

**WUMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR MARCH 21, 2019:  
All God's Children are Welcome Here**

**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY - March 24, 2019**

March 24th is United Methodist Women Sunday. We will be commemorating the 150th anniversary of UMW, a momentous milestone. Over 45 women of our Williamsburg UMW will be participating in this service. We are proud to welcome Rev. Nancy Robinson (former WUMC staff) as our guest pastor with her sermon "Courageous Women." The scripture references are Galatians 6:1-9 and Psalm 91.

**WEEKLY PRAYER** - submitted by Cindy Banek:

On the Road of Discipleship

Galatians 6:1-9

"Loving God, I want to press on in my Christian life. Help me to become more and more like Jesus even though I know that it will require me to put my hand to the plough and press on with patient endurance, which only comes from You alone. I pray that I may not lose heart or grow weary in doing the good works that You have prepared for me to do, and pray that in due time, I may reap a fruitful reward, in Jesus name I pray, Amen."

**SUNDAY EVENTS - March 24, 2019**

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:15 and 11 AM in the Sanctuary

**SELECTED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

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).

Fellowship Class (room 103): International Lesson Series, "Calling to Salvation," (Luke 19:1-10) presented by Fred Dellamura.

**YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Join us on Sunday morning for part 1 of "How do we talk to God?", Rm 180 (the youth center) downstairs.

Sunday evening Breathe Café opens its doors for silliness, a baked potato bar and good conversation. Join us from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### RECHARGE WEDNESDAYS

Join us for ReCharge Dinner on Wednesday, March 27 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. The cost for the meal is only \$6/adult, \$3/child (ages 3-12) with a \$20 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 27:

Pasta Faggioli (with beef), rustic bread, dessert.

ReCharge Classes Just Started – Still Time to Join!

### "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 through April 17, 6:45 -8:30 pm and led by David Hindman and David Benedict. (room 171) Register now by contacting Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org)

### SENIOR PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

We will continue our Lenten series, "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week," on Wednesday, March 27 (7:00 p.m.) and Thursday, March 28 (10:30 a.m.). Our theme for this session is "The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger." The Scripture lessons are Mark 11:15-19 and John 2:13-21.

### MESSY CHURCH IN APRIL

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, April 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Our theme is, "Always with Us," as we celebrate the good news of Easter! Nothing can ever separate us from the love of God – not even death on a cross. We will enjoy Easter crafts and activities along with Celebration worship time. Our meal together will be a special Easter Ham dinner with all the trimmings! Questions about Messy Church, contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org) or register online at: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/messy-church>.

### SILVER SAINTS

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be on Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our special speaker will be Capt. David J. Hardin, Chief Deputy, Williamsburg-James City office. He will speak about the duties of the Sheriff's Office and highlight the differences between the Sheriff's Office and the James City County Police Department. Please bring \$1.00 for the chicken (provided) and a side dish or dessert to share. We enthusiastically welcome all new people to join our group! If you have questions about the Silver Saints, contact Eloy Villa, 757-564-0083.

## **MESSY EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

You are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children birth through 5th grade. We will enjoy crafts, the hunt, and our delicious hot dog lunch. Hunting areas are separated by ages so all can enjoy the day! Donations of wrapped candy are welcomed to be dropped off at the church by April 17. This event is sponsored by Messy Church. Questions? Contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

## **NEW BLOG BY PASTOR BILL JONES**

A new blog has been posted to the WUMC website under the "News" tab: "The Church's Vision in View of General Conference 2019."

## **CONNECT 101**

If you are new to WUMC or interested in becoming a member, our next Connect 101 orientation session will be held next Sunday, March 31, from 9:30 to 10:30 in the church parlor. If you wish to attend you may fill out a blue card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, sign up online at our Website or call the church office. Sign up online at: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/become-a-member>.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMENS BOOK CLUB**

The UMW Book Club will meet on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Brinkley, 207 Old Cart Road, in Powhatan Secondary. We will be reading and discussing House of Purple Cedar, by Tim Tingle. This book is in the Nurturing for Community category of the United Methodist Women's Reading Program.

Be sure to visit our church library, where many of the 2019 books of the Reading Program are on display and available for checking out. These books have just arrived and look to provide many hours of enrichment and enjoyment.

## **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 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.

## **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!

## **MISSION TRIP – HONDURAS**

Check out the photos from our team in Honduras at [www.facebook.com/williamsburgumc/](http://www.facebook.com/williamsburgumc/)

## **LIVE STREAMING SERMONS**

Interested in exploring new technologies? Want to put your technical and photographic skills to good use? Come join in as we explore the world of video and live-stream worship for the church. Your expertise is welcomed. Contact the church office or sign-up online in SPECIAL EVENTS at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening>. Join us this Sunday at 9:30 in the balcony for a demo of our new video equipment.

## **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

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

For 26 years, Mary Antol has blessed our church with her work and presence in the church nursery. We are sad to say goodbye to Mary on Sunday, March 31st but wish her well! Please stop by the nursery the morning of Sunday, March 31st between 8:15 and noon to sign a card, express your appreciation and enjoy a treat.

## **MESSAGE FROM CHARLOTTE COPLEY**

The family and friends of Horace (Otis) Copley thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy. Since his death we have especially been surrounded with love. Special thanks to the funeral committee members and the church staff who were helpful and loving, before, during and after the memorial service. As always, the reception after the service which was planned by the CARE committee was perfect. Thanks to all who furnished delicious food and attended the service. I cannot begin to express my appreciation for all the cards, phone calls and those wonderful WUMC hugs that I have received. God bless you all, Charlotte.

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