WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 12, 2023, 8:15am—Pentecost 24 Stewardship Sunday 1







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

WELCOME Larry Bohn

PRELUDE "Sing Praise to God" Paxton

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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Many: We gather to live into the work of God's call.

One: We gather in grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation, awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

Many: We gather to grow: to change moment-by-moment, in grace again-and-again.

One: We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter, one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time. Ready to live and move and be. Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

Many: We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes and our energy.

* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Christ is with you! / And also with you!

INVITATION TO NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY

KIDS' TIME

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Children of Hope Handbell Choir

OPENING PRAYER

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

All: You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call. Consecrate these and also us to your service, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

"Consecration" **ANTHFM**

John Ness Beck

PASTORAL PRAYER/COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

Jamie Hood

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.

"We Can Live Boldly" (see bulletin insert)

Michael Hudson

GOD'S WORD IS READ

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Living into the Abundant Life" Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD "New Consecration Sunday—One Step Up" Jennifer Munch, Treasurer

OFFFRTORY

* HYMN

"He Shall Sustain Thee (Psalm 55:22)"

Simone

"Bless Thou the Gifts" *Doxology

UMH 587

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. (Prayer of St. Ignatius)

> 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, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

UMH 581

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated)

"Postlude"

Mendelssohn

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"Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)" UMH 356 stanzas 1-2

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MESSAGE

"Living into the Abundant Life"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

"New Consecration Sunday—One Step Up" Jennifer Munch, Treasurer

TIME TO REFLECT

"My Gift to You" arr. J. Wood

*HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH 399

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING & GOING FORTH

OPERATION SHOEBOX PICK-UPS NARTHEX—TODAY through Nov 12 FILLED BOXES & \$10 DONATION DUE NOV 19 Stop by and pick-up shoeboxes, packing list, and labels, TODAY. Be sure to return packed shoeboxes with \$10 donation by Nov 19 (Sundays, only). Our office cannot accept filled shoeboxes.

CHRISTMAS TEA—Jubilee Hall SUN, DEC 3, 3-5pm

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

—PURCHASE TICKETS, TODAY—NARTHEX — Advance tickets required. \$25.

"LET'S GIVE THANKS FOR MUSIC" SUNDAY, NOV 12, 3PM, IN OUR SANCTUARY

A Members Recital sponsored by the Central Maryland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Organists and pianists from across the region will perform; our own Wesley Carillon will be featured. FREE concert; open to the public.

LADIES LUNCH—new time, Nov 17, 12pm. Meet at Friendly Farms, Upperco, MD, or meet at church parking lot at 11:10am, if you need a ride.

ADVENT WORKSHOP—Jubilee Hall SUN, NOV 26, 5-7pm

Fun Fellowship hosts our Advent Workshop and covered dish. Everyone is welcome to attend. Spike kindly offered to provide "greens," again this year. Bring your wire wreath frame, snippers, wire, gloves, candles, ribbons, bows, or whatever decorations you wish to use.

To complete our covered dish buffet, please bring: (last name) A-E salad, F-K a starch, L-O meat, P-T vegetable, U-Z dessert.

Freewill donation.

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)

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—grades 3-7 led by Linda Wood (Handbell room)

UMC STUDENT DAY—SUNDAY, NOV 26
Provides scholarships and loans for students attending
United Methodist-related and other accredited
colleges and universities. Each dollar received supports
and educates a new generation of Christian leaders.

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM NEEDS A LOAN of canopies or tents. Please let Beverly know at funchair@wumcmd.org if you can help. Thanks.

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM RESERVATIONS SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN!!!

Travel back in time with local shopkeepers sharing the Christmas story in a Bethlehem marketplace;

Scan this code or go to https://shorturl.at/beull to reserve your spot, Dec 8 or 9.





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SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist 10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan Slides: Katherine Scherck, Kyler Brengle

ASL Intérpreter: Bill Pond Liturgist: Larry Bohn AV Tech: James Scherck, Maddie Schryer, Mark Gieselman

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Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Long-term: Rev. Dr Sue Shorb-Sterling Dan LaFon Lynne Rittenberg Ellis Lawson **Chuck Sterling** Chris Clise Jeff & Marjie Kimble Grace Justice June & Don Hicks John Carbaugh

> Ron Morningstar Christy Swartzbaugh

Those in Mourning

Wavne Olson

Susan Sautter and family on the death of her mother and our church member, Grace Justice.

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

Sam & Bill Kraemer & family (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

Warren Grill (brother of Sharon Greenway)

Ed Klein (brother-in-law of Tom Flinn)

Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)

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

LCDR Tracie Demaree, Navy, serving on an aircraft carrier in The Mediterranean (daughter of Jan Halman-Miller)

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, revkenh@starpower.net
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

RFACH

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:

RFACH—NOVEMBER

Jan Halman-Miller (410) 756-6130 Gerri Reck (410) 848-4908

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our nonagenarians!

If we missed someone, please reach out to Sherri at s.haines@wumcmd.org.

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by appointment, 410-848-8325

Sherri, s.haines@wumcmd.org Belinda, financesec@wumcmd.org

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