

WUMC WEEKLY E-NOTES FOR APRIL 11, 2019

Share your faith, bring a Friend

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP - Sunday April 14, 2019

We live in an age when a lot of issues are forced into the Mondays of life. We may not like it, but we are compelled to address them or ignore them. When Jesus rode into town on a small donkey, he did so on a day that was a work day for the people. Sunday was not a day off. It was like our Monday. It was the first day of the work week for them. So, far from being a humdrum, unexciting Monday, on this particular day, he forced a huge issue. When Jesus rides into our lives, he forces an issue for us. Pastor Bill will preach on "Sunday's Here, But Palm Monday's Coming." The Scriptures are Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 19:28-40.

WEEKLY PRAYER submitted by Cindy Banek

Road of Discipleship: A Prayer for Holy Week

"Lord Jesus, as I move through this special week, give me the gifts of concentration, of focus, and of empathy, as I try to understand what your astonishing story, which is at once so familiar and yet so incredible, means for my life. I believe wholeheartedly that your passion and death have significance beyond my comprehension. Allow me to be touched and awestruck by the holy events of this week and to claim them as a guide for my walk of faith with you. Amen."

WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:15 and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Several of our adult Sunday School classes continue a special Lenten study. "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 Remember (Matthew 26:1-13)" presented by Lyman Hubbard.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY

Join us in the morning for a Palm Sunday prayer experience at 9:30 am in the Youth Center, with donuts. At 5:30 pm we'll be mixing up a subs bar along with some games at Breathe Café.

Reminder: Sunday School for all ages will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECHARGE WEDNESDAY

Join us for ReCharge Dinner on Wednesday, April 17 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 17: Ham and cheese cheddar casserole, vegetable, dessert

SENIOR PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study concludes Wednesday/Thursday (April 17/18) with Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week. Session 6: "Gethsemane: Risking Temptation." A new Bible study on The Miracles of Jesus for Today will begin on April 24/25.

JOB: A STORY OF UNLIKELY JOY

This study begins on Wednesday, May 1 (please note date change.) 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.

ANNUAL MESSY EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCH

You are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children birth through 5th grade Saturday, April 20, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will enjoy crafts, the hunt, and our delicious hot dog lunch. Hunting areas are separated by ages so all can enjoy the day! We still need donations of wrapped candy to stuff 2400 eggs! Please bring your candy to the church by Wednesday, April 17 and place it in the donation closet. This event is sponsored by Messy Church. Questions? Contact Cindy Banek (229-1771) or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org.

PIZZA FOR A CAUSE

"Pizza for a Cause!! Join us at Blaze Pizza (Newtown Location: 5134 Main Street, Williamsburg) on Friday, May 3, between 5 and 7pm, for a Kid's Morning Out fundraiser! Show this flyer BEFORE you checkout, and 20% of the sales will be donated to KMO!" Flyer:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/78/7889e3b6-5a89-40f8-b674-1718248649e6/documents/BLAZE_Fundraiser.pdf.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS & LILY CARRIERS

Volunteers Needed! Looking for 1, 2 or 3 people with irons to help with a pre-Easter task the morning of April 15 at church. Interested? Please contact Debbie Bruss (220-9359). Lily Carriers Needed for Easter Services. If you would like to participate in the lily procession at the beginning of the Easter morning services, please sign up on the sheets located at the back parking lot entrance volunteer desk. There will be three services Easter morning: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.; 15 lily carriers are needed for each service. If you sign up to participate, you must be in the Church Narthex 20 minutes before the start of the service. If you have not participated in the Easter service procession in the past, please plan to attend the brief rehearsal on Saturday morning, April 20, 9:30 a.m. at church.

RIDES TO RESPITE

Williamsburg Faith in Action (WFIA) will once again offer rides to Respite of Williamsburg United Methodist Church! If you are interested in driving a member to Respite at 11:45 am or picking up a member at 4:45 pm, please reach out to Faith in Action (258-5890) and become a volunteer. You can designate your interest in driving for Respite only, or you can offer your services more broadly. WFIA will always honor your schedule, using whatever time you are willing to give. Training will be provided by WFIA after you call. As a driver, you would need to bring the member downstairs to Respite, or pick them up downstairs from Respite, and sign them in/out. While you are there, let us show you around! A relationship with a Respite member will enrich your life and help a family on a difficult journey.

SHEPHERD'S FOLD

Our congregation recently collected items for the Lenten shoeboxes. These items were wrapped, assembled and delivered to church members who are no longer able to attend worship. Thanks to the members of our congregation for the donations, the wrapping, and the deliveries!

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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee needs scripture readers and communion servers now through the month of June. Sign-up sheets are available on the main hallway bulletin board, just past the den. If you are new to these worship opportunities at Williamsburg UMC, or if you just have questions about what is involved, please contact Terri Morgan: tlynmorgan@icloud.com or (902-2967). Thank you!

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).

MEMORIAL GARDENS

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: Bob Evans, Ken Lewis, Doug Daniel, Betty Orwoll, and Warren Bell.

ECMS - MAGNIFICENT MELODIES

On Sunday, April 28 Early Childhood Music School will be hosting its Spring Magnificent Melodies concert. The concert will feature children and youth choirs from Williamsburg United Methodist Church, Williamsburg First Presbyterian Church, and the Williamsburg Community Chapel. This event is a wonderful children's concert that will also include a children's program to help enhance the program for the young ones. The concert starts at 3:00 pm and there is a reception that follows. Admission is free, but donations towards Elliot's Song are appreciated!

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).

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019

Bishops of the United Methodist Church have asked that local congregations continue to have conversation and discernment following the decisions made at the recent special General Conference held in St. Louis. Here at WUMC we recognize that we are a diverse congregation. We welcome all God's children. We also understand that not all are of one mind on decisions that were made regarding matters of 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" with any and all members of the congregation. We love and support all members of the congregation regardless of persons' views on this matter.

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).

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