

## WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR OCTOBER 30, 2020

### THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Come join us (on-line or in-person) as for All Saints Sunday we recall with gratitude the saints who have blessed us by their examples of faith along our ways in life. As a special observance of this sacred day, Bishop Pete Weaver, Pastor Meghan and Pastor Dave will share the bringing of a message that explores what it means that we live “downstream” from these servant-leaders in the meandering course of life . . . and that still others live downstream from us! Our text will be Matthew 23:1-12.

If you chose to continue to worship from home, which we respect and support, the services will be live-streamed via the church Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/williamsburgumc](https://www.facebook.com/williamsburgumc)) and the church website (<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services>). A copy of this Sunday’s church bulletin is also located on the livestream page. If you are unable to join us for the Livestream, recordings of each service are available on our website: (<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/sunday-worship>).

### IMPORTANT IN-PERSON WORSHIP INFORMATION

We are so pleased to resume in-person worship in the Sanctuary!

As a reminder, registration for in-person worship is required. Please go to the church website:

<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/> and click on the button "In-Sanctuary Worship Registration."

Registration for in-sanctuary worship opens each Monday morning and must be completed by Thursday at 11:59 pm for the following Sunday. Also, if you are participating in the worship service or serving as an usher or greeter, please remember to register.

### WORSHIP BY PHONE

Worship for those not On-Line: WUMC now offers “Worship by Phone.” This service enables those who would rather experience worship without the use of a computer simply to call a dedicated number and listen to the service early Sunday afternoon on any phone. It can be accessed 24 hours a day. Call (757) 345-2426 to be connected to worship.

### WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE RADIO

The worship service from last Sunday, October 25, will be aired this Sunday morning at 8:00 am on radio station FM 93.5 The Burg and WMBG AM 740.

### ON-LINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Three of our Sunday School classes are meeting online via Zoom on Sunday mornings. The Searchers are studying of “The Color of Compromise,” and Bishop McKendree class is reading “All the Places to Go ...How Will You Know?” by John Ortberg. Both classes meet at 9:00 am. Marvin Willard Bible Class is studying Adam Hamilton’s, “Moses, in the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet” beginning at 9:30 am. If you would like to join any of these classes, please contact Cindy Banek, [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

## **PARKING LOT WORSHIP**

Our next Parking Lot Worship is Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 pm. On Pentecost, we celebrated in our virtual worship the accomplishment of our 2020 Confirmation class completing its entire course via Zoom. Sunday night at 5:00 pm in our monthly Parking Lot Worship, we will formally confirm and welcome these twelve young people into membership. Thank you for praying for and supporting them in their Christian discipleship. Please register by going to the church website at:

<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/welcome/parking-lot-worship-hidden>

## **WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR HEAD START: OCTOBER 1 – NOVEMBER 1**

Each October at WUMC is designated as “Winter Coats for Head Start” month. Williamsburg children in the Head Start program need warm coats to wear to school and to play in the winter. The little ones in this pre-school program are 3-5 years old and wear sizes 3, 3T, 4, 4T, 5, and 5T. Head Start is critical for many children as they learn basic skills that will be needed to begin kindergarten. Coats may be dropped in the “Collection Closet” in the church Reception Area.

## **YOUTH**

### **Zoom Lunch Breaks on Fridays at Noon**

Don't forget! Zoom Lunch Breaks continue every Friday at noon. These are only 15 minutes -- a brief time of Q&A, Scripture and prayer. Check Youth Ministry email for link.

## **A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP LEWIS REGARDING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

Bishop Lewis is encouraging the Virginia Conference to use October 31-November 2 as a time to both pray and fast prior to the presidential election for healing across the country. Both a letter from Bishop Lewis and a resource document are provided at the link:

[https://vaumc.org/bishop-lewis-issues-prayer-and-fasting-for-the-healing-of-the-nation/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=e-advocate-October-28-2020.](https://vaumc.org/bishop-lewis-issues-prayer-and-fasting-for-the-healing-of-the-nation/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=e-advocate-October-28-2020)

## **LOVE OFFERING”**

In early November Carolyn Yowell, our Director of Respite Care for the past ten years, will be finishing her time in ministry with us. She will be sorely missed! One church member recently wrote, “Carolyn has built upon... the legacy (of Respite) by bringing beauty both to the space and more importantly to its participants. She has accomplished this through celebrating participants’ everyday lives with them, and her special touch on Respite’s care-based human companionship....” The growth in our Respite ministry and its respect in the greater Williamsburg community during Carolyn’s tenure have been remarkable. Your Staff Parish Relations Committee invites your participation as desired in a “Love Offering” for Carolyn as a way for the congregation to express its appreciation for all she has accomplished at Respite. You may send contributions by November 15 to the church (500 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185) with a notation that the gift is to be a part of Carolyn’s recognition. (From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.)

## **A MESSAGE FROM LOCAL OUTREACH ON THE WINTER SHELTER FOR 2020**

For many years our Williamsburg United Methodist Church has offered our church facility as a host site for the Winter Shelter. This year the danger posed by the novel Coronavirus and its transmission in enclosed areas is a safety and health concern. Accordingly, the Trustees made the difficult decision not to offer our church as a host site this winter season.

The Community of Faith Mission (COFM), which organizes the shelter program, is working with local hotels to secure rooms for those in need of shelter during this winter season. Our church's Local Outreach Committee is seeking to raise \$5,000 for COFM to defray a part of the motel expense. Local Outreach will provide a donation to this effort. We are asking church members to contribute to this effort by sending a check to the church office made out to Williamsburg Methodist Church and noting on the memo line: 2020 Winter Shelter Program. Please join this effort and help our church extend the warmth of our Christian love to those in need in our community.

## **UPCOMING STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS**

With the continuing pandemic, Stephen Ministers are needed now more than ever to provide encouragement and support to those in need. Now is a great time to take Stephen Ministry training via Zoom from the comfort of your own home. If you have felt called to join this ministry, please contact Carol Schuster at [schustercarol922@gmail.com](mailto:schustercarol922@gmail.com) for more information. The class will begin in the new year but, for planning purposes, we need to know of your commitment by November 2.

## **FLOWER CALENDAR**

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, the 2021 Flower Calendar is located outside the sanctuary on the bulletin board. You may sign up now with any important anniversaries or seasons you would want to commemorate.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE DEVOTIONS**

Please check out the Congregational Care page on the church website. Mitzi Cole, the new Minister of Congregational Care, will be updating the page and including short devotionals. To access the video devotions, go to: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/congregational-care>.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

If you or anyone you know is having a difficult time coping with the economic fallout from the Coronavirus pandemic, please know that organizations are available to help. Visit the church website at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/need-help> to find out more about assistance.

## **Prayer Requests: Prayer Chain**

We are a praying church, and we would like to pray for you! If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Lianne Koch via email [lkoch@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lkoch@williamsburgumc.org). You may also submit prayer requests from the church website: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/prayer-rgst-form-hidden>.

If you would like to be a part of this prayer ministry and receive the prayer chain emails, please contact Cindy Banek [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org).

## **WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OPEN STAFF POSTITION**

### **Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries**

This person will be responsible for developing and sustaining a comprehensive and robust ministry with youth (grades 6-12) and their families, for creating and implementing ministry with young adults of college age, and for managing the social media presence of the church.

For further details on this open position, visit our church website at

<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/who-we-are/employment>

## **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Williamsburg United Methodist Church established the Memorial Garden as a faithfully maintained site for interment and inurnment of cremains for church members and their immediate families as well as current and former clergy and staff of WUMC and their immediate families. The Memorial Garden seeks to provide a place to receive the cremains of loved ones while also providing a place to meditate and reflect in peace and tranquility. For more information about the Memorial Garden or to arrange a private tour of the Garden, call the Church Office (229-1771).

## **VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021 DELEGATES**

Additional At-Large delegates from the York River District are needed for the Virginia Annual Conference to be held in June 2021. To apply to be a delegate, please fill out a form located at

<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/news/bishop-conference-messages>

## **VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 RESCHEDULED**

The rescheduled Virginia Annual Conference session will take place Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm.

## **WILLIAMSBURG UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE 2020**

The annual Charge Conference for Williamsburg UMC is scheduled for Monday, November 9 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Here is the Zoom information for the Charge Conference:

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81648495127?pwd=RTZJUDd3T2k0a2phV2RxNFp1MVC3QT09>

Meeting ID: 816 4849 5127

Passcode: 171962

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## **NEW SHORT-TERM STUDY: ROAD TRIP - DISCOVERING THE ROUTES (ROOTS) OF METHODISM IN AMERICA**

You are invited on a (virtual) road trip across the United States to discover the many routes (roots) of Methodism in America. Your tour guide is Cindy Banek, and our first stop is Savannah, Georgia. Part travelogue, part history lesson, part Wesleyan theology, you will partner with the Wesley brothers (John and Charles) on their jaunt to the New World. No GPS needed – just your computer in the comfort of your own home! The tour bus leaves on two successive Wednesdays, November 11 and 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Register here: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/grow/special-studies-registratn-hidden>. This is the first in an occasional series on discovering Methodism in America.

## **THANKSGIVING MORNING MINISTRY**

Thanksgiving Day 2020 at WUMC will be a variation on our annual celebration of preparing meals and useful gifts. Due to the pandemic and the care we are exercising about everyone's health, 200 turkey dinners will be prepared prior to Thanksgiving working in conjunction with Meals on Wheels. We will not be collecting canned vegetables, and a community charity will deliver the meals on Thanksgiving Day.

Because we can't gather in large groups this year our toiletry kits, ornaments, blessing bags, fleece pillows and other gifts will be made by families at home. Supplies and instructions will be available in "kits" and completed kits will be collected in time for a winter distribution. Details for obtaining kits will be provided in upcoming Sunday bulletins and weekly E-notes.

Please help by providing \$15.00 to purchase the meal and kit components. Make your check out to Williamsburg UMC and designate "Turkey Day" on the memo line. Please mail or deliver to WUMC by November 22.

## **PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY**

The Pastors' Bible Study will resume on December 2/3, with a close look at the Scriptures associated with the Nativity and Epiphany, for the coming celebration of Emmanuel - God with Us! Please do join us then as your schedule allows. No pre-registration required.