

# **WUMC United Methodist Church**

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#### Advent Blessings!

I love this time of year, fresh snow falling, hot cocoa in the decorative mugs, Advent Hymns and Christmas songs jockeying for position. Advent is a season of waiting and of looking ahead.

Looking ahead for us at the church, I will be starting a guided conversation program once a month during Coffee Fellowship. We will still have coffee, treats and snacks, and the wonderful conversation we are all used to, but once a month we will have a particular topic that we will focus on.

The schedule will be:

## **Courageous Conversations at Williamsburg UMC**

Month ONE:

Read Acts Chapters 6, 7, & 8

(What do the stories of Stephen and Philip tell you about how the church shows care of its members and the community at large?)

#### Month TWO:

Read Exodus 20-24

(These are the laws God gives to the Hebrew people through Moses. How do they create community and then show the importance of care within the community?)

#### Month THREE:

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-1 Corinthians 16

(Paul is concerned with how the church of Corinth shows care for each other and the creation of cliques within the church are going to destroy it from within.) This week we will also discuss how to visit homebound folks and how to bring communion to people that have not/cannot attend service.

#### Month FOUR:

Read Matthew 5-7

(This is Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is pretty explicit on how we are supposed to live, within and beyond our community. What would it look like if we lived like this? What gets in the way of us living this way?)

#### Month FIVE:

Read the Book of James (it only has 5 chapters)

(James is very focused on how faith is lived out. What ways do we and do we not live out our faith in the ways James talks about? How do we show care for others as a matter of faith.)

#### Month SIX:

Read Deuteronomy 11-16

(Here is another example of God's law to the Hebrew people. What would society look like if we lived this law out (for better and for worse) While we are under the law of grace, what of these laws would be useful for us to live?

### ACTIVITIES

**Advent Readers:** 

December 7th:

**Donn & Jerri Hubbell** 

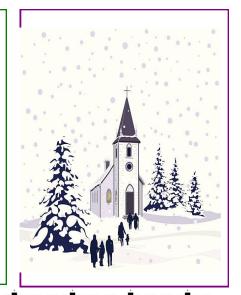
**December 14th:** 

**Linda Belcher & Holly Barrett** 

December 21st:

**Usher List:** 

- 12/7-Janet Goss
- 12/14-Jim Hockin
- 12/21-Jan Donkers
  - 12/28-Rich Hargreaves



**ACTS** 

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







#### **Christmas Cheer Baskets!**

We are looking for donations for candy and cookies!

We will be packing them on Sunday, December 14th after Church!

Thank You!

"NOISY OFFERING"
In December we are supporting A.C.T.S!
Thank you!

SPECIAL Christmas
Eve Evening Service
7pm @
Williamsburg UMC
Wednesday,
December 24th

# December 2025

D A C E 3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 ACTS Christmas Party
7 9:30am Worship Advent Readers: Donn & Jerri Hubbell Communion	8	9	10	11	12 Funeral for Marilyn Burfield 12pm	13 AA Christmas Party
9:30am Worship Advent Readers: Linda Belcher & Holly Barrett Communion Pack Christmas Cheer Baskets	15	16	17 AD Council 9am	18	19	20
<b>21</b> 9:30am Worship Advent Readers: Communion	22	23	24 Special Christmas Service 7pm	25  Merry Christmas	26	27
28 9:30am Worship	29	30	31 New Year's Eve!			

# A.C.T.S. Christmas Collection

(Acme Christian Thrift Store and Food Pantry)
Again, this year we will be collecting items for clients at ACTS for Christmas.

Below is a list of needed items to be distributed through ACT'S Food Pantry. We are focusing on mostly personal hygiene items this year. As always, if you are unable to shop and would rather donate cash, we will do the shopping for you. Please give monies to Darlene Renzema.

Bring whatever items you purchase to the church by December 24th. Place them in the bin in the Narthex. Whatever you can donate is much appreciated! Thank You For Giving! Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Shampoo

Conditioner

Toothbrushes (adult & child)

Toothpaste (adult & child)

Body Wash

Bar Soap

Liquid Pump Soap

Deodorant (men & women)

Razors (men & women)

Band-aids

Disinfecting Wipes

Liquid Cleaning Products



## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

1st Bruce & Gail's Anniversary! 3rd Brielle Voice 8th Gail Gaultiere 9th Jim Huver

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