



WUMC Community Pathway

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Williamsburg UMC November 2020 Newsletter

November is a month of preparation. The temperatures have dropped, the leaves have fallen. They are reminders that it is time to prepare and get ready for the coming of winter.

November 10th is our church charge conference. It is a time for the church to prepare and get ready for the coming year as we elect leaders, while sharing our goals and vision for the church. I would like to thank those who have served and are willing to serve by giving of their talents and gifts.

November is also a month to prepare and get ready for family gatherings. As Thanksgiving approaches many of us may find ourselves planning to gather together in alternative ways due to the pandemic. Even though we may be facing difficult circumstances, there is much to be thankful for. It is my hope and prayer that we will continue to praise God for all the blessings in our lives.

November is also when we start getting ready for Christmas. After all, Black Friday sales are already available online! There is no shortage of advertising and retail marketers telling us we need to start buying early as a way to help the economy and show family and friends how much we love them. I do not deny there is some truth to that, many small businesses need our support now more than ever. However, we do need to remember that preparing for the Christmas season involves more than shopping for gifts, baking cookies, and planning special dinners for family and loved ones.

The last Sunday in November begins the season of Advent, a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Advent is an opportunity to set aside time away from the hustle and bustle of the season. After all, Christmas is more than a big birthday party for Jesus. Advent reminds us that God's Son came to earth for us and we need to prepare our hearts for the day he fulfills his promise to come once again.

This year I invite you to join me on an Advent journey as we discuss Max Lucado's book and video series: *Because of Bethlehem/He Chose the Nails*. We will form small discussion groups both in person and online.

The study will look at the questions: What is the big deal about the baby in the manger? Who was Jesus? What does his birth have to do with me? Of all the responses to these questions, there is one that stands out from the rest: Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it is like to be a human. When we talk to God about our challenges, our struggles, and our tough times, he understands, because he's been there. He's been here.

Because of Bethlehem, we have a friend in heaven. We have a Savior in heaven. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The infant in the cradle became the king on the cross. Because he did, there are no marks on our record, just grace. Because of Bethlehem, we have the promise that God is always near us. Always for us. Always in us. We may forget him, but he never forgets us.

May God's grace and peace be with you and your family,

Pastor John



CHRISTMAS DRIVE– for A.C.T.S.

(Acme Christian Thrift Store and Food Pantry)



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We are once again collecting items to donate to the clients at our local Food Pantry. Because of COVID-19, we are limiting the items that we will be collecting. Below is a list of the needed items to be distributed through ACTS. We are focusing on personal hygiene items only, this year. As always, if you are unable to shop and would rather donate cash, we will do the shopping.



Needed items:
Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothbrushes (Both Adult & Child size)
Toothpaste
Dental floss
Body Wash
Bar Soap
Deodorant (Men's & Women's)
Women's Feminine Products



**PLEASE Provide what you can and put in bins
in Nartex by DECEMBER 6th**

Contact Darlene Renzema 231 499-0807 with any questions!



ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 1
(2:00am)



Daylight Savings Time Ends!

***RADA Cutlery For Sale!!!**

Contact Carol Walter or
call the Church! Thank
you for supporting
Women's Fellowship



Christmas Drive for
ACTS will begin in the
middle of November!
Thank you!



"NOISY OFFERING"
In November we are
supporting Dr. Pierre
Margo, a Congo Medi-
cal Missionary. More
information for this
Ministry can be found
on the bulletin board
in the Narthex. Thank
you!

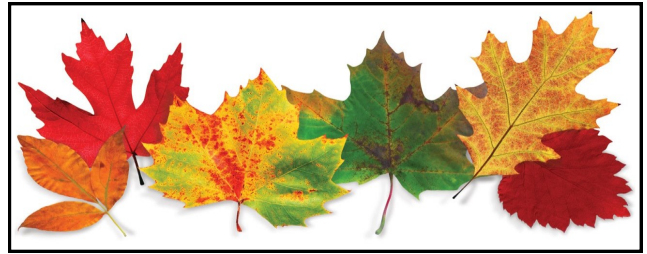
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Sun *More info in Newsletter	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day 10:15 serv. Communion	2	3 Election Day!	4 3pm All-Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	5	6	7
8 10:15 Wor- ship Service <i>Veterans Day Sunday</i>	9	10 Charge Conference SPRC 5:30 @ WUMC	11 3pm All-Faith Svc. @ Samaritas Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 10:15 Wor- ship Service *Christmas Drive for ACTSI	16	17	18 3pm All-Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	19	20	21
22 10:15 Wor- ship Service	23	24	25 3pm All-Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	26 	27	28
29	30					

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

1ST JOYCE BURROWS
8TH RON RIDGE
9TH SAM HUVER
16TH MEGAN HAMILTON
21ST KATHLEEN HULBERT
23RD LAIRD KIEFT
24TH DON & JERRY HUBBELL'S ANNIV
27TH MELISSA THOMAS
28TH PASTOR BEN SEXTON
30TH JOHN & SHERRY BOUCHER'S ANNIV



All Saints Sunday to Commemorate:

Denny Mull
Barb Drummond
Clara Moon
Barb Orchard
Walt Williams
Merle Morgan
George Cobel

Jim Wright
Mark Korson
Dave Wylie
Keith Hubbell
Ruth Coyne
Eric Lake
Dave Roosevelt
Dennis Leach

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