

WUMC WEEKLY E-NOTES FOR MAY 16, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY WORSHIP – MAY 19, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SERMON

Most of the choices we make in life are not between what is trivial and what is important. Rather, most of the choices we make are usually between what is important and what is more important. Jesus' words to his disciples in the Upper Room, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another," show us what is most important. Pastor Bill will preach on "Give Love a Chance." The Scriptures are Revelation 21:1-6 and John 13:31-35.

CHILDCARE

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

STREAMING

Our worship services are now being broadcast via live streaming to monitors in our lobby area and in the church den. The church den is designated for parents of young children who may have to step out of worship in the sanctuary to attend to their little one's needs.

ROAD TO DISCIPLESHIP:

Love One Another (John 13:31-35)

"Lord, teach me how to love and accept the diversity around me. Help me to treasure people for their wondrous gifts and talents. Sharpen my ears to hear words of love when whispered and shouted. Tune my heart to your healing message of acceptance and compassion for all. Help me to be a person of the Resurrection who has been freed from the bonds of death. I place my life in your care, merciful Lord. Amen."

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 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 102): "Journey through the Bible, Acts 18-19"
- Fellowship Class (room 103): International Lesson Series presented by Lyman Hubbard
- World Religions (room 101): "Christianity and World Religions," by Adam Hamilton
- Growing Families (church den): "The Old Testament," by Amy Jo Levine(Great Courses series)

NEW INTERACTIVE CLASS FOR THE LADIES

This one is for the ladies! We are beginning a 7-week Bible Study for women. We will be starting with Seamless, by Angie Smith, and will meet on Thursday evenings at 5:30 PM, May 23 - July 11. We will also have an online discussion group throughout the week! Can't make a session? Don't worry, you can still participate online and childcare will be available!

In the first session, Angie talks about how reading the Bible can be really overwhelming. She tells a story of not understanding and feeling out of place at a Bible study where everyone knew exactly what they were reading. So... she went and got a children's Bible, and read through the stories in a really simplified way to help her get a bigger picture. In other words... this isn't really for the folks who already know the Bible backwards and forwards (although they can still benefit from it)... it's for those of us who WANT to understand it. That's the only

qualification. If you've never done a study before, done half of one and quit, or done a hundred... you're welcome here. For more information or to join, contact Laura Pittman at lpittman@williamsburgumc.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Activities to be determined. See Mr. Herman in the Youth Center.

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

UMCOR - 1175 Hygiene Kits by May 26th!

Please help us restock the UMCOR warehouse with hygiene kits. Pick up a card with requested items at the Crossroads Table on Sundays in May. Purchase what is on your card and place in the marked bins in the Collection Closet by the Cross and Flame before May 26th. Monetary donations are always accepted. The average cost of a kit is \$12. A family friendly, fun for all kit packing event will be on June 8th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kits will be transported to the Virginia Annual Conference in June. Contact Teri Hindman (532-0059) or Peggy Hook (234-0073) with any questions.

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 WEDNESDAY

Join us for ReCharge Dinner on Wednesday, May 22 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 the volunteer desk, the atrium kiosk or in the pew racks, by calling (229-1771) or on the church website at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner. ReCharge dinners will continue through July 31. From June 19 – July 31, we will be in our summer mode, and our menus will reflect this more informal time of year. ReCharge dinners will take a break in August and then return in September. Menu for May 22: Chicken, broccoli, baked ziti in cream sauce, roll, dessert

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

Starting June 17th, WUMC will be preparing and packaging meals for the Summer Meals for Kids Program for local food-insecure children. WUMC can support the Program by: (1) donating individual pudding cups and fruit cups in the collection box off the back parking lot and/or (2) volunteering for meal preparation at WUMC from 8 am to 11:30 am and donating cookies or brownies on Thursdays. Please email your interest in volunteering or donating to gwsommerfeeding@gmail.com. Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels (229-9250) also needs volunteers to deliver the Summer Meals to local motel and apartment complex offices. Thank you for your consideration of support for the 2019 Summer Meals for Kids Program!

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 18th 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry that 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).

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

On May 26th church members are invited to join us at 10:15 AM for a special ceremony honoring those who have served our country and who have since 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 19th. 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

Vacation Bible School the week of July 15th-19th from 9:00- 12:00 pm. This ministry will working with children from ages 4 to rising 6th graders. Our theme is this year is Abundance Orchard. Abundance Orchard will focus of New Testament passages that deal with food insufficiency. Children will learn about sharing and nurturing the blessings of food for all. If you are interested in signing up or helping out please contact Anthony Williams at awilliams@williamsburgumc.org or register online at: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/grow/christian-education>

SPECIAL OCCASION

Congratulations to Baxter and Ruth Carr who celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary in May!

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