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 — Greg Goodell

PRELUDE — *"Fanfare on "Lead On, O King Eternal""* — arr. Sewell

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Teach this to the young, tell this to everyone you meet:
God is watching us, and watching over us!

People: And not just from a distance.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, the dwelling of God is among us.

People: In us, let God be pleased to dwell.

Leader: It is ours to sing out God's goodness.

People: It is ours to live out God's praise!

* OPENING HYMN — *"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"* — TFWS 2234

* GATHERING PRAYER

Direct us, O Lord, in all our learning, teaching and doing. Grant us grace when we stray, as we often do. Answer our objections and doubts with your blessed assurance, "Nevertheless, it shall be as I have promised." Lead us onward, lift us upward. Adjust our focus outward. In our work and play, thinking, acting, and teaching; in things begun, continued and planned, let it all unfold to the glory of Your name. By Your mercy grant us Peace, even beyond our understanding, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME "Don't Ya Just Love a GOOD STORY?"

A JOYFUL WITNESS Emily Gibbs

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Seeker's Creed

May I believe… in God the Father…who made everything… and me. I am no accident. I was fashioned to keep company with God and give God glory.
May I believe… God sent his son Jesus. Brother, Teacher, Healer, Miracle Himself and Maker of Miracles. Jesus the Sufferer, the Savior by the power of the Cross.
May I believe… in Jesus Christ. The Forgiver who commands us to forgive. The Redeemer who rises from the grave to lift us to Life Beyond the Skies.
May I want to follow this Jesus, become more and more like Jesus. May I want others to look at me and see Him, only Him.
May I believe… in the Holy Spirit of God. God with us… that we may not be alone, The One who prays for us and escorts us to the Great Light Throne.
May I believe and find… in the Community of Faith, the Church, The Place where love is always expected and grace is an endless surprise. Surely HERE is strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Here is a glimpse and a promise of Heaven on Earth.

"Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

ANTHEM *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* arr. Mark Patterson
(see bulletin insert—please join in singing stanza 4)

COMMUNITY PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER (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 *"Go Down Moses"* UMH 448
stanza 1 = ALL; stanza 2 = Low voices; stanza 3 = High voices; stanza 5 = ALL; stanza 11 = ALL

GOD'S WORD IS READ Exodus 14:19-31, selected verses; Luke 2:46-52

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "A GOOD Story, INDEED!" Rev. Ken Humbert

OFFERTORY *"Ave Maria"* Faure/Lasky
*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer

O God, what gift can we bring, what present, what token? No words can contain it, our joy on this day! So grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing with thanks in gift-giving in honor and praise. All praise for your Word enwrapped in our Savior, all service to those we are called forth to serve. All praise for the peace you have set out before us, all thanks for the Hope you have blessed us to share! Amen and amen.

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

* CLOSING HYMN *"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"* TFWS 2060
stanza 1 = Choir; stanza 2 = Choir; stanzas 3 & 4 = ALL

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE please be seated for the Postlude *"Toccata in F"* Smith

We have two roses on the altar, this morning:

A rose is placed in loving memory of Faye Rosier, by the Sarah Circle.

A rose is placed in loving memory of Carolyn Scott, by the Susanna Circle.

WUMC CHURCH PICNIC POTLUCK

SUNDAY, SEPT 13—follows worship

Fun Fellowship hosts our annual Church Picnic after today's worship; includes Trivia Bingo!

LOVE OFFERING / STAFF APPRECIATION

Let's honor our staff and show our appreciation in a love offering.

OCT 4 – donations due
OCT 11 – donations presented

Please make checks payable to Larry Bohn and ensure receipt by Oct 4. Thank you.

An appreciation reception in the Martha Manahan Room follows worship, Oct. 11. Join us!

FRIENDS' LUNCH—OFFSITE

FRIDAY, SEPT 18, 11:30am

Forbidden City Restaurant
Carroll Plaza Shopping Ctr, Westminster
Meet at the restaurant; Dutch Treat;
no reservation required. Please join us.

HUB CHURCHES POT LUCK—OFFSITE

SUNDAY, SEPT 20, 4pm

Deer Park UMC
2205 Sykesville Rd, Westminster
Bring a dish and enjoy fellowship with your church friends from WUMC and our surrounding UMC Hub churches. www.wumcmd.org/umc-hub

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.

LANGUAGE/LITURGY OPPORTUNITY

Pastor Amanda is seeking persons who speak a language other than English to help with the liturgy for World Communion Sunday, Oct 4. You can help by recording your voice or speaking as part of the service. Please contact Pastor Amanda, a.mcmurtrey@wumcmd.org, if you are able to help.

FAITH EXPLORATION, 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

SAVE THE DATES

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

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

SUN, OCT 11—Coffeehouse follows worship.

SUN, OCT 18—VIP Luncheon follows worship.

FRI, OCT 23, 9-5pm; SAT, OCT 24, 9-1pm—
UWFaith Annual Rummage Sale;
donations now accepted on Jubilee stage.

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

COMMUNITY CONCERT AT WUMC

SUN, OCT 4, 4pm, tickets available 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. Ken Humbert

Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle

Liturgist: Greg Goodell 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.

HEARING ASSIST

Additional two receivers were donated for a total of six hearing assist receivers. All have been numbered and are tuned-in and ready for Sunday worshipers.

Questions? See an usher on Sunday morning or contact Kyler Brengle: k.brengle@wumcmd.org.

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 Church Family in Mourning

Allison, Andy, David, Suzanne and the extended family of our beloved church member, Carolyn Scott.
(funeral will be held here on Friday, Sept. 18, 1pm)

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
9am Faith Exploration, 10:30am Worship
Church Picnic follows worship

MONDAY
9:30am UWFaith Miriam Circle—Conf. Room
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
1pm Memorial Service/Faye Rosier—OFFSITE CLV

TUESDAY
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
1pm Archive Project—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
6:30pm Preschool Back to School Night—School
7pm Cubs Movie Night—Jubilee

FRIDAY
1pm Funeral / Carolyn Scott—Sanctuary/Jubilee