

11:00 a.m. Service – December 27, 2009
Modern and experientially centered worship

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements – *(please sign and pass the friendship pads)*

We begin with the Bible *(Luke 2:51&52)*

Raising our voices in thanks and praise:

♪ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – UMH 240

♪ O Little Town of Bethlehem – UMH 230

WE HEAR AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

A time of centering prayer

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH

FWS 2090 - Light the Advent Candle: Refrain, Verse 5, Refrain

A reading from the Bible – Luke 2:41-52

"The boy Jesus in the temple"

Leader: The Word of the Lord **PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

The ministry of giving (prayer of dedication and offering)

The ministry of music

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

The message: **"GROWING IN GOD'S FAVOR"**

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

♪ Star Child – FWS 2095

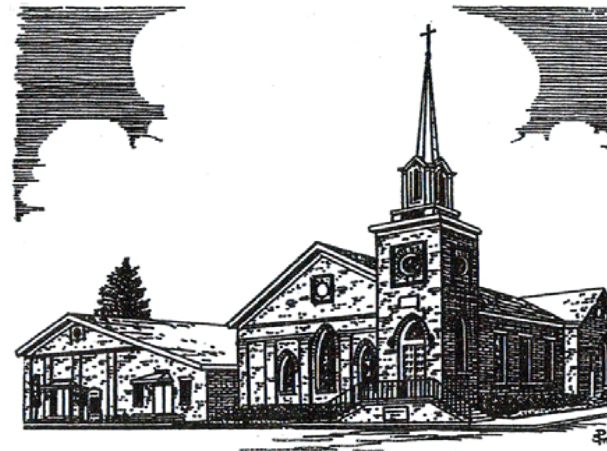
WESLEY COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE (see insert)

♪ Joy to the World – UMH 246

A parting blessing

Singing our benediction ♪ On Eagles' Wings UMH 143

Music to energize us as we go to reflect the light of Christ



*Williamsburg
United
Methodist
Church*

December 27th, 2009

Welcome To the **WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

Welcome to worship!

We joyfully welcome all who have come to celebrate God's best gift to all of humanity, Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Let every voice be lifted up in singing and praying as we focus upon the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. And let every hand be extended in fellowship and good will as we greet and share with one another. "We love because he first loved us" (1John 4:19)

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS – Are available in the pews and outside the church office. Written prayer requests on the cards may be placed in the plates during the offering. They will be shared in the prayer time later in the service. All prayer concerns are shared with the church by the way of the prayer chain and the weekly bulletin.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER - Please pass the Friendship pad along your row, so each person can write his/her name, address & e-mail. If you are a guest to our church please fill out the card at the top of the friendship pad, then place it in the offering plate so we can get know you better.

INFANT & PRE-SCHOOL CARE (under 5 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 blue tubs at each entrance of the sanctuary / worship center. Distribution is made through the "Emergency Mission" program of the Williamsburg area churches.

📱 Please show courtesy to those worshipping with you
by **silencing all electronic devices.**

December 27, 2009

Welcome to Worship

1st Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m. Service

Familiar and historically centered worship

THE PEOPLE GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & FELLOWSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” Carol by Richard Willis **Acolytes**

HYMN – Joy to the World **UMH 246**
Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

WE PRAY TOGETHER (in unison)

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts that are not in accord with your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of your graciousness. The new life and forgiveness you offer is not yet proclaimed widely in our community. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ’s way. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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SCRIPTURE Luke 2:41-52

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THE OFFERING

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

- *Providing resources in our General Fund, the only revenue source we have for ongoing expenses;*
- *Supporting our District, Regional, Conference, National, and International missions and ministries in partnership with other United Methodist congregations.*

We give our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

The Offertory “What Child Is This” Tune: Greensleeves by Dorothy Wells
The Doxology (*Please stand if you are able*) **UMH 94**
The Prayer of Dedication

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Solo by Melissa Kuykendall
“What Child Is This” accompanied by Cory Phillips
*Following the Ministry of Music, **children age five through grade three** are invited to go to Children’s Church, upstairs in Room #201.*

THE SERMON **“GROWING IN GOD’S FAVOR”**

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

HYMN (seated) – Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine Tune: Carol, CMD-218 **UMH 606**
(Charles Wesley wrote this hymn text especially for this covenant service)

WESLEY COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE (see insert)

HYMN – Angels We Have Heard on High **UMH 238**
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, who was celebrated by angels’ songs and worshiped by shepherds from the hillsides, anoint us with the true spirit of Christmas, that we too may sing and worship, now and forever, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION On Eagles’ Wings **UMH 143**

POSTLUDE “In Dulci Jubilo” Tune: Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Schedule of Activities for the Week of December 27th, 2009 – January 3rd, 2010

TODAY SUNDAY 27th: 1st Sunday after Christmas Day – Wesley Covenant Service
We close the year and prepare for the next year by reaffirming our faith and dedicating our selves to God's work.

- 9:00 a.m. Worship: Traditional
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship: Contemporary
- 12:00 a.m. **NO** Sing-a-Long Gang rehearsal in Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. **NO** Crossroads Student Ministry

MONDAY 28th: 6:00 p.m. Tigers (1st graders) den leader Tisha Miller in room #208
- 7:00 p.m. Webelos (4th & 5th grades) meeting with den leaders Melissa Collins and Tisha Miller in room #205
- 7:00 p.m. Wolves (2nd graders) meeting with den leader Rachel Amiot in room #201

WEDNESDAY 30th: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Parlor Topic: The Prophecies of Isaiah
- 2:30 p.m. **NO** Tutoring in Fellowship Hall.
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Worship Center.
- 7:00 p.m. Wolves (2nd graders) meeting with den leader Phil Barth in room #208
- 7:00 p.m. Bears (3rd graders) meeting with den leader Julie Robinson in room #205

THURSDAY 31st: NEWS YEAR EVE

Last day for bulletin information to be turned into the office for this week

- 2:30 p.m. Quilting Ministry in Family Consumer Science Room of the High School.
- 2:30 p.m. **NO** Tutoring in Fellowship Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. Rising Tides Practice in Worship Center
- 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. **New Year's Eve Communion**

A brief service of communion will be repeated each half hour in the chapel. Wrap up you year by receiving this means of God's grace and seeking God's guidance in the year to come.

FRIDAY January 1st, 2010: NEWS YEAR DAY

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd: Epiphany Sunday

We begin the new year by celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas and Epiphany Sunday as we recall the Visit of the Wise Men and the Mystery of the Incarnation.

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- 11:00 a.m. Worship: Contemporary
- 12:00 a.m. **NO** Sing-a-Long Gang rehearsal in Worship Center

- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Crossroads Student Ministries - Post New Years Eve Party (a movie & snacks) at JD's home phone # 404-7669. (243 North Third Street, Williamsburg)

(1) CHRISTMAS CARD CENTRAL

Do take the time, to check out the "Christmas Card Central" bulletin board to see and enjoy all of the greetings of the season.

(2) POWERPOINT OPERATOR NEEDED: The Praise Team is looking for individuals to operate the Power Point for the 11 O'clock service. Anyone interested should contact John Houchin 477-3095

(3) REDBIRD DONATIONS IN DIRE NEED OF STORAGE SPACE: The building that we used for years has been sold. Do you have a garage or shed for Redbird donations???? If so please contact Guy Bainum at 724-6553.

(4) NEWSLETTER: Copies of the recent email newsletter are available in the lobby.

(5) EMERGENCY MISSION: Our need at present is personal care items.

(6) MINISTRY UPDATE – December 20, 2009

Classes and Groups (Children 16, Youth 4, Adult, 40)	60 Average YTD
78	
Combined Worship Services	203 Average YTD
160	
Crossroads Student Ministry Youth no meeting	
Received last week for the Budget: \$ 2,603.00	
Received last week for Christmas Offering: \$ 2,525.00	
Received last week for other purposes: \$ 327.00	
Received for the Budget YTD: \$ 216,733.30	
Budget Expenses YTD: \$ 211,636.06	

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- 1 --- 2 --- 3 Reminder** Thank God - #1
- Seek out a not familiar or less familiar face - #2
 - Make connections with your friends - #3
 - Every Sunday, at every opportunity!

TODAY'S SERVANTS AND HELPER

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters:	Rosemary Malott George (Red) Simpson & Bob Hancock	
Ushers:	Don & Diana Frodge Tim & Wanda Ferree	
Worship Leader:	Guy Bainum	Doug Chalker
Liturgist:	Jim Weaver	Bill Lewis
Nursery Helpers:		Allison Butler
Junior Church: Children age 5 through 3 rd Grade are invited to go upstairs to <u>Room # 201</u> :		
	Lauren Harvey	Brandi Sullivan

Flowers for Worship are in honor/memory of



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

Week of December 27th, 2009



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:

JD Young Gary & Leslie Abrams: Rachel, Christen, Stephanie
Roy & Rita Abrams Mabel Albasin
*Join us as we pray our way through the membership of the congregation.
Some week, it will be you.*

CURRENT CONCERNS and UPDATES:

Bob Hancock - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center for Rehab
Jack & Kitty Arwine – Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Linda Henderson (Jerry Mursinna's mother) – recuperating at home
Bob & Betty Lykins – recuperating at home

PRAYER REQUESTS: (From Prayer Cards, Online Sources, etc.)

For **Jack Grehan** submitted by Carolee Grehan
For **Shirley Adams** submitted by Brenda Jody
For **Angel Scott** (Don & Pat Scott's daughter in law) submitted by Don & Pat Scott
For **Denny Spencer** submitted by Jim & Kenita Weaver

ON GOING CONCERNS LONG TERM:

Will & Wade Lytle	Jessie Abrams	Betty & Bob Lykins	Jeff Fite
Bob Cummins	Kitty & Jack Arwine	Marilyn Whiteman	Betty McLean
Clara Mae Hundemer	Gene & Ruby Wilson	Betty Parr	Jerry Burger
Rod & Elaine Young (JD's father & mother)	Don Bennett (Marge McCollum's brother)		
Beverly Ghrosmeyer (Marge McCollum's daughter)	Mark Woll	Denny Spencer	
Bill Geaman	Kathie Unger (Lynne Carter's Mother)	Shirley Adams	

NURSING HOMES AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS:

Ruth Lytle – Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Eleanor Piffer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
Lloyd Frodge (Don Frodge's Father) - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Wayne Roundy (Carolee Grehan's Father) - Otterbein

RETIREMENT CENTERS:

Bill McManus – Eastgate Village Geneva Carter (Dave Carter's Mother) - Eastgate Village
May Marshall - Eastgate Village
David Hutchens (Susan King's Father) – Mt. Pleasant Retirement Community in Monroe, Oh

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

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SSgt Mark Gatch Marine Corp
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Pray for our service men and women as they leave the military to go back to civilian life.