



# WUMC Community Pathway

December 2021

## Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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### ***Merry Christmas!***

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

*<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5*

As we get ready for Christmas, it is my hope and prayer that you and your family are safe, healthy, and filled with the Spirit of the season.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. I find that I enjoy looking for the perfect gift and trying to think of something that others will enjoy. It isn't easy, often it is frustrating, and occasionally very stressful. Sometimes I succeed and other times I get a sincere, "Oh, you *really* shouldn't have!" If I'm smart, I will defer to Sally's better judgement. I have found that usually works best!!

I think most of us have come to realize Christmas is about more than the shopping and presents. While we enjoy gathering with family and friends, Christmas is actually about more than that. Christmas is even about more than the celebration of the birth of the Christ child, who came as one of us over 2,000 years ago. Luke and Matthew give us a narrative account of what happened and why. It is valuable information to know and to have. However, I have found the real Christmas story is in John 1:1-5. It tells us the word was with God, the Word was God. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light of Christ coming into the world that is the hope and promise of Christmas. No matter how dark our lives may seem, no matter what challenges we are facing, the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, will not, and cannot overcome it.

As we prepare for Christmas, I invite you to take some time out of the hustle and bustle of the season and look at the ways the light of Christ has touched your life and the ways you can share that light with others!

God bless,  
*Pastor John*

## ACTIVITIES

**RADA Cutlery!!!**  
**To Support Women's Fellowship**



At the Church Saturday's 10-12  
 till December 11, or  
 Call Carol Walter 231.218.2018

**POTLUCK**  
**December 12th after**  
**Church! We are**  
**looking for someone to**  
**help set up! Thank you!**



**ACTS**  
**Acme Christian Thrift**  
**Store & Pantry**  
**8925 M-72 East**  
**Williamsburg, MI 49690**  
**231.938.2990**  
**acmechristian.org**



***Advent Bible Study:***  
***"Come Thou Long***  
***Expected Jesus"***  
***Tuesdays in December 7am***  
***@ Fife Lake UMC with break-***  
***fast to follow. Also lunch is***  
***available on Tuesdays at the***  
***South Boardman Senior***  
***Center @ 12pm***

**Soup Dinner @ WUMC**  
**Followed by "Come Thou**  
**Long Expected Jesus"**  
**Discussion @ 6pm on**  
**Thursdays in December**  
**(thru January 4th)**

**Advent Video Series:**  
**"The Journey, Walking**  
**the Road to Bethlehem"**  
**Discussion @ South**  
**Boardman Tuesdays in**  
**December @ 1:30pm**

**"NOISY OFFERING"**  
**Freedom Builders Ministry**  
 Freedom Builders exists to connect the family of God with the disadvantaged through volunteer opportunities serving housing assistance projects. Our process includes assessing needs, evaluating the resources available, and then connecting the local church with opportunities to meet those needs.

**Church Charge**  
**Conference Sunday,**  
**December 12, 3pm @**  
**Traverse Bay UMC**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 RADA for sale @ WUMC 10-12pm
5 10:15 Worship (No Communion)	6 Finance/Budget Mtg WUMC @ 6pm	7 7am Advent Bible Studay @ FLUMC 12pm Lunch @ SB Senior Center 1:30 video discussion @ SBUMC	8	9	10	11 RADA for sale @ WUMC 10-12pm AA Christmas Event (Fellowship Hall till 8pm)
12 10:15 Worship Potluck Charge Conference 3pm, @Traverse Bay UMC	13	14 7am Advent Bible Studay @ FLUMC 12pm Lunch @ SB Senior Center 1:30 video discussion @ SBUMC	15	16 Prayer Quilting 2-4pm Downstairs @ WUMC	17	18
19 10:15 Worship AD Council Mtg after church	20	21 7am Advent Bible Studay @ FLUMC 12pm Lunch @ SB Senior Center 1:30 video discussion @ SBUMC	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm @ WUMC 7pm Service @ Fife Lake UMC	25 
26 10:15 Worship	27	28 7am Advent Bible Studay @ FLUMC w/ breakfast to follow	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

Below are the items that are needed by those folks who come to ACTS.

There are boxes in the narthex at Williamsburg Church where you can leave any of the following items.

**THESE ARE THE NEEDED ITEMS**

Shampoo

Conditioner

Toothpaste—regular

Kids Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

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Body Wash

Kleenex boxes

Dish Soap

Men's Deodorant

Women's Deodorant

Feminine Products

Laundry Detergent

Carol says these items below **are not needed** or she has access to them elsewhere. **DO NOT BUY FOR THE CHURCH BOXES**

Dental floss

Soft soap

Bar soap

Cleaning products

Garbage bags

Combs and brushes

Cleaning sponges

Dryer sheets

If you aren't able to purchase anything and want to donate, you can give your donation to Buelalee as she is the Women's Fellowship Treasurer.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

1st Bruce & Gail's Anniversary!  
3rd Brielle Voice  
4th Anna Woods  
4th Addison Woods  
8th Gail Gaultiere  
9th Jim Huver  
11th Ian Graham  
13th Peyton Voice  
13th Karen Norton  
18th Finnegan Shane Lloyd  
18th John Hamstra  
20th John Boucher

21st Deedee Reece  
24th Christmas Eve!  
25th Christmas Day!







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