

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2020

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Most of us have encountered a quiet tension as we navigate life in God's world: how much wealth is enough? How do I know how much to give and how much to keep? And while we're at it, why is the Church always grubbing about money, if God is really about the spiritual side of things? If you have ever wondered about walking a faithful path as you manage your own little economic system, join us (online or in-person) this Sunday, as we meet Balaam the soothsayer! This rather sketchy character from the Book of Numbers will be confronted with a difficult choice on a dramatic scale: to do what he senses God is calling him to do or do the opposite and collect a fat paycheck! Perhaps his story, found in Numbers 22:1-20, will help us dispel the "how much" tension and live in a more abundant and joyful way. Worship with us!

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) 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 open 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 8, 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," and the Bishop McKendree class is beginning, "Revival," by Adam Hamilton. 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.

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

Did you miss the first session of "Road Trip" last Wednesday? You are still welcome to join our traveling group this Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom as we journey with John and Charles Wesley to Savannah, Georgia.

Register here: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/grow/special-studies-registratn-hidden>. This is the first in an occasional series on discovering Methodism in America.

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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.

FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE: 2020 CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

(As of October 31, 2020)

INCOME	\$1,230,943	76.9%
EXPENDITURES	\$1,296,023	81%
YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE	(\$65,080)	

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 devotionals, go to <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/congregational-care>.

CARENOTES AVAILABLE AGAIN

A selection of CareNotes is now available in the church library. These wellness-oriented booklets address real-life emotional, physical, and spiritual needs with topics that include grief, aging, healthcare, mental wellness, family care, spiritual support, and more.

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. 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.

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.

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.

HELP THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army continues to aid families in need of food, clothes, shelter, and emergency funds. You will soon see the Red Kettles and volunteers ringing the bell at local stores. Please join our efforts to "Help Rescue Christmas" by contacting the Salvation Army office (757-229-6651) or website <https://salvationarmypotomac.org/williamsburgvacorps/>.

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.

2020 YORK RIVER DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The York River District Conference has been rescheduled to Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.