



# RE⚡CHARGE Powered by the Holy Spirit WEDNESDAYS

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., and serving continuously until 6:30 p.m., enjoy a delicious dinner and good conversation with others. Our meals are expertly prepared by a professional chef and yet inexpensive: \$6/adult, \$3/child (ages 3-12) with a \$20.00 family maximum. After dinner, participate in our activities or simply enjoy the rest of your evening.

**Please make a reservation for dinner by completing a dinner form at Connection Corner, on the church website (<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>), in the pew racks, or calling the church office. Reservations are due into the church office by Tuesday noon before the Wednesday dinner.**

Questions, contact Cindy Banek (229-1771 ext. 258).

## Menu for February

### February 6

Beef Stew with Rustic Bread & Dessert

### February 20

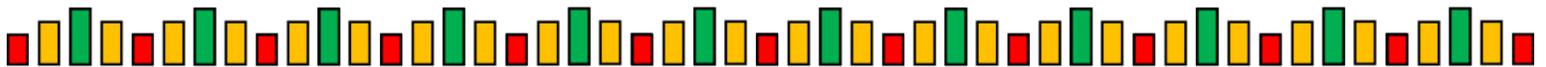
Baked Stuffed Shells, Salad, Garlic Knot & Dessert

### February 13

Chicken & Stuffing Casserole with Green Beans & Dessert

### February 27

Meatloaf, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans & Dessert



## ROAD OF DISCIPLESHIP: *Making Disciples through Nurture and Learning*

Wednesday ReCharge Activities  
February 2019



### New ReCharge Class: "Sharing Your Faith Story"

*Begins Wednesday, February 6 from 6:10 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Leader: Cindy Banek*

In our rapidly changing culture of fewer interpersonal relationships, most people feel uncomfortable talking to others about their faith. For faithful Christians living in this secular world, it is essential to learn how to "tell the old story of Jesus and His love," claim their own faith, and proclaim the Good News to others. Join us for this 4-week class that will begin to equip you to engage in spiritual conversation.



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### Senior Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

#### **Homosexuality in Text and Context: What Does the Bible Say?**

*Begins February 13 & 14*

*Meets Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. in Room 171*

*Leader: Rev. Bill Jones*

When asked what sources have contributed to their present attitudes and opinions concerning homosexuality, laypersons and clergy in major Protestant denominations name Scripture significantly more often than any other source as having contributed the most. In this three-week study we will examine the Scripture texts that have been traditionally associated with homosexuality and what those texts mean for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians.

### **The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land**

*Meets Wednesdays, March 13 - April 17 from 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

*Leader: Rev. David Hindman & David Benedict*

The ongoing struggle for peace and justice between Israelis and Palestinians can feel so complicated and tangled, we are tempted simply to give up in despair and confusion. But because we have Christian sisters and brothers who call the Holy Land home, and because this part of God's world is precious to us as the place of Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection, we must not surrender to indifferent helplessness.

This five week study will be led by David Hindman and David Benedict, who have had extensive travel in the region and an ongoing interest in this knotty problem. Using a curriculum developed by Churches for Middle East Peace (a coalition of 27 national denominations and organizations in Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant and Evangelical traditions), participants will learn:

- 1) Who the Christians of the Holy Land are, how they practice the faith, why they are important to the global Church, and what challenges Christianity faces in the region today.
- 2) Why Palestinians and Israelis both claim historic ties to the land, why these claims are in conflict, and when that conflict began.
- 3) How Israelis and Palestinians view the conflict differently, why these different perspectives on history make achieving peace difficult, and how learning to view the conflict from the perspective of the other is a necessary part of reconciliation.
- 4) Why Jerusalem is sacred for Jews, Christians and Muslims, and why it is an important national symbol for both Palestinians and Israelis.
- 5) How the continuing occupation of the Palestinian territories has harmed both Israeli and Palestinian societies and the realities of the contemporary human rights concerns in the occupied Palestinian territories.
- 6) How to be an effective advocate for a just peace in Israel and Palestine.

Questions? Contact David Hindman (532-1640) or [dthindman@aol.com](mailto:dthindman@aol.com).

If you are interested in attending any of these classes, register online ([www.williamsburgumc.org](http://www.williamsburgumc.org)) or contact Cindy Banek (229-1771 ext. 258) or [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org). Watch the church newsletter,