

WUMC WEEKLY E-NOTES FOR MAY 9, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Happy Mother's Day

SUNDAY WORSHIP – MAY 12, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SERMON

Beloved Christian thinker and writer Rachel Held Evans died on May 4 at the age of 37. She wrote in her book *Searching for Sunday*, "...[Christianity] isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church." This Sunday we will explore Psalm 23 and John 10:22-30 and how God who is God-with-us models for us how we are to be with one another. Pastor Meghan will preach a sermon titled "You Are With Me." All are welcome.

ROAD TO DISCIPLESHIP submitted by Cindy Banek

Hands to Serve (Acts 9:36-43)

Reflection: "What is that in your hand?" the Lord had asked Moses long ago. He answered "A rod." "Go and work with that rod," God said, "and you will be My servant." If God had asked Tabitha the same question she would have replied, "A needle and thread, Lord." Then he would have shown her how these were precisely the instruments with which she could serve him. God asks you, "What do you have in your hands?" If God could use Moses with something as simple as a staff and Tabitha with something as basic as a needle, what might he use in your hands? What gifts has the Lord entrusted to you? What is he calling you to do with them? "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10) May God inspire you to use your gifts for His glory!

CHILDCARE

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

FEATURED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Growing Families class invites you to join them in the church den each Sunday morning from 9:30 – 10:30 am. This class is currently studying, "The Old Testament," by Professor Amy-Jill Levine which is part of the Great Courses series. Adults ages 25-50 with or without children are welcome to join the "Growing Family" fellowship! We also have seven other adult Sunday School classes from which to choose on Sunday morning. Please contact Cindy Banek, (229-1771), for further information.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Families of youth and children are welcome to a brunch in the Youth Center between youth and children's choirs participating in the two worship services. There is no evening youth group on Mother's Day.

SENIOR PASTOR'S BLOG

Senior Pastor Bill Jones has published his latest blog entitled: "We Think and Let Think." - <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/news/senior-pastors-blog>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HANDS ON MISSION DAY

May 11 is the next date for Hands on Mission Days. 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).

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast on May 11 at 8:30 AM, our guest will be Rev. Hyo-Won Park. For information contact John Tressler at (259-1193) or jdthokie@msn.com.

UMCOR HYGIENE KITS

Please help us restock the UMCOR warehouse with hygiene kits to be used following natural disasters here in the US. Cards were distributed May 5 with the items needed. Purchase what is on your card and place in the marked bins in the Collection Closet by the Cross and Flame by Sunday, May 26. Cards will also be available at the Crossroads Table on Sunday May 12 and 19. Monetary donations are always accepted. The average cost of a kit is \$12. A fun for all, family friendly kit packing event will be on June 8th at 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kits will be transported to the Virginia Annual Conference in June. Contact Teri Hindman (532-0059) or hindmantl@aol.com or Peggy Hook (234-0073) with any questions. Our goal is 1175 Hygiene Kits by May 26!

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.

VISIT FROM REV. HYO-WON PARK

Rev. Hyo-Won Park will be with us Sunday, May 12 to share his experience as a Methodist pastor from Korea serving in St. Petersburg, Russia. He will bring greetings during both worship services and make a special presentation at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. You can support Rev. Park through your prayer and financial giving through The Advance (<https://advance.umcmmission.org>) noting project #3021822. More information on Rev. Park: <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-1594-hyo-won-park.aspx>.

UMW BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at the home of Trish Kline, 118 Ware Rd. on May 13 at 7:00 PM and will be reading "Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography, by Harold Ivan Smith. All are welcome. For information contact Carol Brinkley at (258-0617) or cpbrinkley@aol.com.

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? 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).

RECHARGE WEDNESDAYS

Join us for ReCharge Dinner on Wednesday, May 15 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 in the Atrium Kiosk, on the volunteer desk 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. Menu for May 15: Asian pork, roasted potatoes, vegetable, dessert

WORDS FROM BISHOP WEAVER

Virginia Conference Interim Bishop Pete Weaver is inviting clergy and laity to join him for a time of worship and conversation. Our district will join with the James River District at Williamsburg United Methodist Church on May 18 from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM to discuss the meaning of the judicial council rulings with regard to the legislation from the general conference of The United Methodist Church held in February.

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 12th.

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

On May 26 church members are invited to join us at 10:15 AM for a special ceremony honoring those who have served our country, both living and those who have passed. In the Atrium lobby we will be showing a montage of photos of veterans on the large monitors. If you have a photo of a loved one you would like displayed, please email Tom Redmond at (tredmond@williamsburgumc.org) so that we can safely scan and display the photo of your loved one.

CONNECT 101

An Introductory meet and greet Connect 101 will be held in the parlor on May 19. Learn about becoming a member.

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>.

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 x 107).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2019's Vacation Bible Camp will be hosted the week of July 15- 19. VBS will meet from 9:00-12:00 pm every morning that week. Friday will feature our end of the week closing program followed by lunch! If you are interested in registering your child or signing up for volunteering please contact Anthony Williams at (229-1771 ext. 108) or awilliams@williamsburgumc.org.

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