

## WUMC Weekly E-Notes

### WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2019: Share your faith - invite a guest this Sunday!

#### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY - February 24, 2019

Jesus nowhere implies that Christians won't have enemies. When he says, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," most of us begin to look for loopholes. It seems like an impossible command. Nevertheless, that is what Jesus demands. But he also gives us a philosophy of life on how to deal with our enemies. Pastor Bill will preach on "Love Your Enemies - It Will Drive Them Crazy." The Scriptures are Genesis 45:3-11, 15 and Luke 6:27-38. 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.

#### WEEKLY PRAYER submitted by Cindy Banek:

On the Road of Discipleship: Wonder (Psalm 113) "Faithful and loving God, there is no one like you. When others fail us and are powerless to save, you act to rescue us. We give you praise for your steadfast love. Empower us to echo your life by lifting up the poor and being present with the brokenhearted. Amen."

- *Rueben P. Job, Norman Shawchuck, John S. Mogabgab,*

#### SUNDAY EVENTS - February 24, 2019

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

#### SELECT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

February 24 (9:30 - 10:30 am)

Select Adult Sunday School Classes for Sunday, February 24 (9:30 - 10:30 am) Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): Stephanie Slocum will speak about Local Outreach.

Fellowship Class (room 103): International Lesson Series: "Living with God's Loving Assurance" (Psalm 91:1-16) presented by Rev. Dick Soulen.

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): "Baptists" 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.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group this Sunday morning is all about who we pray to before we take a break for a few weeks for some sessions with Pastors Helen and Meghan. 9.30 am in Rm 180 downstairs.

Youth group this evening is a Café Evening for a mix of games, conversation, prayer and food.

Join us from 5.30 pm in the Youth Center, Rm 180 downstairs.

Spring Retreats - registration for the District Retreat has now closed. Spaces for Journey weekend (Middle School students only) are still open, but close today (Sunday 24th). Please see Andy Glascott for more details. There is still a space for a female adult leader on the trip, see Andy for more on that one too.

## **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 27: Meatloaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, dessert.

## **RECHARGE CLASSES**

**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. The last session of this study will be held on Wednesday, February 27 (7:00 p.m.) and repeated on Thursday, February 28 (10:30 a.m.).

## **SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES**

Rev. Meghan Clayton will be offering a 3-week evening class beginning on Wednesday, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is now open. Visit [www.kidsmorningout.org](http://www.kidsmorningout.org) for more information. Space is limited, so register soon!

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

We invite all persons to attend the 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." 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.)

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMENS BOOK CLUB**

The UMW Book Club will meet on Monday, March 11th at 7 p.m. at the home of Susan Griffin, 116 Heathery, in Ford's Colony. We will be reading and discussing Because I am a Girl, I can Change the World, by Rosemary McCarney with Jen Albaugh and Plan International. It is in the Leadership Development category of the UMW Reading Program. All are welcome. For more information, contact Carol Brinkley at 258-0617 or [cpbrinkley@aol.com](mailto:cpbrinkley@aol.com).

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group has been moved from Wednesday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 13. The meeting is held from 12-1pm in the Den at WUMC.

### **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)

### **SILVER SAINTS IN MARCH**

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring 1\$ for the fried chicken and a side dish or dessert to share and donations for FISH, our local food pantry. The program will feature Scott Brubaker from Apex Physical Therapy, who will discuss the benefits of Physical Therapy, especially for people who suffer from dementia such as Alzheimer's Disease. There will be plenty of time for questions after the presentation. The Silver Saints is a fellowship group for those 50 plus years-old, and we enthusiastically welcome new people! If you have questions about the Silver Saints please call Eloy Villa on 757-564-0083.

### **WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY**

The Campus Food Pantry continues to roll along at Wesley. We have already had 4 visits by 3 different students. Our Spring Break trip this year is a Civil Rights and Faith trip to Atlanta and Birmingham. We'll be visiting civil rights sites, worshiping together in historic churches, serving communities, and discussing faith and action with folks who are continuing the work of the civil rights movement today. Our theme this semester of Faith, Love, & Action continues to go well, with a powerful Large Group last week focused on what is genuine love. This week, we are focusing on Faith and Action as embodied in fighting for justice. "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love."--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner is at 5pm on Sunday and Large Group is at 6.

### **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).

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