

**WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR OCTOBER 4, 2018:
Please be in prayer for these events in the life of our church!**

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Some people are born “fixer-uppers.” They love to buy old houses with peeling paint, leaky plumbing, tiny kitchens, too few bedrooms and no closets. They don’t see any of these qualities as deterrents – only the promise of some future project that needs to be tackled. Turning our life into a “good work” is the ultimate fixer-upper project God has undertaken through divine grace to reconstruct our lives into a living Jesus. The project is still under construction, but evidences of grace can be seen in our lives and in the community of faith. Rev. Jones will help us to examine, “The Trace of Grace.” Our Scriptures are Genesis 2:18-24 and Ephesians 2:1-10. 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: Gentleness

Read Psalm 119:73-80

Psalm Prayer:

Dearest Lord, you have gently fashioned each one of us in your loving image. May we delight in your word and meditate on your precepts every day with great joy. And may those who see us see your gentle love. 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, the United Methodist Men are selling tickets for the Friday, October 26 Annual Spaghetti Supper, which includes salad, bread and dessert. Adult tickets - \$10.00; Children under 12 – free. Proceeds go to support the Harbour Scholarship Fund.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Also at the Crossroads Table, join us as we walk to end Alzheimer’s. 5.7 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's disease. Do you have a personal connection to Alzheimer’s? The Respite Care Center and Williamsburg UMC have joined together to form a team that will participate in the 2018 “Walk to End Alzheimer's.” This year’s walk is Saturday, October 27 at Pecan Square Park in New Town. Stop by the Crossroads Table today to join our team, become an advocate or receive more information.

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. October 7: “The Gospel Penetrates the World,” presented by Dick Soulen.
- Fellowship Class (room 103): Continue with International Lesson Series

- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): Brunch; “Road of Discipleship,” presented by Cindy Banek.
- Searchers Class (room 171): Study of James.
- World Religions Class (room 101): “When Christians Get it Wrong,” by Adam Hamilton.

Information on any class, contact Cindy Banek, cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or 229-1771.

Youth

Sunday: Both youth group sessions today are preparing for Youth Sunday. Join us at 9:30 am and/or 5:30 pm in the Youth Center.

Children’s Ministry

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

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. 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

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).

2019 Flower Calendar

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

“Geek Squad”

The Communications Committee is looking for a few volunteers to become part of the “WUMC Geek Squad.” We need individuals who have some technical skills with operating A/V equipment. We also need people who can help inventory all of the equipment the church currently owns and develop training materials for use of this equipment. If you’re interested, please complete the online volunteer form located in the Special Events section at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening> or call the church at (757)229-1771 or contact Karen McPherson at kamcpherson@cox.net.

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.

Messy Church: All-Age Worship Experience for Everyone!

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, October 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Our theme is, "Safe and Sound: The Story of the Lost Sheep." We will have many "sheepy" crafts and activities plus Celebration Time, and then finish up with an unbaa-lievable dinner before we send you off to your homes safe and sound. Hope to see you at Messy! Attention Messy Chefs: We need Apple Crisp for dessert. Contact Cindy Banek, 229-11771 or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org, for the recipe.

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.

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.

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 10: Chicken pot pie, green beans and 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/whats-happening>.

Grow 301 (Formerly Connect 301) Begins October 10 – 24 from 6:15 – 7:00 pm

What do United Methodists believe and practice? The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley and the early Methodists, placed primary emphasis on Christian living—putting faith and love into action. Join us as we learn the hallmarks of United Methodism. Leader: Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton.

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).

UPCOMING EVENTS (10/14/2018 - and beyond)

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.

October Events in Kids Morning Out

- National Cake Decorating Day, October 15, 5:30 -7:00 pm. KMO Classrooms: Face off in a cupcake wars style friendly competition, chat with other grown-ups and enjoy some sweet treats. This event is open to all parents and caregivers of little ones.
- Halloween Party, October 31 at 11:00 am with Costume Parade at 11:45 am: Join us for Halloween fun in the KMO classrooms and a parade.

Questions about events, contact Laura Pittman, Director Kids Morning Out (229-1771).

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.

Magnificent Melodies

A concert series benefitting Elliot's Song, an Outreach Program of Early Childhood Music School. A program of vocal and instrumental music with featured works by various composers on Sunday, October 21, 3:00 pm, WUMC sanctuary. Free Admission with suggested donations to benefit Elliot's Song.

Judicial Council Hearings on “The Way Forward”

The United Methodist Judicial Council will partner with United Methodist Communications to livestream oral hearings held during the Council’s fall meeting in Zürich, Switzerland. All of the oral hearings will take place on October 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time) – which is six hours ahead of Eastern Daylight Time. The hearings will be open to the public and broadcast on the denomination’s website, www.UMC.org/live, as well as via Facebook at www.Facebook.com/resourceUMC. Hearings will remain available on the website throughout the month to make it convenient to watch despite time zone differences and will also be archived at www.umc.org/who-we-are/judicial-council-october-2018-webcast. More information about the docket for the meeting, which takes place October 23-26, 2018, is available at <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/judicial-council-october-2018-docket>.

Minutes from the Board of Trustees’ Meeting

The WUMC Board of Trustees met Thursday, September 27. Following is a summary of that meeting. The new proposed contract for the cell tower in the steeple was presented. After discussion a motion was made and approved that the new contract be accepted. The Williamsburg Police Department has conducted a security review of WUMC, and the report has been forwarded to the Operations Advisory Committee for review and action as necessary. The Planning Advisory Committee reported that the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan has been reviewed by the Finance Committee which is developing a plan of action to fund the requirements. The Policy Advisory Committee presented four new policy statements and a motion was made and approved to accept these policies. The Policy Manual is now complete, and distribution of copies will be made shortly. The original Policy Manual will be placed in the Reference section of the WUMC Library. Mary Rogers Hill, Chair, Interior Design Advisory Committee, reported on the status of the plan to renovate the area just inside the parking lot entry. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 25.

A copy of the official minutes is available at the church website. Go to www.williamsburgumc.org, click on more, click on news, click the news in red and scroll to committee news and click, scroll to Trustee Committee Minutes. Minutes of all meetings during the year 2018 are available.