

Williamsburg UMC Weekly ENOTE for November 18, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP, NOVEMBER 20

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We've only just exited a campaign season, and now find ourselves lurching into another. Anxiety-producing electoral shenanigans seem just about perpetual now, and can seem as embittered and stark as any we can recall. But how does following *Jesus* shape our politics? Since both political parties make claims on his followers, what can we say about the claims he makes on us all? Join us this Sunday (online at 11:00 or in-person at 8:15 and 11:00) for **Christ the King Sunday**, when Jeremiah 23:1-11 will remind us that there is one whose actual life has always been the place where the clamorous claims of the world are confronted by the unchanging righteousness of God. Come and worship with us.

WORSHIP ONLINE

If you are not able to attend in-person, we invite you to enjoy the livestream online at 11:00am:

- www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services
- www.facebook.com/williamsburgumc
- www.youtube.com/channel/UCvV_xP0AKTHLMzM0BBKhPmQ

WORSHIP BY PHONE

WUMC offers "Worship by Phone." This service enables those who would rather experience worship without the use of a computer to call a dedicated number and listen to the service Sunday afternoon on any phone. It can be accessed 24 hours a day. Call (757) 345-2426 to be connected to worship.

WORSHIP RECORDINGS

If you are unable to join us for the Livestream Worship Services, recordings of each service are available on our website: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/sunday-worship>. Just click on the media player to see the most current service or choose another from the playlist beneath the player. Hard copies of Pastor's Sermons are available for reading by request. For more information, contact the church office (757) 229-1771.

The Spirit-Gift of Generosity

Recently we received our Estimate of Giving Cards for the coming year. If you are so inclined, please send your estimate of giving to:

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

500 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg VA 23185

Or, fill one out on our secure website at <https://williamsburgumc.org/give/estimated-giving>

Thank you!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Aldersgate Fellowship Classes: (Wesley Hall)

Marvin Willard: (Room 174) Searchers: (Room 309 and ZOOM)

Bishop McKendree: (Room 102 and ZOOM): La Compania and Las Lajas Sanctuary (Colombia)

SEEKING STARLIGHT:

Our Pastors' Advent Bible Study

Amid the strains of good-wishes that our days merry and bright for the holidays, there sure is a present sense of darkness of late. Amid lingering grief and fears of illness, economic doldrums, political acrimony, and the gloom cast by mass-scale violence abroad and sudden, sporadic violence at home, we sometimes feel we have entered a time of lingering shadow. But through the season of Advent, when we reckon both the need for and the present and future realities of Jesus' coming into the world, we take the God-given opportunity to consider the resilience of distinctly Christian hope, as it illumines our way in darkness!

You are invited to be part of a special 4-session Advent Bible Study, ***"Seeking Starlight: Hope for the Present Season,"*** taking place in-person WEDs November 30 through December 21 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The study will also be offered on THUs (December 1 through 22) live via Zoom at this link, also available through our

eNotes: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89223876472?pwd=elJ1NWg5TElIU0J2R3dzTjYlYNOYzdz09>.

You may come to any or all sessions, and biblical novices are always welcome and encouraged!

LOCAL OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Morning Ministry

Thanksgiving Day 2022 will again be a variation on our annual celebration of preparing meals and useful gifts on Thanksgiving morning.

Meals: Due to the care we are exercising about everyone's health, we will work with *Meals on Wheels* to prepare 135 turkey dinners complete with a slice of pumpkin pie. **We will not be collecting canned vegetables this year.** A community charity will deliver hot meals on Thanksgiving Day to local folks living in residential motels.

Activities: Christmas ornaments for our Thanksgiving meals, toiletry kits for the winter shelter, and other gifts will be made by small groups or by congregants at home. *The shopping list this year is short! Please help by providing \$15.00 to purchase the meal and components of our gifts to the community. Make your check out to Williamsburg UMC. Designate: "Turkey Day" on the memo line. Mail or deliver to WUMC by **November 24.***

Any extra food will be given to a community food program and extra money will be used for hands-on mission projects. **Thank you!**

WUMC has a tradition of designating recipients for special offerings received in Advent and Lent. The Global and Local Outreach teams prayerfully discern recipients. **Global Outreach** has selected [My Refuge House](#).

Local Outreach selected Literacy for Life, Meals on Wheels and the Pastors' Discretionary Fund. Literacy for Life is a local organization that provides tutoring and educational counseling. Meals on Wheels provides daily hot, nutritious meals to vulnerable adults and families in the Williamsburg area.

The Pastors' Discretionary Fund is a means to provide support for those in financial need within our community. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, WUMC is usually able to fulfill referrals for aid from local helping agencies, including the WJCC Human Services, United Way and House of Mercy.

CAMPUS FOOD EXCHANGE

To make a one-time donation to the Wesley or the Campus Food Exchange, please use the "[Donate](#)" link. You can pay by credit card, debit card or by PayPal account. After clicking on the button, input the amount you wish to donate, and fill in the billing information. If you would like your gift to go to the Campus Food Exchange, please leave a note when you make the donation. You will receive an email confirming your payment.

If you prefer to write a check, simply mail a check made out to "Wesley Foundation" and designate it to the Campus Food Exchange if you wish, to:

Wesley Foundation
526 Jamestown Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185-4044

YOUTH NEWS

WUMC Youth meets **Wednesdays 6-7PM**, unless otherwise noted. Contact Pastor Meghan (mclayton@williamsburgumc.org) with any questions!

- Wednesday, November 30 - Ice Skating in Merchants Square
- Wednesday, December 7 - Christmas Gifts for Homebound Members
- Wednesday, December 14 - Carols 'Round the Chrismon Tree

- Are you interested in a **short-term summer mission experience**? [Jeremiah Project](#) is offering a combined high school/middle school experience for Summer 2023. Work includes basic home-repair such as painting, yardwork, and building stairs, railings and wheelchair ramps. We would love to send a team of youth and adult missionaries! Let Pastor Meghan know if you would like more information. [Vote](#) for the week you most prefer!
- You are invited to be a worship leader at our 8:15 and 11AM worship services. Mr. Anthony (awilliams@williamsburgumc.org) leads youth music opportunities on Sunday afternoons (Bells at 2PM and Choir at 3PM). Virginia Morgan (info@williamsburgumc.org) coordinates our

acolytes who carry in and out the light of Christ, representing our call to follow in Jesus' Way. Kim Johnson (info@williamsburgumc.org) recruits Scripture readers. We love it when young people lead in worship!

- If you have a middle schooler interested in **Confirmation**, please let Pastors Meghan or Dave know. We are preparing for our next Confirmation cohort! Confirmation is spiritual formation experience for young people exploring and deepening their Christian faith. Additionally, youth learn about Church history and teachings and United Methodist heritage and doctrine. Confirmands receive a prayer partner to journey with them as they consider membership vows and what it means to follow in the Way of Jesus with a community of faith.

For information about the Youth Ministry, please contact Pastor Dave (drochford@williamsburgumc.org) or Pastor Meghan (mclayton@williamsburgumc.org).

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men monthly breakfast will be held on Saturday 19th November at 8:30am. Our guest speaker will be Monty Mason. *Please let John Tressler or Peter Morgan know if you will be attending at info@williamsburgumc.org*

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ALL SAINTS COMMUNION TABLECLOTH

The Quilt Ministry is fabricating an *All Saints* Communion Tablecloth to honor your deceased friends and relatives by intertwining swatches of their clothing. **Please deposit your clothing item in the basket and attach a form from the table in the lobby so that we know who is being honored.** This tablecloth will grow as we honor more saints who pass on in the coming years. Washable fabrics are best for this project. We hope to have most of your donations by the end of this year. *Call the church mainline for Carol Schuster contact information or if you have questions. (757) 229-1771*

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Feel led to support hurting people going through difficult times? Stephen Ministry may be right for you. A new training class enabling you to become a certified Stephen Minister will start in January 2023.

- In-person sessions Tuesday evenings 6-8:30 mid-January through mid-May
- Participants come from all area Stephen Ministry churches
- Located at Wellspring United Methodist Church, Longhill Road

*Call the church for Carol Schuster information at (757) 229-1772 **by December 3rd** to discuss this opportunity.*

MESSIAH CONCERT

We are thrilled to share with our congregation, community and guests that our live and in-person **Messiah concerts will return on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3, at 5:45 p.m.** Our soloists include *Michelle Trovato, Soprano; Cecelia McKinley, Contralto; Ian Lane, Tenor; and Branch Fields, Bass.* They will be accompanied by our *Handel Chamber Orchestra.*

Our concerts have historically been very well attended. While masking is not required at this time, we recommend concert attendees mask for their safety and others, including our Messiah Chorus, soloists, orchestra members and volunteers. Being up-to-date on vaccinations will help to keep you as safe as possible while sitting in the packed Sanctuary. As an option for those concerned for their health and safety, live streaming of our Saturday evening concert on December 3 will be offered, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the glorious music and message of Messiah, composed by George Frideric Handel in 1741.

After holding virtual concerts in 2020 and 2021, we are now observing the 23rd year of Messiah in person at WUMC. We appreciate your steadfast support of these concerts, and without you we would not have succeeded. Thank you so very much!

CHOIR SINGERS AND COVENANT RINGERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in joining the WUMC Choir, or interested in joining or subbing the Covenant Ringers, please contact Lou-Anne Smith at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org

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. The form will be available on the website and in the Sunday worship bulletins.

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Deadline – November 27. Please place this ____ Poinsettia or ____ Gift

(Print) In memory of:

(Print) In honor of:

(Print) Given by:

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

It's almost time to decorate our church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season and we'd love your help!

- **Monday, November 21st starting at 9:00 a.m.** to decorate the sanctuary. Last year there were twelve people, and it took about 2 1/2 hours.

- **Monday, November 28th starting at 9:00 a.m.** to decorate the Chrismon tree in the atrium and the small Chrismon tree for the chancel. **NOTE:** The small tree will be decorated in the den and moved to the chancel after the Messiah concert is over.

Please let Debbie Bruss (info@williamsburgumc.org / WUMC (757) 229-1772) know if you can help during one or both of these times.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETINGS

- Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 13 at 10 AM for a Christmas potluck lunch.
- Sisters in Grace will meet Tuesday, December 13th at 1:00 PM in Room 309. Mary Jo Bennett will give an update of Latisha's House. Afterwards we will travel down the road to Old Chickahominy House for a holiday luncheon.
- The Heritage Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 6 at 9:45 in Room 309. We will have our gift exchange and then go to Opus 9 for our holiday meal together.
- Sisters in Mission will meet December 13, 6:30 p.m., meeting room to be determined. The program will be "Christmas Memories".
- The Ruth Simpson Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m., at the home of Elaine Howell for a Christmas Brunch.

EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER

The winter winds will soon be blowing and churches throughout the Williamsburg area, including Williamsburg United Methodist Church, will be opening their doors to shelter our homeless neighbors. This shelter is an outreach of the **Community of Faith Mission (COFM)**. COFM is a faith-based emergency shelter program that serves those experiencing homelessness in the Greater Williamsburg community during the coldest months of the year. The COFM website can be accessed at: www.cofm.info Community of Faith Mission will be offering twelve (12) weeks of shelter during the coldest weeks of the season. **Our week of shelter is January 8 to January 15.** Volunteers from WUMC will be needed to staff on Sunday evening 1/8, Monday morning, 1/9, Friday evening 1/13, Saturday morning and evening 1/14 and Sunday morning 1/15.

Together with King of Glory Lutheran Church and the Christian Life Church we are signing up volunteers now to help with check-in in the evening, dinner, overnight, breakfast, and check-out in the morning as well as security/safety. **Volunteer Training for all prospective volunteers will be held on Tuesday, November 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Chapel.** This training will take less than an hour and a Q&A will be set aside at the end of the training. This training can be done in person or on Zoom. **Please let us know on Monday, November 14** if you need zoom information to sign on. If you, your family, or group would like to take part, or if you want more information, fill out the [Winter Shelter Volunteer Form](#) on our website and someone will get back to you. – *Local Outreach Work Area*

MISSION VOLUNTEERS

Our 2023 team to Carolina Honduras Health Foundation's clinic in Limon, Honduras will be February 24-March 4 2023. Two spaces are available for a pharmacist and a Spanish translator. *Contact Terri Morgan via info@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1773*

ADVENT – BEGINS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent at 8:15 & 11 a.m. in person (11a.m. livestream) on Sunday, November 27

We will email the Advent Newsletter next week! We will have the calendar listed, more details of events, and other announcements in the Newsletter (which can be found in your inbox, on the website, in the church lobby, and on social media next week)

FROM OUR PERSONNEL TEAM

DIRECTOR, RESPITE CARE CENTER

Respite Care of Williamsburg United Methodist Church is seeking a Director for its program which provides social engagement and stimulating activities to dependent senior adult clients five afternoons a week. The successful candidate will be a caring professional with at least three years experience working in a health care or social services setting, a minimum of a B.A. in a health or social services field, demonstrated success in fundraising and grant writing, strong communication skills, and experience managing staff and volunteers in a team-oriented environment. The individual we are seeking should also have experience and a deep commitment to working with dependent senior adults and their families. This position is part-time, 26 hours per week. *A cover letter and resume may be submitted to vacancy.wumc@gmail.com.*

MEDIA SPECIALIST

We are also seeking a full-time Media Specialist. This position provides primary support for congregational engagement activities: engages the congregation through regular postings on social media; updates the church website; prepares monthly newsletters; prepares and distributes email blasts; updates messages on the hall monitors and provides administrative support and assistance for ministry areas such as stewardship and communications committees. *To apply please send a cover letter and resume to vacancy.wumc@gmail.com*