

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Sharon Greenway	<i>Long-term:</i>
Linda Lawson	Dan LaFon
Bob & Dot White	Ellis Lawson
Chuck Sterling	Chris Clise
Lynne Rittenberg	John Carbaugh
Jeff & Marjie Kimble	Christy Swartzbaugh
June & Don Hicks	
Wayne Olson	

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

Warren Grill (brother of Sharon Greenway)
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 Scott Beam (son of Doris Beam MacKenna)
 Tara (daughter of Dick & Shirlee Marrs)
 Killian (7-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)
 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. Eisenhower, GA (son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)
 Jason Marusiak, Army, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Riley, KS (son-in-law of The Flinns)

ANTHEM NOTE: The text of today's anthem was originally a five stanza hymn text written by Georg Neumark in 1641. Originally titled "Song of Consolation", this text was born out of difficult circumstances in the author's life and would have been very poignant in the context of the Thirty Year's War (1618-1648) of which the singers would have been painfully aware. The message of the hymn and anthem, translated in the 1850's and based on Psalm 55, is straightforward; trust in God and all will be well - He will carry us through each day with unwavering love. The anthem includes the tune originally paired with the text with added Baroque-like ornamentation.

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—MARCH

Kristy Vandervalk
 (443) 789-0346

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

Mar 21 Charlotte Wheatley
 41 W. McKinsey Rd, apt 201B
 Severna Park, MD 21146

Mar 26 Betty Ridgell
 205 St. Mark Way, apt 212
 Carroll Lutheran Village
 Westminster, MD 21158

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

by appointment, 410-848-8325

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

TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP

OFFERING

Text amount
 to 844-307-2876



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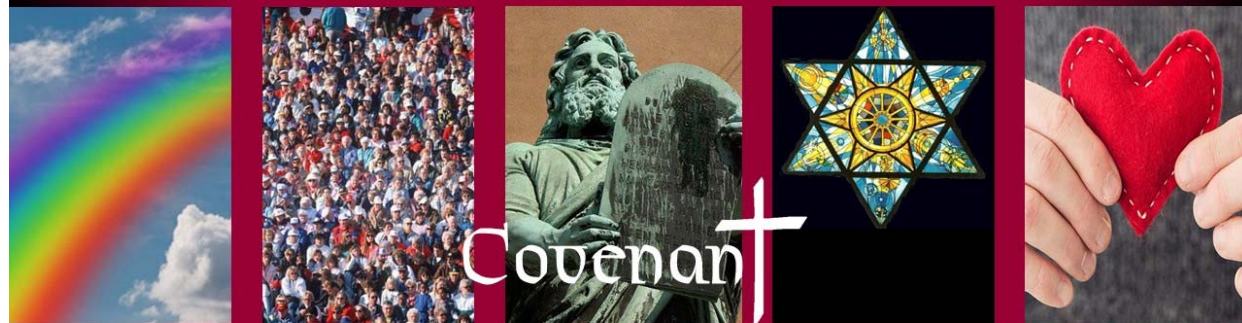
Online offering—please scan QR code

ATTENDANCE

Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806

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Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross

March 10, 2024, 10:30am ~ Lent 4

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

WELCOME

Richard Marrs

PRELUDE

"Pie Jesu"
 Wesley Carillon and Alive!

Faure/Mathis

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Covenant God, thank you for never giving up on us even when we stray from you.

P: We thank you for constantly inviting us to be bound to you.

L: Merciful Jesus, thank you for taking the journey to the cross for us.

P: We thank you for the New Covenant of forgiveness.

L: Sustaining Spirit, thank you for nudging us to remember who we are and whose we are.

P: We thank you for your continual grace that invites, forgives, and helps us remember your Covenant with us. Amen.

* HYMN

"For the Healing of the Nations"

UMH 428

* GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty Covenant Maker and Covenant Keeper, you have such great hopes for humanity. You continually call us to be in a relationship with you. Yet, we continue to fail you because we forget that we are your people and follow our selfish ways. Curb our urge to hate, to fight, to not care, and to not include our brothers and sisters. As Covenant Breakers, forgive us for our faithlessness. Bring your peace to warring nations. Give us hearts of compassion and grace. Reconcile where there is division. We pray for your peace, your love, and your forgiveness to flow eternally throughout all creation. Thank you for being our God and calling us to be your people. In the name of the One who gave us the New Covenant, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM *"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"* setting by Jody Lindh

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 *"Goodness is Stronger than Evil"* TFWS 2219

GOD'S WORD IS READ 2 Samuel 7:8b-13,16

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Sue Shorb-Sterling
Remembering God's Covenant: David—An Eternal Covenant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51:1-4; 9-12; 16-17)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Adapted from Christ-Centered Worship by Bryan Chapell

OFFERTORY *"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"* arr. Anna Laura

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Offertory Prayer

God of the Covenant, as we bring these tithes and offerings to your altar remind us once again to trust you in all things. Remind us that you keep your promises eternally even though we often break ours. Bless these our gifts. Work miracles in them and through them, so that people both here and around the world will know of your great redeeming love. Remind us once again that all we have is a trust from you. Amen.

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 *"Give Thanks"* TFWS 2036

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Andante"* Kate Loder

Today's bulletins are given to the Glory of God by an anonymous sponsor.

EASTER FLOWERS & ALTERNATIVE GIVING

Due TODAY, March 10—Flowers: Lilies, Tulips
Alternative Giving: Loaves & Fishes, CCFS.

Order forms may be found in the narthex on the wall desk and in your March Herald.

WUMC PRAISE BAND COFFEEHOUSE

TODAY, March 10, 11:45am, Jubilee Hall

A lite lunch with dessert and beverages will be provided. All are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH—offsite, not affiliated with UWF

Fri, Mar 15, 11:30am O'Lordans

Meet at the restaurant. Dutch treat. Join us!

INDOOR YARD SALE

Sat, March 16, 8am-2pm.

To rent a space, send your \$25 check to:
Sue Thomas, 92 Willis Str, Westminster, 21157.

LENTEN NEWS

WEEKLY GATHERINGS—Thursdays, 6pm, in the Chapel. Pastor Malcolm invites you to join him. Learn more in your Feb Herald. Please register for these workshops, phone—410-848-8325, x14, or email—m.stranathan@wumcmd.org

SHROVE TUESDAY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper a success. We raised \$621 for 2024 youth mission. Save the date for Shrove Tuesday 2025- Tue, Mar 4, 2025.



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SERVICE MUSIC NOTE:

The American Guild of Organists, the Society of Women Organists, and the Royal College of Organists is observing Women Composer's Sunday today. Featured at 8:15 is Florence B. Price (1857-1953), an organist and composer recognized as the first African-American woman composer to have a composition played by a major orchestra. At 10:30, Anna Laura Page (b. 1953), an American composer of choral and handbell music; and Kate Loder (1825-1904), an English organist and composer who made her public debut at age 17.

VBS SUMMER 2024—SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday—Friday, July 7—July 11, 6-8:30pm
Scuba VBS, Diving into Friendship with God.
More information, coming soon!



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)

"Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross" led by Rev. Lou Piel and Woodie Wood

Adult Discussion Class—(Disciple Room) led by Anne Dorwart.

Study of the Book of Daniel

10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online

11:45am CHILDREN OF HOPE—grades 3-7 led by Linda Wood (Handbell room)

Feb 4—Apr 21

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

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

10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director Liturgist: Richard Marrs

ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

Slides: Kyler Brengle, Katherine Scherck AV Techs: Bill Eckles, Mark Gieselman, Anne Marie Scherck

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