

WILLIAMSBURG UMC WEEKLY ENOTE FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2018:

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

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

SPOILER ALERT. When I miss my favorite television show right now (Manifest on NBC! 😊), I do everything I can to avoid spoilers before I have a chance to catch up. In faith and life, however, I want the spoilers: is it all going to be okay in the end? What's going to happen? Thanks to the gift of God in Jesus Christ, we already know the end of the Story—that love will have the final word. You are invited to worship this Sunday, November 25 at 8:15 and 11:00 am. Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton will preach a sermon titled, "Beginning with the End in Mind," based on Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Revelation 1:4-8. 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 worshipers.

On the Road of Discipleship: "A Thanksgiving Meal Devotion"

Read and Reflect on Psalm 24:1-2

Pray: "Dear God, thank you for all of the blessings that you give to us out of your great kindness and generosity. As we look at the world around us, give us faith to recognize that you are at work in creation and in the lives of people in every nation. Help us to be a blessing today to those who are gathered around this table and in all our days to those we meet at home, at school, in church, and in our community. We pray in your holy name. Amen." (Rev. Rosanna Anderson, Discipleship Ministries of the UMC)

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. Sunday, November 25: "Our Great High Priest," presented by Rev. Robert Casey.
- Fellowship Class (room 103): Continue with International Lesson Series
- Marvin Willard Bible Class (room 174): Advent Study, "A Thrill of Hope – The Christmas Story in Word and Art."
- Searchers Class (room 171): Advent Study, "The Redemption of Scrooge."
- 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 Eight: "Jerusalem," Acts 14-15.

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

Youth

- Sunday: Have you got Self Control? Join us 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

THIS WEEK

Help Fill Stockings for the Salvation Army!

Our Children's Sunday School is going to stuff stockings for the Salvation Army, and we need your help! We need small items for children and older adults to put in the stockings. Here is our list:

Socks, baby bibs, books, combs, brushes, small toys (cars, trucks, etc.) coloring books, crayons, pens, markers, nail polish, chapstick, travel-size toiletries, small dolls, flash cards, action figures, manicure kits, toothbrushes. Please bring all items to the collection bin in the atrium by Sunday, December 2 at 9:30 am. Questions, contact Martha Hernandez, 229-1771.

Calling Disciples for "Disciple"

You have gifts for ministry, and God isn't finished with you yet. Learn what that means in 2019 through "Disciple One: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study," an opportunity for an in-depth encounter with God's Word that brings together your daily discipline of reading scripture, weekly dynamic small group discussion with other Williamsburg UMC folks and weekly contributions by world-class students of the Bible. Led by Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland and Rev. David Hindman, this is an opportunity for life transformation and growth in Christ. An Information Session will be held Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 pm, and the 17-week study begins January 9. Register now by contacting Cindy Banek (229-1771) or email, cbanek@williamsburgumc.org.

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.

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 28: Meatloaf, whipped potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert.

Kitchen Team: United Methodist Women

Upcoming ReCharge Advent Studies

“The Gift of the Nutcracker”

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.

Senior Pastor’s Advent Bible Study

“The Cast of the Christmas Drama,” Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm & Thursday, 10:30 – 11:30 am

November 28 – December 13

Who were Simeon and Anna? Why did God choose shepherds and angels to announce the birth of the Savior of the world? What do we really know about Mary and Joseph? This study will explore those people who were part of the birth of Christ.

ReCharge Intergenerational Advent Experience

December 5, 6:15 – 7:00 pm

Bring your family or just join with others to experience the special joys of the Advent season.

Leader: Rev. Meaghan Roth Clayton.

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!

Messiah Receptions

You are invited to bring a food item to the Messiah receptions held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following each concert on Friday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1, 5:00 p.m. Suggested food items include finger sandwiches, cheese/crackers, bar cookies, cookies, fruits, nuts, mints, etc. For more information, please call Donna Herman (291-9082). Thank you for contributing to this longtime tradition Messiah.

Messy Church in the Williamsburg Christmas Parade

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

UPCOMING EVENTS (12/2/2018 - and beyond)

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.

Annual Charge Conference: Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
All church members are welcome to attend.

Messy Church in December

Our next Messy Church will be on Tuesday, December 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. We will celebrate Christmas the Messy way, so be sure to join us for snow balls, Christmas tiles and Nativity story stones as we learn about God's unconditional love as spoken to us in John 3:16-17. We will also serve our annual Christmas dinner with baked ham and all the trimmings! Questions, contact Cindy Banek, 229-1771.

Silver Saints in December

The Silver Saints will meet at the club house at Windsor Meade on Wednesday December 5 at 12:00 pm for our annual Christmas Party. As usual please bring one dollar to pay for the ham and a side dish or dessert to share. If you want to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift with a value of approximately but no more than \$10. Please call Shirley Leyland at 757-906-4537 no later than November 28 and let her know if you plan to attend. The Silvers Saints is a fellowship group for anyone aged 50 plus, and we welcome new people who would like to join us. If you have questions, please call Eloy Villa at 757-564-0083.

United Methodist Men's Benefit Breakfast

A Benefit Breakfast, hosted by the United Methodist Men (UMM), will be held on Saturday, December 8th, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. A full-course breakfast will be served, followed by "Musical Moments for Christmas", featuring student winners of Williamsburg Music Club's Grant-In-Aid Auditions. Everyone is invited to attend! Please make reservations by December 4, contacting John Tressler (757-259-1193 or jdthokie@msn.com). Cost of the benefit breakfast is \$10 per person, with net proceeds going to the UMM Scholarship Program for local divinity school students and other Outreach Ministries.

"The Power of Music" Respite Benefit Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Respite Open House with cookies and punch from 4:00-4:30 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

The United Methodist Women's (UMW) Book Club

The UMW Book Club will not meet in December, however we are reading, "One Simple Act," by Debbie Macomber, which we'll discuss at our January meeting. It is from the 2013 Reading List in the Social Action category.