

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR AUGUST 30, 2018

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

All of us are accustomed to looking into the mirror. How is the hair? Do I look good in this outfit? We take a quick glance in the mirror before leaving home to reassure ourselves that all is well – or at least as well as can be expected – and that our external image is sufficiently presentable to the world. In the New Testament, both Jesus and James suggest that we also must look inwardly at what comes from the heart if others are to recognize us as truly Christian. Rev. Bill Jones will preach on, “Don’t Forget What You Look Like.” The scriptures are Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 and James 1:17-27.

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:

Dear God, impress upon me the need to act upon your word. It is not enough to honor you with my lips. I can argue with words, but deeds speak for themselves. May your Word be planted deep within me. Hear me as I pray in the words of the Apostle James, “let me be a doer of the word, and not a forgetful hearer. If I am a doer that acts, I shall be blessed in my doing.” Amen.

SUNDAY EVENTS

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

- Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): An extended study of the Bible based on the lessons in the “Disciple One” curriculum. September 2: “God Saves the Least, the Last and the Lost,” presented by Bishop Peter Weaver.
- Fellowship Class (room 103): “Williamsburg UMC’s Road of Discipleship,” presented by Cindy Banek.
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): “Half-Truths,” by Adam Hamilton.
- Searchers Class (room 171): “James” by Greg Gilbert.

Youth

- Sunday morning: Join us this morning 9:30 am in the Youth Center for movie clips, talking life and faith with freshly popped popcorn.
- Sunday evening: Last of our Summer Sundaes! Meet at Sweet Frog in New Town at 6:00 pm for an hour.

Welcome to Wesley Campus Ministry

Students are invited Sunday, September 2 to our S'mores with S'Methodists Cookout, 5:00 pm at the Wesley House next door to the church. We'll have plenty of food, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options. Come hang out with new and old friends and hear about the awesome year we have planned.

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.

THIS WEEK

Labor Day Closing

The church will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

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.

And Also Needed: Help for Military Veterans and their Families

The Virginia Annual Conference approved the formation of a work group of up to 8 persons to develop a response for Compassionate Support for Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their Families Suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and Moral Injury. Persons wanting to serve on this work group should contact Marc Brown at MarcBrown@vaumc.org listing information regarding their interest and background. The work group will begin after its membership is approved at the September 20 Common Table meeting.

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. Return to the church office or give to a staff member.

Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes

The WUMC Board of Trustees met Thursday, 23 August. Following is a summary of that meeting: Trustees will take Church Council Members on a tour of the church before the next Council meeting; it was decided to purchase a Flood Insurance policy for the church; the Cell Tower Contract is on track; work will start on the new KMO playground next Monday; the speed of the new AHU in the Sanctuary has been adjusted to prevent the jet noisy from happening again; Williamsburg Police will be making a security inspection; and the Sanctuary duct repair has been postponed. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be at 6 pm, Thursday 27 September.

A copy of the official minutes is available at the church website (<http://www.williamsburgumc.org/news/committee-news>). Minutes of all meetings during the year 2018 are available.

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 information 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 now – September 5. If you haven't signed up for a timeslot, please contact Laura Pittman.

KMO New Playground Under Construction

Have you noticed the temporary fencing in the church's front yard? The fencing is in place for the Kid's Morning Out outdoor play area and will come down when a new age-appropriate play space is completed in a couple weeks. Many thanks to the Trustees and Facilities Manager Greg Whiteside for their hard work. Please join us in prayer and support for this vital ministry with children and their families. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Meghan at mclayton@williamsburgumc.org.

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.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The next UMM breakfast will be Saturday, September 8, 8:30 am at the church. All are welcome. Contact Bob Spencer (741-2091) for a reservation.

UPCOMING EVENTS (9/9/2018 - and beyond)

United Methodist Women's Book Club

The 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).

September Messy Church

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, September 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Our theme is, "Which Way?" Is it easy or hard to follow Jesus? Will my life be easier or does following Jesus sometimes require difficult decisions? All are invited to Messy Church to discover these answers through unique activities and inspiring Celebration worship. Delicious dinner is always provided, and there is never a fee to attend. Contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771, with any questions.

Silver Saints in September

Our next Silver Saints luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 12:00 noon at the home of Eloy and Jewell Villa, 4025 Frances Berkeley in Greenspring's 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 150th 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

Report on Youth Mission Trips...and Lunch

After 2 successful summer youth mission trips, we invite you to hear all about them both. Our middle school team that went to Romney, WV and our high schoolers that went to Hexham, England, will share stories from their trips and how they saw God changing the lives of people here in the US and in England. Join us for a pot-luck lunch on Sunday September 23. No need to bring anything, but if you can, please bring a main/side/dessert dish to share. Drinks provided. Questions? Contact Andy Glascott (229-1771).

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 6-7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

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: www.eiseverywhere.com/fiveday18