



# AMELON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



February 2019

**Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 10:53 a.m.**

February 3

“Formed”

Jeremiah 1:4-10

February 10

“Got Wisdom? Part 1”

Proverbs 19:21

February 17

“Got Wisdom? Part 2”

Proverbs 12:16

February 24

“Got Wisdom? Part 3”

Ecclesiastes 7:21-22

**Sunday School at 9:45 each Sunday**



## 2019 Valentine Banquet Amelon United Methodist Church Dinner and Entertainment



Special Music provided by: Rebecca Bryant

John Bullington and Duncan Wood

Speaker:

Langdon Reid will be our guest speaker at this year’s Valentine Banquet, and his topics will be love and music. Langdon was born and raised in Staunton, VA, and attended Mary Baldwin College where he majored in religion and philosophy. He is a highly acclaimed musician and author and is half of the country music duo, Wilson Fairchild. He has shared the stage with many top-billed entertainers, performed numerous times on the Grand Ole Opry, and has been published in numerous newspapers and magazines throughout the country. He has also co-authored a Christmas book entitled *You Know It’s Christmas* When with his father, Don, and brother, Debo. He and his wife, Alexis, and two children, Carolyn and Davis, live in Staunton VA. He is a friend of Mark Tinsley, Pastor, Amelon United Methodist Church.

- \* Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 6 P.M.
- \* Amelon U.M.C., Madison Heights, VA
- \* Menu: Chicken Supreme, baked potato, sides, dessert, and drinks
- \* Tickets \$15 per adult, \$7.50 for children 10 and under
- \* Tickets can be purchased from members of Briggs S. S. Class of Amelon U.M.C. or the church office 434-929-3200

Tables **for 8** may be reserved by contacting Lynda Bullington (434-941-7728) **prior to February 10**. Reserved table requests received after that date cannot be guaranteed.

**Deadline for purchasing tickets is Sunday, February 10, 2019.**

**Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!**

**Youth 30-Hour Famine,**  
**February 23 - 24,**  
concluding at 6 p.m.

All are invited to stop by  
and participate.

Students loving God and  
fighting hunger

**Amelon Youth and Worship Ministries, present:**

# ignite

**Where?** Amelon United Methodist Church

**When?** March 2nd

**What time?** 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

**What to bring?** Your energy and friends!

An afternoon full of games, music, skits and an adventure through the most epic story of the Bible. All ages, please join us in this great afternoon of celebration. If you are interested in volunteering, we DO have a place for you!

## Pastor's Corner



Friends of Amelon,

Well, we've started a new year. And if you're anything like me, it seems a little scary. Where is God going to take us this year? Will we grow? Will we be able to pay our bills? Will some of our friends and family return to the church? What is going to happen at General Conference? Questions like these can bog us down spiritually and emotionally, and they can put us in a posture of fear, distrust, and/or bitterness.

But God's word is clear: do not fear. Beth and I have recently been reading several passages of Scripture together before we go to bed each night. Two of these passages are 2 Timothy 1:7 and Matthew 6:25-34. In these passages, Paul and Jesus, respectively, encourage us not to worry or fear. Why? Because God has everything under control, and he has given us what we need to negotiate this world successfully!

Do you believe in God's Word today? Do you trust in the words of Jesus and Paul? I hope you do because these encouragements have been given to us so we can live as conquerors. They have been given to us so we can raise our swords high above our heads and shout, "Victory!"

Will you raise your sword with me?

God bless.

*Pastor Mark*

Mark your calendars:

- "Got Wisdom" sermon series the last three Sundays in February.
- Wednesday morning Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. except February 13.
- Town Hall meeting about our future on February 24, following the second worship service.
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Community Lenten service at Amelon UMC at noon.
- Adult Choir Cantata on Palm Sunday, April 14.
- Good Friday worship service, April 19.
- Easter Sunday, April 21.



The next church newsletter is scheduled for March. Please submit information to the church office by Thursday, February 21.

Keep up to date by checking the church website, [amelonumc.com](http://amelonumc.com), and our Facebook page. There you will find links to the TLC Facebook page, Pastor Mark's blog, [www.inquiry4today.com](http://www.inquiry4today.com), YouTube and other information. Also, see the church bulletin boards for other news!

Financial Report January - December 2018	
Total Receipts	\$ 239,420
Weekly Average Receipts	\$ 5,094
Total Expenses	\$ 238,270
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,071

### Long-term Prayer Concerns: Pray for our ministry at Amelon UMC.

Ema Goodwin, Mildred Broughman, Sandra Branton, Jeremy Agee, Robert Burnley, Jeff Ostrander, Denise Durbin, Ernie Cash, Dillard Hamlett, Annie Freeman, Betty Reed, Ruth May, Jesse Staton, Genevieve Hudnall, Ben Payne, Linda Neighbors Maddox, Ronnie & Gail Sims, Sammie Stinson, Frances Dalton, Betty Myles, Dawn Fesler, Phil Brown, Imogene Tyree, Steven Wood, Marilyn & Joe Mathews, Lawrence Cooper, Linwood and Judy Morris, Tony C. Cash, Jody Choberka, Mike Creasy



*Pray for others who have been on our prayer lists as they continue their journey to healing and wholeness.*

**Prayer Concerns:** Please call the church office if you have changes or updates in the prayer concerns in the bulletin or newsletter.

**Prayer Chain** contact person is Barbara Weatherman whose phone number is 434-929-1180. Her email address is: [brw160@yahoo.com](mailto:brw160@yahoo.com)

## STARTING 2019 WITH YOUR TRUE IDENTITY

*"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

*Matthew 17:5*

As we begin this new year, let us take a moment to think about this one verse that God spoke at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. This verse tells us that God identified Jesus as His child, as His beloved Son. This was a spoken affirmation of the reality that already existed. And even though this appears to be only an affirmation, it is much more; it is a blessing.

It is an affirmation and a blessing that we as children of the Almighty Father God can claim as our own. This affirmation and blessing affirm us and affirm our identity as children of the Living God. As Christians, we are made to be a part of God's family and we are beloved children of God.

Let each one of us stand and be the child of God in whom He is well pleased.

In His Grace,

*Caroll*, Lay Leader

**All God's People in  
All Places,  
And in  
All Times,  
Are Called to Love  
And to Serve.**  
Ministry of the Laity



### Teaching Little Christians Preschool

(434) 929-2880



February is National Heart Month as well as Dental Health Month. Our teachers have planned activities to help our children develop life-long healthy habits. A winter favorite is always Valentine's Day. Our classes have special projects planned and Valentine parties.

For chapel this month we will concentrate on "God's Love". We will start with the baptism of Jesus by his cousin, John, and learn examples of love that Jesus and his followers show us. AUMC members are always welcome to join us for chapel on Wednesdays at **9:30 a.m.**

TLC has an ongoing project of installing new cubbies in four classrooms. Some parents have volunteered. This is an ongoing project until all the cubbies have been put together. For more information on how to volunteer call the TLC office at (434)929-2880.

Blessings,

*Teresa Loving*

**From the Trustees:** Many thanks to the Amherst County Sheriff's Department, Trustees and our Safety Committee for the following Amelon United Methodist Church Safety/Emergency Plan.

- If we have a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**, the Head Usher (whose name will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday) will make a 911 call, if required. Volunteers who are trained will operate the defibrillator and/or perform CPR as needed.
- If we have a **FIRE**, the Head Usher (whose name will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday) will make the 911 call and conduct evacuation. TLC will continue having scheduled fire drills. Ushers will know the headcount and make sure everyone is out of the building.
- If we have a **THEFT**, we have video or pictures of church inventory kept in a secure place. Ushers will monitor parking lot during services. We will follow the current door security plan and current offering and counting procedures.
- If we have a **CRISIS ATTACK**, the Head Usher (whose name will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday) will make 911 calls. Greeters and ushers are alerted to observe unknown and/or suspicious strangers.

Robert Garrette heads our Safety Committee, if there are questions.

**Amelon serves at Parkview:** On January 23, over 100 people were served a delicious meal of turkey, BBQ ribs, bread pudding, macaroni and cheese, cooked greens bread and dessert with 15 people from Amelon volunteering their time. We had a good time! Thanks to everyone for their help.

Upcoming dates for the remainder of 2019 are April 3, May 15, and July 10. For more information contact Lynn Cunningham, Charles Foster or Mike Ogden.

## Youth News

Happy New year everyone!

Our youth are participating in World Vision's 30 hour famine from noon on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to 6 p.m. on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at the church and incorporate a lock-in. Anyone wishing to join us in our fast is welcome. World Vision is a Christian-based organization that helps children and communities in third-world countries obtain food and water. Not only do they supply these much needed commodities but help the communities become more self-sufficient. If you would like to learn more about what they do, you can look them up at [www.worldvision.com](http://www.worldvision.com). Please make any checks out to World Vision and not the youth group. All donations are tax deductible.

Our youth will, also, be serving at the Valentine Dinner on February 16.

I want to thank the church staff and congregation for all the support you have given and will continue to give the youth.

The youth are our future.

Love,  
*Donna King*

**Christmas Food Box update:** On December 21st and 22nd over 100 volunteers from 8 churches and members of our community met at Amelon UMC to help sort, pack and deliver 195 food boxes. On Saturday afternoon drivers began delivering food to those in our community who needed a helping hand. Thanks to the Amelon UMW as many boxes contained blankets made by them and several families commented on how much they appreciated receiving this gift. Two families were identified that needed help supplying Christmas for their children and we able to assist both of them. Once again, this mission project was a HUGE success because of YOU. Thank you for your prayers, donations and time. *Mike Ogden*

### Amelon United Methodist Women

Our next meeting will be held on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. We will have some things to discuss for a new great year. Will you be ready for some fun? I will be in charge of that meeting!

We still have pecans (\$12 for a pound) and flavoring (select flavors for \$1) for sale if anyone needs any for their holiday needs (Easter).

AUMW lost a beautiful angel, with the sweetest smile, Elva Banton. We will miss her so much. A little FYI about Elva...she would always say she couldn't do much but she would call every AUMW member and remind them about the meetings. She did that every time until her health failed. What an angel!

So in conclusion, mark your calendars for April 8 at 6:30. Looking forward to meeting again and maybe even seeing some new faces.

*Melodie Cooper, AUMW*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

H	2	Susan Cash
A	3	Jeanne Phelps
P	5	Dot Morcom
P	6	Penny Wood
Y	7	Sharon Bugg Sandra Patrick Jaxon Archer
	9	Jan Gardner Harris
	10	Kenny Gravette
B	11	Ann Ostrander
I	12	Jack Tinsley
R	13	Renee Thresher
T	15	Robert Garrette
H	16	Luke Tinsley
D	17	Imogene Tyree
A	18	Pat Huff
	21	Janice Butler Beth Miller
Y	24	Tyler Austin Nicholas Bryant
	25	Leah Archer

### February Counter Schedule:

**Monday, February 4**  
Becky Woody & Sandra Moss

**Monday, February 11**  
Becky Woody & Dot Freeman

**Monday, February 18**  
Mike Ogden & Linda Foster

**Monday, February 25**  
Bob Taylor & Dot Freeman

# Engineering Graduate Pursues Career in Aerospace at Virginia's Spaceport

By Noell Saunders

December 12, 2018

A leader in his own right, Zachary Campbell is upholding a legacy as he is set to graduate from Old Dominion University and add to his family's line of engineers. Campbell will earn his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering with a concentration in aerospace engineering and a minor in engineering management during the University's 129th Commencement Exercises on Saturday. Shortly afterward, he will start an aerospace career at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport, which is at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. His mother graduated from ODU in 1986 and his first cousins are engineers, which is where he draws his inspiration for academia. His love for engineering started with his father. "I've always had an interest in learning," he said. "As a kid, my father and I worked on cars together and I became interested in automobiles. What I loved most was the engineering side of it."

The Lynchburg native has built quite a resumé. He is interning at the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, also known as Virginia Space, serving as the area college coordinator. He oversees six university ThinSat (thin satellite) projects across the state in addition to providing STEM outreach for Virginia Space's ThinSat program. Prior to working at Virginia Space, Campbell earned internships funded by the Virginia Space Grant Consortium, which is run out of ODU. He chose the University because he fell in love with the program and the diversity.

"ODU has a great aerospace program, and it was perfect for me because of its close proximity to NASA," Campbell said. "I also wanted to live in an urban environment and come to a college that had a large, diverse student body. Having friends from the Philippines and Puerto Rico adds to the personal growth college brings." Campbell had two internships at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton. He worked in two wind tunnels to test the spin characteristics of planes and conducted finite element-analysis computer modeling for aviation landing gear. He had another internship at Newport News Shipbuilding. There, he worked in nuclear engineering overhaul, refreshing power plants of ships.

He's also worked on a variety of projects at the University. He helped develop a subsurface sampling device for asteroids that he tested with a team at the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. He also worked on satellite development with professor and Eminent Scholar Robert Ash. "One of Professor Ash's students connected me with him," Campbell said "He really took me underneath his wing." Ash said he was impressed with Campbell's drive to seek out extracurricular academic challenges. "His personality and enthusiasm for space system engineering work prompted me to urge him to consider going to work for the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, and I was elated to contact them on his behalf," Ash said. "That is an extremely rare occurrence."

Virginia Space CEO and Executive Director Dale Nash added: "We are thrilled for Zach Campbell to join the Virginia Space team as our newest graduate of the MARS co-op internship. With over 25 percent of our Spaceport employees sourcing from the intern program, Zach will join a highly skilled workforce recruited from Virginia colleges and universities."

Campbell said he might eventually pursue an advanced degree. But for now, he's excited about what's to come working for Virginia Space. [https://www.odu.edu/news/2018/12/graduate\\_spotlight#.XBpcf9JKiC0](https://www.odu.edu/news/2018/12/graduate_spotlight#.XBpcf9JKiC0)

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The article above was published by Old Dominion University.

Zachary Davenport Campbell is the son of Joseph and Wanda Campbell. He and his family joined Amelon United Methodist Church in 1999 under the leadership of Pastor Art Wolz. Zachary participated in the children's and youth programs at the church and confirmation under the guidance of Don Branson. He attended preschool at Teaching Little Christians. Zachary also participated in the Before and After School Program at Amelon United Methodist Church. While attending Central Virginia community college, Zachary continued to worship at his church videotaping the church services and serving on church committees. He also joined the men's choir but had to stop participating due to admittance to Old Dominion University in Norfolk to further his studies in mechanical engineering.





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## **February 2019**

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### **Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Mark Tinsley
Director of Music	Herb Chamberlain
Worship Leader	Tyago Franca
TLC Director	Teresa Loving
Administrative Assistant	Mary McCarthy

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**9:00 AM - Worship Service**  
**9:45 AM - Sunday School**  
**10:53 AM - Worship Service**

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our website  
<http://www.amelonumc.com>  
for updates and news!