

## "EVERLASTING FATHER..."

ISAIAH 9:6

Pt. 3

### Opening Question(s):

What is your favorite memory/story of your father?

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the most important qualities a father can possess?
2. Read Isaiah 54:8, Ez. 37:26-27, John 6:47, what do these scriptures say about our relationship with the "everlasting father"?
3. Read John 5:24, Luke 21:15, John 15:9, John 17:11-12. What does our everlasting father give promise to do for us in these verses?
4. What does the "everlasting" part of this title mean to you?
5. Read Romans 8:15-17. What does this passage say about our everlasting father and his relationship to us?
6. How can we know we are a child of God? 1John 5:11-13

### Daily Scripture

Day 1  
Matthew 6:25-26

Day 2  
Matthew 11:27-30

Day 3  
John 5:24

Day 4  
Psalm 103:17

Day 5  
Psalm 89:26

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

### Sunday, December 18

9:30 a.m. 4th/5th Grade Sunday School ..... LL RED Room  
 9:30 a.m. 2nd/3rd Grade Sunday School..... LL Purple Room  
 9:30 a.m. Nursery/Toddler Sunday School.....ML Nursery  
 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. Youth Get Rooted (Grades 6-12)..... Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Have the Funeral ..... LL Rm 105  
 9:30 a.m. Love & Respect: Marriage Enrichment ..... LL Rm 106  
 9:30 a.m. A Nation is Born ..... ML Rm 204  
 10:45 a.m. Kidventure (Grades PreK-5)..... LL Youth Room  
 11:00 a.m. Service..... Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Spag's Pizza (Sr. High Youth).....Spag's

### Monday, December 19

6:00 p.m. New Beginnings..... Brookshire Inn

### Tuesday, December 20

7:20 p.m. Spark Christmas Party(Jr. High).....Youth Room

### Wednesday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast ..... Sunnyside Cafe, Williamston  
 6:30 p.m. Time of Prayer (Pastoral Led) ..... Sanctuary  
 7:20 p.m. Reverb Christmas Party (Sr. High) ..... Youth Room

### Thursday, December 22

12:00 p.m. Coffee Club ..... Office Conference Room  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Ice Skating ..... Munn Ice Arena

### Friday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Program..... Sanctuary  
 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Program..... Sanctuary

Note: For the most up-to-date calendar, view the WFCM Calendar at [www.williamstonfmc.org](http://www.williamstonfmc.org).  
 If your WFCM 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](http://www.williamstonfmc.org) under the About Us section.

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# SUNDAY PAPER



What's in a name?

*Everlasting Father*

Today's service will be featuring  
 a WFCM Choir Performance!



December 18, 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

### HOLIDAY SERVICE CHILD CARE

We will have No Nursery or Toddler Child Care available During the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or New Year's Day services. Thank you!

### 2011 GENERAL FUND UPDATE

2011 Budget to date	\$534,061.54
Contributions to date	\$522,480.58

### 2011 ATTENDANCE

Monthly Average	Annual Average
457	346

### NOMINATIONS

We are currently seeking nominations to the Leadership and Ministry Teams for the 2012 calendar year. This will be a 30-day open nomination period, beginning Nov. 20, with nominations delivered, email or mailed to Pastor David Krueger at david.krueger@williamstonfmc.org. Current leadership descriptions can be found at the information center.



FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more! This session will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at WFMC beginning January 8th! Contact Mike Gorsline with questions at mike.gorsline@evergreenfg.com.

### BELL RINGERS

WE STILL NEED BELL RINGERS! Sign up for a 2 hour shift between 10am and 7pm during the 6 days prior to Christmas Day standing outside of Merindorf Meats in Williamston! Make it a family or group event! The dates to choose from are December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 or 24. Sign up sheet is in the lobby or call 655-3668.

### MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Beginning December 27th we will have a Men's Movie Night outing once a month. This month's feature is Mission Impossible at NCG Cinemas on Lake Lansing Rd. The times are not yet available but around 6:30 or 7pm. Cost is \$5. We will meet there and head to Applebee's afterward. Contact Craig Hagelberger with questions at 517-230-7990.

### GIVE THE GIFT BACK

Our Christmas Eve Program will be next Saturday at both 6pm and 8pm. Don't miss this great production titled "Give the Gift Back".

DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids  
Thursdays at 6:30pm  
Beginning January 5th  
Williamston Free Methodist Church



Please call for more information.  
517-655-3668.

# CHILD MINISTRIES



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

### MOVIE MATINEE

Hey Kids want something to do during Christmas break? Join us Wednesdays 12/21 & 12/28 at 2pm for a family friendly movie matinee at the Sun Theater. \$4 Admission. Everyone is welcome to join us, so bring your friends and family!

### BRING US YOUR LITTLE ONES!

Our nursery is open during both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for your infants and toddlers. We also feature a Sunday School lesson in the toddler room during both services. You can feel comfortable with your precious ones just down the hall.



### KIDVENTURE IS THE BEST HOUR OF THE WEEK!

Kids from 4 through 5th grade can join us every Sunday downstairs at 10:45am for games, laughs and fun biblical teaching. We begin with an open play time, followed by a large group lesson and we finish with small groups divided by age. It will be their favorite hour of the week!

### WINTER BLITZ - JANUARY 27-28

4th-6th grade students are invited for sledding, wall climbing, scavenger hunts, crafts, chapel, group activities and more! The fun begins Friday at 7pm & ends Saturday at 3pm. Cost is \$55/student & \$10 /chaperone. Meals provided.



**Deadline for Registration:** January 19

# YOUTH MINISTRIES



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

**Get Rooted** is happening each Sunday morning! Both Jr. High and Sr. High will meet in the Youth Room at 9:30am and will continue to meet together throughout this curriculum.

- Dec 18** **Spag's** - Sr. High meets at Spags at 7pm. Bring \$5 for pop and pizza.
- Dec 20/21** **Spark and Reverb Christmas Parties**
- Dec 22** **Ice Skating at Munn** - Meet at WFMC at 4:30pm. Bring \$8 for skating and extra for a fast food stop.
- Dec 27/28** **No Spark / Reverb!!**
- Dec 30/31** **Bowling / Lock-In** - Bowling in Mason followed by a Lock-In at Rowley Wesleyan. See Micah for details.



### SR. HIGH (Grades 9-12)

**Reverb** - Our midweek ministry that includes hanging out with friends, food, fun videos, games skits, talking about every day issues and finding God in it all. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:20pm in the Youth Room (Lower Level).

### JR. HIGH (Grades 6-8)

**Spark** - Our midweek ministry that includes obnoxious fun, food, videos, games, skits, hanging with friends, talking about every day issues and finding God in it all. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:20pm in the Youth Room (Lower Level).

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Pastor David Krueger--Associate Pastor, david.krueger@williamstonfmc.org

**\*\* FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, THERE WILL BE NO 9:30AM SERVICE.\*\***  
**\*\*ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE CLASSES.\*\***

### Christmas / New Year's Services

- **Christmas Eve Services will feature a program titled "Give the Gift Back" will be performed at 6pm and 8pm.**
- **Christmas Morning Service will be held at 11am only, with no Sunday School classes.**
- **There will also be only one service, at 11am, on January 1st, with no Sunday School classes.**

### Other Events

- Youth Christmas parties will be December 20 & 21 at 7:20 pm.



# PRAYER WALL

### PRAISES

For all the friends and families that were able to make it to our children's program last Sunday  
Mike Gorsline's successful shoulder surgery  
The toys Top Flight Financial has been able to collect for families

### CONCERNS

Jim Reynolds sister Barb awaiting a room at Hospice

### WEEKLY FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR

Colleen Pringle, Taylor & Brock  
Devin & Kelly Pringle, Rhett & Zachary  
Robert & Chris Proctor, Robbie & Lauren  
Steve & Char Proctor

### WINDOW ON THE WORLD

**Haiti:** Pray for the pastors who give leadership to the 66 FM churches in Haiti. Pray for strength and guidance for Rick Ireland as he has a particularly heavy schedule of travel, teaching and preaching over the next few weeks. Pray for stamina and grace for Cookie to be productive in the many ministries in which she is involved.

Would you like to join our prayer warriors? God answers prayers and He is listening at any time you talk with Him. We have a new and exciting way to submit your prayer requests and let others know you've prayed for them. Visit our new prayer site at [www.williamstonfmc.org/prayer-requests](http://www.williamstonfmc.org/prayer-requests). If you would like to get the prayer requests via phone, please call the office, 655-3668.