Westminster United Methodist Church

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THE "WE" OF THE BODY

October 18, 2026 • Pentecost 21 / Laity Sunday • 10:30am

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 — Chris Brown

PRELUDE — *"When We Are Living (UMH 356)"* — arr. Diemer

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are many members, but together we are one body in Christ.

People: Each person is valued, and every gift has a purpose.

Leader: When one suffers, we suffer together; when one rejoices, we rejoice together.

People: We are called to care for one another and share in God's work.

Leader: Let us celebrate the gifts and ministries of God's people!

All: Together, we worship, serve, and grow as the body of Christ!

* OPENING HYMN — *"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"* (hymnal use recommended) — UMH 344

* GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty and loving God, you have created each of us with unique gifts and called us together as the body of Christ. No one is insignificant in your eyes, and no gift offered in love is without purpose. As we gather in worship today, open our eyes to see the value of every person and the ways we are connected to one another. Strengthen us to be a community where everyone belongs, where each person is encouraged to serve, and where we work together to share your love with the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mara Swartz
Vanessa Albert

ANTHEM *"Oh How Good It Is"* Keith and Kristyn Getty
Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend

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 *"Together We Serve"* TFWS 2175
(TFWS use recommended)

GOD'S WORD IS READ 1 Cor. 12:12-14,26 (CEB)

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Amanda McMurtrey
"Celebrating the Laity of our Church"

Loaves & Fishes Barbara Luckenbaugh
(sung response, vs. 1 *"Here I Am, Lord"* UMH 593)

REACH Kristi Vandervalk
(sung response, vs. 2 *"Here I Am, Lord"* UMH 593)

VIP Bertie Pond
(sung response, vs. 3 *"Here I Am, Lord"* UMH 593)

OFFERTORY *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* (UMH 126) arr. Larson
(see bulletin insert—sing as directed on first and last stanza)
*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer
God of blessings, bless these gifts and the ministries they support. Help us to recognize that every contribution matters and that together we can accomplish more than any one of us could alone. May all that we offer strengthen the body of Christ and bring hope, healing, and joy to the world. 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 21157. Thank you.

* CLOSING HYMN *"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"* (sing twice) TFWS 2184

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *"Sortie"* Pierne/Ryan
please be seated for the Postlude

VIP LUNCHEON—JUBILEE HALL

TODAY—following today's worship, please join us to honor our VIP team & find out more about what they do in the life of our church.

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES—

If you wish to begin using boxed set Offering Envelopes, or have had them in the past and no longer wish to receive them, please contact our Accountant at accountant@wumcmd.org **no later than Tue, Oct 20**

UWFAITH AND BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS"

The United Women in Faith are selling discount tickets to Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" day on Oct 21. Tickets are $5 each and give an additional 25% discount on most things in the store. See Sue Thomas or any UWF member for tickets. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

UWFAITH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, OCT 23, 9-5pm—JUBILEE HALL
SATURDAY, OCT 24, 9-1pm—JUBILEE HALL
Be sure to stop by our sale! Bargains galore! Pumpkin Bread! 'still accepting donations—please place donations on the Jubilee Hall stage on Sundays after church or contact Dee Roush.

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.
All are invited, especially Ministry Chairpersons.

OPUS POCUS

SUNDAY, OCT 25, 3pm—OFFSITE
Calvary UMC, 3939 Gamber Rd, Finksburg
Costumed Music Recital, Trunk-or-Treat, Crafts.

PRESCHOOL TRUNK-OR-TREAT

FRIDAY, OCT 30, 5pm—JUBILEE HALL & LOT
Hosted by our Crossroads Christian Preschool.

SAVE THE DATES

SUN, NOV 1, 10:30am—All Saints Sunday service
SAT, NOV 7, 8am—UWFaith Indoor Yard Sale
SUN, NOV 22, 11:30am—Advent Wreath Potluck
SUN, NOV 29—Advent begins
FRI, DEC 4, 5:30pm—A Night in Bethlehem
SAT, DEC 5, 5:30pm—A Night in Bethlehem
Interactive and immersive experience; guided tours; costumed characters; a unique opportunity to experience the wonder of Jesus' birth.

LOVE ALIKE study—more info in your Oct. Herald.

ConfRm—Sundays, 9am, Nov 8, 15, 22, 29.
ZOOM—Thursdays, 7pm, Nov 5, 12,19.

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.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY

Carroll Hospital Ctr and Carroll Co. Health Dept. asked us to share this survey link to help shape health programs & services in Carroll County.

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: Chris Brown
Slides: Will Somers
Leading Worship: Rev. Amanda McMurtrey
Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
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 in mourning

The Gonsman family on the death of Rich's mother-in-law, Sue Hurwitz.

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)

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:

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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—Laity Sunday
9am Faith Exploration
10:30am Worship
11:30am VIP Luncheon—Jubilee
11:45am Children of Hope—Bell Room
6pm UMYF—Youth House

MONDAY—Rummage Sale Prep—Jubilee Hall
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

TUESDAY—Rummage Sale Prep—Jubilee Hall
9:30am NIB Crafts—Olson Suite
10:45am Education Workgroup—SS#200
1pm Archive Project—Conference Room

WEDNESDAY—Rummage Sale Prep—Jubilee Hall
6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal—Bell Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

THURSDAY—Rummage Sale Prep—Jubilee Hall
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary

FRIDAY—Rummage Sale—Jubilee Hall
9am-5pm Rummage Sale—Jubilee Hall
9:30am UWFaith Executive Cmte—Library
12:15pm Soup Kitchen—Jubilee Hall

SATURDAY—Rummage Sale—Jubilee Hall
9am Church Conference—OFFSITE @ Deer Park
9am-1pm Rummage Sale—Jubilee Hall