

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Cooper Reppe	<i>Long-term:</i>
Rev. Dr Sue Shorb-Sterling	Dan LaFon
Lynne Rittenberg	Ellis Lawson
Chuck Sterling	Chris Clise
Jeff & Marjie Kimble	John Carbaugh
June & Don Hicks	Ron Morningstar
Wayne Olson	Christy Swartzbaugh

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

Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)  
Sam & Bill Kraemer & family (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

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 Flinnis)

MISSION TRIP: Least of These Ministries is hosting a mission trip from January 13-20, 2024.

On a Mission Team, you can see & experience first-hand the work we are doing in the Dominican Republic! Scan the code for registration info.



HISTORIC CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Sun, Dec 10, 4pm  
Offsite at the Historic Log Meeting Meeting House  
The Strawbridge Shrine (off Wakefield Valley Rd or rte 31)  
2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor, MD  
Dress warmly. More info—443-289-0191 or 410-751-9049.

REQUESTING PRAYER

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

- 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.

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—DECEMBER

Kristy Vandervalk  
(443) 789-0346

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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No 90's birthdays in December

If we missed someone, please reach out to Sherri at [s.haines@wumcmd.org](mailto:s.haines@wumcmd.org).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

by appointment, 410-848-8325

Sherri, [s.haines@wumcmd.org](mailto:s.haines@wumcmd.org)  
Belinda, [financesec@wumcmd.org](mailto:financesec@wumcmd.org)

SECURITY SYSTEM CONCERNS

Please conclude church business |and exit the buildings| by 9:30pm, latest.

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

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December 3, 2023, 10:30am—Advent 1



Heaven and Earth

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

WELCOME

Rev. Ken Humbert

PRELUDE

*"Lo, He Comes, with Clouds Descending (UMH 718)"*  
(see Prelude Note on page 2, bottom)

arr. Ritter

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up thy might, and come to save us!

**P: Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!**

L: Open thou my lips.

**P: And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

\* HYMN

*"People Look East"*

UMH 202

\* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Williams Family

Leader: From ancient times, no ear has heard, no eye has seen, no one has witnessed any god but you.

**People: If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!**

Leader: You watch over those who do right, who love justice and follow your way.

**People: If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!**

Leader: We cannot save ourselves. We need you, Lord God. We light the candle of hope. We call on your name, trusting in you.

**People: If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!**

*"When God Is a Child"* (see bulletin insert)

arr. Tim Osiek

KIDS' TIME

(Continued on page 2)

ANTHEM *"Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes!"* Lovelace  
 GOD'S WORD IS READ Mark 13:24-37  
 MESSAGE Pastor Malcolm Stranathan  
*"Heaven & Earth: Meanwhile, Getting Ready for Christ"*  
 COMMUNION LITURGY Service of Word and Table (Musical setting C) UMH 20

Prayer of Confession  
**All: Almighty God, "we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. We fail to call on your name; we don't stir to take hold of your plan for us, Yet you are our God. "We are the clay, and tough art the potter." May all that we do be the work of your hand.**

Assurance of Pardon  
 Leader: Friends, the peace of Christ be with you / **People: And, also with you.**

Liturgy  
 The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts. The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised. / **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.**

Sung Response (UMH 21)  
**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.**

Sung Response (UMH 22)  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Sung Response (UMH 22)  
**Amen.**

HYMN AT THE BEGINNING OF DISTRIBUTION *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* UMH 626

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION  
*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* arr. Hamilton  
 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF COMMUNION  
 CLOSING WITH 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 *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"* stanzas 1-2 FWS 2100

\* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"The Happy Christmas Comes Once More"* arr. Peterson

*Prelude Bulletin Note: John Cennick was a budding surveyor until he met John and Charles Wesley and joined them in their evangelistic work. Like Charles, Cennick also wrote a number of hymn texts including this Advent carol. You may find this hymn credited to Wesley instead of Cennick, perhaps due to some editing by the more established hymn writer. - Barbara Seaborn*

CHRISTMAS Flowers, Wreaths, Alt. Giving  
**DUE TODAY** Order forms on narthex wall desk.

CHRISTMAS TEA—Jubilee Hall  
 TODAY, 3-5pm  
 —PURCHASE TICKETS, TODAY—NARTHEX —  
 Advance tickets required, \$25.

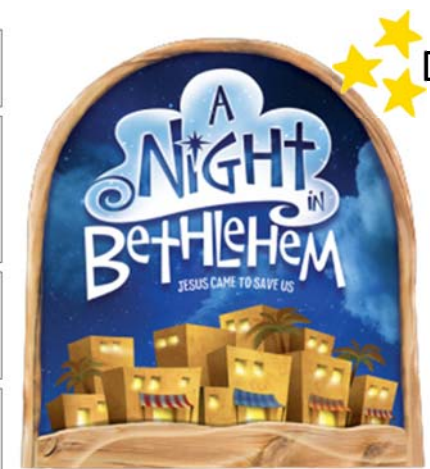
A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM NEEDS A LOAN  
 of canopies or tents. Please let Beverly know at  
[funchair@wumcmd.org](mailto:funchair@wumcmd.org) if you can help. Thanks.

SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS—DEC 18  
 \$10 Chick-fil-A gift cards for clients, this year! **SK Gift Box in the Narthex Dec 3, 10, 17**, accepting \$10 Chick-fil-A gift cards (must be \$10) or monetary donations. We are hoping and praying to meet our goal. Thank you, so much!  
 Questions—Barbara Luckenbaugh, 410-848-8726.

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. Advent Study  
 10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online  
 11:45am CHILDREN OF HOPE—grades 3-7 led by Linda Wood (Handbell room)



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December  
**8 AND 9**



SIGN-UP FOR YOUR TOUR!  
 Scan this code or go to <https://shorturl.at/beu1J>

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM  
 an immersive experience.

Come join us for a Night in Bethlehem. This immersive experience offers a walk back through time to first century Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Interactive exhibits where you will meet prophets, hostile kings, frantic innkeepers, angels' announcement, traveling magi, and of course, Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus. The entire event concludes in a first century marketplace, bustling with activity.

There can be no better way to experience the Christmas story than this full blown Night in Bethlehem.

While the event price is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

Scan this code or go to <https://shorturl.at/beu1J> to reserve your spot, Dec 8 or 9.



**SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX**

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist      Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan  
 10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director      Slides: Katherine Scherck, Kyler Brengle  
 Liturgist: Rev. Ken Humbert      Advent Wreath: The Williams Family  
 AV Tech: Bill Eckles, Chris Schryer, Mark Gieselman      ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

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