

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)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM

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, doing work in communities in the Dominican Republic.

Please hold the team in prayer.

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, k.humbert@wumcmd.org
- 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—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

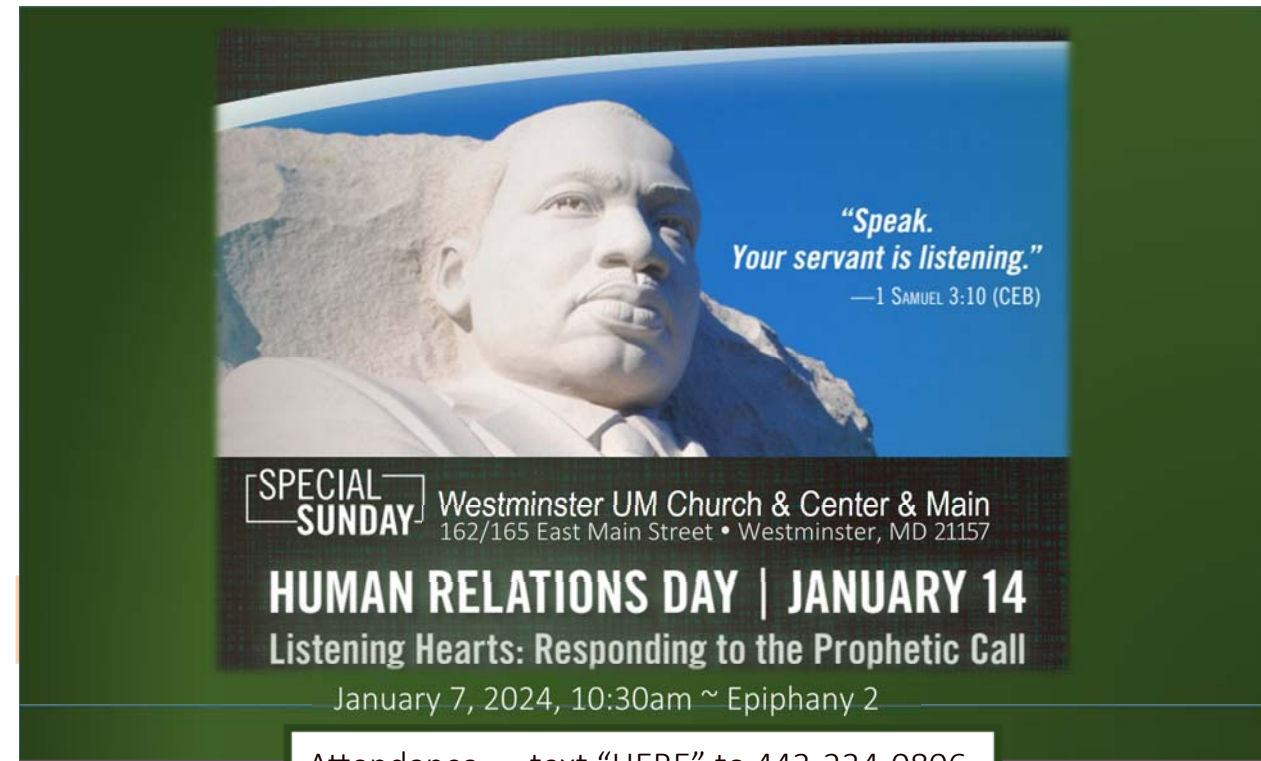


Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158

Online offering—please scan QR code

ATTENDANCE

Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806



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

WELCOME

Nancy Coats

PRELUDE

"I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. McDonald

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

The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?

Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* HYMN

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

UMH 419

* GATHERING PRAYER **Insistent God, by night and day you summon us your slumbering people.**

Stir us by your Spirit and voice and enlighten our lives with your grace so that that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.

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

GOD'S WORD IS READ

1 Samuel 3:2-10, NIRV

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM *"Have You Heard God's Voice?"* Jacqui G. Jones, 2008; arr. Frederick Chatfield, 2016

IN RECOGNITION OF HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY & THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY
In recognition of Human Relations Sunday and Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, our Reconciling Ministry Community Team has offered to present this litany. We invite you to listen to the possibilities which these provide to us and consider meaningful ways in which we, too, can respond as individuals and as a community of faith.

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.

GOD'S WORD IS READ John 1:43-51

* HYMN "Two Fisherman" FWS 2101

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Your Servant is Listening" Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ written by Dr. Lisa Hancock
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you as our God, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our priorities do not line up with yours, and too often we wander from your path by trying to do things our way instead of yours. **Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.**
Merciful God, we confess that we are too often complacent in answering your call to enact justice. You call us to enter the flow of your justice that rolls down like water, and instead, we inhibit the work of justice by choosing not to pay attention or believe the stories of suffering and need in our midst. **Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.**

Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we avoid you. We don't want to hear your voice. We don't want to receive your call. We are scared of what you might ask us to do and how letting your grace work in our lives might change us. So, we keep you at arm's length, ready to run when you seem to ask too much of us. **Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.**

Merciful God, we confess that there are things that clutter our hearts and minds that we cannot say aloud or do not have words for, and so, we lift them to you now in silence.

Offer silent prayers of confession.

Reconciling God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us into right relationship with you, with self, with one another, and with creation. As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today. **Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

Time of silent listening and prayer.

Loving God, you call us by name to be your people in the world, pouring your love into us in such abundance that it overflows into the world around us. Guide us, form us, and send us as your people to live out your good news wherever we go. **Call us, Lord, your servants will follow. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Bish
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer
God of all wisdom, how often have we been deaf to your voice speaking to our hearts, especially when we move in a world that needs it so desperately? The reading from 1 Samuel brings us the phrase, "The word of the Lord was rare in those days," which resonates with the relevance of the evening news. As we bring our gifts to be dedicated this morning, we pray that you might open our ears, open our hearts to hear where you call us to respond with obedience, so that we might do what you need to begin healing our world. In Christ, we pray. Amen. (1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); John 1:43-51)

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 "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) "O Thou, in Whose Presence" (UMH 518) arr. Martin

TODAY—HUMAN RELATIONS DAY 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

A WARM THANKS to Brenda Tracy for baking her delicious Angel Cookies for each of our Christmas Eve Services!

Did you know Jesus was fond of asking questions?

Gather Sundays at 9am in the New Life in Christ room. Together we'll grow in our Christian faith. All invited!

Jan 14	"Why Are You Terrified?"
Jan 21	"Why Are You Anxious?"
Jan 28	"What Do You Live For?"
Feb 4	"What Are You Looking For?"
Feb 11	"Who Will You Love?"

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



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—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director Liturgist: Nancy Coats ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond
AV Tech: James Scherck, Bill Eckles, Mark Gieselman Slides: Kyler Brengle

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