

## **WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR AUGUST 23, 2018**

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

### **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Senior citizens are taking martial arts classes where they learn how to use their everyday walking canes as self-defense weapons. Paul teaches a similar class in Ephesians 6, reminding us that it's the simple things that Christians carry with them every day that can be our best defense against spiritual attack. Rev. Bill Jones will preach on "The Best Offense Is a Good Defense." The scriptures are Psalm 84 and Ephesians 6:10-20. Join us in worship at 8:15 or 11:00 am. Sunday School is at 9:30 am. Stop by the atrium for coffee fellowship and greet your fellow worshipers.

### **Prayer for the Week:**

Lord, I thank you for the spiritual weapons You have given me. I thank You that I don't have to live in defeat but can stand in victory, not in my own strength but in your power. Right now, I assemble the armor You have given me. I will not be led by my emotions but by Your word which is truth. I submit, therefore, my emotional life to You and Your truth.

Amen.

## **SUNDAY EVENTS**

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

- Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): "Williamsburg UMC's Road of Discipleship," presented by Cindy Banek.
- Fellowship Class (Room 103): Continuing with the Uniform International Lesson Series.
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (Room 174): "Half-Truths," by Adam Hamilton.
- Searchers Class (Room 171): Beginning "James" by Greg Gilbert.

### **Youth**

- Sunday morning: Youth group open house this morning. Join us in the Youth Center for conversation, a little silliness, good food and a dose of prayer.
- Sunday evening: Youth group meets at New Quarter Park for the church picnic. Games at 3:00 pm and food at 5:00 pm.

### **Welcome William & Mary Students**

This weekend is move-in time for William & Mary students for the fall semester. Please welcome our W&M students as you see them in church and in the community.

### **Welcome to Wesley Campus Ministry**

All new and returning students are invited to the Wesley Foundation welcome brunch Sunday, August 26 at 9:15 am. Students are also invited next Sunday, September 2 to our S'mores with S'Methodists Cookout, 5:00 pm. All events are at the Wesley House, next door to the church. Look for us at the Activities Fair; also we will be giving out free cookies the first day of classes. For all non-students, if you would like to make a donation of cookies or lemonade mix to Wesley, we'll be accepting them at the house all this week. Thanks so much.

### **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!

### **Needed: York River District At-Large Delegates to 2019 Annual Conference**

The 2019 Virginia Annual Conference – June 20-22 – will be held at the Bergland Center in Roanoke, VA. Nominee forms for At-Large Delegates are available at the Connection Corner and are due to the District Office by September 10, 2018. You will be reimbursed for housing/meals/travel up to \$500.00.

### **Also Needed: District Lay Nominations to General Conference 2020**

District lay nominations for the 2020 General Conference and 2020 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be voted upon at each district conference. Laity who wish to be nominees as delegates for these conferences shall complete the lay nomination form at

<http://www.evc.vaumc.org/open/GCNomination/Laity/>. Upon completion, the form automatically will be submitted to the district office in which the lay nominee's church is located. Electronic submission is preferred but if a nominee is unable to complete an electronic nomination, he/she may contact the district office. The 2020 General Conference will be held May 5-15 in Minneapolis, MN.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **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. 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 to use a form available at Connection Corner. All forms should be submitted by September 16.

### **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.

### **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 - 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, <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/kids-morning-out>, contact Laura Pittman, KMO Director at [lpittman@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lpittman@williamsburgumc.org) or call the church, 229-1771.

### **For Enrolled Families:**

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

### **Sanctuary Choir**

Rehearsals begin this Thursday, August 30, 7:00 pm in Room 114. There is no audition, and all are welcome. If you are out of town, you may join us anytime! If you have any questions or need child care, please contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music Ministries (229-1771).

### **Respite Benefit Luncheon Catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill**

Wednesday, October 3, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will go on sale September 1 for \$18/person. 100% of your ticket price will support Respite's engagement club for seniors. If you can't attend, please consider a donation. For groups of 8-10, an entire table can be reserved.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (9/2/2018 - and beyond)**

### **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 Wednesdays Returns**

Join us September 5, 5:30 – 6:30 pm for a delicious dinner of meatloaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, dessert; vegetarian option available, too. 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 or online <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening>. You may also call the Church Office by noon on Tuesday (229-1771).

### **ReCharge Discipleship Opportunities**

As part of our Road of Discipleship initiative, we are offering educational opportunities to help us follow Jesus by committing to be a part of the body of Christ, to become more like Jesus, and to join Jesus in ministry. A list of these opportunities appears in the Sunday bulletin and online at <http://williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening>.

### **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!

### **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 Friday, September 7 from 9:00 - 11:30 am.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or

[cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

### **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).

### **Silver Saints in September**

Our next Silver Saints luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at noon at the home of Eloy and Jewell Villa (4025 Frances Berkeley in Greensprings Plantation, Governors Ridge). We will celebrate the beginning of our meeting year with a cook-out. Please bring \$1.00 for the sausage and hot dogs and a side dish to share. This meeting will be a social event, but proposed programs for the year will be discussed. All are welcome to attend! Questions, contact Eloy (564-0083).

### **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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UMW and their amazing legacy, locally, nationally and globally. Child care will be available during Betty Forbes presentation. Please make childcare reservations by contacting Martha Hernandez (229-1771) or [mhernandez@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:mhernandez@williamsburgumc.org).

### **Baby Shower Planned**

As Director of Youth Ministries Andy Glascott and his wife Amie await the arrival of their little one, please surround them with your love and prayer. A baby shower for this wonderful family will be held Sunday, September 30 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. If you are interested in helping with the party preparations, contact Pastor Meghan at

[mclayton@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:mclayton@williamsburgumc.org).

### **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](http://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: [www.eiseverywhere.com/fiveday18](http://www.eiseverywhere.com/fiveday18).