

*The Journey Begins ...
Where is the Sign?*

WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 10, 2023, 10:30am Pentecost 15



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

WELCOME

Lynn Kohr

PRELUDE

“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”

J.S.Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP—Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023

L: Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,

P: We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.

L: When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,

P: We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.

L: When we cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,

P: We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.

L: When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,

P: We remember God’s call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God’s faithfulness.

L: Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,

P: Let us remember that we too are signs of God’s presence for others! Amen.

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* HYMN *“O God, Beyond All Praising”* FWS 2009

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

KIDS’ TIME Celebrating the start of Sunday School / Education Hour

ANTHEM *“I Want to be More Like You”* arr. Brad Nix

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 *“Bind Us Together”* FWS 2226

GOD’S WORD IS READ Exodus 12:1-14

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
“The Journey Begins: What is the Sign?”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *“Prayer”* Langlais (1907-1991)

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer

*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, We Come to Ask Your Blessing”* FWS 2230

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *“Prelude”* Buxtehude



**Following worship,
please join us in City Park for
our Church Picnic.**

WUMC Congregation:

Thank you for the canned goods and non-perishable food you donated to Carroll County Food Sunday in the month of August. They really appreciated it.

Norman Hirtle
Mission Chairperson

SEPT 10, 17—POPCORN SALE—Popcorn season is upon us and our Cub Scout Pack 631 is selling popcorn in the narthex before/after service. Stop by for all your popcorn needs and support your church pack.

SEPT 10, 11:30am CHURCH PICNIC—kick-off the new Sunday School year and join us in City Park, bring a chair, bring a covered dish; chicken, drinks, paper goods provided

SEPT 15, LADIES LUNCH—11:30am, meet at Island Green, Rte 140 & Pleasant Valley Road. (not a ministry of UWF)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
WUMC offers members a 9-week class opportunity, beginning Mon, Sept 18, 7pm, via ZOOM. Registration is required. First 10 persons/couples to register—cost is \$75. Additional registrant—cost is \$80. Workbook and online access provided upon payment. Please contact Lorna Rice at councilsec@wumcmd.org or 443-506-1838 for more information or to register.

CHILDREN OF HOPE—new start date: Sunday, Sept 24, 11:45am, Handbell Room

OFFICE HOURS—by appointment, only.

REMINDER—October is “Pastors & Staff Appreciation Month.” *Prayers, cards, notes, in-person words of encouragement, love offering; collection boxes provided at the back of the Sanctuary, through Oct 8.*

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan Lead Clergy	Jonyae Curry Director of Youth Ministry	Dave Hughson Facilities Manager	Bill Pond ASL Interpreter
Pastor Ken Humbert Minister of Visitation	Emily Gibbs Children’s Youth Minister	Kyra King Nursery Assistant	Rich Umla Worship Leader
Kyler Brengle Director of Music	Sherri Haines Administrative Assistant	Belinda Norton Financial Secretary	
Peggy Brengle CAGO-Organist		Michelle Olson Nursery Coordinator	



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE—

8:15am CHAPEL SERVICE—Duvall Chapel
9am EDUCATION HOUR—all ages
Nursery—3yrs and under (Preschool hall)
Primary—pre-K thru grade 4 (tower)
Middle School—grade 5-7 (Youth House)
High School—grade 8-10 (Youth House)
Adult Sunday School—New Life in Christ led by Woodie Wood, Rev. Dr. David Highfield, Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling (NLIC room)
"How Then Should We Live? Jesus' Sermon on the Mount for Today" Woodie Wood
Sept 10-Oct 15
Adult Discussion Class—(Disciple Room) led by Anne Dorwart. Studying the Gospel of Mark using resource by Amy Jill Levine.
10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online
11:45am CHILDREN OF HOPE—Handbell Room beginning Sept 24, led by Linda Wood

DONATE—A BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS
Donation list and collection box in narthex thru Dec 4. Benefits "A Night in Bethlehem" Dec 8-9.
Learn more at: <https://shorturl.at/IEY03>.

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director
Slides: Kyler Brengle AV Tech: tbd
Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan Liturgist: Lynn Kohr ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

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

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Jeff & Marjie Kimble

Lisa Bowman

Sue Harbold

Ron Morningstar *Long-term:*

June & Don Hicks Ellis Lawson

Tricia Rossig Chris Clise

Eileen Burgher Grace Justice

Wayne Olson John Carbaugh

Dan & Carol LaFon Christy Swartzbaugh

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

Karen McCarthy (daughter of Ed & deceased Betty Davis)

Susan Hagarty (niece of Randy & Diane Groft)

Mack (grandson of Darlene & Charlie Parlaman)

Lorraine Hinton (Chris Brown's aunt)

Tommy Walker (grandson of Dianne & David Bearn)

Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)

Lesli Sauble (friend of Ann Hull)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - BGBM
Onney Khosa (Zimbabwe) - World Vision/WUMC UMYF

Those in Military Service

Jonyae Curry, Army
(Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster UMC)

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 Flinns)

REQUESTING PRAYER

Submit your prayer request via online, email, or phone:

- Online, www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html
- Email Pastor Malcolm, m.stranathan@wumcmd.org
- Email Rev. Ken, revken@starpower.net
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

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—SEPTEMBER

Carole Roberts

(410) 790-7104

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC
nonagenarians!

Our records indicate no church
members of 90+years in our database

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

INTERESTED IN JOINING WUMC?

Please contact Larry Bohn,
410-549-6827.

Larry is planning our next
Getting Acquainted Class.
(brief class, after church)

TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP

OFFERING

Text amount
to 844-307-2876



Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158
Online offering—please scan QR code

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