

## WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR JANUARY 31, 2019:

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

### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Have you ever been rejected? Have you ever had a door shut in your face? Welcome to the real world. It even happened to Jesus in his hometown when he was just beginning his ministry. Nevertheless, rejection is an opportunity to draw closer to Christ and to witness his love. Rev. Jones will preach on, "The Gift of Rejection." The Scriptures are Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:21-30. 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 Extraordinary in the Ordinary

#### Read Psalm 104

Psalm Prayer: Gracious and loving God, the earth and all that is in it speaks of your glory, from the animals and hills of the earth to the clouds and stars of the heavens. It was through your infinite and eternal love that creation was spoken into existence and it is through you that we are sustained and have our being. Give us eyes to see you not only in the big things but in the small things also, for nothing exists apart from you. All glory and honor is yours, O Lord. 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. February 3: "A Last Supper Together," facilitated by Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton.
- 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."
- Bishop McKendree Class (room 102): "Lutheranism" 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](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org) or (229-1771).

### Special World Religions Class

The World Religions class is pleased to host Rabbi Gary Creditor, retired Conservative rabbi, who served Temple Beth El, Richmond, for over 20 years. He will speak on Jewish authority as it is mediated to a Jewish congregation through Hebrew Scriptures, commentaries, the role of the rabbi and individual conscience. As we approach the called General Conference in St. Louis in late February, it is helpful to consider how we as Christians might look at Hebrew Scriptures that impact our biblical understanding.

The congregation is invited to join us. Class will begin promptly at 9:30 in room 101.

## Youth

- Sunday Morning: Join us in the Youth Center this morning at 9:30 am for conversation, prayer and donuts. We will take a look at prayer.
- Sunday Night: Breathe Café opens its doors tonight at 5:30 pm for all Middle and High School students. Join us for hotdogs, games and conversation.

## Wesley Campus Ministry This Week

- Today: Annual Interfaith Super Bowl party! The game will be on the big screen and plenty of food that is kosher/halal and vegetarian options, too!
- Monday: Small Group will be 6:00 pm in the Colony Room, Sadler.
- Thursday: Fellowship at 8:00 pm at Wesley.
- Coming Up: Faith and Action trip to Birmingham and Atlanta for Spring Break.

We're just next door to the church at the Wesley House, which is your house!

## THIS WEEK

### 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](mailto: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 February 6: Beef stew with rustic bread, 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.

## **Upcoming ReCharge Classes**

### **“Sharing Your Faith Story”**

In our rapidly changing culture of fewer interpersonal relationships, most people feel uncomfortable talking to others about their faith. For faithful Christians living in this secular world, it is essential to learn how to “tell the old story of Jesus and His love,” claim their own faith, and proclaim the Good News to others. Join us for this 4-week class that will begin to equip you to speak and share spiritual conversations. Begins Wednesday, February 6 from 6:10 to 7:00 pm under the leadership of Cindy Banek. Contact Cindy to register (229-1771) or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

### **Senior Pastor’s Bible Study: “Homosexuality in Text and Context: What Does the Bible Say?”**

When asked what sources have contributed to their present attitudes and opinions concerning homosexuality, laypersons and clergy in major Protestant denominations name Scripture significantly more often than any other source as having contributed the most. In this three-week study we will examine the Scripture texts that have been traditionally associated with homosexuality and what those texts mean for 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians. This study will be held on Wednesdays (7:00 p.m.) and repeated on Thursdays (10:30 a.m.) beginning February 13/14.

### **“The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land”**

Wonder who the Christians of the Holy Land are, how they practice the faith, why they are important to the global Church, and what challenges Christianity faces there? Learn about this and more, through “The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land,” a five week small group created by Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), offered each Wednesday in Lent, March 13-April 17, 6:45 - 8:30 pm, and led by David Hindman and David Benedict. To register, contact Cindy Banek (229-1771) or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

### **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 <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/kids-morning-out> for more information.

### **United Methodist Men’s Breakfast**

Dave Masterson, President of Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center, will be the guest speaker at the men’s breakfast on Saturday, February 9 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Dave will discuss the "Heart Safe" program in Williamsburg. Join us for a full breakfast; cost is \$10.00. Contact John Tressler (259-1193) for a reservation. All are welcome.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (2/10/2019 - 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 (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 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will feature the music of Richard and Dana Newsome. 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 (564-0083).

### **Confirmation in 2019**

Pastor Meghan and Youth Director Andy invite youth from 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mclayton@williamsburgumc.org) or Youth Director Andy Glascott at [aglascott@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:aglascott@williamsburgumc.org).