



Roaming Through Romans

Summer Series
2023

July 9, 2023, 10am
Pentecost 6



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

WELCOME

Ronnie Bohn

SENDING OUT OUR CAMP HOPE TEAM

All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these members of our community begin their work, Mrs. Erma and the people of Frostburg, MD, through Camp Hope, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry to Mrs. Erma with the people of Frostburg, MD through Camp Hope, and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts. We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations. We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

PRELUDE

“My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff”

arr. Smith

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by I Kings 18) ~ written by Bruce Prewer
There is always a choice: The God of Christ Jesus or those material things for which this world will sell its soul. We cannot have it both ways. As the prophet Elijah declared long ago: “How long does it take to make up your mind? If the Lord is God, then follow him. If idols are your gods, then get real and admit you serve them.”

The Lord is our God and greatly to be praised. He is to be honored above all worldly gods. We will declare God’s glory among the nations and celebrate God’s love among all races on earth.

* HYMN *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* UMH 384

* GATHERING PRAYER **Gracious God, in love You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence—saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul. We come with joy to meet You here, to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives. May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions, as we worship together in Your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, Amen.**

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

KIDS’ TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC *“King of Kings”* Brooke & Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram
sung by Alexa Hayman

PASTORAL PRAYER / COMMUNITY PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER (UMH 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 *“Just As I Am”* stanzas 1-3,6 UMH 357

GOD’S WORD IS READ Romans 7:15-25a

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD

“Roaming Through Romans: Internal Wars” Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD onscreen

OFFERTORY *“I’ve Been in the Storm So Long”* arr. Kidwell

*Doxology *“Give Thanks”* TFWS 2036

*Offertory Prayer **Generous God, we praise you for life itself and the spiritual renewal that you so freely give. Thank you for sending Jesus, who demonstrates what it means to be gentle and humble in heart. Gather our congregation in opportunities to respond to people’s needs with tangible assistance. May our offerings be acceptable in your sight. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

* HYMN *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”* UMH 402

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *“Choral Song”* S.S.Wesley/Wells

**FUNDRAISER by Westminster Youth Project
PAPA JOHN'S BOGO CARDS
SUNDAYS, TODAY & JULY 16—NARTHEX**

Support Westminster Youth Project and get free pizza! WYP provides meals, tutoring, and other support in the youth house four afternoons a week. You can support them by purchasing a \$15 Papa John's card, which will get you unlimited BOGO carryout pizzas for an entire year. Yes - unlimited! Stop by the narthex or text Leah Schryer at 812-525-9160.

Proceeds benefit the Westminster Youth Project.

A BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS

We are excited to announce the upcoming production of "A Night in Bethlehem," which requires the creation of scenery and props. To make this possible, we kindly ask for your support by contributing to the cause. You can place your donations in the designated box located in the narthex, through Dec 4. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the arrival of the Baby Jesus. Donation lists available in the narthex.

Note: *All supplies are considered donations and will not be returned.* Thank you for your help!

**SAVE THE DATES—DEC. 8-9, 2023
A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM**

Don't miss "A Night in Bethlehem" at WUMC this December! This interactive experience is a great opportunity to connect with our guests, church, and Jesus, as it takes you back to Bible times in Bethlehem where families explore the bustling marketplace, meet local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story, and even meet Mary and Joseph to learn about the miracle of Jesus' birth. It's sure to be a memorable experience for everyone. We welcome your time and talent as we prepare for this exciting Christmas adventure. Stay tuned for more info via announcements in worship and eHeralds.

EMORY GROVE NEWS

CAMP MEETING 50th year of weekly Hymn Sings, Wed, 7pm, through the Summer. Pastor Malcolm Stranathan hosts alternate weeks with Bill DeHaven, while Peggy Brengle accompanies during July. Find more WUMC talent on the schedule of events: <https://www.emorygrove.net/copy-of-hymn-sings-4>

SERVICE AND DINNER ON THE GROUNDS July 23, WUMC pastors and choir will be leading the evening service at 7pm. Our Worship Arts Committee is suggesting that we enjoy Dinner on the Grounds as we did, last year; we'll begin at 6pm and our committee will provide plates, napkins, utensils and drinks. If everyone brings a dish of picnic fare to share, we'll have a feast.

ALTAR FLOWERS—You are invited to adorn our altar with flowers from your garden. All summer, bring your blooms in a vase to place atop the altar and share the beauty with all of us!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Linda Wood, Chairperson education@wumcmd.org

SUMMER FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 9-10am, June 18-July 30, held in Westminster City Park (Rain-days = Jubilee Hall)

ALL AGES — Prayer — Bible Stories — Nature Boxes — Games — Music — Play Share Ideas — Connect Spiritually as families & church family.

Drop-in/out - Parents/ caregivers responsible for child supervision. For more info contact Emily childrenminister@wumcmd.org, or Jonyae umyf@wumcmd.org

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

resumes in the Fall, Sunday, 9am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

resume in the Fall, Sundays, 9am

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Masking is optional; we respect your personal health choice.

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Soloist: Alexa Hayman

ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Children's Minister: Emily Gibbs

Slides: Kyler Brengle AV Techs: tbd

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan Liturgist: Ronnie Bohn

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

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Lisa Bowman

Sue Harbold

Ron Morningstar

June Hicks

Long-term:

Tricia Rossig

Ellis Lawson

Eileen Burgher

Chris Clise

Jeff Kimble

Grace Justice

Wayne Olson

Dave Taylor

Hank Diener

John Carbaugh

Dan & Carol LaFon

Christy Swartzbaugh

Join us in celebrating the life of Gayle Dix, Sat, July 15, 4pm.

Please continue holding in prayer Melinda, Brett, & family.

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

Frank Dorwart & family (uncle of Anne Dorwart)

Som Kramer, Bill & family (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

Lorraine Hinton (Chris Brown's aunt)

Butchie Pardini (uncle of Anne Dorwart)

Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)

Caitlin, Ty, and twin babies (daughter of Patty O'Brien)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM

Onney Khosa (Zimbabwe) - World Vision/WUMC UMYF

Those in Military Service

Jonyae Curry, Army, Fort Dix, NJ

(Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster UMC)

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, Army, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Riley, KS

(son-in-law of The Flinn)

BE THE BRIDGE—OFFSITE OPPORTUNITY

6 SESSIONS | JULY 6—AUG 10, 6:30-8pm

CROSSROADS CHURCH, in-person/virtual

Crossroads Church invites all to attend. Sign-up at

<https://www.crossroads140.com/ccb/group/1544/>
or email Corbin.cferguson@crossroads140.com

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—JULY

Kim MacLean-Blevins—(410) 259-0710

Joan Redman—(410) 596-7152

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

July 18 Mr. Richard Marrs

1867 Carnoustie Court

Finksburg MD 21048

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
- Email Pastor Malcolm, m.stranathan@wumcmd.org
- Email Rev. Ken, revkenh@starpower.net
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.