

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2020

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

From Pastor Meghan: "It's no secret that I love schedules and planning. Plastered on my office wall is a large 12-month calendar. However, in March 2020, when the world turned upside down, I stopped updating it, much like if clock hands were to stop ticking. With our rhythms of life so upended, we have been given the opportunity to re-evaluate how we spend our time. There's a more pressing re-alignment, though, and every year on Christ the King Sunday, as we conclude one church year and begin another, we consider if our steps are ordered in the Way of Christ. Reflecting on Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, worship on Sunday, November 22 will help us "order our steps" to the Shepherd King--the One who is our beginning and our end, and Lord of all. I look forward to worshipping with you via the livestream!"

Our worship service will be live-streamed via the church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/williamsburgumc) and the church website (<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services>) at 11:00 am. 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>).

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 15, 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 studying, "Revival," by Adam Hamilton. Both classes meet at 9:00 am. Marvin Willard Bible Class is beginning an Advent study, is "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent," by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. If you would like to join any of these classes, please contact Cindy Banek, cbanek@williamsburgumc.org.

VIRTUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Historic Area Religions Together (HART) will present its 3rd annual Thanksgiving service - virtually! - on Monday, November 23 at 7:00 pm. Watch via the website www.peninsulahart.org or the HART Facebook page [@peninsulahart](https://www.facebook.com/peninsulahart).

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.

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>.

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, 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/>.

2020 YORK RIVER DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

The church library is unable to accept any more book donations at this time. Thank you to all who have donated books. We appreciate your generosity.

CONTRIBUTIONS

According to the IRS rules, any donation recorded for 2020 must be dated December 31 or earlier and must be delivered to the church by December 31. Exception: mail to the church and be postmarked December 31 or before. Donations postmarked January 1 or after (even if check is dated in December) will be recorded as a 2021 donation. With end of year vacations and holiday closing of the church, please direct any questions about your 2020 contributions to Nethea Calloway by noon December 18 (229-1771) or ncalloway@williamsburgumc.org.

ADVENT EVENTS 2020

HAT, SOCK AND GLOVE CHRISTMAS TREE

Bring warmth and happiness to children this Christmas season! Do not forget the "Hat, Sock, and Glove 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. Donations can be accepted during normal business hours from November 29 - December 11 and at our December 6 Parking Lot Worship.

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.

VIRTUAL MESSIAH

Williamsburg United Methodist Church and Fredericksburg Baptist Church are partnering together to present a shortened, prerecorded version of Handel's Messiah beginning at 7:00 pm on December 4 on Facebook and the church website. You will hear a few choral favorites and four arias from our soloists, Michelle Trovato, Phaedra McNorton, Ian Lane, and Branch Fields. Sit back in the comfort of your home and listen to our special version of this year's Messiah. If you have any questions, please email Lou-Anne Smith, lsmith@williamsburgumc.org.

PARKING LOT WORSHIP

Parking Lot Worship will take place at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 6. Thanks to a radio transmitter, we will be able to worship from within our vehicles. Worship will include singing, Scripture reading, prayer, and communion. Pre-registration is required so that we can adequately plan for this unique event, and you are asked to do so on the church website (<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/welcome/parking-lot-worship-hidden>) or by calling the church office (229-1771).

ALTERNATIVE GIVING FAIR GOES VIRTUAL

Our annual Alternative Giving Fair will take place on Saturday, December 12 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm via Zoom. Mark your calendar now to share a virtual experience with local and global outreach non-profit organizations. We will hear brief overviews of participating non-profits and see some beautiful video clips of their work. Information to donate or purchase items for sale will be provided during the fair. For each donation made, you will receive a Christmas card designed by one of our youth. The Zoom link will be sent out the week before the Fair.

THE WAY OF THE MANGER

We are excited to offer a special Christmas and Advent experience in our parking lot, Saturday, December 19 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. "The Way of the Manger" is an outdoor, drive-through live nativity with scenes that tell the Christmas story and share the good news of Christ's birth. We will even have some live animals! This will be an event for the entire community. Volunteers are needed in all capacities from building sets to lighting to costumed characters. Contact Cindy Banek, cbanek@williamsburgumc.org, to offer your time and talents.