# Williamsburg United Methodist **Church** Newsletter www.wumctoday.com (231) 267-5792



### **NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015**

I love fall, and especially Thanksgiving. Sure, my love for the holiday sprouted first out of my love for food, but it has become so much more. It has grown into love of family and friends gathering, and blossomed into wanting to share that time with neighbors and strangers as well. What a blessing it is to realize how blessed we are, and to share in those blessings as an act of giving thanks and praise to our God who has provided.

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 (NIV) <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

We have some wonderful opportunities this month to celebrate Thanksgiving with our neighbors and to Give Thanks to God! I hope you will attend both of these events, invite a friend or neighbor to join you, and consider how you might help out in either.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Turkey Dinner** 

### 5-7pm

-We need people to bring baked squashes and desserts, and could still use a few volunteers to help as greeters and servers. Contact Beth for more info.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> All Faiths Thanksgiving Worship Service 7pm

This ecumenical service will include the clergy and congregants from several churches in this area, with a focus on serving, praising, and thanking God as a community. Our Women's Fellowship will be providing snacks and beverages for all, following the service.

-We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and child care providers. Contact Pastor Nate if you can help with any of these.

I pray God speaks to your heart, letting you know how well-loved you are, and that you are led to join us in celebrating Our Great Provider.

God's Greatest Blessings,

Pastor Nate Starkey

Noisy Offering

### Our Noisy Offering for November will help support NOMADS.

NOMADS began in 1988 in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Methodists from Illinois, Iowa and Indiana were Winter Texans and someone finally said, "I am bored, there must be some good we can do here." So they ap-

proached local Methodist churches and offered their services. That first year there were 24 members who completed five projects in Texas and Oklahoma. NOMADS grew as an all volunteer organization under the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. Membership grew, and in 2001, NOMADS incorporated and became an organization under the General Board of Global Ministries. NOMADS also contracted a full time program administrator and started offering summer/fall projects in addition to winter/spring projects. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, NOMADS began doing disaster recovery work in Mississippi. Currently, NOMADS offers about 150 projects each year and has over 1000 members. NOMADS on regular project and drop-ins donated a total of 102,000 hours of volunteer labor in 2009. Five Disaster Response Projects have been offered over the past year in Mississippi, Texas, Indiana and Iowa with a total of 10,600 hours of donated labor.

For more info, go to www.nomadsumc.org

# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship Svc. 10am Communion L-Ron Ridge <i>Joyce Bur-</i> <i>rows' BD</i>	2	3	<b>4</b> 3pm Hope Vlg. Svc.	5 10am & 7pm Bible Study CWU 11-1 @Old Mission Peninsula	6	7 *9:30-4pm MAIN Event
8 Worship Svc. 10am Potluck L-Rich H. <i>Ron Ridge's BD</i>	<b>9</b> Tom Slopsema's BD Sam Huver's BD	<b>10</b> Larry Belcher's BD	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day 3pm Hope Vlg. Svc.	12 <sub>10am</sub> & 7pm Bible Study	<b>13</b> *5-7pm Turkey Dinner	14 *9-3pm Women's Fel- lowship @ craft show
15Worship Svc. 10am L-Tom S. Rick & Anne Lovell's Anniv!	16	17	<b>18</b> 3pm Hope Vlg. Svc. <i>Aaron Starkey's</i> <i>BD</i>	<b>19</b> 10am & 7pm Bible Study *1-4 Quilting	20	21
22Worship Svc. 10am L-Buelalee	23	24 *7pm All Faith Community Worship Svc. Nora Zeldes BD Pastor Nate & Amy Starkey's An- niv!	<b>25</b> 3pm Hope Vlg. Svc. <i>Bill Avitts' BD</i>	26 Thanksgiving!	<b>27</b> Melissa Thomas' BD	28
29Worship Svc. 10am Potluck (not brunch) L- No Women's Fel- lowship Meeting	30		AA Schedule: Mon. 8pm everyone welcome Wed. 7pm Women only Sat. 10am Men only, 7pm everyone welcome			

## More details.....



### **Grand Traverse District** MAIN EVENT

Sat., Nov. 7 9:30-4pm (registration begins at 9am) Cost is \$10 (for lunch) Traverse City Central UMC, 222 Cass. TC With Guest Speaker Rev. Brad Kalajainen (Lead Pastor of Cornerstone UMC. Grand Rapids) "Your Church Can Grow" 100's of Practical Ideas for Reaching Your Community"

You are invited to a

**Community Turkey** 

**Dinner on Friday**,

November 13, 5-7pm!

We will have roasted tur-

key, mashed potatoes,

gravy, stuffing, cranber-

ries, (local!) squash, vegetables, rolls and butter, and of course, homemade desserts! Suggested dona-

tion Adults \$10,

children 4-7 years old \$7, 3 & under free

We are gathering mittens, gloves, scarves, hats (infant through adult sizes); hand-made, purchased, or gently used for organizations such as the Baby Pantry, TC Alternative High School, ACTS, Women's Resource Center, and more. This is an ongoing mission through March. Thank you so much!



Women's Fellowship at **Craft Show!** Sat., Nov. 15th 9am-3pm Long Lake Elementary School, 7738 N Long Lake



ALL-FAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE TUESDAY, NOV. 24, **7PM** WILLIAMSBURG UMC

Join the community in giving thanks to the One who provides! Everyone is welcome! As a act of THANKSgiving, we're inviting the community to give a collective offering to one local charity. (TBD)

**Special Sunday:** Nov. 29, 2015 **United Methodist Student** Dav Your gifts support: United Methodist scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund. Changing the World, One Life at a Time.



**Prayer Quilt Gathering!** No experience necessary! Thursday, Nov. 19, 1-4pm Come help with the prayer quilters! You can learn as you go along, or help in many other ways!



### **Christmas Gifts for ACTS Families** (needed by Dec. 6th)

Items needed: Laundry soap, bleach, dryer sheets, dish soap, Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, baby wipes, hand/body soap, pot scrubbers, paper towel, combs/brushes, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products (pads or tampons), gas cards. Please see more info in bulletin insert, and in the Narthex.







### Saturday, November 21 4-7:30pm Yuba School Chili **Fundraiser at Acme Masonic Lodge**

Bake sale & silent auction! Support the renovation of the 156 vear old Yuba School! \$8 adults, \$5 children 10 & under There is also the *vummiest homemade* chicken noodle soup available!

Rd, Traverse City



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