

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2018:

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Who are the people who have influenced you in life and faith? It is a significant practice of our faith to remember and give thanks for those who have shaped us into who we are. Those saints who now rest in God's eternal care will be remembered in worship this Sunday, November 4 at 8:15 and 11:00 am. Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton will preach a sermon titled, "The Company of Heaven," based on Isaiah 25:6-9 and Revelation 21:1-6a. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services. All are welcome. Sunday School is at 9:30 am. Stop by the atrium for coffee fellowship and greet your fellow worshipers.

Weekly Discipleship Reflection: Compassion

Read Psalm 103

Psalm Prayer:

Lord, you are compassionate and merciful; you are patient, faithful, and just. Help us show compassion to others as you show compassion to us. Forgive our apathy, indifference, and self-interest toward others, and transform these attitudes into kindness, charity, and love, so that we may be one with you and one with each other. 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. November 4: "A Pastor Give Guidance," presented by Rev. David Hindman.
- 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): "Journey Through the Bible – Acts of the Apostles," Chapter Five: "Conversion," Acts 9:1-30.

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

Youth

- Sunday: We will look at persevering in faith. Join us at 9:30 am in the Youth Center.
- Sunday Night: Join us tonight for a café themed evening of games and refreshments; 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

Children's Ministry

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

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias . . . given in honor or memory of loved ones, are a Christmas tradition at WUMC. This year's poinsettias cost \$20 each or you may make a gift of that amount to the Holiday Flower Fund. Make your check payable to "WUMC." **Note early deadline – November 21.** Form may be found in the "Messenger" or in the Sunday Bulletin.

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.

Participate in Worship during Advent

Help celebrate the Advent season by participating in worship. A December sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the church den. People of all ages are invited to serve!

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 November 7: Baked ziti, salad, garlic knot and dessert.

Senior Pastor's Bible Study continues Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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 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 lkoch@williamsburgumc.org. You will receive a call before the event giving you a specific task and time to "report for duty."

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Come enjoy breakfast with the United Methodist Men on Saturday, November 10, 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00. Our friend and fellow church member, Jigger Sirois, will tell us about his experiences as a professional race car driver. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS (11/11/2018 - 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.

Veterans Day Worship

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I finally ended. On Sunday, November 11, as we worship together we will observe Veterans Day. We will honor our veterans, remember what happened 100 years ago, and pray for peace in the world today.

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.

Silver Saints in November

The next gathering of the Silver Saints will be a trip to the Jamestown Settlement on Wednesday, November 14. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am, and we will carpool to Jamestown Settlement. If you prefer to drive yourself, meet us at the Jamestown Settlement entrance at 12:00 noon. Entry is free for local residents with a valid I.D. such as a Driver's License. We will meet Fred Dellamura, a member of the Silver Saints, who will give us a guided tour of the park. After the tour we will enjoy lunch in the cafeteria. The Silver Saints is a fellowship group for anyone aged 50 plus, and we always welcome new people who would like to join us. If you have questions about our November gathering or the Silver Saints, please call Eloy Villa at (564-0083).

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, at 3:00 p.m., 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, vikki@cox.net.

Multifaith Community Service of Thanksgiving

Please join with neighbors of different religious traditions for a Thanksgiving service of prayers, readings, poems, and songs, sponsored by HART (Historic Area Religions Together), a new community multifaith organization. The service will take place on Monday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the gym at Walsingham Academy (1100 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg). Please bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to FISH. All are welcome!

Annual Charge Conference: Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

All church members are welcome to attend.

Messiah Concerts

Our annual Messiah concerts are early this year! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1, 5:00 p.m. The Handel Orchestra along with soloists Branch Fields, bass; Michelle Trovato, soprano; Phaedra McNorton, mezzo-soprano; and Ian Lane, tenor, as well as the chorus will help bring in the Advent and Christmas season!

Alternative Giving Fair

Capture the true Christmas spirit in your gift-giving this holiday season! Come to the Alternative Giving Fair where local, national and international organizations will offer opportunities to choose gifts that will make a difference in the lives of others. Sunday, December 2, 9:15 am - 11:00 am and noon – 1:00 pm.

Benefit Concert & Open House-Respite Care, Sunday, December 9

The Power of Music Christmas Concert, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Respite Open House, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Special Recharge Events on December 19

Service of Hope and Light, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary

Recharge Dinner, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Carols Round the Chrismon Tree, 6:30 pm, Atrium

Minutes from the Board of Trustees' Meeting

The WUMC Board of Trustees met Thursday, October 25, 2018. Following is a summary of that meeting. The Facilities Manager, Greg Whiteside, presented a proposal from Van Kniest Painting and Finishes, Inc. to repair the roof over the kitchen. A motion was made and passed to authorize Greg to proceed with the proposal and any additional charges up to a total of \$5,000. The Financial Report was accepted, and a review was made of all ongoing projects. An inspection of the parsonage disclosed several discrepancies that need immediate attention. The Facility Manager was directed to proceed with correction of the discrepancies. The Interior Design Advisory Committee made a progress report on plans to renovate the inside of the Banner (Parking Lot) entrance. The work will be done in two phases. The first phase will be completed by the first of December and the second phase will be completed by January 17, 2019. Funding will come from the existing financial reserves of the church. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 6.

A copy of the official minutes is available at the church website (<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/news/committee-news>).