

**WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR OCTOBER 25, 2018:
Please be in prayer for these events in the life of our church!**

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

What seems to be impossible in your life these days? Some task you are facing in your personal life? Or maybe as you look on our troubled world today you are prompted to ask, "Who is going to accomplish all the things that seem so impossible in our world today?" In the feeding of the 5,000 Jesus calls on his 12 disciples to feed the multitude. "Impossible, too costly!" they say. But when we partner with Jesus, all things are possible. Rev. Jones will preach on "Partners in the Impossible." 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:

A Prayer for Generosity Dear God, you designed us to be generous. You actually gave us the need to be generous, which is why we experience such joy when we give selflessly to you and to others. Forgive us for listening to the voices of the world that tell us we need to focus on ourselves rather than on others. Forgive us for giving in to self-gratification rather than practicing delayed gratification. Teach us, Lord, to give generously of all you have so graciously given to us, so that we may bless both you and others and experience the abundant blessings that come from living for you. Amen.

(From "Enough," by Adam Hamilton)

SUNDAY EVENTS

Farewell Reception for Vince and Joanne Sutlive

Following both worship services on Sunday, October 28, please come to the atrium to say goodbye to Vince and Joanne Sutlive who are moving to Kentucky. The Sutlives have been active in our congregation since 1972. Prior to that time they served as missionaries. In coming to Williamsburg, Vince taught Anthropology at the College of William & Mary. Over these many years, the Sutlives endeared themselves to WUMC, serving the Lord in many ways and modeling Christ's love and grace. We invite you to come and express your love and appreciation to them.

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 28: "A Congregation in Ferment," presented by Rev. Helen Casey Rutland.
- 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.
- Bishop McKendree Class (room 102): "Creation" from the DVD study, "The Story of God."

All classes are open and welcome new people! Information on any class, contact Cindy Banek, cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or 229-1771.

Youth

- Sunday: This morning is all about "Watch Your Words," a look at the wisdom James writes about the tongue. Youth Center, 9:30 am.
- Sunday Night: Youth Halloween Party at the Kersh home.

Children's Ministry

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

THIS WEEK

"A Way Forward" Report to the General Conference

Copies of the final report to the Special Session of the UMC General Conference from the Commission on a Way Forward are available in the church library. You may also access the report and other information related to the work of the Commission on our church website, <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/grow/a-way-forward> Please be in prayer for the delegates who will gather in February 2019 in St. Louis for this special session.

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 31: Shepherd's pie (beef) with roll and dessert

Upcoming ReCharge Opportunity: "Justified through Genealogy"

Wednesdays, October 31-November 14 from 6:10 - 7:00 pm Theologians argue over whether a person's salvation is justified through works or through faith. However, the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, frequently labeled, "The Genealogy of Jesus," justifies the identification of Jesus as the Messiah by recounting the 42 generations between Abraham and Jesus - in a sense, "justifying" him by connecting him to Abraham through David, as foretold by the prophets. In this three-week course, we will examine how and why people get involved in genealogical research, how the results of such research can impact our image of ourselves or our society, and how to think about both the positive accomplishments of our ancestors and their sins, crimes, and foibles. If you are interested in genealogy but don't know exactly how or where to start, this will give you an opportunity to interact with people who are also on this path. To register, contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org. Class leader: Karen McPherson.

Thanksgiving Morning Ministry

For 20 years, our congregation has prepared turkey dinners on Thanksgiving morning and delivered them to folks in the community who might not have a special meal on that day. These meals are made possible by contributions from our congregation. Pick up an orange shopping list after the worship services on October 28, November 4 and November 11. Bring these items to church with a check to cover turkey, stuffing, gravy, rolls, pies, fruit and supplies by Sunday, November 18.

Many volunteers are needed on thanksgiving morning to help with numerous projects including the meal preparation. Please register your participation by November 14 with Lianne in the church office (229-1771) or lkoeh@williamsburgumc.org. You will receive a call before the event giving you a specific task and time to "report for duty."

Kids Morning Out Special Event

Halloween Party, October 31 at 11:00 am with Costume Parade at 11:45 am Questions about events, contact Laura Pittman, Director Kids Morning Out (229-1771).

Community Café

November 1, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, St. Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road Learn ways to protect yourself and your money. James City County Officer McDowell and Hampton City Detective Hess will inform us of current scams and how to handle them, as well as safety concern questions. The Café is free and open to Williamsburg residents age 60+ or caregivers. It is sponsored by local congregations, businesses, and the Peninsula Agency on Aging. Join us for a short presentation, snacks and prizes. Questions? Contact Martha Caruso, St. Martin Episcopal Church (229-1111).

UPCOMING EVENTS (11/4/2018 - and beyond)

United Methodist Women's Installation Event

The United Methodist Women of Williamsburg UMC will hold their annual Installation of Officers Ceremony on Sunday, November 11 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend this special event. Light refreshments will be served.

Respite Educational Event: "When is it Time for Hospice? What is the Cost? How will it Help?"

Respite Care will host this special education session on Monday, November 12 from 3:30-4:30 pm in room 174. The speaker is Stephanie Compton, RN, BSN, Clinical Director at Home Care Hospice. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 7 to Carolyn Yowell (cyowell@williamsburgumc.org or 229-1771, ext 354), so we may ensure adequate seating. Limited space is available in Respite during the session for your loved one to enjoy music by Billy Mitchell, but RSVP is required so we can plan accordingly. This event is open to the entire community, so please share with others that may benefit.

United Methodist Women's Book Club

The UMW Book Club will meet Monday, November 12, 7:00 pm, with the location to be determined. We will be reading and discussing, "Rubble Nation--Haiti's Pain, Haiti's Promise," by Chris Hurlinger and Paul Jeffrey. This book is in the Education for Mission category of the UMW Reading Program. For more information, please contact Carol Brinkley, (258-0617). All are welcome.

Messy Church in November

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, November 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is, "Listening and Learning," with the story of Jesus and the children from Mark 10:13-16. We will also celebrate Thanksgiving with our annual Messy Church Thanksgiving dinner! If you have never come to Messy Church, this is a great time to experience the fun and excitement of all-age crafts, games, Celebration Worship, and a homemade Thanksgiving feast. We guarantee you will have a Messy-good time! Attention Messy Chefs: We need your best homemade dressing! For further information about Messy Church, contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771 or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org.

Special Speaker at ReCharge

In lieu of the Senior Pastor Bible Study on Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00 pm, we will welcome guest speaker Daoud Nassar, director of "Tent of Nations" and 2017 recipient of the World Methodist Council Peace Award. Daoud is traveling to Virginia in November to speak at various churches and community groups. He will also be at the College of William and Mary via the Wesley Foundation on Thursday, November 15. Sponsored by Global Outreach.

Shepherd's Fold Meeting

The Shepherd's Fold is the ministry to our members who are homebound or have special needs. Volunteers reach out to these church members by visiting monthly, delivering small arrangements made from our altar flowers and providing church materials. Additional volunteers are needed for this caring ministry. The Shepherd's Fold will be hosting a meeting on November 15, 3:00, in room 352. Current volunteers, including David Hindman and Cindy Freeman, will talk about and share what goes on during their visits. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would simply like to learn more about what's involved, please consider attending this meeting or contact Tony or Vikki DiToto, 903-4976, vikkilynn@cox.net.