

## WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2020

### THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

We like clarity, and we particularly love certainty. This past week lingered on delivering much of either! But one thing is clear from the Election of 2020: our nation is deeply divided, and we scarcely can imagine what another way will look like. Come and be with us, in-person or online, when this Sunday special preacher (and familiar face at WUMC!) Bishop Pete Weaver will reappraise a very famous parable of Jesus and share the message “Electing to Love our Neighbors.” This is one you will not want to miss – nor is the chance to come together as people of one Hope, one Faith, and one Baptism. (The text will be Luke 10:25-37.)

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, November 1, 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

Some of our Sunday School classes are meeting online via Zoom on Sunday mornings. The Searchers are studying “The Color of Compromise,” 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)

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S INSTALLATION SERVICE**

The Williamsburg United Methodist Women invite all members of our church family to join our Installation Service as we recognize and empower our 2021 leaders. We will meet via Zoom on Sunday afternoon November 8 at 2:00 pm.

To join the Zoom Meeting on your device, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85711935761?pwd=S2MranE0bVlrRzMvbVNieU10TmlYdz09> and  
Passcode: 772416.

To join via phone, dial (301) 715-8592 and use Meeting ID: 857 1193 5761.

## **PARKING LOT WORSHIP**

Our next Parking Lot Worship is Sunday, November 8 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>

## **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

One tap mobile

+13017158592, 81648495127# US (Germantown)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 816 4849 5127

## **"VIRTUAL" THANKSGIVING MESSY CHURCH FOR NOVEMBER**

On Tuesday, November 10, look for our Messy Church video at:

<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/messy-church>, and join us for awesome harvest crafts and games, music, and dinner ideas! See how some of our Messy friends are unhappy with Thanksgiving this year, but then learn an important lesson from Pastor Dave. Remember, Messy Church is a creative, interactive, intergenerational worship experience for everyone! For further information about Messy Church, contact Cindy Banek, [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org)

## **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 begins this Wednesday, November 11 and continues November 18, both at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Register here: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/grow/special-studies-registration>. This is the first in an occasional series on discovering Methodism in America.

## **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.

## **PRAYERS FOR BILL AND LINDA JONES**

We are saddened to learn Bill and Linda Jones and their family have very recently had successive occasions for grief. Bill's uncle, Harry Jones, died last week, and then Linda's sister-in-law, Betty Ward, died this week after a recent diagnosis of illness. We know Bill and Linda would welcome the prayers of our church during this difficult time. Bill will be presiding over both services of remembrance. If you would like to send an expression of your sympathy, their address is: 58 Alba Circle, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

## **“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.)

## **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, accessing <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/prayer-rqst-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 POSITION**

### **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).

## **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. If you are interested in working on an activity at home, contact Holley Walling at [holleyw@aol.com](mailto:holleyw@aol.com).

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.