

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Cooper Reppe
Chuck Sterling
Lynne Rittenberg
Jeff & Marjie Kimble
June & Don Hicks
Wayne Olson

Long-term:

Dan LaFon
Ellis Lawson
Chris Clise
John Carbaugh
Christy Swartzbaugh

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

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

Those in Mourning

Craig & Sarah Williams, Tyler & Emma, on the death of Sarah's mother, Theresa Kulakowski.

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)

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.



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

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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No 90's birthdays in January

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

by appointment, 410-848-8325

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

SECURITY SYSTEM ALERT

Please conclude church business and exit all 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



Remember Your Baptism

WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
162/165 East Main Street • Westminster, MD 21157 www.wumcmd.org • 410-848-8325 • 410-876-2124

January 7, 2024, 10:30am Baptism of Our Lord

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Day by Day"

arr. Boughton

* CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Source: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

In the beginning, God...

Swept over waters, spoke light into existence, created day and night and called it good.

As the days and nights of creation filled with life, God...

Made humanity out of the dirt to love and tend creation, to be loved and tended by God.

As we lost our way, God...

Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the way back.

On the day Jesus came to the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized, God...

Declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters, remembering our baptism in which God...

Claims us as beloved children, the family of God.

* HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

UMH 152

KIDS' TIME

GOD'S WORD IS READ Mark 1:9-11
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE This is the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. / **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "As Jesus Walked Into the Stream" Susan Borwick

REAFFIRMING OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT from UMH 881

BAPTISMAL PRAYER MEDITATION ~ Source: Theon Johnson III, The Africana Worship Book, Year B
We take time from our busy schedules to reflect on the holiness of baptism. We stand amazed at the wondrous works of God. God's goodness radiates through us as we experience the joy of coming into fellowship. We come with humble and willing hearts. We remember our baptism and pray for all who come forward to remember this day. We pray that God will bring us all into sweet fellowship found through baptism and remind us of the truth that lies in its holiness.

Friends, Remember your baptism and be thankful and may we continue to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

* HYMN "Baptized in Water" FWS 2248

GOD'S WORD IS READ Genesis 1:1-4 NKJV
CONGR. RESPONSE We give thanks for the reading from God's word. / **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
"And then there was Morning" Becoming the People of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Peace of Christ be with you. / **And, also with you.**

COMMUNION LITURGY
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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "As With Gladness Men of Old" arr. Held
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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

* HYMN "When Jesus Came to Jordan" UMH 252

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) "In Thee is Gladness" arr. Hamilton

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES available for pick-up in the Happening Hub or by arrangement with Belinda at FinanceSec@wumcmd.org or x15.

Did you know Jesus was fond of asking questions?

This Bible study will gather Sundays at 9am in the New Life in Christ room. Together we'll grow in our Christian faith. All invited!

January 7 "Who Do You Say That I am?"
January 14 "Why Are You Terrified?"
January 21 "Why Are You Anxious?"
January 28 "What Do You Live For?"
February 4 "What Are You Looking For?"
February 11 "Who Will You Love?"

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY, Sunday Jan 14th calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

United Methodists celebrate Human Relations Day on the Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Please help us celebrate this special day in the United Methodist Church. Mission Team WUMC



SPONSOR A BULLETIN—Scan the QR code to sponsor a bulletin with your dedication—or—go to our website www.wumcmd.org and MEMBER TOOLBOX tab.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

I am overwhelmed at the kindness, generosity, and pure love given to me by Westminster UMC. Jennifer Munch, Treasurer, made a visit to my home the Friday after my chemo infusion — she came bearing your gift that brought me to tears of humble joy and thanks (and resulted in not one, but two teary hugs; poor Jennifer - lol). Due to a drastic change in our insurance out-of-pocket max threshold, we have been stressing over how to pay my medical bills and have enough cash for budget needs while facing surgery in January. Your generous gift gives us room to breathe and the ability to focus on my health instead of debt. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU. You are truly the hands and feet of Christ at WUMC. Sherri Haines and family

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)

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

10:30am—Liturgist: tbd ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Kid's Time: Will and Emily

Center & Main Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader

AV Tech: Bill Eckles, Anne Marie Scherck, Mark Gieselman Slides: David Hughson, Kyler Brengle

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

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