

WUMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR MARCH 28, 2019:
Share your Faith, Bring a Friend

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY – March 31, 2019

“We’re not in Kansas anymore.” This is a famous line from a movie, as is “Here’s looking at you, kid.” The Bible has a few memorable lines as well. One of the most famous comes from a curious little story in the Old Testament. It’s a valuable lesson on faithfulness and mercy. This week we continue our series on “Encounters with Christ: Men and Women of Faith.” Pastor Bill will preach on “Lines That Shape Our Lives.” The Scriptures are Ruth 1:1-18 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

WEEKLY PRAYER - submitted by Cindy Banek

On the Road of Discipleship

Compassion for Others (Micah 6:8)

“God, help us to live as you would have us live with obedient hearts. We know injustice rains down on your people, so disturb us, that we may act justly. We know so many who suffer needlessly, so use us as your hands of mercy. As we move through our day following our own agendas, remind us to walk humbly with you, God. Amen.”

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Several of our adult Sunday School classes began 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). The Fellowship Class (room 103) is presenting the International Lesson Series: Called to Discipleship (Matthew 4:12-22) presented by Rev. Dick Soulen (Room 103.)

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth group Sunday welcomes back Pastor Helen for the second of her War and Peace sessions at 9:30 AM in the youth center. Join us at Breathe Café for pizza, conversation, prayer and games from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Open to all middle and high schoolers. Photographers needed! If you have a camera with a good zoom lens on it, we’d love to have you join us for a game night at Breathe Café where students attempt to get from WUMC to the far end of Duke of Gloucester Street without being photographed by one of our snappers! Chat with Andy Glascott for more information, date to be confirmed.

CONNECT 101

If you are new to WUMC or interested in becoming a member, our next Connect 101 is this coming 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>

UMCOR SUNDAY

When disaster strikes Danville, the Midwest, Mozambique, or anywhere else in God's creation, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is there, ready to help and heal; and 100% of whatever contribution you make toward that holy work goes directly to the need. That's possible because of your generosity to UMCOR Sunday, one of the recipients selected by our Global Outreach Committee for our Lenten offering. Funds raised across the church for UMCOR Sunday underwrite UMCOR's administrative costs so that when disaster strikes, every penny donated is directed to meet that crisis. When you give to this year's Lenten offering, you make miracles happen efficiently, effectively and economically! Thank you for your sacrificial generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You may secure an appointment for your donation by registering online at redcrossblood.org and using sponsor code WilliamsburgUMC Or, use this link:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=WilliamsburgUMC> Your single donation can save up to 3 lives. Help us to reach our goal and be in service to our community.

RECHARGE WEDNESDAYS

Join us for ReCharge Dinner on Wednesday, April 3 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 register online: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner. Menu for April 3: Baked Ziti, garlic knot, dessert

SENIOR PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study continues Wednesday/Thursday (April 3/4) with "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week." Session 4: The First Dinner Risking Rejection. Scriptures are Matthew 26:6-13 and John 12:1-8.

WOMEN'S STUDY

"Job: A Story of Unlikely Joy"

How is it possible to hold onto joy in times of sorrow? Using the story of Job as our background, we are considering the redemptive power of pain as a way to strengthen faith, point others to the Gospel, and build trust in the Lord. This seven week women's group study meeting is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. A daytime meeting may also be offered if there is enough interest. Contact Cindy Banek to register, (229-1771) or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org

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 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, (564-0083).

ANNUAL MESSY EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCH:

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.

RECHARGE CLASSES – 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, or online at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/recharge-activ-form-hide> located at the bottom of the page.

CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY

There is an immediate opening for a volunteer to be the Secretary of the Church Council. Council meets on the fourth Tuesday every other month beginning in February. Next meeting will be April 23 at 7:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Pastor Bill (229-1771) or bjones@williamsburgumc.org.

MEMORIAL GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS

The Memorial Garden Committee has approved a plan to renovate and update our Memorial Garden. There will be lots of cleaning, new plantings and landscaping. The project is planned to be completed by Easter. If you would like more information about or a tour of the Memorial Garden please contact one of the Committee members. They are: Bob Evans, Ken Lewis, Doug Daniel, Betty Orwoll, and Warren Bell.

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.

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. For information, please contact Wendy Geiger at wendy.geiger@cox.net or (579-4656).

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>

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 (221-3325)

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