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 — Pastor Sue Shorb-Sterling

PRELUDE — *"Echo Alleluia"* — Purcell/Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God who leads us into freedom also teaches us how to live.

People: God's ways guide us toward lives of love, faithfulness, and grace.

Leader: We are free to love God, honor one another, and seek what gives life.

People: With grateful hearts, we come to learn God's ways and walk in them together.

* OPENING HYMN — *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* — UMH 731

* GATHERING PRAYER

God of freedom and grace, you lead your people out of bondage and invite us into lives of faithfulness and love. Your commandments are not given to keep us captive, but to teach us how to live as people who are free. As we worship, open our hearts to the wisdom of your ways. Free us from all that diminishes life, and shape us into a community where your children can flourish. By your grace, empower us not simply to know your ways, but to live them with joy, so that our lives may reflect your love to the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

A JOYFUL WITNESS tbd

ANTHEM *"How Firm a Foundation"* arr. Tom Trenney
(see bulletin insert, please sing as indicated)

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 *"He Leadeth Me"* UMH 128

GOD'S WORD IS READ Exodus 20:1-8,12-17 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "A Way To Live Free" Pastor Amanda McMurtrey

OFFERTORY *"Jesus, Still Lead On"* Lau
*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, everything we have is a gift of your grace. Receive these gifts and use them to bring life, hope, and freedom to others. May our generosity reflect our trust in you and our commitment to live as your faithful people. 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 *"Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing"* TFWS 2230
(TFWS use recommended)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *"Ricercare on "St. Anne""* arr. Young
please be seated for the Postlude

WESTMINSTER FALLFEST TABLE

SUN, SEPT 27, 12-6pm. For more info, please contact Meghan, Council Chairperson: councilchair@wumcmd.org.

LOVE OFFERING / STAFF APPRECIATION

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

OCT 4 – donations due date
OCT 11 – donations presented

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

An appreciation reception follows worship, Oct. 11. Join us in Jubilee Hall & stay for the Coffeehouse ☺

HUB CHURCHES POT LUCK—OFFSITE

SUNDAY, OCT, 4pm, rain-or-shine

NEW DATE!

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

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.

COFFEEHOUSE

SUNDAY, OCT 11—JUBILEE HALL, after worship

Following worship, join us in Jubilee Hall for a reception followed by coffee, snacks, and music from our Praise Band @ Center & Main.

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

SUNDAY, OCT 4—World Communion Sunday

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.

SAVE THE DATES

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.

SUN, OCT 25, 3pm—Opus Pocus—OFFSITE @
Calvary UMC, 3939 Gamber Rd, Finksburg
Costumed Music Recital, Trunk or Treat, Crafts

FRI, OCT 30—Preschool Trunk or Treat—Jubilee

HEARING ASSIST

Six hearing assist devices are available for Sunday worshipers. Questions? See any greeter, Chris Brown, or Larry Bohn on Sunday morning or contact Kyler Brengle: k.brengle@wumcmd.org.

MONTHLY 90+ BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate our nonagenarians and centenarians!

Oct. 4 Mr. James (Jim) Hirtle
725 Winchester Drive
Westminster MD 21157
(Jim's family shares this is his 90th)

Oct. 5 Mrs. Janet M. Hersh
5403 George Street
Adamstown MD 21710-9606

Oct. 11 Mrs. Doris Beam
1000 Weller Circle, Apt 317
Westminster MD 21158

Oct. 12 awaiting approval
check next week's bulletin

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

Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling 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

Norman Hirtle
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)

Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
Chris & George (sister & brother-in-law of Carole Roberts)
Robin Watson (daughter of Fern Schmidt)
Mack Demetrakis (great-grandson of The Parlamans)
Gabriella "Gigi" Hart (friend of Dan Dell)
Jack Anderson (father of Jacki Stranathan)

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

OCTOBER
Kristy Vandervalk
(443) 789-0346

Please contact coordinators, 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
9am Faith Exploration, 10:30am Worship
11:45am Children of Hope—Bell Room
12-6pm WUMC Fallfest Table

MONDAY
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
6:30pm Cub Scouts Committee Mtg—Jubilee

TUESDAY
9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Suite
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
1pm Archive Project—Conference Room
6:30pm Church Council—Martha Manahan Rm.

WEDNESDAY
6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal—Bell Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

THURSDAY
9:30am Herald Mailing—ConfRm
10:30am Staff Meeting—ConfRm
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

FRIDAY
9:15am UWFaith Susanna Circle—Youth House
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall