

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR AUGUST 16, 2018

Please be in prayer for these events in the life of our church!

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

In the first chapter of Acts, Jesus tells his followers that, with the power of the Holy Spirit, they will bear witness to the good news “in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” In this Sunday’s reading, the Spirit takes Philip to the outermost boundary of Jewish religious influence, where the power of God brings joy to the most unlikely of pilgrims. This Sunday, Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland’s sermon will explore parallels between the witness of the early church and our calling 2000 years later. Join us in worship as we read Isaiah 56:1-7 and Acts 8:26-38 and encounter “The Odd Couple of Acts”. Sunday School is at 9:30 am. Stop by the atrium for coffee fellowship and greet your fellow worshipers.

Silent Prayer for the Week:

“O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.” (William W. Reid, Jr., UMH 438-5)

SUNDAY EVENTS

Adult Sunday School Classes (9:30 - 10:30 am)

- Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): “The 1845 ‘Mormon War’ in Illinois,” presented by Karen McPherson
- Fellowship Class (room 103): Continuing with the Uniform International Lesson Series.
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): “Half-Truths,” by Adam Hamilton.

Youth

- Sunday morning: Summer Showcase this morning in the Youth Center, 9:30 am: we dive into “Monsters Inc” and face our fears; popcorn included.
- Sunday evening: Join us for Summer Sundaes and conversation at Kilwins on Prince George Street from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

THIS WEEK

Safe Sanctuaries Training

If you are paid staff or a volunteer with children, youth and/or vulnerable adults, you will need to attend a Safe Sanctuaries Training event on Monday, August 20 from 6:00-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org. A make-up date is scheduled for Friday, September 7 from 9:00 - 11:30 am.

School Supplies

We are still collecting school supplies through the end of August for the children of our community. Place donations in the designated atrium closet. For a list of requested supplies, see the Sunday bulletin.

Servant Leaders for 2019

Williamsburg UMC wants and needs your input to develop the church leaders for 2019 and beyond. Nominations for servant leaders for 2019 will begin in September and be completed with the election of church leaders at the Fall Charge Conference. You are invited to complete a "Servant Leader's Interest Form" either online through our church website (<http://www.williamsburgumc.org/serve/at-wumc>) or using a form available at Connection Corner. All forms should be submitted by September 1. Please pray that God can use your availability to serve as a church leader at Williamsburg UMC in 2019 and beyond.

New Committee to be Formed

Church in the World Committee is being formed, under the auspices of the Church Council, to address the missional priorities and justice-related ministries of WUMC by addressing their systemic causes through faithful advocacy, education and action. The committee will be guided by the Social Principles of the UMC in the Book of Discipline. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please complete a "Servant Leader" form either online at our church website (see above address) or a printed form available at the Connection Corner.

Serve on the Wesley Foundation Board

The Wesley Foundation Board is looking forward to the arrival of new students August 24 and the start of another academic year. As their campus ministry partner, we are looking for volunteers to serve on the board in the following roles: missions/service, campus and community communications, endowment advisor and property advisor. Please contact Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton, mclayton@williamsburgumc.org.

Dedicate a Hymnal

The Worship Committee has purchased a few new hymnals to replace worn ones and would like to extend to the congregation the opportunity to place one in honor of or in memory of a loved one, family member, etc. More information and the form to fill out are located in the bulletin.

Kid's Morning Out

Kid's Morning Out (KMO) will serve toddlers ages 12-30 months by September 30, 2018. The program will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday, and you may choose which day(s) to attend. For further information about our KMO ministry program, visit our church website, www.williamsburgumc.org, contact Laura Pittman, KMO Director at lpittman@williamsburgumc.org or call the church, 229-1771.

For Enrolled Families:

Paperwork Appointments will be held August 21 – September 5. If you haven't signed up for a timeslot, please see Laura Pittman.

Blessing of Kid's Morning Out: September 6, 5:45 pm

Join us for a brief ceremony to bless our program, teachers and facilities before we open our doors. All are welcome to attend. We would love your support as we kick off our school year!

UPCOMING EVENTS (8/26/2018 - and beyond)**Save the Date: Annual Church Picnic at New Quarter Park**

Sunday, August 26 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. We will have crafts, organized games, a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm, and music. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide beverages, fried chicken, and hamburgers. All are invited to attend!

Reconciling Evolution & Faith

The Senior Pastor's Midweek Bible Study begins Wednesday evening, September 5 and Thursday morning, September 6. How do Christians make sense of evolution or the Big Bang next to the claims of Jesus and the creation accounts of Genesis? These questions are much more than merely intellectual; they stretch to the deepest level of Christian faith.

ReCharge Wednesday Discipleship Opportunities

ReCharge dinners and activities return on Wednesday, September 5. To see a list of after-dinner Wednesday night discipleship opportunities, pick-up a flyer from Connection Corner this Sunday.

United Methodist Women's Book Club

The United Methodist Women's Book Club will not meet over the summer. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 10 at the home of Carol Brinkley, 207 Old Cart Road, in Powhatan Secondary. We will be reading and discussing, "When Christians Get It Wrong," by Adam Hamilton. For those who are participating in the UMW Reading Program and working toward a Plan 1, 2, 3 or 4 Certificate, please submit your report to Carol by August 31. Questions? Contact Carol Brinkley (258-0617).

United Methodist Women Ice Cream Social

Williamsburg United Methodist Women (WUMC) invite all the ladies, especially those with children, to join us for our Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 16, 2:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall. Grandchildren, Wesley students and men are welcome, too. Betty Forbes, Trustee of Ferrum College, will speak about the 150th Anniversary of UMW and their amazing legacy, locally, nationally and globally. Child care will be available during Betty Forbes presentation. Please call the Church Office if child care is needed.

Upcoming Conference Events:

Bishop's Convocation on Prayer

Saturday, September 15, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Reveille UMC, Richmond, VA

Prayer workshops; plenary speaker, Rev. Terry Tekyl

Further information and registration: www.eiseverywhere.com/bishopsconvo18

Academy for Spiritual Foundation: "Community and Healing Through God's Reconciliation"

October 14-19, Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond, VA

Worship, study, rest and reflection

For information and registration: <http://www.eiseverywhere.com/fiveday18>