

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2018:

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

"I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree...a tree that looks at God all day..." wrote the poet Joyce Kilmer in his ode to a tree. The writer of Psalm 1 uses the image of a tree planted by a stream as a metaphor for a godly, or righteous, person. What does such a tree look like? Rev. Jones will preach on, "Only God Can Make a 'Righteous' Tree." The Scriptures are Psalm 1 and James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a. 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 worshippers.

Weekly Discipleship Reflection: Attentiveness

Read Psalm 66

Prayer:

Truly, O Lord, you are the God of faithful love whose awesome deeds have brought us through desert wastes and darkening valleys. May the memory of your great acts on our behalf alert the eyes and ears of our heart to signs of your presence in the thick of daily life. Like the wise virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom, may we greet you with joy and the honor due your name. 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

Selected 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 23: "Advocate," presented by Lyman Hubbard.
- Fellowship Class (room 103): Continue with International Lesson Series
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): Begin "Bible People: Disciples,"
- Searchers Class (room 171): Study of James.

All our Adult Sunday School classes are meeting now on Sunday morning from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Information on any class, contact Cindy Banek, cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or 229-1771.

Youth

- Sunday morning: We will gather for food and drink and discuss the question, "Was King David a bully?" 9:30 am in the Youth Center.
- Sunday evening: We will continue preparations for Youth Sunday in rooms 174 and 180 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Questions? Contact Andy Glascott (229-1771).

Children's Ministry

A new year of Sunday School has started every Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am! We have classes for preschool through 5th grade:

- Room 207-Preschoolers
- Room 302-Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Room 301-3rd grade through 5th grade

Worship Place for Children during the 11:00 am Service

Worship Place is in a new room! We welcome all children (ages 4-years-old through 5th grade) to join us after the “Moment of Teaching” during worship in our new Worship Place Suite (room 161). We provide age appropriate lessons, games and activities in a fun and safe environment. Come join us! For questions about Children’s Ministry, contact Martha Hernandez, mhernandez@williamsburgumc.org or 229-1771.

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.

Report on Youth Mission Trips...and Lunch

After two 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).

Hurricane Florence Relief – United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR’s U.S. disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR works with the conference disaster response ministries to provide the following:

- **Financial Assistance:** Emergency grants may be sent when a bishop of the affected conference contacts UMCOR.
- **Expertise:** UMCOR’s disaster-response experience and knowledge are made available to those in need.
- **Networking:** Connections with NGOs, volunteers, experts, local government, and other organizations can help communities recover from disaster.

You can make a donation to disaster response by designating: “US Disaster Response, Advance #901670” on your check. Place your check in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

THIS WEEK

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.

Wesley Campus Ministry

- Sunday: Dinner at 5:00 pm. Worship/discussion at 6:00 pm.
- Tuesday: Small group study; reading Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Storybook Bible, 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the York Room at Sadler Center.
- Thursday: Fellowship at Wesley Foundation; 8:00 pm.

Volunteers Needed

There is a need for tellers at the 8:15 am worship service. This position requires about 10 minutes of your time on Sunday mornings, and you will always work with a partner. Please contact Wil Colton (871-2523).

We also need 4 communion servers at the 11:00 am service on October 7. Please consider assisting in worship. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board next to the Church Den.

Childcare Providers Needed

Williamsburg United Methodist Church is hiring childcare providers to work on Sunday mornings and special events. You should be dependable and love working with children. You should also have experience in caring for children between the ages of 0 to 12 along with the ability to adapt and interact with each child and their varying needs in a Christian setting. This is a paid position. If interested, please respond with resume to mhernandez@williamsburgumc.org.

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 26: Baked ziti, salad, garlic bread

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>.

Beginning Wednesday, September 26 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm: Stewardship Study – “Enough,” by Adam Hamilton

Do you suffer from Affluenza or Credit-itis? We all struggle with wanting more than we need and spending money we don't have. The cure for these afflictions may be found in “Enough,” a book to help you rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. In these pages are found the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This video-based study will help you to learn the biblical principles of financial management and turn away from consumerism towards the joy and contentment that comes with living a simpler life. Meet in room 206. Facilitated by Cindy Banek.

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 Q&A at wayforward@vaumc.org. This presentation will be livestreamed here at Williamsburg UMC in place of the Senior Pastor's Bible Study that evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS (9/30/2018 - and beyond)

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 will be held Sunday, September 30 from 6:00 -7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

Sanctuary Orchestra

Rehearsals for the Sanctuary Orchestra begin on Monday, October 1 at 5:15 pm. Whatever your level of instrumental skill, we invite you to join us in making music for worship. Questions, contact Lou-Anne Smith, 229-1771.

United Methodist Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the UMW Book Club will be held Monday, October 8, at 7:00 pm at the home of Susan Griffin, 116 Heathery, in Ford's Colony. We will be reading and discussing, "Bus to Corinth," by Ladine Hausholder. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact Carol Brinkley at 757-258-0617.

Silver Saints in October

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will on Wednesday, October 10 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a dollar for the chicken. Food donations for FISH, our local foodbank, are also appreciated. Our October program is a special event: a costume contest! Participation in the contest is optional, but we are sure you will want to join in the fun! Independent judges will select a winner who will be awarded a small mystery gift. Come in your costume or don your costume after you arrive. Further information, contact Cindy Banek at the church, 229-1771.

Kairos Cookie Time

Homemade cookies are needed in mid-October for the Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat at Greenville Correctional Center. Kairos recommends peanut butter, oatmeal, chocolate chip, molasses or sugar cookies. Cookie recipes and packaging instructions may be found on the Connection Corner desk. The deadline for cookie pick-up at church is Wednesday, October 17 at noon.

Connect 101

Connect 101 is a meet and greet with the pastors for prospective members and persons interested in learning more about Williamsburg UMC. The next Connect 101 will be held on Sunday, October 14, at 9:30 am in the church parlor. Please make a reservation by filling out the blue Connect 101 card in the pew rack or online at our church website or by contacting the church office.