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**TODAY'S SERVANTS AND HELPERS**

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	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters:		
Ushers:	Don & Pat Scott David & Betty Conrad	Crossroads Student Ministries Youth
Prayer Partner:	Rosemary Malott & Pam Murphy	Lois Volk & Michelle Fender
Worship Leader:	Guy Bainum	Doug Chalker
Acolytes:	Haley Werring & Carly Werring	Ashley Jermer
Nursery Helpers:		Heather Tissot
Junior Church:	Children age 4 through 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to go upstairs to <b>Room # 201:</b> Crossroads Student Ministries Drama Club	

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Flowers for worship are in memory of Marcy DeBoard given by Al DeBoard  
Flowers for worship are in memory of Steve Lytle given by The Lytle Family  
Rose for worship is a birthday remembrance of Marjorie Taylor given by Missi Brown  
Rose for worship is announcing the birth of Elise Marie Overstake born  
Monday, November 26, 2007. Elise Marie weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and is 20 inches tall  
Daughter of Kerry & Sara Overstake, Granddaughter of Ken & Bev Overstake

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**WILLIAMSBURG EMERGENCY MISSION**  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



*Williamsburg  
United  
Methodist  
Church*

**December 2, 2007**

**\* Our Vision and Mission \***

**To be a healthy, growing spiritually vital, risk-taking center for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the purpose of transforming the world.**

**WELCOME TO WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Welcome on this first Sunday in Advent! As we prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate again the coming of our Lord, let us affirm the joy Christ brought to the world. May such joy live within us as we worship the Lord.

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER -Please pass the Friendship pad** along your row, so each person can write his/her name, address & e-mail. When the pad has reached the end of the row, please pass it back - make a note of the names of those seated on your row so you can give them a warm personal greeting at the close of the service.

**INFANT & TODDLERS CARE** (under 4 years of age) is available in room #6, down the hallway from the Worship Center.

**DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** may be placed in the Emergency Mission basket in the hallway near the office doors. Distribution is made through the “Emergency Mission” program of the Williamsburg area churches.

*Items on the left margin are for 9:00 a.m.                      Items on the right margin are for 11:00 a.m.*  
*Items that extend all the way across the page are for both services.*

**THE PEOPLE GATHER**

**A CALL TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**  
**MUSIC AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP** *Acolytes*

“Of The Father’s Love Begotten” Tune: Divinum Mysterium  
 Words in Methodist Hyman, Page 184

**RAISING OUR VOICES IN THANKS AND PRAISE** - *Please stand if you are able*  
♫ Halle, Halle, Halleluja FWS 2026  
 ♫ UMH 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel                      ♫ Here Is Bread FWS 2266  
 (verses 1 & 2)                      ♫ Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204

..... WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

**HEARING AND EXPERIENCING THE GOOD NEWS**

♫ UMH 196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus *(seated)*

**WE PRAY TOGETHER** (in unison)

**God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our shortcomings and guilt. With moments so critical, we let time “just go by.” With deliverance to near, we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we yet fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forward, that the moment may be met. Dispel the shadows, so that you will may be clear. Clothe with light and new life in Christ, let us go forward as those who are awake. In the name of our blessed savior we pray. Amen.**

..... LAY STAFF RECOGNITION .....

..... LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH .....

**FWS 2090 Light the Advent Candle: Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain**  
 Rosemary Malott                      Royer Family

**A READING FROM THE BIBLE** ..... Matthew 24:36-44  
*“No one knows the day or time”*

..... THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC .....

The Chancel Choir Rising Tides  
 “Deliver Us, Lord!”  
 by Niel Lorenz/John Purifoy

◆ *Following the Ministry of Music, children age four through grade three are invited to go to Children’s Church, upstairs in Room #201.*

**THE MESSAGE** ..... “HOW READY ARE WE?”

**RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS**

*(seated)* ♫ UMH 206 ..... **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

..... THE MINISTRY OF GIVING .....

*Your regular giving fulfills the mission and ministry of our church by –*

- *Providing Outreach & Evangelism Ministry.*
- *Supporting Habitat for Humanity.*

**We give our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

♫ Offertory “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” by Schop    The Prayer of Dedication  
 ♫ “Praise God...” *(Please stand if you are able)* UMH 94                      ♫ Offertory  
 The Prayer of Dedication

**COMMUNION** ..... A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III ..... #15

*Served at stations in front by intinction (dipping)*

♫ UMH 706 ..... **Soon and Very Soon**  
*Please stand, if you are able                      (Acolytes)*  
*At the close of this service there is a time for those who have special prayer needs. You are invited to come to the front pew or to the kneeling step during this closing song. The pastor will meet you there.*

**A BLESSING** (in unison)

**Now may God clothe us in the light of Christ; may Christ Jesus teach us his ways; and may the Holy Spirit keep us alert and prepared for the coming day of the Lord. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

♫ **SINGING OUR BLESSING** .. On Eagles’ Wings ..... UMH 143

**MUSIC TO ENERGIZE US AS WE GO TO REFLECT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

“O, Blessed Emmanuel” by J.S. Bach

# First Sunday in Advent

♪ **FWS 2090 Light the Advent Candle:** *Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain*

Reader:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader:

Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**PEOPLE:**

**TODAY WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE PROPHETS AMONG US,  
WHO BRING TO US SURPRISING NEW VISIONS OF HOPE, WHO  
CHALLENGE US TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX,  
WHO SHOW US A FUTURE WE NEVER ANTICIPATED.**

Reader:

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

*(Light one candle.)*

*(FWS 2090 Refrain played in background)*

# *Schedule of Activities for the* Week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>

**TODAY: 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Mama's Grill
- 5:30 p.m. How to Drug Proof Your Kids in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Sing-A-Long Gang Practice in Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice in Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. How to Drug Proof Your Kids in Fellowship Hall this is the last class
- 5:00 p.m. Crossroads Student Ministry Progressive Dinner meet at Church

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouting Pack #84 (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) meeting in Room #205

- 7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Meeting at 1<sup>st</sup> Church of Nazarene 243 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>:** 2:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Group

- 3:45 p.m. Senior & Friends: For those who have paid reservations we will leave Williamsburg United Methodist for Eaton, Ohio, leaving at **3:45 p.m.** and return at approximately 10:15 p.m.

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouting Pack #84 (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) meeting in Room #205

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

- 2:30 p.m. Quilting Mission Group meeting at Williamsburg High School

- 3:30 p.m. Tutoring in Fellowship Hall

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Tigers (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) meeting in Room #205

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup>:** Last day for bulletin information to be turned into the office for this week

- 3:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Group

- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Juniors Troop #1802 meeting in Room #205

- 3:30 p.m. Tutoring in Fellowship Hall

**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup>:** 4:00 p.m. Turkey & Ham Dinner in Fellowship Hall

- 8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Singing carols at the "North Pole" (the old Sunoco station) during the Christmas Walk

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup>:** Rising Tides practice

**NEXT SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise

- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups

- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise

- 11:00 a.m. Progress Class Carry in Dinner in Fellowship Hall

- 12:30 – 7:00 p.m. Crossroads Student Ministries Rehearsal for "The Case of the Missing Meaning" Play in Worship Center

- 6:30 p.m. Williamsburg Community Kid's Choir (See item #6)

- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice in Fellowship Hall

**(1) PECANS HAVE ARRIVED:** Cost is \$7.00 for chocolate or plain see the United Methodist Women for your purchases.

**(2) WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER:** All women are invited to attend on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey/ham croissant sandwiches and soft drinks will be provided. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share with the group. If you have a gift for Turn Key Kids (information distributed through the WUMC Sunday School classes), please bring the unwrapped gift to the church on this date. If you do not have a Turnkey Kid but would like to donate a gift of money to help a child in need, you may do so during the evening. (In the past, it has been tradition for us to donate to a child or family in need as opposed to spending money to go out to eat as a group). We will draw prayer partners for 2008 at this meeting. Other fun activities will take place. Be sure to attend!

**(3) POINSETTIAS** - Please order your poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one to be placed on the altar as soon as possible so you can have a choice of plant and color. Call Basket & Treasures at 724-9700, they will be delivered to the church. Colors are Red, Pink, White and Jingle Bell. Cost for a pot of 1 plant is \$10.00, 2 plants is \$20.00, or 3 plants is \$30.00.

**(4) ADDRESS LIST:** There is a new address list in the office for you to proof read. Please take one home to proof read it for us. Mark your name off on the master copy in the office. We have tried to update all the addresses and phone numbers, but we need your help.

**(5) WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S TURKEY & HAM DINNER:** The dinner will be held Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. During the Christmas Walk in Williamsburg. We will start serving at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall & continue until we run out of food. If you can help anytime during the evening it will be appreciated. The dessert is a variety of pies that we ask our ladies to donate. We will have a sign-up sheet to encourage & remind the ladies to bring their pies.

**(6) WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY KID'S CHOIR:** The Williamsburg Community Kid's Choir is proud to present their Christmas musical "The Christmas S.O.C.C.E.R. Team" play on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg High School Auditoria, directed by Christy Follis.

**(7) EMERGENCY MISSION:** The Mission is in need of Jell-O, pudding, soup, canned meat, pasta, canned fruit, canned potatoes, canned greens, oatmeal, and canned sweet potatoes.

**(8) CUB SCOUT TOY DRIVE:** Cub Scout Pack 84 is having a toy drive the night of the Christmas Walk, Friday, Dec. 7, 2007. Our Toy Drive will be at Pete Cooper's Village Barber Shop on Main Street. We are asking people to drop off any toys they would like to donate at Pete's Barber Shop. The Cub scouts are asked to work shifts to collect the toys and then we give everything to the church for distribution.

**(9) MINISTRY UPDATE - NOVEMBER 25, 2007**

Christian Education Classes and Groups	81	Average YTD 82
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service	85+ 76 = 161	Average YTD 187
Offering: November 25 <sup>th</sup> \$ 3,239.00	(Weekly \$ 2,809.00 S.S. \$ 75.00 Mission \$ 355.00)	
Received YTD as of 11/25/2007 \$ 204,045.48	Expenses YTD as of 10/31/2007 \$ 199,461.58	

## **CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY NOTES:**

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Drama & Celebration with the Congregation

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Candle Light Service 11:00 p.m

Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 p.m. – returning Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. **ALL NIGHT** Scallywag Tag! Cost is \$25.00 plus a snack to share. This includes 7 hours of laser tag, pop, 2 slices of pizza, popcorn and more. Buy your tickets now!!

**[www.williamsburgumc.com](http://www.williamsburgumc.com)**

**Week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**WE JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER:**

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.

James 5:16

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

Kevin & Marti Martin: Zoe  
Janie McClure: Jessica, Niki, Brittany

Bert Matthis  
David McCollum

*Join us as we pray our way through the membership of the congregation. Some week, it will be you.*

**CURRENT CONCERNS:**

Janet Harry – Partial knee replacement to be released Saturday  
Michelle Lewis – Recuperating at home  
Ed Wright – Mercy Hospital Clermont

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM LAST SUNDAY'S PRAYER CARDS:**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM ONLINE SOURCES:**

**ON GOING CONCERNS LONG TERM:**

Kitty Arwine	Mike Proud (Kim Jeffers' and Cassie Lefker's Dad)
Dick Forney	Shirley Smith (Mary Ann Lefker's Mother)
Nancy Sinkking	Drew (Great Nephew of Marge McCollum)
Gene & Ruby Wilson	Robby Kelly (Jim & Donna Dyer's nephew)
Hazel Cox	Marilyn Whiteman
Betty Lykins	David White
Charles Kirk	Marian Truske
Lloyd Frodge (father of Don Frodge)	

**NURSING HOMES AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS:**

Leona Knauer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center  
Verna Burger - Locust Ridge Nursing Home  
Wanda Merkle – Batavia Nursing & Convalescent Inn  
Mary Bare – The Arbors of Milford  
Eleanor Piffer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center  
May Marshall - Eastgate Village  
Ramona Edwards - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center  
Betty Hooper (Brenda Jody's Mother) - Corbin, Kentucky  
Fred Dyer (Jim Dyer's Father) – Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio  
Geneva Carter (Dave Carter's Mother) - Eastgate Village  
Wayne Roundy (Carolee Grehan's Father) - Otterbein  
Sam Maham - Western Hills

**OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

AMN Patrick Fender	AMN Stephen Jordan	Brian Cramer
Paul Wabnitz	Ryan Frazee USAF	1Lt. David McCollum
Jacob Kidd	Zach Cluxton	Zachary Albasin
Lt. Col. David Parr	Lt. Col. Liza Parr	Isaac Meese
Norman Saunders	Ryan Horner	Ian Adams
Christopher Palmer USAF	Bryan Carmean	John Stone
Michael Frischhertz	Jason Pollard	Ben Zsabo
NC, USN Craig L. Duncan	Jeff Brown	Bob Fee
SR Jacob Albasin	Sgt. Mark Gatch	Shannon Bibbee
Brandon Reid	Nick Richards USAF	

**Pray for our service men and women as they leave the military to go back to civilian life.**