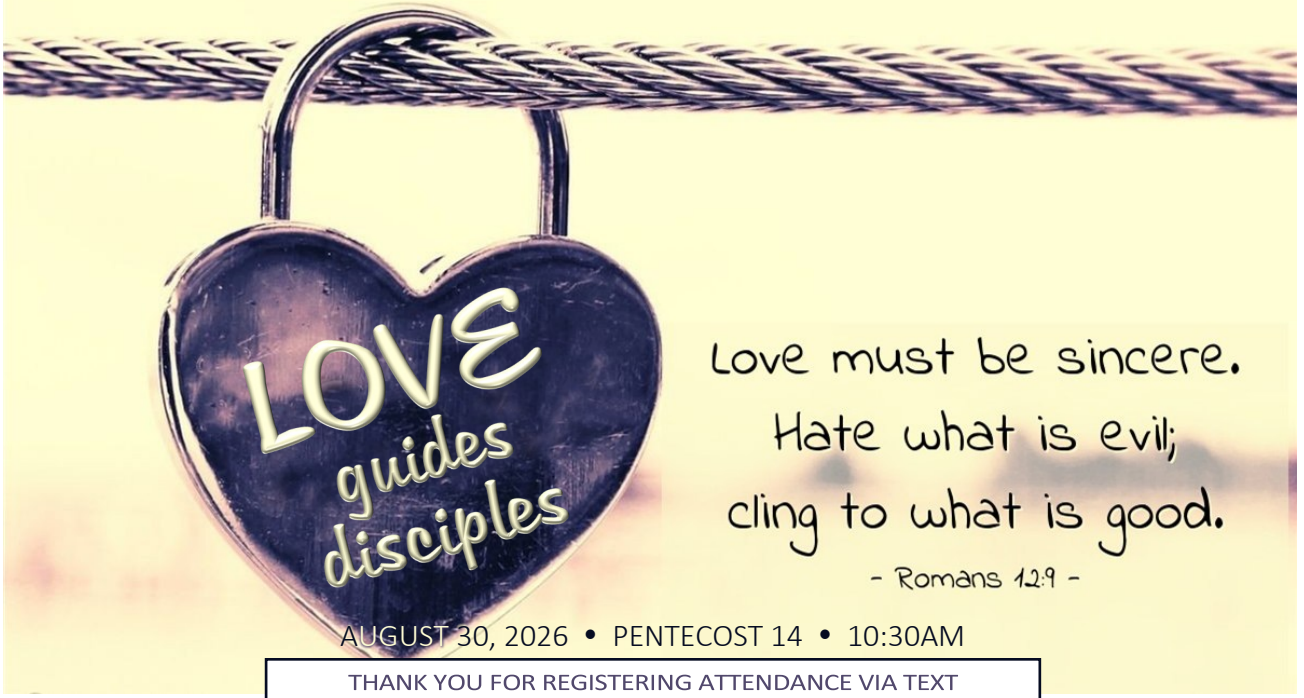

AUGUST 30, 2026 • PENTECOST 14 • 10:30AM

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 — Pastor Dave Highfield

PRELUDE — *"Prelude on "Converse" (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)"* — Haan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to love genuinely, to hold fast to what is good, and to honor one another.

People: We come ready to grow in the ways of Christ.

Leader: We are called to rejoice in hope, persevere in prayer, practice hospitality, and live in peace.

People: We come knowing that discipleship touches every part of our lives.

Leader: There is room for each of us to grow more deeply in love and faithfulness.

People: Together, let us worship God and seek the grace to become the disciples Christ calls us to be.

* OPENING HYMN *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* UMH 402

* GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we gather for worship, open our hearts to the ways you are shaping us as disciples. By your grace, shape our lives to look more like Christ. Teach us to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, serve those in need, and overcome evil with good. May our worship today strengthen us not simply to know what discipleship requires, but to live it faithfully each day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC *"One Day"* B.Fowler, M.Armstrong, M.Cochren
Alexa Hayman, 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 *"Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me"* UMH 336
(hymnal use recommended)

GOD'S WORD IS READ Romans 12:9-21 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "The Discipleship Patch" Pastor Amanda McMurtrey

OFFERTORY *"A Quiet Reflection"* Mansfield
*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have shown us what genuine love looks like and have called us to share what we have with those in need. Receive these gifts as one expression of our discipleship. Bless what we offer and use it to extend hospitality, meet needs, bring hope, and share the love of Christ. Continue shaping us into generous people who serve with joy, give with compassion, and seek what is good for all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at www.wumcmd.org; or Mail to: Westminster UMC, 165 E Main Street, Westminster, MD 21158. Thank you.

* CLOSING HYMN *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* UMH 431

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *"Trumpet Tune in F"* Wold
please be seated for the Postlude

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

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals begin

WED, SEPT 2, 7:30-9pm.
Are you interested in singing with us? Contact Kyler at 443-789-9754, k.brengle@wumcmd.org

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH—OFFSITE

TUE, SEPT 8, 11am @ CLV BISTRO
We had a great time, last month … so, we're doing it, again! Please, join us.

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.

FAITH EXPLORATION KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 9am

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 BIBLE STUDY—Library room

UWFAITH WESTMINSTER HUB MTG

SAT, SEPT 12, 9:30am—Calvary UMC, Gamber
OFFSITE MEETING. Guest speaker: Jim Gourley (recently returned from Africa, serving as a VIM). All members invited. See Beverly for more info.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPT 13—follows worship

Fun Fellowship hosts our annual Church Picnic as we kick-off the 2026-27 season. Watch for more info to come from Fun Fellowship.

SAVE THE DATES

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

No 90+ birthdays in our records for September.

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Leading Worship: Rev. Amanda McMurtrey
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. David Highfield ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
Slides: Will Somers AV/Slides: tbd

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

Carolyn Scott
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)

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

SEPTEMBER

Carole Roberts
(443) 289-7446

Contact monthly coordinator, directly.

In Military Service

Jonyae Curry, Active Duty Army Chaplain
(former 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
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
1pm Archive Work—Conference Room

WEDNESDAY
9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Suite
6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal—Bell Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

THURSDAY
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

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

SATURDAY
Articles due for the October Herald newsletter.