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Dear Williamsburg UMC Family,

As in the Robert Burns Poem, “To a Mouse”,

But Mouse, you are not alone,

In proving foresight may be vain:

The best—laid schemes of mice and men

Go oft awry.

I have created a plan for a Bible Study, our Courageous Conversations, that would be held once a month throughout the Winter and Spring this year. Soon after I told you all about it, and even printed the schedule, our Conference released a plan for a Conference-wide bible study.

This is a great study, and I am going to pivot, and lead this Study from the conference in the Winter and Spring, and when we have finished it, we can then go into the one that I planned.

I have included an article from the conference about this study, and I look forward to seeing you on the last Sunday of the month as we start our conversations!

Blessing,

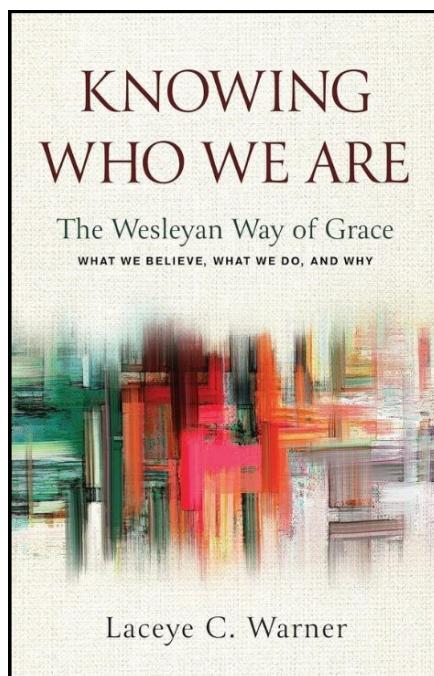
Pastor Matthew

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Published in 2024, the book has six chapters and is perfect for small groups. In addition to the book in multiple formats, there is a leader's guide and a DVD with short videos to guide conversation. [Buy and download the book and study resources](#). Also, if you have an Amplify Media subscription, you can [stream the videos from the DVD](#).

Local churches are encouraged to study the book sometime before the 2026 Michigan Annual Conference, where a greater emphasis will be placed on understanding and forming United Methodist identity. [Dr. Ashley Boggan, the General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History](#), will be the guest speaker and address United Methodist identity.

The Michigan Conference will also host an online study during Lent specifically for individuals whose churches are unable to offer one or who just want an experience outside their local church. More details on how to register for this online offering will be available in January.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS!

JANUARY

4th Sue Burrows
6th River Goss
7th Clara Hasenick
8th Sue Morrison
8th Donn Hubbell

9th Carol Walter
11th Jan & Steve Donker's Anniv.
15th Jaclyn Voice
18th Pam & John Hamstra's Anniv.
24th Zach Reece
31st Sue Mull

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Happy New Year!		

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 9:30am Communion Coffee Fellowship						

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 9:30am Coffee Fellowship						

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 9:30am Coffee Fellowship			Ad Council 9am			

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship 9:30am Coffee Fellowship Conversations						

AA SCHEDULE
Monday 7pm
Saturday 7pm

**the Lord
is my
Strength
and my
Shield**

Psalm 28:7

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