

**DECEMBER
2014**

Williamsburg United Methodist Church



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CARE PACKAGES! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! We were able to send out CARE Packages to Aubrey Chartier (Surowitz), Sami Aisthorpe, Erin Gogolin, Journey Teegardin, Abigail Andrews, Madison Aranda, Kait Cummings, Nicole Cummings, Nick and Chelsea Lloyd (Barrett), Connor and Dana Rouse, Zachary VanLente, Ethan VanLente, Julia Slopsema, Courtney Dye, Brandon John, Kaitlynd Hamstra, Jared Polly, with lots of wonderful and comforting items in them! The congregation was exceptionally generous and the boxes were STUFFED. And thank you to everyone who helped pack the boxes, as we wouldn't have gotten anywhere without you! We've heard from many, of their appreciation at just being thought of, let alone a great package! *Thank you for letting our older youth and young adults know that we love them, miss them and are praying for them.*



• The small Christmas Tree is in the narthex for the Christmas Gift giving. The children's names will come from ACTS. If folks are unable to get out and shop, Holly Barrett will accept cash donations and will do the shopping for the items listed on the tags that will hang on the tree. Gifts/tags/ cash donations need to be returned to church by December 14th.

THANK YOU!!!!

- Cheer Baskets will be gathered and put together on Sunday, Dec. 14th. If you would be willing to bring 1 dozen cookies to distribute in these baskets, please let Marcy Block know! 267-5466. Is there someone you know who could use a visit and a Cheer Basket at this time of year? Please let us know!
- There will not be a Women's Fellowship Meeting on Sunday, December 28th. The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 25th. (doesn't it feel like we were just in June??!)
- We are gathering mittens, 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.

From Pastor Nate.....December Newsletter 2014

Happy New Year! I know you're thinking, "It's too early!", but tell that to the snow! Advent is upon us, and as we enter the first week of this new season, we also enter the first week of year, according to the Christian Liturgical Calendar. It's actually quite timely. The old year closes with great Thanksgiving as we celebrate God's many blessings which we've seen transpire in our lives. And as Advent begins, we shift our attention to, reflect on, and prepare our hearts for, the birth of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

May the Lord Bless you and yours in this new season, and in this New Year! And may the Light of the Lord be born anew in your hearts that you may carry His light into the world.

Fear not; Hope is on the Way!

Pastor Nate Starkey



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*= more info in newsletter	1 <i>Bruce & Gail Gualtiere's Anniv!</i> 8pm AA meeting	2 *6pm Santa @ Hi Pray Park, W'burg	3 7pm AA meeting (women only)	4 *11-1 Church Women United *11am/7pm Bible Study	5 6pm Santa @ Acme Masonic Lodge <i>Greg & Laurie Gogolin's Anniv!</i> Anne Lovell	6 <i>Merle & Pearl's 67th Anniversary!</i> 10am AA meeting (men only) 7pm AA meeting
7 Communion World Aids Day Advent—Prophecy	8 <i>Gail Gualtiere</i> 8pm AA meeting	9 <i>Jim Huver</i>	10 7pm AA meeting (women only)	11 <i>Ian Graham</i> *11am/7pm Bible Study	12	13 (FYI only-AA Christmas Party all day)
14 Advent—Hope Potluck *4pm Cantata <i>Ron and Laura Reinhold's 40th Anniv!</i>	15 8pm AA meeting	16 <i>Aubrey (Surowitz) Chartier</i>	17 <i>Finnegan Lloyd (?!)</i> 7pm AA meeting (women only)	18 <i>John Hamstra</i> *11am/7pm Bible Study	19 <i>Toni Johnson</i>	20 10am AA meeting (men only) 7pm AA meeting
21 Advent—Joy	22 8pm AA meeting	23 <i>Barb Drummond</i>	24 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm AA meeting (women only)	25 Christmas Day	26	27 10am AA meeting (men only) 7pm AA meeting
28 Potluck (not brunch) <i>Women's Fellowship NOT Meeting</i>	29 8pm AA meeting	30	31 New Year's Eve 7pm AA meeting (women only)			

CWU Gathering/Potluck

Thursday, Dec. 4th
11am-1pm
Peninsula Bible Church
430 Fair St, TC
Musical Program
Non-perishables for
Peninsula Bible Church's
Food Pantry



Christmas Shopping at
Williamsburg UMC!

RADA Cutlery and
Homespun Crafts will be avail-
able for sale on

Sunday, Dec. 14th!

This is an excellent source of
gifts, and also great financial
support of

the Women's
Fellowship
Missions!



Once you taste this.... peanuts will NEVER
DO!

Cashew Brittle

\$5.00 for 1/2

lb bag

Proceeds to

Elk Rapids

Women Scholarship Fund

Call/email Jan Bassett 264-6951,409-6579,

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Or

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SPECIAL SUNDAY

December 7th, 2014

HIV and AIDS
UMCOR's top
priorities in
addressing HIV and
AIDS around the
world are to
challenge stigma and
eradicate Mother-to-
Child Transmission in
partnership with the
United Methodist
Global AIDS Fund
(UMGAF)

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014

4 p.m.

**Elk Rapids High
School, Peterman
Auditorium**

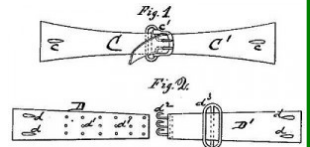
Elk Lake Community Choir
Christmas Cantata,
"Bethlehem's Child" plus
other beautiful pieces.
Free will offering will be
taken and distributed to
local
charities.



"Well, I'll Be a Monkey's Uncle!" (a.k.a.: Little Known Facts.)

December 19

On this day in 1871, Mark Twain received patent #121,992 for an 'Improvement in Adjustable and Detachable Straps for Garments.' The first of Twain's three patents was received while he was living in Hartford, Connecticut. His first patent was for an adjustable strap that could be used to tighten shirts at the waist. This adjustable strap was attached to the back of a shirt and fastened with buttons in order to keep it in place and so that it was easy to remove.



December 29

1776 Charles Macintosh, the Scottish inventor, was born. Macintosh patented the first water-proof material. The mackintosh raincoat was named after him.



Thursday Bible Study:

Current topic: "Not A Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton.

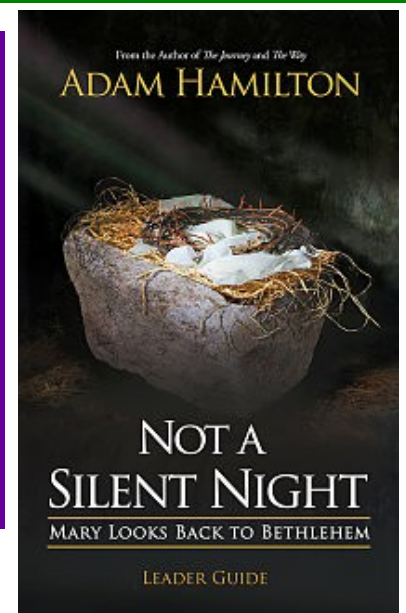
Imagine Jesus from Mary's point-of-view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby.

This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary.

Everyone is invited and welcome—books available!

11 a.m. OR 7 p.m.

Bring a friend or neighbor if you'd like!



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