

"HIS STORY / MY STORY"

Series: Live Differently
Psalm 139

"All human beings have an innate desire to hear and tell stories and to have a story to live by." - Harvey Cox

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you." Maya Angelou

- 1) God is writing the story of redemption.
- 2) God is using you to tell His story
- 3) Fear blocks the delivery of God's story

Opening Questions: What is your story? What has God done in you that you need to share?

Discussion Questions:

1. In Psalm 139 what words and images do the writer use to show us how intimately God knows us?
2. What does the writer do because he knows how much God knows about him?
3. The meaning of the word "redemption" is "the recovery of something promised". What does that mean to us?
4. Fear stops us from telling our story. Of these three fears which is the most difficult for you to overcome? Fear of being rejected, fear of embarrassment or fear of feeling inferior.
5. How can you overcome your fear to tell your story?
6. Who decides who your story is for?
7. Tell your story.

Daily Scripture

Day 1
Psalm 139

Day 2
Psalm 51

Day 3
Romans 7:15

Day 4
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Day 5
1 John 4:18

Opportunities to Connect, Grow, Serve & Go at WFMC this week.

Sunday, October 9

- 9:30 a.m. My BFF Jesus (Girls Grades 2-5 w/Mom)..... LL RED Room
- 9:30 a.m. Character Crew (Boys Grades 2-5 w/Dad)..... LL Purple Room
- 9:30 a.m. PreK Sunday School..... LL Yellow Room
- 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten/1st Grade Sunday School..... LL Green Room
- 9:30 a.m. Jr. High Class (Grades 6-8)..... Parsonage Basement
- 9:30 a.m. Sr. High Class (Grades 9-12)..... Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Read the Bible for Life..... LL Rm 105
- 9:30 a.m. Love & Respect: Marriage Enrichment..... LL Rm 106
- 9:30 a.m. Discovering WFMC..... Office Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. A Nation is Born..... ML Rm 204
- 10:45 a.m. Kidventure (Grades PreK-5)..... LL Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Musical Practice..... Sanctuary

Monday, October 10

- 6:00 p.m. Quilting & Crafts Night..... Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University..... Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 11

- 7:20 p.m. Spark (Grades 6-8)..... LL Youth Room

Wednesday, October 12

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast..... Sunnyside Cafe, Williamston
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study..... ML Room 204
- 6:30 p.m. A Time of Prayer (Led by Pastoral Staff)..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Game Plan for Life..... ML Room 203
- 7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study..... ML Room 204
- 7:20 p.m. Reverb (Grades 9-12)..... LL Youth Room

Thursday, October 13

- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Club..... Office Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon..... Brookshire Inn
- 7:00 p.m. Griefshare..... Office Conference Room

Friday, October 14

- 9:00 p.m. 5th Quarter (Youth)..... LL Youth Room

Note: For the most up-to-date calendar, view the WFMC Calendar at www.williamstonfmc.org. If your WFMC group needs to schedule use of a room, facilities or the sanctuary, download, complete and submit a Church Facilities Request form from www.williamstonfmc.org under the About Us section.

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SUNDAY PAPER



Psalm 139

Family Fall Festival

October 29 from 6-8pm at
Vern and Charlene Cobb's farm!
Hot dogs, Trunk-or-Treat, Games & CANDY!!



October 9, 2011

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

1st TIME GUESTS

We have a gift for you at the Welcome Center in the main level Lobby.

The morning message audio is available online (no charge) tomorrow.

Service Times
9:30 a.m. Sermon Only
11:00 a.m. Traditional

WE NEED FOOD!

Our Food Pantry shelves are EMPTY and we need your food donations to restock. Bring one item or bring a bag, ask your neighbors, use those extra coupons for items your family doesn't like. Help us help others!



2011 GENERAL FUND UPDATE

2011 Budget	\$555,424.00
Contributions to date	\$412,402.61
Expenses to date	\$427,249.23

2011 ATTENDANCE

Monthly Average	Annual Average
353	337

ONE SERVICE ONLY

For the month of December we will have only one service at 11:00am and Sunday School at 9:30. Please make a note of it.

QUILTING NIGHT

Have a quilt you've been meaning to finish? Need some help with getting everything together? Come join our experienced quilters and seamstresses for a night of quilting and crafts every 2nd and 4th Monday in the fellowship hall at 6pm. Contact Lorraine Johnson for details at 449-2847.

FACEBOOK

Oh yes we did. We've joined the millions of others and parked a spot on Facebook. Go to our website and in the lower right corner is our Facebook feed, click on the "like" button to get all of our news, events and posts delivered right to your own Facebook Wall. You can also view our latest updates right on our homepage!



QUILTED HANDBAG CLASS

Our very own Lorraine Johnson is bringing us another spectacular crafting class on November 12 from 10am-3pm. See a sample of how your handbag will look in the lobby next to the sign-up sheet. You will receive your materials list when you sign up. The only class fee is \$3.50 to cover lunch expenses. Contact Lorraine with questions at 655-3289.



LADIES LUNCHEON

Join us on Thursday, October 13 at 1pm for lunch at the Brookshire Inn in Williamston. Come for great conversation and warm friendly faces!

"GIVE THE GIFT BACK"

Anyone interested in participating in the Christmas Eve Program titled "Give the Gift Back", needs to attend a meeting directly after 11am service on Sunday, October 23rd. We need actors (speaking and non speaking roles available), singers, set/prop movers, hospitality, costumes and outreach administration. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the Christmas Eve experience! Contact Marie Nichols today at 204-5717.

CHILD MINISTRIES



Pastor Lori Dowdy—Children Ministries, lori.dowdy@williamstonfmc.org

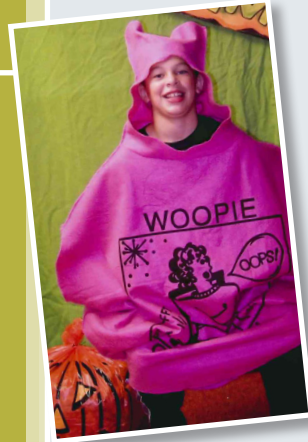
Are you a TEAMKID?

Come hang out with the rest of your friends after school on Tuesdays, beginning November 15 in the Discovery Elementary Cafeteria! TeamKID is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in relationship with Him. All parts of TeamKID—Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions, and recreation—connect to teach life lessons to kids! Want to volunteer to be a TeamKID coach? Contact Pastor Lori today!



FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Bring the whole family and friends too on October 29. This year's festival promises to be a fun filled night of games, hot dogs, s'mores, prizes and CANDY! We begin at 6:00pm and will be having Trunk or Treat at 7:30 and concluding at 8:00. Contests for best costume, pictures, prizes for the number of visitors you bring and more! We are excited to have this year's event at the farm of Vern & Charlene Cobb. Sign-up in the lobby to donate needed items. Contact Pastor Lori for details!



5TH SUNDAYS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

There will be no KidVenture downstairs but your child will love being a part of what's going on during our 5th Sunday Family Friendly Service! The first date is October 30th! Mark your calendars now!

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Micah & Pastor Erin Valenti—Youth Ministries, micah.valenti@williamstonfmc.org

Get Rooted begins this week! Both Jr. High and Sr. High will meet in the Youth Room at 9:30am and will continue to meet together throughout this curriculum.

- Oct 7 - 5th Quarter** at WFMC from 9-10:30pm. We still need adults to help out in many capacities during these events. Contact Micah at 242-1355.
- Oct 13 - Jeremy Camp Concert featuring Francesca Battistelli** at Mt. Hope Church 6pm. See Micah for details.
- Oct 22- Taylor Smith Memorial Pavilion Restoration** 10 am at McCormick Park.
- Oct 23 - Spag's** Sr. High meets at Spag's at 7pm. \$5 for pizza and pop!
- Oct 29 - Halloween Bash** at Rowley Wesleyan Church at 6-9pm. Music, doughnuts, cider, bonfire, games, message, hay ride to The Corn Maze, candy, candy, CANDY! Best costumes win a prize!
- Oct 31 Deposit due for Acquire The Fire 2012.** Get your \$45 to Micah to reserve your spot at Acquire the Fire.



GROWTH MINISTRIES

Pastor David Krueger—Growth Ministries, david.krueger@williamstonfmc.org

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE!

Join us for this 2-day event February 17 & 18! Mark Gungor's marriage seminar is "Honest, hard-hitting... Hilarious!" "The key to a successful marriage is not finding the right person. The key to a successful marriage is doing the right things. If you do the right things you'll succeed... if you don't you'll fail. It's just that simple." Registration details available closer to the event!



A TIME FOR PRAYER

Bring your prayers to us! Have something on your mind? Need a little direction? Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the sanctuary "A Time for Prayer". Pastoral Staff and prayer warriors will be here to help! God answers prayers and He is listening at any time you talk with Him. Let us pray with you!



COMING IN NOVEMBER...

HAVE THE FUNERAL: GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR PAST

This class will help you come to a better understanding of the consequences of unforgiveness, the reasons we often don't forgive and the common rationalizations for refusing to forgive. The end result is understanding forgiveness as God does: not forgetting – but choosing not to remember. Beginning November 13th, this small group experience will challenge members to bury the past once and for all and to find the path to a life of forgiveness and freedom.

PRAYER WALL

CONCERNS

Jackie Alverson (Tim & Jetty's daughter in-law) having a problem with her appendix.
Lillian Housepian with health issues.
Ray Howe with health issues.
Aaron & Alisha Cobb, Mim Cobb's son and daughter in law, who have received word from their doctors that the baby Alisha is carrying has serious health issues.

DEATHS

Bev Hempel's brother in-law passed away suddenly on Wednesday morning.

HOSPITALIZED

Loretta Wells is at Sparrow Hospital.

WEEKLY FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR

Brian Lockwood - Justin
Royce & Barbara Lockwood
Ben & Cathy Lundgren - Eli, Lila & Owen
Jeff & Debbie Lynch - Bryan & Melissa

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Egypt: Pray for the nation of Egypt as it prepares for upcoming elections. Pray peace and justice will prevail in the ballot boxes and throughout the entire election process. Pray the political situation will open doors for the kingdom of God to expand. Pray for the Free Methodist Church in Egypt!

Would you like to join our prayer warriors? God answers prayers and He is listening at any time you talk with Him. Please call the office, 655-3668 to register to receive prayer requests.