Westminster United Methodist Church

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THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING ATTENDANCE VIA TEXT

Please text your FIRST/LAST NAME: 443-234-0806

* please stand

Restroom use during worship - youth, especially, are encouraged to access private restrooms via the exit door, front left wall near the altar rail.

WELCOME — Dan Reppe

PRELUDE — *"Celebration (Asian)"* — Chang

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We begin with a SPECIAL WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY GREETING.

Leader: Jesus, touch our eyes again, that we may see your world more clearly.

People: Open our eyes to recognize every person as beloved by God.

Leader: Across nations, cultures, languages, and traditions, Christ gathers us as one.

People: With the Church throughout the world, we come to worship and share one table.

* OPENING HYMN — *"In Christ There Is No East or West (sung to tune St. Peter)"* — UMH 548

* GATHERING PRAYER

God of all people and all creation, you see each of us clearly and love us completely. Yet our own vision is often clouded by assumptions, divisions, fears, and the boundaries we place between ourselves and others. As Christians around the world gather at your table, restore our vision. Give us eyes to see one another clearly, hearts willing to love one another fully, and lives committed to building the community of grace, justice, reconciliation, and peace you desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

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.

GOD'S WORD IS READ Mark 8:22-25 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Sight Restored" Pastor Amanda McMurtrey

COMMUNION LITURGY

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (UMH 559 European)*" arr. Lau

"*Come to the Feast*" Hyun Kook (Korean)

Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at www.wumcmd.org; or Mail to: Westminster UMC, 165 E Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Thank you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace and boundless love, as we depart from this table, touch our eyes again. Where our vision is clouded by prejudice, fear, familiarity, or indifference, help us to see clearly. Teach us to recognize your image in every person, to notice those whom the world overlooks, and to see beyond the boundaries that too often divide us. Having received the bread of life and the cup of grace, send us into the world with renewed vision. May we see as Christ sees, love as Christ loves, and work for a world where every person is welcomed, valued, and known as your beloved child. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN *"May the God of Hope Go With Us"* bulletin insert

sing twice, either language

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *"Siyahamba (African)"* arr. Behnke

please be seated for the Postlude

LOVE OFFERING / STAFF APPRECIATION

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

TODAY – 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

TODAY, 4pm, rain-or-shine

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

TODAY, 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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH—OFFSITE

WED, OCT 7, 11am—meet at CLV Bistro

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE PROGRESSIVE DINNER—SAT, OCT 10, 5-8pm

OFFSITE Islamic Society of Carroll County
Click the QR code to sign-up

UWFAITH NEWS—The Miriam Circle and Susanna Circle have combined to become the Susanna Circle and meetings will follow the Susanna Circle's established schedule.

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.

Today's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Siewertsen, Marilyn Siewertsen Kirishian, and Bunny Marrs, with love by Richard and Shirlee Marrs.

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.

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 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 Mr. Don Reck
111 Smith Avenue
Westminster MD 21157

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist
Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director
Liturgist: Dan Reppe
Slides: Will Somers
Leading Worship: Rev. Amanda McMurtrey
Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
AV/Slides: Brody Reppe

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.

SPECIAL SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION / UMCOR DONATIONS

"Special Sunday" envelopes are available in the narthex.

Our Mission: "Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference."

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Tom Groft
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)

Charles Howren (brother of Debbie Cook)
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 →

OCTOBER
Kristy Vandervalk
(443) 789-0346

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare *Please contact coordinators, directly.*
- Meals following recovery/mourning
- Transport to local medical appt's

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—WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
9am Faith Exploration
10:30am Worship
11:45am Children of Hope—Bell Room
4pm Concert by Words&Music—Sanctuary
6pm UMYF—Jubilee Hall

MONDAY—Deadline for Nov. Herald articles
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall
6:30pm Cub Scouts Den Mtg—Jubilee, NLIC, Olson

TUESDAY
9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Suite
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
1pm Archive Project—Conference Room
7pm SPRC—Conference Room/ZOOM

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

THURSDAY
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary
6:30pm Trustees—Conference Room/ZOOM

FRIDAY
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall