

## WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR JANUARY 10, 2019:

Please be in prayer for these events in the life of our church!

### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Does the Bible say that “cleanliness is next to godliness” or “God works in mysterious ways” or “God helps those who help themselves?” Christians often say that God will never give us more than we can bear, but does the Bible actually promise this? If the Bible doesn’t make any of these claims, then what is the actual message of God to us? Rev. Jones will preach on, “God Didn’t Say That.” The Scriptures are Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Join us in worship at 8:15 or 11:00 am. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 am. Stop by the atrium for coffee fellowship and greet your fellow worshipers.

On the Road of Discipleship: “The Poverty of God”

Read Psalm 14

Psalm Prayer:

You created us in love and desire only that we love you in return. How can we measure the depth of the poverty you endure because we foolishly love you poorly? Infuse us with the wisdom that will help us turn our faces to you with loving regard and joyful celebration. Amen.

Rueben P. Job, Norman Shawchuck, John S. Mogabgab, “A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God.” Used by permission. Upper Room Books.

### SUNDAY EVENTS

#### Select Adult Sunday School Classes (9:30 - 10:30 am)

- Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): An extended study of the Bible based on the lessons in the “Disciple One” curriculum. January 13: “A People Set Apart,” presented by Gene Bloomwell.
- Fellowship Class (room 103): Continue with International Lesson Series.
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): Beginning “A Grace Full Life.”
- Searchers Class (room 171): “A Blueprint for Discipleship.”
- World Religions Class (room 101): “Christianity and World Religions,” by Adam Hamilton.
- Bishop McKendree Class (room 102): Beginning “Christianity’s Family Tree,” by Adam Hamilton.

All classes are open and welcome new people! Information on any class, contact Cindy Banek, [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org) or 229-1771.

#### Youth

- Sunday Morning: Join us in the Youth Center this morning at 9:30 am as we dive into the River of Life with Ezekiel.
- Sunday Night: Breathe Café opens its doors tonight at 5:30 p.m. to parents and youth. Come see what we do on Sunday evenings. Build your own sub bar, conversation, games, and more.

#### Reminder: Sunday Church Closing Due to Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, the Senior Pastor, Trustees, Church Council Chair and Facilities Manager will make the decision to close the church for Sunday morning worship services. The following notifications will be made:

1. The Church office telephone will be reset to announce the closing (229-1771).
2. WUMC Website [www.williamsburgumc.org](http://www.williamsburgumc.org)
3. WUMC Facebook page
4. Area television stations and WMBG radio

## THIS WEEK

### ReCharge Wednesdays

Join us for dinner every Wednesday night from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. The cost for the meal is only \$6/adult, \$3/child (ages 3-12) with a \$20.00 family maximum. Please make a reservation by completing a dinner form found at Connection Corner or in the pew racks, by calling the church office (229-1771) or online at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner.

Menu for January 16: Spaghetti casserole with beef, salad and dessert

### Christianity: The First Four Centuries

Wednesday nights from 6:10 – 7:00 pm through January 30

This class will follow the history of the early Christian movement from the years 30 CE to roughly 480 CE. Leader: Ray Morgan. Register online or contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

### Senior Pastor's Bible Study: "Fear of the Other"

Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:30 am

This five-week study will use as a guide Bishop Will Willimon's book and DVD presentations, "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love." Is there a distinctively Christian way to engage the "outsider" and "stranger"? "Fear of the Other" is a subject whose time has come given the divided nature of relationships in the church and the surrounding culture today. Study participants will explore who they consider the "Other" to be in their lives and communities and begin regarding the "Other" from a Christian perspective.

### Conversation around "The Way Forward"

As our denomination prepares for the special General Conference on "The Way Forward" in February, our pastors would like to invite conversation around the book, "Together: United Methodists of the Temple, Tabernacle, and Table," by Stan Copeland and Scott Gilliland, pastors at Lovers Lane UMC in Dallas. This conversation could happen at the church or in members' homes. Please contact one of the pastors, Revs. Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton or Helen Casey-Rutland, if you are interested in joining this conversation. Books are available through Amazon or by calling the church office.

### Connect 101

Are you interested in learning more about Williamsburg UMC or are you thinking about joining our membership? Come to Connect 101 on Sunday, January 27 at 9:30 am in the church den to have your questions answered!

## UPCOMING EVENTS (1/13/2019 - and beyond)

### The United Methodist Women's (UMW) Book Club

The UMW Book Club will meet Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen McPherson, 3296 Reade's Way. We will be reading and discussing, "Small Things with Great Love: Adventures in Loving Your Neighbor," by Margot Starbuck. This book is in the Nurturing for Community category of the UMW Reading Program. We will also be discussing the book we read for December, "One Simple Act," by Debbie Macomber, in the Social Action category. All are invited. For more information, please contact Carol Brinkley at 757-358-0617, or [cpbrinkley@aol.com](mailto:cpbrinkley@aol.com).

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry Returns**

Beginning in January, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting two times a month. The next meeting is Thursday, January 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the church den. All are welcome - beginners to experienced, knitters and crocheters. Join us in the den where we will knit/crochet and pray together. Yarn donations are being collected. Consider picking up a ball of two to help support this ministry. For questions, please contact Wendy Geiger.

### **Warm Up Williamsburg**

Join us for "Warm Up Williamsburg (WUW)," a Soup Tasting dinner and Bake Shop event. WUW offers some of the best soups, stews and chowders our Williamsburg's Chefs have to offer. The event will be held Friday, January 25 from 5:15 – 8:00 pm at Williamsburg Community Chapel. Live entertainment will be provided by popular local band "Elderberry Jam." For reservations or if you wish to volunteer, call 903-7031. Help support the Community of Faith Mission Winter Shelter!

### **The Life Journey**

Do you wonder how you can make things easier for your loved ones at the time of your death? Join Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland on Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 am – noon to learn simple steps you can take that will be a lasting gift to those around you. You will leave with a plan, resources, a few stories, and (we hope) a little less fear and anxiety about dealing with the details. Sign up by calling the church office. Questions? Contact Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland at 229-1771.

### **ECMS Winter Carnival**

Early Childhood Music School (ECMS) will have its Winter Carnival on Friday, February 1 and will feature food, family fun activities, instrument petting zoo and a silent auction. Stay tuned for more details to come!