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Dear Williamsburg UMC Family,

The leaves have fully changed and many are now on the ground. And while many of us still have pumpkins still on the porch and are just starting to think about Thanksgiving, in the church we have our sights set on Advent and Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent this year is on November 30.

Ryan Dunn, an ordained deacon in The United Methodist Church and the Minister of Online Engagement, Rethink Church, in Nashville, TN. describes Advent by saying,

“The word “advent” derives from the Latin “adventus”, meaning “coming.” During its earliest observances, Advent was 40 days of repentance, fasting and prayer as new believers prepared for their baptisms. Oftentimes, these baptisms took place on the day of Epiphany--which is a day remembering the Magi’s visit to baby Jesus; it was a celebration of Jesus’ incarnation on Earth.

Later Christians began tying Advent not just to Christ’s incarnation, but to an anticipated second coming of Christ. Advent became a period for renewing the anticipation and longing for Jesus’ return.

Today, Advent is a period of preparation for both “advents”--or arrivals--of Jesus. Lester Ruth, a professor at Duke Divinity School and a historian of Christian worship, offered this distinction for Advent: “The simplest way I have to distinguish between Advent and Christmas is that advent uses the word “come” as a longing petition, expressed in anticipation, whereas Christmas is a commemorative reflection on how the Lord has come in Christ’s birth and thus the trigger for a new redemptive order has begun.”

In our culture, the close ties to Christmas seemingly outweigh the anticipation of another “advent” of Jesus. We conflate the Christmas commemoration and the anticipation of Advent. Ignoring this “second coming” removes some of the urgency of our Christian call to enact God’s love and justice on Earth.

We will celebrate Advent with greenery in the church, special hymns, the lighting of the Advent Wreath, and more. I hope to see you this month as we close out the liturgical year, and especially in the Advent season as we prepare to welcome Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Matthew

Remembering our Loved Ones on All Saints Sunday

Laird Kieft
Marilyn Graham
Charlie Kirk
John Willey
Suzette Cooley-Sanborn
Don Hogerheide
Sandy Beyer
Rick Young
Joe Rogers
Wayne Hill
Fisher Bogard
Chris Gee

Frank Kurylo
Mike (ACTS client)
John Conrad
Joe Synol
Steve Kalise
Janette Norton
Ross Beckwith
Jayson "J.J" Hoogeveen
John Burger
Clara Moon
Bill Boals
Marcy Block

In my father's house are
MANY ROOMS; if it were
not so, I would have told
you. I am going there to
PREPARE a PLACE for YOU.

 **JOHN 14:2** 

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 2
(2:00am)

Daylight Savings Time
Ends!



**First Day of
Advent:
November 30th
All Saints
Sunday:
November 2nd**



**Veterans Day
November 11th
Thank YOU to all
who have served our
Country!**

*November's Noisy
Offering is Supporting
22 2 None. More
information can be
found on the
Missions Board in the
Narthex*

**Thank you to
everyone who
donated soups/
salads and baked
goods for our dinner
event before the
Hammered Dulcimer
Guitar Concert!**


Acme Christian Thrift Store
& Food Pantry

**ACTS is always looking
for volunteers! Please
see Carol Hockin, thank
you!**

**Usher List for
November:**

- 11/2 Jan Donkers
- 11/9 Jim Hockin
- 11/19 Janet Goss
 - 11/23 Rich Hargreaves
- 11/30 Jan Donkers

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Sun *More info in Newsletter	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:00pm Saturday, 7:00pm						1 Set your clocks back! Daylight Savings Time Ends!
2 9:30am Worship Service Communion Coffee Fellowship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30am Worship Service Coffee Fellowship	10	11 Veterans Day!	12	13	14	15
16 9:30am Worship Service Coffee Fellowship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30am Worship Service Coffee Fellowship 30 9:30am Worship	24	25	26	27 	28	29

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

1ST JOYCE BURROWS
8TH RON RIDGE
9TH SAM HUVER
15th PASTOR MATT CHAPMAN
16TH MEGAN HAMILTON
24TH NORA ZELDES
24TH DONN & JERRI HUBBELL'S ANNIV
27TH MELISSA THOMAS



Love Thy Neighbor is again reaching out in our community with our Adopt a Family Christmas Program. Please consider adopting a family for Christmas. Be the hands and feet of Jesus that brings a smile to a child's face and joy to a parent's heart. Please email Tony Nelson at tonyn@lovethyneighborgt.org or call Love Thy Neighbor at 231-941-5683 by November 5 to participate in this wonderful program. Thank you & God Bless!



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