

WUMC Weekly E-Notes

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2019: Each of us are the church - invite a guest this Sunday!

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY - February 17, 2019

"My roots go down, down to the earth, my roots go down," the folk song goes. Our Scripture lessons today, Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17:5-10, remind us to be like trees planted by streams of water, deeply rooted in the love of God and all the things that draw us closer to God. Pastor Meghan will preach a sermon, "Grounded in Hope" this Sunday, February 17. All are welcome to worship at 8:15 and 11am.

WEEKLY PRAYER submitted by Cindy Banek:

On the Road of Discipleship: Be Still (Psalm 46)

"You are our very present help in times of trouble, O God. Remind us that you are the ruler of the world, and, as we wait in silent awe for your kingdom to arrive in its fullness, inspire us to be harbingers of your peaceable kingdom, living lives that break bows and shatter spears. Amen."
- *Rueben P. Job, Norman Shawchuck, John S. Mogabgab,*

SUNDAY EVENTS - February 10, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:15 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

SELECT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

February 17 (9:30 - 10:30 am)

Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): From the "Disciple I" study: "A People Set Apart," presented by Gene Bloomwell.

Fellowship Class (room 103): International Lesson Series: "Praising God's Mighty Work (Psalm 66:1-9, 16-20), presented by Rev. Bill Jones.

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): "Anglicanism" 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): Our class will talk about the Jewish identity in America, across the world, and how it is connected to Israel. We welcome Rabbi Martin Beifield, retired after 18 years of being rabbi for Temple Beth Ahabah in Richmond. As a Reform Jew, he will help us understand the differences within Judaism, how the Jewish community relates to the different branches of Judaism, and what the lines of authority are between them.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

So why do Christians pray? We'll dig into this this morning at youth group, join us in the Youth Center (Rm 180 downstairs) from 9.30 am.

Breathe Café opens its doors to anyone in Middle or High school this evening for some silliness, some good food and thought-provoking conversation. Join us from 5.30 pm, in the youth center.

All classes are open and welcome new people! Information on any class, contact Cindy Banek, cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or 229-1771. There is also a full description of all the Sunday School classes on our website: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/grow/christian-education>

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 on the church website. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner.

Menu for February 20: Baked stuffed shells, garlic knots, salad, dessert.

SENIOR PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

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 21st century Christians. This study will be held on Wednesdays (7:00 p.m.) and repeated on Thursdays (10:30 a.m.) through February 27/28.

"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

PRACTICING SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Rev. Meghan Clayton will be offering a 3-week evening class beginning on March 13 on the practice of spiritual disciplines. If you are interested in learning more about this class, please contact Rev. Clayton, 229-1771.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

the prayer shawl ministry that is accepting donations of yarn, completed shawls, etc. We meet on the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. If information, please contact Wendy Geiger at wendy.geiger@cox.net or 757 579-4656.

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.

(UMW) invite all persons to attend their annual fundraiser for missions, Candle Burning, on Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for this year is, "Making the World a Better Place - We Have the Power." Additional information will be forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Join the UMW for a candle burning ceremony March 2nd 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 or Youth Director Andy Glascott at aglascott@williamsburgumc.org.

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