

## Our Mission

*To listen to and walk with those in our broader community where they are, seeking to enter together more fully into the life of Christ.*

## Our Vision

*By the grace of God we are striving for daily discipleship to Jesus in a community on shared mission*

### Need an Offering Envelope?

Individuals giving cash offerings, envelopes are available in the pews and on the shelf above the mailboxes.

### Visit our website – [www.wmcva.org](http://www.wmcva.org)

If you are not already getting the weekly “WMC Newsnotes” emails (Sunday bulletins and brief announcements) and/or our Prayer Chain emails, send an email to: [office@wmcva.org](mailto:office@wmcva.org)

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## WMC Leadership

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*Church office hours: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Tuesday thru Friday. If you have questions, concerns, or compliments you may contact any of the following persons.*

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**December 23, 2018  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

# Worship

**Sunday School                      9:30 AM                      Worship                      10:45 AM**

*We welcome each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and thank God for your presence here. If you are a guest with us today, please complete a guest card and place it in the basket during the offering.*

Welcome

Singing	“O come, all ye faithful”	#212
	“Angels we have heard on high”	#197
	“What child is this”	#215

Prayer and Offering

Children’s Lesson    What do you like about Christmas?    Ken Peterson  
Elizabeth Trayner

Special Music            “Christmas Gift”    Elizabeth Trayner

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture            John 1:1-5, 10-14    See Insert

Sermon in Song            The Mystery of Christmas  
Ken Peterson & Elizabeth Trayner

Response Song            “Silent night, holy night”    #193

Benediction

Doxology

*A large print hymnal is available for use in the pew rack closest to the exit door. Feel free to use it wherever you choose to sit and then return it to the back pew rack.*

*Worship Leader: Ben Kruzinski; Song Leader: Joann Tisi;  
Candlelighting: Rachel McLaughlin; Nursery: Doris Smoker & Debbie Hodges*



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## Announcements

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Our Christmas projects are the following stateside projects: Mennonite Disaster Service (Hurricane Relief); Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (Oakwood lodge remodel); Tyler & Kendra Yoder (Garden City Church, Richmond). Checks may be written to the church with a designation on the notation line. If you don't designate, funds will be divided between the three projects.

If you don't have plans for Christmas Day, we'd love to have you join us at noon for a meal here at the church. Bring a dish or two for an informal time of fellowship and games. David & Lavonne Lehman

Prayer meeting for December 26 is cancelled and will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS to Clayton and Mary (Tisi) Kaufmann who were united in marriage on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be making their home at 11800 Fergus Road, St. Charles, MI 48655 Butler Drive North, Midway Park, NC 28544.

We are hosting pastor and author Howard Storm of Fort Thomas, Kentucky at our church, 4 PM on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Howard will share about his near death experience and how his encounter with Jesus completely changed his life. Since 1985 he has spoken to many audiences small and large, far and near. Please allow Howard to share the love he experienced with you which was freely given to him. Friends and family are welcome.

Our church is invited to join Hickory Neck Episcopal Church to host the winter shelter for the homeless February 24 to March 3. See Lavonne Lehman for details or complete a form found on the table in the foyer.

Providence Mennonite Church invites you to a Candlelight Carol Service, tonight at 4:30 PM at their church located at 13101 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA.



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## Pray

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- Randy Coblentz
- Julie Birmingham (Melanie Plato's niece)
- Garden City Church, Richmond, VA

Contact the church office if you wish to update a prayer concern for the bulletin. To activate the prayer chain during the week, call any of the elders.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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	Birthday		Anniversary
1/1	Mary Ann Lee	1/18	Leon & Wendy Brunk
1/2	Charlotte Ross	1/30	Max & Alta Blosser
1/8	Caleb Austin		
1/10	Kathleen Kennedy		
1/24	Ray Nice		
1/28	Melanie Plato		

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## Upcoming Events

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December	23	Ken Peterson presents a sermon in song
	25	Christmas Day Potluck luncheon, 12 PM
January	2	Prayer meeting, 5:30 PM
	6	Communion
	6	Howard Storm, speaker, 4 PM, WMC
	7	Ladies Dinner, 6:30 PM, place to be determine
	8	Eastern District meeting, 6:30 PM, Huntington MC
	9	Church Council meeting, 7 PM



Congregational Bible Reading  
John 1:1-5, 10-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

“The Mystery of Christmas”

by  
Ken Peterson and Elizabeth (Peterson) Trayner

1. The Mystery Revealed...  
“O Holy Night”
2. The Mystery of God  
Becoming our Savior....  
John 1:1, 14  
“Down from His Glory”  
“Bethlehem Morning” (Elizabeth Trayner)
3. The Mystery of God  
Loving sinners....  
Romans 5:8  
“I Wonder as I Wander”  
John 3:16
4. The Mystery of our response  
To God’s love in Christ....  
“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

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