

## Upcoming Events and Information

- Thu Jan 25:** 7PM Flint Hill Council Meeting
- Sun Jan 28:** 12:15PM Sperryville Council Meeting
- Mon Jan 29:** 12:00PM Willis Chapel Council Meeting
- Wed Feb 14:** 7PM Ash Wednesday Flint Hill
- Wed Feb 21:** 7PM Community Lenten Potluck Dinner and Worship at Washington Baptist
- Sat Feb 24:** 1-3PM Rise Against Hunger meal packing: Lenten Three Notch'd District mission project at Culpeper UMC (*10,000 meals to be made up*)

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**FLINT HILL:** 2 Anne-Ashleigh Lamma

**SPERRYVILLE:** 2 Richard Antony, 10 Frank Coffey, 18 Duane Siler, 23 Sandy Thompson

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** 2 Glenda Fox, Mary E. Williams, 20 Judi Burke, 21 Tommie Leddy, 23 Dottie Johnson

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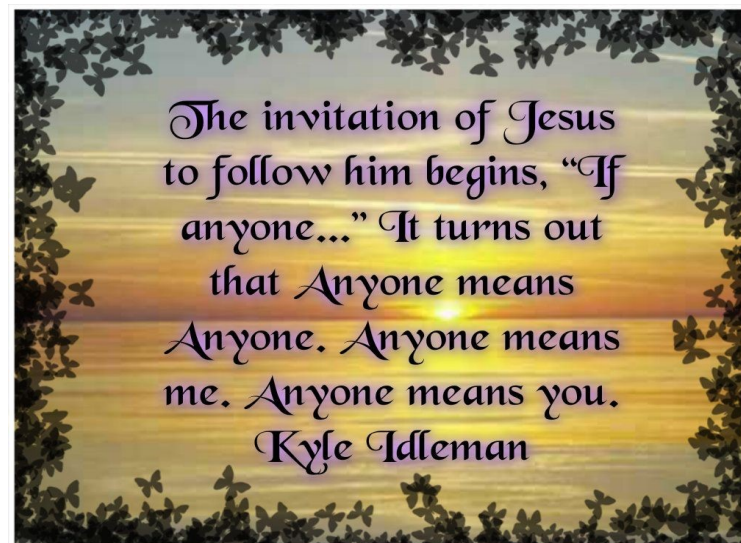
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### **January Willis Chapel Mission:**

Coat collection to be distributed in Warren and Rappahannock Counties (and gloves and hats as well!)



Rappahannock  
United Methodist Charge



## 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2024

### Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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# **RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE**

**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 21, 2024**

**\*Standing (either literally or in spirit remaining seated)**

## **PRELUDE**

## **ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gathered in worship we are invited to hear.

**We long for the calling of Christ.**

Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind.

**We anticipate the invitation of Christ.**

Let us praise God who invites us all in.

**\*HYMN 339 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**God of unifying grace, we come distracted by this world. Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you. Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Call us to follow you once more. Redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning. May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6**

**SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:1-5**

**PSALTER: Psalm 62:5-12 P787**

**SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:6-10**

**SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:14-20**

**SERMON “Surprising Inviting”**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**HYMN 348 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world. You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of being your servants. You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted. Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant. We’d rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life. We’d rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will. May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you. Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: You are forgiven!

**Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives. Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are. Hear these words: You are forgiven!**

## **CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

## **OFFERING**

**\*95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN 451 Be Thou My Vision**

**\*BENEDICTION/Shalom to You**