

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2018:

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

VETERANS DAY WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, hostilities ceased. 11.11.11. Exactly 100 years ago. When the armistice was signed at the end of World War I, the fighting came to an end. And then, a century of remembrance began. On this Sunday, November 11, we will observe Veterans Day in worship. We will honor our veterans, remember what happened 100 years ago, and pray for peace in the world today. Rev. Jones will preach on, "An 11.11.11 Centennial Moment." The Scriptures are Psalm 146 and Hebrews 9:24-28. 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 worshippers.

Weekly Discipleship Reflection: Responsibility

Read Psalm 1

Psalm Prayer:

Truly happy is the person who loves you, Lord. Give us the wisdom, willingness of heart, and clarity of conscience to depend on you for all things – to ask for your help when we are in need, to seek you that we might find, to love your instruction and dwell in it day and night. 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): Presentation on "The Psalms," by Mike Starry.
- 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): Rev. Charles Swadley will be looking at 8 passages of scripture which are at the center of controversy facing the UM Church on homosexuality.
- Bishop McKendree Class (room 102): "Journey Through the Bible – Acts of the Apostles," Chapter Six: "Horizons," Acts 10-11.

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 talk about "Displaying Faith", 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. 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

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. Pick up an orange shopping list after the worship services on 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. Please register your participation by November 14 with Lianne in the church office (229-1771) or lkoch@williamsburgumc.org.

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.

THIS WEEK

Emergency Homeless Center

Winter weather will soon be here, and churches throughout the Williamsburg area, including Williamsburg United Methodist, will be opening their doors to shelter our homeless neighbors. Our week of shelter is December 9-16. We are signing up volunteers now to help with check-in in the evening, dinner, overnight, breakfast, and check-out in the morning. If you, your family, or group would like to take part or if you want more information, please call the church office at 229-1771.

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.

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!

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.

Messy Church will be in the Christmas Parade on December 1 with our own special float, “Messy Miracles!” Cheer us on beginning at 9:00 am on Richmond Road at Brooks Street through Merchant Square.

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. 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 757-564-0083.

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 <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>. Reservations should be received by noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday dinner.

Menu for November 14: Lemon chicken, red potatoes, vegetable, dessert.

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. A Palestinian Christian farmer and Director of The Tent of Nations, Mr. Nassar will share his family’s story of building bridges of understanding, reconciliation, and peace in the West Bank, Palestine. Recently, the Tent of Nations (TON) was honored with the World Methodist Peace Award.

Upcoming ReCharge Advent Study – “The Gift of the Nutcracker,” by Matt Rawle

November 28 – December 12: 6:10 – 7:00 pm

“The Nutcracker” was first performed in 1892, and quickly became a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In “The Gift of The Nutcracker,” Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent study, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God’s greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build. Leader: Cindy Banek. Please register your attendance either online or contacting Cindy at cbanek@williamsburgumc.org.

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 flower arrangements, and providing church materials. Additional volunteers are needed for this ministry. The Shepherd's Fold will be hosting a meeting on November 15, 3:00, in room 352. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to learn more about what's involved, please consider attending this meeting or contact Tony or Vikki DiToto, 903-4976, vikkiyynn@cox.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS (11/18/2018 - and beyond)

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.

Family Advent Workshop

Join us in Rm. 160 on Sunday, December 2, during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 am) to create items for your family to use throughout Advent. We will make Advent wreaths and "Countdown to Christmas Chains." All supplies provided, but if you have an Advent wreath candle holder from previous years, please bring that to use. To close our time together we will enjoy an Advent story and share our favorite Christmas traditions.

Hat, Sock and Glove Tree

Bring warmth and happiness to children this Christmas season! Do not forget the Hat, Glove, and Sock Christmas Tree located near the front office. Bring in a warm hat or a new pair of socks, gloves, or mittens and help a child experience the full meaning of Christmas! This is a great family activity. All donations will be given to local charities. Collection begins December 2 and continues through December 16.

Benefit Concert-Respite Care, Sunday, December 9

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