

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR JANUARY 17, 2019:

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

“Love is a many splendored thing.” There are other words to describe love, to be sure, depending on your situation. St. Paul wrote about love in 1 Corinthians 13 – “Faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” Great things have been written about love and wonderful things have been done and are still being done motivated by love. “What the world needs now, is love, sweet love, that’s the only thing, that there’s just too little of...” is another popular song. The psalmist declares the “steadfast love” of God three times in Psalm 36. Only God is able to love perfectly. Human love falters. And when love fails to persevere or to be steadfast, it has failed. Rev. Jones will preach on, “Easy to Say, Hard to Do.” The Scriptures are Psalm 36:5-10 and 1 John 4:7-12, 17-21. 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: “You Stand on Holy Ground”

Read Psalm 114

Psalm Prayer:

In your awesome presence, faithful Lord, even the sea and the mountain stand back, and the rock pours forth pure water to refresh the weary and heavy-laden. May we join all creatures great and small in acknowledging the life-giving strength of your love in all things and treat your creation as the holy ground you intend it to be. 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 20: “We Never Lose Hope,” presented by Rev. Bill Jones.
- 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.”
- Bishop McKendree Class (room 102): “Catholicism” from “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 or 229-1771.

World Religions Class Hosts Special Speaker Sunday Morning

As part of their series on World Religions, the class will welcome Mr. Tony Conyers this Sunday morning, January 20. Tony is a deacon at New Zion Baptist Church. A lifelong resident of the local area, he can speak clearly about the racial history and tensions of Williamsburg and the roles the church and Christianity has played. Tony was the manager of Community Services for 22 years before becoming the commissioner of Social Services for the Virginia Department of Social Services. In retirement he

became the Interim Executive Director for the Williamsburg Transit Authority and the acting CEO Williamsburg-JCC Community Action. World Religions class meets in room 101. All are invited to hear Mr. Conyers.

Youth

- Sunday Morning: Join us in the Youth Center for a Creation Challenge this morning at 9:30 am. Expect a bit of mess and some re-purposing.
- Sunday Night: Breathe Café opens its doors tonight at 5:30 pm. Bring your friends as we share a dinner of pasta bake, chat and play some games.

THIS WEEK

Church Office Closures

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The church office will also be closed on Wednesday, January 23 due to construction in the banner entrance. ReCharge dinner and evening studies will be held as scheduled.

Are You a Furloughed Federal Worker?

Furloughed federal workers and others affected by the federal government shutdown, your church cares about you! You and your family are invited to our weekly Wednesday ReCharge Dinners. There is no cost to you; just let us know you are coming on Tuesday by noon.

Shepherd's Fold Ministry

During Lent, we will be delivering 25 wrapped shoeboxes filled with gifts to church members who are no longer able to attend worship. The intent is to include one little gift to unwrap each day of Lent. If you would like to contribute, place items in the area marked "Shoe Box Gifts" by February 6. All donations should be unopened and unused. Questions? Contact Vikki DiToto (903-4976) or VikkiLynn@cox.net

- Two each: combs (no rat tails), pencils, click-type ink pens, Chapsticks, small note pads.
- Travel sizes: shampoo, hair conditioner, soap, deodorant, bath powder, toothpaste, mouthwash, tissue pack, hand lotion, pack of Band-Aids, Woolite pack.
- One each: nail file, emery board, book mark, toothbrush, washcloth, small Easter-related trinket or solar-powered figurines; scotch tape, coasters, scented sachets, pencil sharpener.
- We can only accept two-piece shoeboxes; separate lid and bottom.

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 <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening>. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner.

Menu for January 23: Asian pork tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and dessert

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

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

This 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"? 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS (1/27/2019 - and beyond)

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!

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!

Kid's Morning Out Registration

Kid's Morning Out (KMO) is a weekday ministry of WUMC for children ages 1- 3-years-old. KMO is a faith-based program that focuses on learning through play. We create a fun, caring, and low-stress environment that balances free play with structure to provide a well-rounded experience for all of our KMO Kiddos! Registration for Summer 2019 and the 2019-2020 school year opens in February. Visit KidsMorningOut.org for more information.

United Methodist Women's Book Club

The United Methodist Women's Book Club will meet on Monday, February 11, at 7:00 pm at the home of Linda Upshaw, 101 Mathew's Grant, in Kingsmill. We will be reading and discussing, "Together: United Methodists of the Temple, Tabernacle, and Table," by Stan Copeland and Scott Gilliland for our study on "The Way Forward." All are welcome. For more information, please contact Carol Brinkley at 757-258-0617.