

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2018:

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Have you or someone you love ever faced a time in life where healing has not occurred in the way you prayed for or hoped? If so, what in the world does James mean, when the biblical letter tells us that the prayers of the righteous will bring healing? What does God's healing truly look like? Worship will involve our amazing Stephen Ministers, lay persons trained in caregiving. Rev. Roth Clayton will preach a sermon titled, "God's Shalom" based on Psalm 124 and James 5:13-20. 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 worshippers.

Our handbell choirs, In Nomine Dei and Covenant Ringers, will be playing in worship this Sunday with newly refurbished handbells. The bells took a three week vacation this summer to Smith Mountain Lake with "Ringmaster Services" where they received detailed attention, new parts, tuning, cleaning and buffing. You will note their shine both to the ear and the eye!

Weekly Discipleship Reflection: Gratitude

Read Psalm 136

Psalm Prayer:

Generous Lord, the wonders of your extravagant love display themselves in the glittering beauty of the night sky and the abundant fruitfulness of the earth. You have led us faithfully throughout our years and in Jesus you have shown us the way to fullness of life. May our gratitude know no bounds as we praise your name in word and deed. Amen.

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

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 30: "Explosive Power of the Spirit," presented by Bishop Hasbrouck Hughes.
- Fellowship Class (room 103): Continue with International Lesson Series
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): "Bible People: Disciples,"
- Searchers Class (room 171): Study of James.
- World Religions Class (room 101): "When Christians Get it Wrong," by Adam Hamilton.

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: "Crossing the Thin Red Line" and reflecting on the sexualization of our culture. 9:30 am in the Youth Center.
- Sunday evening: A Baby Shower is planned for our Director of Youth Ministries, Andy Glascott, and his wife, Amie. All are welcome on Sunday, September 30 from 6:00 -7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

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

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.

Bereavement Support Group

Due to the Respite Benefit Luncheon, the Bereavement Support Group will be postponed one week and will meet on Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 – 1:00 pm in the church den.

Wesley Campus Ministry

Sunday: Dinner at 5:00 pm. Worship/discussion at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday: Small group study, 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the York Room at Sadler Center.

Thursday: Fellowship at Wesley Foundation, 8:00 pm.

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 making your check payable to "WUMC" and designating: "US Disaster Response, Advance #901670" on the memo line. Place your check in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

THIS WEEK

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.

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.

2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 Flower Calendar is located outside the Sanctuary on the bulletin board. Sign up now!

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 October 3: Beef stew, rustic bread, dessert

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/whatshappening>.

Wednesdays, now through 6:10 – 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. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS (10/7/2018 - and beyond)

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.

Winter Is Just Around the Corner and Warm Coats Are Needed!

WUMC is collecting new winter coats for the preschoolers attending Head Start at the Historic Triangle Community Center. We need sizes 3, 3T, 4, 4T, 5 and 5T. Coats run large so please no coat larger than 5T. Collection bins for coats are located in the Reception Area off the Atrium. Thanks so much; from Local Outreach Committee.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast (UMM)

As a boy living in England in the 1940's, Ian Carr vividly remembers Allied preparations for D-Day. Ian will be our guest speaker for the next UMM breakfast on Saturday, October 13, 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. A full breakfast will be provided for a cost of \$10.00. For a reservation, call John Tressler (259-1193) or Bob Spencer (741-2091).

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.

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

United Methodist Women's "Call to Prayer & Self Denial" will be held on Saturday, October 20 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Ameling, Director of Latisha's House in Williamsburg. Elizabeth will speak about, "Rescuing and Restoring Sex Trafficked Victims." This meeting is open to everyone. Light refreshments will be served.