

# The Westmorelander

January 2017

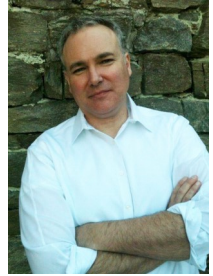
*A newsletter for the congregation and friends of  
Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ*

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## THOUGHTS FROM TIM:

### Machiavelli Goes to Church

Niccolò di Bernardo dei Machiavelli is coming to church! Yes, the Renaissance philosopher and politician, known for his conniving ways, is coming to Westmoreland! Machiavelli's work, *The Prince*, is infamous for its lack of scruples and dishonesty. The term, "Machiavellian," itself is synonymous with deceit and deviousness. And we will talk about him on Sunday, January 15, at 9 am in the Library. And you are invited!



Okay, Machiavelli himself will not be present. (He died in 1527.) His ideas will be.

You see, I am beginning this doctoral program at Wesley Seminary. And I want Westmorelanders to join me in that learning. So each Sunday at 9 am I will lead a discussion in the Library—we're calling this the Pastor's Class, until we come up with a better name. Each week I will share a brief idea about something I've read or talked about in class. Then we will discuss it. On January 15, we will start with some words that I read from Machiavelli.

You don't have to do any homework or have great Bible knowledge or have any profound wisdom to share (though that is welcome). Just show up, ask questions, offer ideas. Let's learn together—you, me, Machiavelli, and others. Sundays at 9 am on the Library, beginning January 15.

*Tim*



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# January Opportunities

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## Sunday, January 1 ■ 2nd Sunday of Christmas/New Year's Day

10am - Worship

A simple service with carols, scripture and prayers for the new year.

Sermon: "The End is the Beginning" ■ Scripture Luke 2:21-38 ■ Tim Tutt, preaching  
There will be no Children's Church School or Nursery Care. Children are invited to worship with their families in the Sanctuary.

## Saturday, January 7

10am ■ Knit for All, Parlor

Join us for this fun, new activity! All are welcome. We will knit items for donation

## Sunday, January 8 ■ Baptism of Jesus - Epiphany Sunday

9am ■ Groups for all

Nursery Care, Children's Choir, Adult Discussion and Chancel Choir all resume for the new year!

10am ■ Worship

Our Past-Moderator Peggy Alfonso, our 2017 Moderator Gary Walbridge, and out Moderator-Elect Trey Holloway will preach the sermon together. The Middle East Committee will give a special gift to children from nursery age through the 3rd grade during the Time for Children.

4:30pm ■ StillReading Book Group, Parlor

We will discuss *Last Orders* by Graham Swift.

## Saturday, January 14

2:00pm-4:00pm ■ Teach-In: Resisting a Muslim Registry

Learn about the domestic war on terror, the local and federal efforts that could threaten and undermine the rights of Muslim communities in our area, and to identify solidarity activities and next steps. RSVP on the Westmoreland website (WestmorelandUCC.org).

5pm ■ Potluck for Families with Young Children

Hosted by Yonce, JoJo, and Cole Shelton at their home. For details contact Yonce (yonceshelton@gmail.com).

## Sunday, January 15 ■ Martin Luther King Weekend/2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9am ■ Groups for all

Nursery Care, Children's Choir, Adult Discussion and Chancel Choir all resume for the new year!

10am ■ Worship

Worship will feature several of our high school students presenting one of Martin Luther King's sermons.

11:45am ■ Non-violent Resistance, hosted by the Middle East Committee

As part of next Sunday's celebration of Martin Luther King's commitment to non-violent resistance, Mubarak Awad, a Palestinian-American born in Jerusalem, will speak at the Middle East Committee meeting after worship. Mr. Awad, founder of Non-Violence International, will describe his life's work promoting the use of nonviolent methods for positive social change and international peace. Everyone is invited

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## Friday, January 20

*Tentative:* Civility on the Circle – A community gathering in support of shared values. Watch the bulletins, weekly e-news and website for more information!

## Sunday, January 22 ■ Inauguration Weekend/3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9am ■ Groups for all

Nursery Care, Children's Choir, Adult Discussion and Chancel Choir all resume for the new year!

10am ■ Worship

“Prayers from America: A Service of Glory, Shadow and Hope”

A special service for the Presidential Inauguration that includes poems, prayers, writings, and hymns from Americans that celebrate our blessings, name our concerns, and seek hope for the future.

5pm-7pm ■ Leadership Orientation + Potluck

We plan to discuss what's ahead at WCUCC in 2017; how we can support the Black Lives Matter movement; and how committees/boards can help support Stewardship efforts.

## Sunday, January 29 ■ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9am ■ Groups for all

Nursery Care, Children's Choir, Adult Discussion and Chancel Choir all resume for the new year!

10am ■ Worship

Sermon: “Going to Jail with Jesus” ■ Scripture: Luke 6:1-16

11:30am ■ Congregational Meeting

Meeting to receive reports from 2016. More information will be sent to the Congregation later this month..

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## ONGOING EVENTS

### English as a Second Language Classes

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am

Contact: Briggs Center 301-229-7725

### Yoga Practice

Saturday Mornings, 9:30-10:45am, Mabry Room

Contact: Lorrie Lynch Meier [lorriemeier@gmail.com](mailto:lorriemeier@gmail.com)

### Meditation

Thursdays, Noon-1:00pm, Briggs Carpenter House

Contact: Linda Maddox [lcmaddox@comcast.net](mailto:lcmaddox@comcast.net)

### ALANON/AA Groups

Check the church calendar on our website ([WestmorelandUCC.org](http://WestmorelandUCC.org)).



2016 Youth Christmas Party

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Nursery Care is available from 9:00am-noon for children through age 2*

### 9:00am Groups for Everyone

Pre-school - 5th grade Children's Music, Mabry Room

Grade 6-12 Discussion, Youth Lounge (*upper level of the Church*)

Adults The Shout! Finding the Prophetic Voice in Unexpected Places, Library

Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

### 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary

Church School (*begins after the Time for Children in worship*)

Children ages 3 - 5 **Yellow Classroom**

Children K - 2nd Grade **Red Classroom**

Children in 3rd - 5th Grade **Blue Room**

Youth 6th - 12th grade who are not in the Confirmation Class are invited to take part in worship.

### 11:00am

Fellowship Hour

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