

WUMC WEEKLY E-NOTE FOR APRIL 4, 2019

Share your faith, bring a Friend

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY – April 7, 2019

Aromas have a way of evoking certain memories and the feelings associated with those memories. This week, in the Gospel of John, we look at the story of an aroma that filled a room and evoked several kinds of emotions in the people gathered there at the feet of Jesus. Pastor Bill will preach on “Aroma: Bringing Back an Emotion.” The Scriptures are John 12:1-8 and Philippians 3:4-14.

WEEKLY PRAYER - submitted by Cindy Banek

On the Road of Discipleship - Lavish Grace (John 12:1-8)

"Loving God, how lavishly you pour out the costly gift of your grace upon us. Fill our homes and our lives with the fragrance of your love, so that we may show your glory and serve your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:15 and 11:00 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: “The Lord’s Supper,” presented by Joy Galloway (Room 103.)

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center, Rm. 180. Also, at 5:30 p.m. at Breathe Café for food, conversation, prayer and games. Open to all middle and high schoolers. Photographers needed! If you have a camera with a good zoom lens, we’d love to have you join us for a game night. Students will attempt to get from WUMC to the end of DoG St. without being photographed! Contact Andy for more information; date to be confirmed.

UMCOR SUNDAY

When disaster strikes, 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. Funds raised during Lenten offering underwrite UMCOR's administrative costs so that when disaster strikes, every penny donated is directed to meet that crisis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S 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.

RECHARGE WEDNESDAYS

Join us for ReCharge Dinner on Wednesday, April 10 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 April 10: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, vegetable, dessert

SENIOR PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study continues Wednesday/Thursday (April 10/11) with "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week." Session 5: "The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends."

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.

ANNUAL MESSY EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCH

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 am - 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.

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).

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 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

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Copies of the Holy Week and Easter Schedule are available in the new carousel in the office lobby area. Please take one or more copies and share with a friend or neighbor and invite them to church.

CHANGE TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Lee has assumed the position as Chair of the Board of Trustees. For congregation members, program managers, staff or others seeking to interact with the board of Trustees please direct inquiries to David Lee.

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019 CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

We fully recognize that WUMC is a diverse congregation. Not all are of one mind on decisions that were made at the recent General Conference regarding matters related to human sexuality, specifically homosexuality, in the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. Please know that the pastors of WUMC have an “open door” policy to “continue the conversation” about the St. Louis decisions with any and all members of the congregation. We have had numerous constructive conversations with folks in our congregation who support the decisions made at the GC as well as those who do not. We welcome continued conversation and will continue to make ourselves available to any and all members of the congregation who have differing views.

WOMEN'S STUDY

Beginning on Wednesday, May 1 (please note date change): “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 will consider the redemptive power of pain as a way to strengthen faith, point others to the Gospel, and build trust in the Lord. This is a 7-week women’s group study meeting 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.

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir begins June 2. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 7:45 AM and 10:30 AM. Come learn a hymn or easy anthem to sing in the services! All are welcome! For further information, contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music Ministries at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org or (229-1771 ext 107).

HANDS ON MISSION DAY

This year's dates are Wednesday, May 8 and Saturday, May 11 for Hands on Mission Days. We will be doing projects for Grove Outreach, WUMC Respite, Hospice House, Sentara, Restore, Shepherd's Fold, 3E Restoration, Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation and we will be writing letters to missionaries. This is an outreach sponsored by the UMW but certainly not limited to the members of the UMW. Men, women . . . all church members are invited to join one or more of the activities! To sign up you can call Jan Ivy (871-1186).

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 6:00 - 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>.

CONDOLENCES

Williamsburg UMC extends our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Kenneth Dogan who passed away on April 3. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Nelson Funeral Home; burial to follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

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).

WUMC Communications Director, Thomas Redmond (229-1771 ext 353) compiles and edits weekly E-notes. If you have corrections, suggestions for improvement of the format, or new relevant information please call or email him at: tredmond@williamsburgumc.org.