

WUMC WEEKLY E-NOTES FOR APRIL 25, 2019

Invite a friend - All are welcome!

SUNDAY WORSHIP – APRIL 28, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICE TIMES: 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM

SERMON

"The Good - and Troubling - News of Easter"

In the moment of teaching at Easter Sunday worship, Pastor Meghan shared with the children that we need more than just Easter Sunday to celebrate what God has done for us and the world in Jesus Christ. We need 51 other Sundays - Little Easters! - to thank God that through the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's work of grace and peace has already been accomplished. But... why doesn't it feel this way in God's world, the church, our relationships and our lives? On Sunday, April 28, Pastor Meghan will preach "The Good - and Troubling - News of Easter" based on Ephesians 2:1-22 and John 20:19-31. All are welcome to worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM; Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 AM.

WEEKLY PRAYER submitted by Cindy Banek

Road of Discipleship: Thomas Doubts (John 20:19-31)

"Do not be afraid. Find peace in your hearts. God will come to all people and bring the words of hope and comfort to their lives. Faith is not coerced, not forced, not demanded. Blessed are those who have not seen, who have not been forced to believe, who have not been forced into false faith, and yet they have come to know the healing, comforting, strengthening power of God's love through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Be still! Be at peace! Let go of your anger and your fear. God's love and grace is with you forever."

CHILDCARE

Childcare for children 3 years and under is provided throughout the morning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Several of our adult classes are beginning new studies on Sunday, April 28.

- Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): "Creed" by Adam Hamilton
- Searchers Class (room 171): "All the Places to Go," by John Ortberg
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): "Celebrate Colossians," by John Loy
- Bishop McKendree Class (room 101): "Christianity's Family Tree," by Adam Hamilton
- Fellowship Class (room 103): International Series, "Call and Commissioning" (Matthew 28:16-20)
- World Religions (room 101): "Christianity and World Religions," by Adam Hamilton
- Growing Families (formerly Young Adults): Lenten Study by Shane Stanford, Church Den

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

9.30 AM - We dip into prayer, with a mix of good conversation and donuts as well in the Youth Center. At 5.30 PM Cafe Breathe opens it's doors and we'll spend part of the time setting the limits for the DoG Street challenge. There will of course be food, games and conversation as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECHARGE WEDNESDAYS

Join us for ReCharge Dinner on Wednesday, May 1 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 in the new carousel in the rear Atrium area or in the pew racks, or by calling the church office (229-1771) or on the church website. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner. ***Dinner Wednesday is meatloaf, whipped potatoes, vegetable and dessert.***

SENIOR PASTOR'S MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

What Miracles Are Made Of: The Power of Jesus' Miracles for Today

What influence did the miracles Jesus performed have on the persons who were part of them as well as those who stood by and watched? More importantly, what long-reaching effect may the miracle incidents in the Gospels have on us today two millennia later? Do we have miracle stories we can tell? Join Pastor Bill for this Bible study on Wednesday evenings (7:00 PM) or Thursday mornings (10:30 AM) through June 12/13.

RECHARGE HELP NEEDED

Can you spare an hour to help with clean-up on a Wednesday night from 5:45 – 6:45 PM? Can you do easy tasks like drying dishes? You will receive special consideration if you would like to learn how to operate the dishwasher! No experience needed – we provide all training, dishrags and aprons. To apply for one of these coveted positions, contact Cindy Banek, (229-1771) or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org. Positions open now through June 12.

MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church will be Tuesday, May 14 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Our theme is, “Pray, Pray, Pray,” and we will be talking about prayer based on Luke 18:1-8. How is your prayer life? Are you persistent in prayer or too busy for a conversation with God? And what about God? Does He really want to talk with me? Maybe if God had email, prayer would be easier! God cares about His people. What are some injustices that you see in the world? Hunger, poverty, sickness, inequality are just a few of the injustices we see among people. Come to Messy Church and discover the importance of praying for all everyone through all age-appropriate crafts, games and Messy Celebration Time. Enjoy a delicious family dinner, too. For further information about Messy Church, contact Cindy Banek, (229-1771).

PASTORAL DISCRETIONARY FUND: Your Financial Gifts in Action

Funeral costs for a young mother's sudden death. A flight home to loved ones for a person recovering from domestic abuse. Beautification of a housing project's landscape to cheer up its senior residents. Desperately needed medication for an uninsured elder. Lights turned back on. Shelter for families after an eviction. All of these needs and many more have been met by the generosity of our congregation through the Pastoral Discretionary Fund. The PDF supports non-members of the church within the community and uses a monthly special communion offering as the primary source of income for the fund. All financial requests are kept in confidence and must come with a referral from a local helping agency. We work closely in partnership with House of Mercy, United Way, Williamsburg and James City County Social Services and others to support our neighbors in need. Thank you for your continued donations to bless others!

ORGAN CONCERT BY W&M STUDENTS

W&M organ students will play their end-of-semester performance in the Sanctuary Monday April 29, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop in and listen, all are welcome!

TV MONITORS IN ATRIUM

You may have noticed the television monitors on the left side wall of the rear Atrium displaying information on weekly services and photos of our beautiful historic church and the smiling faces of members. Each of our programs are displayed including Youth Group (Breathe), KMO, Respite Care, Messy Church, Music Ministries and ECMS. We will also begin to display information on various clubs, committees and upcoming meetings and events. If you represent a group associated with the church or its volunteer efforts please contact Tom Redmond at ext. 353 or email

tredmond@williamsburgumc.org to provide creative help in getting your message displayed on our screens. The process may take some days to get fine-tuned so your patience is appreciated.

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!

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>.

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 at (871-1186).

PIZZA FOR A CAUSE

Join us at Blaze Pizza (Newtown Location: 5134 Main Street, Williamsburg) on Friday, May 3, between 5:00 and 7:00 PM, 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.

GREEN COMMITTEE

The Green Committee is having its annual plant give away on Sunday, May 5th in the Atrium. Anyone wanting a plant or donating a plant is invited. We accept plants to give away, so if you are pruning your yard and don't know what to do with your over abundance, bring it to the plant giveaway and perhaps you will find something to fill your yard.

ECMS - MAGNIFICENT MELODIES

On Sunday April 28th The 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).

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir begins June 2nd. For further information, contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music Ministries at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org or (229-1771 ext.107).

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