

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

What do you do when a bear unexpectedly shows up on your front porch? That happened to a UPS driver in Asheville, North Carolina, recently when he tried to deliver a package to someone's home. What do you do when you come home and find that Jesus has been in the house? In Mark's Gospel, that happened to a Syrophenician woman whose little child was demon possessed. Something changed here, and it caused this woman to see clearly who Jesus is. Rev. Jones will preach on, "Jesus is in the House." The Scriptures are James 2:1-10-14-17 and Mark 7:24-37. 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.

Weekly Discipleship Reflection: Read Psalm 29

Psalm Prayer

Gracious, merciful, and loving God, whose voice calls to us from over the waters like thunder, may we be ever mindful and attentive to your call so we might know what it is you would have us do. Be with us as we faithfully accept our calling without hesitation or fear, and enter into it with persistence, trust, and strength. Amen.

Rueben P. Job, Norman Shawchuck, John S. Mogabgab, "A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God." Used by permission. Upper Room Books.

SUNDAY EVENTS

Crossroads Table

Today at the Crossroads Table, become aware of the many Christian Education opportunities here at Williamsburg UMC! We will have information about Sunday School and midweek learning experiences. We will also be ready to talk about Messy Church and The Road of Discipleship. There might be some homemade breakfast snacks to sample, so make sure you are first in line to get the best selection – of classes and goodies!

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

- Aldersgate Class (Wesley Hall): Report on the Youth trip to England.
- Fellowship Class (room 103): Continue with International Lesson Series
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): "Half-Truths," by Adam Hamilton.
- Searchers Class (room 171): Williamsburg UMC's Road of Discipleship," presented by Cindy Banek.

Youth

- Sunday morning: Youth group summer program draws to a close with our last movie installment of "Monsters Inc." Fear is not the way forward.
- Sunday evening: We launch our Youth Café in Rm. 174 and 180 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Questions? Contact Andy Glascott (229-1771).

Wesley Campus Ministry

- Sunday Night: Dinner at 5:00 pm followed by our first worship service of the semester, focused on our theme, "The Beloved Community."
- Tuesday: Small group study; reading Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Storybook Bible, 5:00-6:00 pm
- Thursday: Fellowship at 8:00 pm.

It's a great year to hang out at the Wesley House, next door to the church, with new and old friends. We always have plenty of food, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options. See you there!

Respite Benefit Luncheon Catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill

Wednesday, October 3, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are now on sale 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

Update from the Trustees

On August 28, the Trustees presented the need for a major church capital improvement plan to Church Council. This plan was the culmination of a detailed assessment of our church facility by consulting architects and engineers. Church Council referred the plan to the Finance Committee for further study and recommendations. Details regarding the plan will be available to all church members and friends in the near future.

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.

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.

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.

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. Attention Messy Chefs: We need macaroni and cheese for dinner. Contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org, for the recipe.

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).

ReCharge Wednesdays

Join us for dinner every Wednesday night 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 Connection Corner or in the pew racks, by calling the church office (229-1771) or online at <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening>. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner.

Menu for September 12: Pasta fagioli with rustic bread, dessert; Vegetarian option available.

Reconciling Evolution & Faith

The Senior Pastor's Bible Study takes place Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. 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. This study is repeated on Thursday mornings, 10:30 – 11:30 am in room 171.

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>.

Save the Date: September 26 from 7:00—8:30 pm

"A Way Forward: a Q&A event with Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, the Rev. Tom Berlin and Ms. Martha Stokes."

Bishop Lewis, the Rev. Berlin and Ms. Stokes will share their thoughts as well as moderate questions on the Commission on a Way Forward, the Commission's reports going before General Conference (GC) 2019 and the GC 2019 itself. Questions for the event will be taken via email. You can start to submit your questions now and during the event at wayforward@vaumc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS (9/16/2018 - and beyond)

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 6:00 -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.