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 — Don Weser

PRELUDE — *"I Love to Tell the Story"* — arr. Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God meets us on the journey and calls us to remember.

People: We remember the God who delivers, provides, and leads us into freedom.

Leader: Christ gathers us around the table and invites us to receive the gifts of grace.

People: We come to remember, to give thanks, and to be nourished for the journey.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose saving love is with us still.

All: With grateful hearts, we worship and give thanks to God.

* OPENING HYMN — *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"* — UMH 315

* GATHERING PRAYER

God of deliverance and grace, throughout the generations, you have called your people to remember: to remember your faithfulness, your saving power, and your presence along the journey. You led your people from bondage toward freedom, and in Jesus Christ you have given us the promise of abundant and everlasting life. As we worship today, help us to remember not simply with our minds, but with our lives. Gather us again around the story of your grace. Open our hearts to your Word, nourish us at your table, and strengthen us to follow wherever you lead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Morning Has Broken"* Wesley Quartet arr. McChesney

COMMUNITY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD IS READ Exodus 12:1-14 (CEB), Luke 22:7-13 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Series: "On the Journey" Pastor Amanda McMurtrey
Title: "The Act of Remembering"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—for Exodus 12:1-14 & Luke 22:7-13
Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. ….. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: 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.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ….. 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:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. ….. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "*Come Sweet Peace of God*" Paxton

Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at www.wumcmd.org; or Mail to: Westminster UMC, 165 E Main Street, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of remembrance, as you sent your people from bondage toward freedom, send us from this table as people of your liberating grace. Give us courage for the journey ahead. Teach us to remember your faithfulness when the way is uncertain. Help us to recognize those who still long for freedom, those who hunger for hope, and those who need a place at the table. In your name we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN *"Now Thank We All Our God"* UMH 102

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE please be seated for the Postlude *"Allegretto"* Franck

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.

PRESCHOOL BEGINS, THIS WEEK

Please be alert for traffic devices defining the preschool car lane reserved weekdays, 8am-3pm.

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.

WUMC 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.

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.

CORRECTION from our Sept. Herald……

CHURCH CONFERENCE

SAT, OCT 24, 9am at Deer Park UMC

Our Church Conference will be held offsite at: Deer Park UMC, 2205 Sykesville Rd, Westminster.

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

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.

SAT, OCT 24, 9am—Church Conference OFFSITE @ Deer Park UMC, 2205 Sykesville Rd.

COMMUNITY CONCERT AT WUMC

SUN, OCT 4—get your tickets, now

Concert provided by Words&Music (not affiliated with WUMC). An afternoon of music from the Americas with selections by Argentinian composer Carlos Guastavino, Canadian composer John Greer, and selections from Great American Songbook.

MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians!

No 90+ birthdays in our records for September.

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

Wesley Quartet: Kyler Brengle, Peggy Brengle, Donna Kattermann, Linda Wood

Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader Liturgist: Don Weser 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

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:

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❑ 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—LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Campus Closed for staff
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

TUESDAY
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
6pm Missions—Conference Room
6:30pm Worship Arts—Library

WEDNESDAY—2026-27 PRESCHOOL BEGINS
9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Suite
6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal—Bell Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

THURSDAY
10:30am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary
6:30pm Trustees—Conference Room

FRIDAY
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall