

## WUMC Weekly E-Notes

### WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

Share your faith - invite a guest this Sunday!

#### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY - March 3, 2019

If you're going to dream, why not dream big? In 1961, President John F. Kennedy proposed that the United States put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. Humans landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. At the time it may have sounded like an impossible dream. The disciples of Jesus didn't seem all that interested in going to the moon, but that didn't stop them from having stars in their eyes when Jesus took them up a mountain and showed them his dreams for the world that he came to redeem. Pastor Bill will preach on "To Dream the Unimaginable." The Scriptures are Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 9:28-36. 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: Transfiguration of the Lord (Psalm 99) "God, may our lives tremble with your righteousness. Transform us into servants of your justice. May your mercy flow through our lives. In a world of greed, may we display your generosity, your gracious giving. In a world of deception, may we be truthful people-even when it's inconvenient. In a world of quick fixes and cheap hope, may we be people of patience. In a world where everyone is quick to point fingers, may we be people who confess our sins and ask for forgiveness. May your Holy Spirit lead us in the way of Jesus, so that we may be good news for our friends and neighbors and the strangers we meet along the way. For we are servants of your kingdom, ministers of your grace. Amen." (Isaac, a Mennonite pastor.) Posted on his blog, <http://www.rustyparts.com>)

#### SUNDAY EVENTS - March 3, 2019

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

#### FOLLOW-UP TO GENERAL CONFERENCE DEALING WITH SEXUALITY ISSUES

A special called General Conference of The United Methodist Church was held on February 23-26 in St Louis. Delegates representing all United Methodists gathered to 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 same-sex marriage, ordination, justice and mercy. All are invited Sunday, March 3, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to hear Bishop Peter Weaver and Lay Delegate Warren Harper answer questions, share their reflections and experiences at General Conference.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, March 3 (9:30 - 10:30 am)

All Adult Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall to hear the presentation about General Conference.

### **YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY March 3**

Youth group this morning is meeting in the Fellowship Hall as we hear back from General Conference and the outcome on conversations around human sexuality.

Breathe Café on Sunday evening will feature a build-your-own-sub bar, games, holy conversation and most likely a bit of silliness!

Please hold in your prayers the group travelling to the York River District youth retreat next weekend (March 8th to 10th).

Looking ahead, on Sunday March 17th we'll be holding a St Patrick themed evening. Can't think why....?

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **"STATE OF THE CHURCH" ADDRESS**

March 4th: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis will hold an address titled "State of the Church: Where do we go from here?" on Monday, March 4, following the Special Session of General Conference. The event will be livestreamed at [www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch](http://www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch) from 10:00 to 11:30 am featuring an address by Bishop Lewis as well as time for questions and answers. Williamsburg UMC will livestream the address in the Fellowship Hall, and all are invited to attend. Questions for this Q & A period may be sent to [wayforward@vaumc.org](mailto:wayforward@vaumc.org) prior to the event and during the event. For questions about the event at Williamsburg UMC, contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771.

#### **SENIOR PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**

Senior Pastor's Bible Study will take a break this coming week for Ash Wednesday. We will begin a six-week Lenten Bible Study on March 13/14 (Wednesday evenings; repeated Thursday mornings). Our study will be "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week," authored by professor and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Through her insightful DVD and our study of the Bible, we will delve into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his prayerful agony in Gethsemane, Levine brings forward aspects and details that open doors for beginners as well as seasoned readers of the Bible. We will look at how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

#### **RECHARGE WEDNESDAY**

Join us for dinner on Wednesday, March 6 for our annual Pancake Dinner 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 March 6: Breakfast for Dinner - Pancakes, sausage, bacon and fresh fruit.

Kitchen Team: Boy Scouts

(Please Note: ReCharge Classes will not be held on Wednesday, March 6. Please plan to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.)

## **UPCOMING RECHARGE CLASSES**

The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land Wonder how the continuing occupation of the Palestinian territories has harmed both Israeli and Palestinian societies and what are the realities of the contemporary human rights concerns in the occupied Palestinian territories?

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. Register now by contacting Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org)

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IN LENT**

Several of our adult Sunday School classes will begin a special Lenten study beginning Sunday, March 10. "Simon Peter," by Adam Hamilton will consider the life of an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. Simon Peter left everything to follow Jesus, yet he struggled with doubt and fear. If you do not usually attend a Sunday School class, now is a good time to join with a class on this six-week journey through the life, faith and character of Simon Peter. Adult Sunday School meets from 9:30 - 10:30 am every Sunday. Here are the classes participating in this study: Aldersgate (Wesley Hall), Bishop McKendree (room 102), World Religions (room 101), Searchers (room 171), Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174), and Christian Life Connections (room 309).

## **SPIRITUAL DISCIPLES**

On Wednesdays, March 13, 20 and 27 from 6:15- 7:15 pm, Pastor Meghan will lead a course on spiritual disciplines to be held in the Williamsburg UMC Chapel. Participants will be introduced to the concept of spiritual disciplines and practice three concrete forms of prayer that lead people toward God, inward and outward. A resource list of other spiritual disciplines will be provided to use during the season of Lent and beyond.

## **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.

### **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 \$1.00 for the fried chicken, 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 problems with balance that can be helped with physical therapy. He will also discuss problems with 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.

### **MISSION TRIP - HONDURAS**

We are happy that once again several of our church members will make the trip to Limon, Honduras to help provide basic healthcare needs and supplies to those in need. Please pray for our team, which will be working with the Carolina Honduras Health Foundation (CHHF) March 8-16 alongside Honduran Physicians.

### **UNITED METHODIST'S WOMEN'S SUNDAY**

Please plan to participate with us for our annual Williamsburg United Methodist Women's Sunday on March 24th. We are proud to welcome Rev. Nancy Robinson as our guest pastor for a service focused on the legacy of the United Methodist Women's 150-year history. Join us for a birthday celebration in the atrium after each service for coffee and birthday cake - we're 150 years old this year and proud of it!

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SERVICE PROJECT - BLOOD DRIVE**

In commemoration of the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women, our Williamsburg UMW unit is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Saturday March 30th from 9am to 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. You may secure an appointment for your donation by registering online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and using sponsor code WilliamsburgUMC or by signing up at the CrossRoads Table between services on Sunday March 24th. Our goal is 30 pints of blood. Your single donation can save up to 3 lives. Help us to reach our goal and be in service to our community!

## **LITERACY FOR LIFE**

No previous teaching experience is needed Complete nine hours (3 x 3 - hour sessions) of initial training Available to tutor 1.5 hours per week for one year Complete the online training registration form and select the training series that works best for your schedule at <https://literacyforlife.org/tutors> For more information call 757-221-3325

## **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, worshipping 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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