



WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 1, 2023  
Epiphany / New Year's Day

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Attendance — text “HERE” to 443-234-0806.  
Visiting?—text “WELCOME” to 443-234-0806.

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WELCOME

Anne Dorwart

PRELUDE

*“Paeon on “Wachet auf””*

Lasky

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministrymatters.com)

Anne Dorwart

L: How magnificent is all creation!

**P: God’s love is poured throughout all God has created.**

L: God’s love is poured out upon us each day.

**P: Praise be to God!**

L: Let your souls and spirits rejoice at the goodness of God.

**P: Let all the people praise God! AMEN**

\* HYMN

*“Welcome”*

bulletin insert

\* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

KIDS’ TIME

GATHERING PRAYER

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus’ birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

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COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

Anne Dorwart

**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 *"Lord, Be To Us a Source of Joy"* (sung to: *O come, O come, Emmanuel*) bulletin insert

GOD'S WORD IS SHARED Philippians 2:1-11

Anne Dorwart

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD *"Beginning the Year in Love"* Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We come to you this day, gracious Lord, exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems that we spend so much energy, time, and resources in preparation, and then when it is over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering. Give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to look around at the many ways in which we can be of service to you by serving others. Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful Lord, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"The Universal Song"*  
Rich Umla, soloist

Bryan Sirchio

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

...we praise their name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. .... Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*"A Christmas Prelude"*

Callahan

Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at [www.wumcmd.org](http://www.wumcmd.org); or Mail to:  
Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.

COMMUNION CLOSING PRAYER

**Holy and Covenantal God, by love you bound yourself to us. In love we bind ourselves to you, through the sacrificial love of your Son, we learn the extent which love can forgive, restore, and create anew. Empower us by your Spirit to love first and foremost, today, tomorrow and throughout this year in this life and to the life that is to come. Amen**

\* HYMN *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

UMH 557

\* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Christmas Postlude on 'In Dulci Jubilo'"*

Martin

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Shaw.

The beautiful altar arrangement is given by Joe's wife, Lynn Shaw.

Narthex arrangements by:

- Step-daughter, Bethany Glover.
- Son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Christine Shaw.

CPR/AED TRAINING—Jan 7, 8:30am-12pm

Martha Manahan Rm, \$58 each/pay at the door.

Register in the narthex, today, or by email to [funchair@wumcmd.org](mailto:funchair@wumcmd.org). Limited enrollment.

Questions? Please see Beverly Humbert, Fun Fellowship Chairperson.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

3yrs through 5th grade—Sunday School Tower

6th-8th grade—Youth House

Children's Ministry Emily Gibbs:  
[childrensminister@wumcmd.org](mailto:childrensminister@wumcmd.org)  
or 410-848-8325, x17.

*Register online*

9th-12th grade—invited to attend our adult classes, at this time (more info, coming soon).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

New Life in Christ Class—NLiC Room

Adult Discussion Class—Disciple Room

## THANK YOU FROM MCDANIEL

Your gift cards and our congregation member's offer of Christmas Dinner at home were warmly received and appreciated by McDaniel students residing on-campus over the holidays.

## THANK YOU FROM OUR WUMC STAFF

We extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to our congregation and SPRC for the outpouring of love in donating to our love-offering/Christmas bonus.

## THANK YOU TO BRENDA TRACY

Everyone enjoyed the yummy cookies served after Christmas Eve service. Thank you, Brenda!

## THE TWELVE APOSTLES, a Bible study

New Life in Christ room, adult Sunday School  
Sunday mornings, 9am. Teaching & small group  
table talk. Leader: Rev. Dr. David A. Highfield

January 8— Discipleship:  
the method of the Master

January 15— Peter and Andrew:  
the leader and the connector

January 22— James and John:  
the sons of thunder

January 29— Matthew and Thomas:  
the tax collector and the twin

February 5— Philip and Nathanael:  
men of few words

February 12— James, Thaddaeus, Simon & Judas:  
the final four

February 19— Women Disciples

## SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

*Masking is optional; we respect your personal health choice.*

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist

Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader

Slides: Kyler Brengle

AV Techs: Mark Gieselman

ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

Liturgist: Anne Dorwart

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

## BULLETIN PRAYER LIST *Printed in advance due to the holiday*

### Our Church Family

Wayne Olson	<i>Long-term:</i>
Gayle Dix	Chris Clise
Ron Grill	Grace Justice
Hank Diener	Dave Taylor
Dan & Carol LaFon	John Carbaugh
	Christy Swartzbaugh

### Those in Mourning

Laura & Jody Francisco and Lynda Lockard on the death of son and grandson, Steven Francisco.

### Our Family and Friends (requests in the past two months)

12/2-12/20—Kathy Bare, friend of Mary Louise Poole  
Killian Kenney, grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield

10/12-12/1—Dawn Hull, daughter-in-law of Ann Hull

### Our General Board of Global Missionaries

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico)

### Those in Military Service

Bailee Stevens, Air Force, Germany  
(granddaughter of Ann & Steve Hull)

Alex Gray, Air Force, Ft. Gordon, GA  
(son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)

Jason Marusiak, Fort Riley, KS  
(son-in-law of The Flinn)

## REACH

OUR MISSION: To reach out to those within our congregation who are reaching out to us in need of help.

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery or mourning
- Transport to local medical appointments

Please contact REACH, directly, for help:

### REACH—JANUARY

Donna Myers—(410) 259-2480

Dee Roush—(443) 398-5473

### MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

Jan 22 Mrs. Anna Carl  
250 St. Luke Circle #716  
Carroll Lutheran Village  
Westminster MD 21158-4112

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

### TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP

#### OFFERING

Text amount  
to 844-307-2876



Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158

Online offering—please scan QR code

#### ATTENDANCE

Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806

## REQUESTING PRAYER

Submit prayer requests:

- Online, [www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html](http://www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html)
- Email Pastor Malcolm,  
[m.stranathan@wumcmd.org](mailto:m.stranathan@wumcmd.org)
- Email Rev. Ken, [revkenh@starpower.net](mailto:revkenh@starpower.net)
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 12/18/22

Weekly receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 12,593
YTD Operating Receipts	\$ 460,835
YTD Operating Disbursements	\$ 580,950

We thank you for your continued financial support during this challenging time. Monthly financial reports are available upon request from the Financial Secretary, [financesec@wumcmd.org](mailto:financesec@wumcmd.org)