

## WUMC Weekly E-Notes

### WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2019: Please be in prayer for these events in the life of our church!

#### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

The blending of everyday sensory perceptions can lead to improved memory and enhanced creativity, through an amazing ability called “synesthesia.” The spiritual form of this phenomenon can enlarge our view of God, as well as our understanding of what it means to be followers of Christ today. Pastor Bill will preach on “A Case of Synesthesia Spirituality.” Our Scriptures are Isaiah 6:1-13 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. We will also celebrate Scout Sunday as we recognize our ministry of scouting here at WUMC. 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.

Please note, starting this week and in weeks to come I’m happy to say our Communications Director, Thomas Redmond will be taking over our weekly E-notes. If you have corrections, suggestions for improvement of the format, or new relevant information please email him at:

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- Pastor Bill Jones, Senior Pastor

#### WEEKLY PRAYER submitted by Cindy Banek:

On the Road of Discipleship: The Extraordinary in the Ordinary (Psalm 104)

“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 – February 10, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### SELECT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:30 - 10:30 am)

Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): “Communications within the Church,” presented by Tom Redmond  
WUMC Director of Communications

Fellowship Class (room 103): International Lesson Series: “Pondering God’s Steadfast Love (Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14), presented by Rev. David Hindman.

Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): “A Study of Ezekiel: God’s Care for Us.”

Searchers Class (room 171): “A Blueprint for Discipleship: Wesley’s General Rules as a Blueprint for Discipleship.”

Bishop McKendree Class (room 102): "Presbyterianism" from "Christianity's Family Tree," by Adam Hamilton.

Christian-Life Connections Class (room 309): "John, The Gospel of Light and Life," by Adam Hamilton.

World Religions Class (room 101): "Islam" from "Christianity and World Religions," by Adam Hamilton presented by Betsy Ziskind.

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**

On Feb. 10 the youth group will be joining the congregation at First Baptist Church and worshipping there. Join us in the youth center (Rm 180) at 9.30 am for some pre-visit background and history of the church.

Coming this Saturday:

## **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.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS (2/10/2019 - and beyond)**

### **MESSY CHURCH**

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! Attention Messy Chefs: We need Valentine's cupcakes. Questions, contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771.

### **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 13: Chicken and Stuffing Casserole, green beans and dessert.

### **SENIOR PASTORS BIBLE STUDY**

“Homosexuality in text and in 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 21st century Christians. This special edition of the Senior Pastor’s Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays (7:00 p.m.) and repeated on Thursdays (10:30 a.m.) beginning February 13/14.

### **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.

### **SILVER SAINTS**

The Silver saints will meet on Wednesday February 13 at 12 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 at 757-564-0083.

### **CHOIR**

The Sanctuary Choir is always open for new members! Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00 pm and Sunday mornings 30 minutes before the service(s). For further information contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music Ministries, [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org).

### **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. If you missed the first class on February 6, you are still welcome to join us! Wednesdays through February 27 in room 206 from 6:10 to 7:00 pm under the leadership of Cindy Banek.

## **KIDS MORNING OUT**

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.

## **WESLEY FOUNDATION**

Our theme this semester is Faith, Love, & Action! We are already going strong with our Sunday night dinners and large group, along with a fabulous new Bible Study, Monday nights at 7pm at Wesley. Our big news is that this semester we have started the first ever Campus Food Pantry for students and their dependents at William and Mary. The food pantry is located in the lower level of the Wesley House, and it is stocked with non-perishable food items, household items, and personal hygiene items. The only thing a student needs to access the pantry is their ID and their W&M login information. Right now, we are only accepting financial support for the pantry, because we want to be sure what food items students most need before making requests for food. As always, thanks so much for all the prayers and support for the students and all of our ministries at Wesley!

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

Wonder why Palestinians and Israelis both claim historic ties to the land, why these claims are in conflict, and when that conflict began? 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 p.m., and led by David Hindman and David Benedict. Register now on the church website or by contacting Cindy Banek, 229-1771, [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Join the UMW for a candle burning ceremony March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall in honor of loved ones. Donations may be made in honor of a loved one and let us know if you'd like to display a photo of family or friends. Contact Janet Henke (345-6362.) Your donation helps UMW missions worldwide. See or call Linda Upshaw for information (645-4363.)

## **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](mailto:mclayton@williamsburgumc.org) or Youth Director Andy Glascott at [aglascott@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:aglascott@williamsburgumc.org).

## **FOLLOW UP CONFERENCE on SEXUALITY ISSUES**

March 3, 2019, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

All are invited to hear Bishop Peter Weaver and Lay Delegate Warren Harper share their reflections and experiences at General Conference. They will answer questions and discuss, as best they can at that early date, the implications of the decisions of the Conference. This special called General Conference will take place February 23-26 in St Louis. Delegates from around the world representing all United Methodists will consider a number of legislative proposals concerning how the UMC might move forward despite our continued differences in perspective on issues related to sexuality, especially focusing on ordination and marriage rites for LGBTQ+ persons. As in many denominations, this issue has revealed significant differences in the way people interpret the Bible, understand God's purposes for human beings, and interpret our call to seek justice and mercy. Other differences include differing understandings of the UM Book of Discipline, the role of science, and the process of change. These differences exist within many congregations, including WUMC. Fundamentally, the General Conference will consider whether we can live together, as congregations or as a denomination, with these differences or if these differences are significant enough to split us apart.