

WILLIAMSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WUMC's

Daily Devotional

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The People of the United Methodist Church

Scripture Verse:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-3; 14

Devotion:

What happened at Christmas? As you prepare to celebrate Christmas this weekend, I want to share with you how Max Lucado in his book "God Came Near" describes the wonder of the Incarnation.

"The omnipotent, in one instant, made Himself breakable. He, who had been a spirit, now was pierce-able. He who was larger than the universe became an embryo. And He who sustains the world with a word, chose to be dependent upon the nourishment of a young girl. God as a fetus. Holiness sleeping in a womb. The creator of life being created. God was given eyebrows, elbows, two kidneys and a spleen. He stretched against the walls and floated in the amniotic fluids of His mother. God had come near."

God did all that just for you. He wanted you to know Him, He wanted you to have a fellowship with Him so much, that the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. And that flesh that was now pierce able would eventually be nailed to the cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins. All that just for you. Have a Merry Christmas!

Questions to Ponder:

Why would God go to such lengths for us? How does the manger tie into the cross?

Prayer:

Father, I pray that I will be able to celebrate this Christmas by basking in Your love for me. Help me to stand in awe and wonder of what You have done for me in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Name, Amen.