

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR JANUARY 24, 2019:

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday is Laity Sunday where we celebrate the ministry of all lay Christians. Lay people (non-clergy) from our congregation will lead us in our worship experience. The theme for this service is discipleship and spiritual growth. Our scriptures are I Corinthians 12: 12 – 14 and 21 – 31a and Luke 4: 14 – 21. Speaking on the theme are Carl Gerhold and Teri Sim. 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: Special Prayer Request

A Call to Prayer for Bishop Lewis

Please continue to pray for our Virginia Conference Bishop, Sharma Lewis, as she continues to have an infection related to her hip surgery in December. She will have surgery on Friday, January 25 at 11:30 am for her surgeon to assess the infection, and she will remain in the hospital through the weekend while her surgeon consults with the infectious disease doctors.

The Virginia Conference Cabinet has coordinated a prayer service and vigil. The conference center will be livestreaming the prayer service tomorrow on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vaumconf/>). No matter where you are, please continue to pray for Bishop Lewis, especially from 9:30 am - 11:30 am on Friday.

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 27: "Gifts of Each Disciple," presented by Holley Walling.
- Fellowship Class (Room 103): Continue with International Lesson Series.
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (Room 174): "A Grace Full Life" by Jorge Acevedo.
- Searchers Class (Room 171): "A Blueprint for Discipleship: Wesley's General Rules as a Blueprint for Discipleship."
- World Religions Class (Room 101): "Judaism," from Christianity and World Religions," by Adam Hamilton.
- Bishop McKendree Class (Room 102): "Catholicism" from "Christianity's Family Tree," by Adam Hamilton.
- Christian-Life Connections Class (Room 309): "John, The Gospel of Light and Life," by Adam Hamilton.

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

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!

Youth

- Sunday Morning: Join us in the Youth Center at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Night: Breathe Café

THIS WEEK

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 <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner.

Menu for January 30: Chicken pot pie stew served over biscuit; 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.

ECMS Winter Carnival

Early Childhood Music School (ECMS) will have its Winter Carnival on Friday evening, February 1 and will feature food, family fun activities, instrument petting zoo and a silent auction.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS (2/3/2019 - and beyond)

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 (258-0617).

Messy Church in February

All are invited to our next Messy Church on Tuesday, February 12 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Our theme is, “Self Confidence,” based on the story of Gideon in Judges 6:11-16. How do you think of yourself? Strong and mighty or scared and weak? Do you know that God thinks you are incredible? Come to Messy Church for crafts, games, Celebration Time and dinner – and learn how God can help you change your life! Questions, contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771.

Silver Saints in February

The Silver Saints will meet on Wednesday, February 13 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will feature the singing voices of Richard and Dana Newsome who will present a concert of gospel, country, and bluegrass music. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for our lunch and \$1.00 to cover the cost of our fried chicken. We enthusiastically welcome new people to come and enjoy the music and lunch! Also, for anyone who wants to participate in a picture contest, please bring a picture of yourself at a much younger age, and we will try to guess who is in the picture. If you have questions about the Silver Saints, please call Eloy Villa at (564-0083).

Confirmation in 2019

Pastor Meghan and Youth Director Andy invite youth from 8th - 12th grade who have not been confirmed to participate in our 2019 Confirmation class. In the United Methodist Church, Confirmation is an opportunity for people to recognize God’s work of grace in their lives and embrace being disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Meghan will hold an interest meeting on Sunday, March 17 from 10:30 -11:00 am. Confirmation sessions will be held May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Recharge

dinner will be provided at no cost to the participants. Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Questions, please contact Pastor Meghan at mclayton@williamsburgumc.org or Youth Director Andy Glascott at aglascott@williamsburgumc.org.