



HAPPENINGS

Spring 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

With so much happening, it can sometimes be difficult to keep up with all that is going on at Floris UMC. This brochure offers a quick look at ministries and activities that enable our church family to grow in the Christian life, and offer compassion and a relationship with Christ to people in our community and world. I hope you will find something that will help you fulfill your Christian journey. Take a look and talk to people just like you in leadership at the Happenings Fair. Come join me as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation for the world. Volunteer, participate and tell a friend. This is where we become the church together.



In Christ,

Jon

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Event



Worship



Care & Support



Music



Leadership



Diversity



Volunteer



Grow



Adults



Students



Children



Mission Trip



Cost Associated



Requires Registration



Childcare Available



Family Friendly



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Welcome to Happenings, a quarterly brochure with opportunities for you to get connected at Floris UMC. We have created this brochure to highlight events and volunteer opportunities available in the coming months.

SPRING HIGHLIGHT: WORSHIP

As Christians, we are called to come together and worship as the community of God's people. The Floris UMC worship team consists of our pastors, music ministries, audiovisual ministry and care and support groups. By providing guidance, support and inspiration, the worship team cares for the congregation members as they traverse a lifelong journey of faith.

Depending on service times and holidays, we offer traditional or contemporary music and communion. Important milestones are conducted by the worship team, such as baptisms, funerals, memorial services and weddings.

Music Ministries








Traditional music ministry consists of three adult choirs, three children's choirs, a bi-annual cantata, wind and string ensembles, two hand bell choirs and a men's quartet group. There are opportunities to sing at the church on Sundays as well as in the Herndon community.







Contemporary worship services are led by a multi-generational team of volunteers known as Full Circle Band. Instruments include vocals, drums, bass, guitar, piano, cello, violin and many more as needed. The band has a wide variety of skill-levels and is constantly growing alongside one another.








Audiovisual (A/V) Ministry

The audiovisual ministry is dedicated to providing the lighting, sound, media and other auxiliary tools to support the worship team and other church ministries. A team of volunteers and staff members coordinate the activities that allow for providing live stream of worship services, concerts, speakers and more.








ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Audio Visual Team</p>	<p>Be a part of the team responsible for the audio and visual aspects of worship and live stream. Volunteers should be age 13 or older. Training is provided. Time Commitment: 1-4 Sundays per month. Keri Rafter: krafter@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>Buddy Volunteers</p>	<p>The Buddy Ministry seeks to help children and students with special needs so they may fully participate in programs at Floris UMC. Be a buddy and give a child or student an opportunity to grow and achieve along with their peers. Many opportunities are available for adults and high school students. Time Commitment: 1.5 hours, twice per month. Karen Berlin: kberlin@verizon.net</p>	
<p>Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>This Christ-centered twelve-step program is designed to facilitate recovery and provides a safe place to address and overcome your hurts, habits and hang-ups in a community of grace and honesty. Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come early and join us for dinner starting at 6:15 p.m. Ashley Allen: aallen@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>Coffee with the Pastors Table Hosts</p>	<p>Serve as a table host. This is a time to meet new people and hear about Floris UMC's history. Hosts are responsible for interacting with guests and answering questions. Time Commitment: 2 hours, 1-2 times per year. Dorothy Pugh: dpugh@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>Diversity Ministry</p>	<p>Diversity Ministry events take place to help people experience and learn about other cultures in different settings. Multiple cultures are represented through worship, music, dance, singing, drama and food. You are invited to participate as a performer or volunteer, or just enjoy the events. Nadeem Khokhar: nkhokhar@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>DivorceCare</p>	<p>Are you feeling the pain of a divorce or separation? DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. FlorisUMC.org/DivorceCare</p>	
<p>Full Circle Band</p>	<p>Share your musical gift at our 9:15 a.m. or 5 p.m. services. Rehearsals are on Sundays. We accept members in grade 8 or older. Learn more about the audition process. Time Commitment: 1-4 worship services per month. Megan Seals: mseals@florisumc.org</p>	

<p>Floris UMC Emergency Response Team</p>	<p>The Emergency Response program is a new initiative, established in response to the increasing need around the country for preserving churches as safe havens for worship, fellowship, outreach and service. Experience in the military, law enforcement, medical or first responder professions preferred. Bryan Suhr: brmsuhr@gmail.com</p>	
<p>GRACE Ministries</p>	<p>Floris UMC supports GRACE Ministries, a mission project that serves low-income families and shares the gospel of God's love by hosting a monthly distribution of food, clothing and diapers on the first weekend of the month. Volunteer opportunities are available on both that Friday and Saturday. Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>Help Hungry Kids Packaging Events</p>	<p>The backpack meal ministry provides weekend meals to kids at Hutchison Elementary. We are inviting the congregation to participate by donating food and volunteering at our HHK Packaging Events on a monthly basis. Time Commitment: 1 hour on the last Sunday of each month. Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>Kid Nation Volunteers 2018-2019</p>	<p>Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that will impact children and families for Christ? Serve on Sunday mornings at 9:15 or 11 a.m. during the school year. Summer positions helping in our large group rooms are also available. Renee Williams: rwilliams@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>Prayer Blanket Ministry</p>	<p>In an atmosphere of fellowship and prayer, the Prayer Blanket Ministry creates shawls, blankets, lap robes and hats for family, friends and members of the congregation in need of comfort or healing. The ministry welcomes anyone who knits, crochets or quilts regardless of skill level. Meets the second Saturday of each month. FlorisUMC.org/Prayer-Blanket</p>	
<p>Shepherd's Reach</p>	<p>The Shepherd's Reach Ministry was established in 2017 out of concern by members of the congregation for those individuals who have missed several consecutive Sunday worship services. This ministry is comprised of a team of volunteers who call or send cards to those who have been absent, to let them know they are missed and to make sure that any prayer concerns are passed on to the pastoral staff. Joyce Braithwood: joyce@joycebraithwood.com</p>	










Student Summer Mission Trips Registration	<p>Students are invited to be a part of a summer mission trip and have an opportunity to serve God and experience life in other parts of the country. FlorisUMC.org/Students/Mission-Trips</p>	
Sunday Hospitality Volunteers	<p>Each Sunday, hospitality volunteers help create a warm and inviting environment for our guests. You can serve as a greeter, usher, parking lot volunteer, shuttle driver, or Welcome Team member during your preferred worship service. Tinbite Tamiru: ttamiru@florisumc.org</p>	
Sunday Library Volunteer	<p>Assist patrons in finding and checking out books from the Floris UMC Library (room 201) Sunday mornings. Training is provided. Time Commitment: 15-30 minutes per month. Annetta Kronz: akronz@florisumc.org</p>	
The Closet Volunteers	<p>Floris UMC provides volunteers on a monthly basis to The Closet, a second-hand store in Herndon whose profits support local scholarships and organizations. Volunteers help with organizing donations and working in the store during business hours. Gene Wiley: gwiley106@gmail.com</p>	
Today I Saw God Blog Contributors	<p>Interested in writing for Floris UMC's blog, Today I Saw God? Sign up to contribute on various topics. Time Commitment: 1 hour per month. Kristina Costello: kcostello@florisumc.org</p>	
Welcome Desk Volunteers	<p>Help answer questions for our guests and congregation Sunday mornings during our 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. Time Commitment: 1 hour per month. Dorothy Pugh: dpugh@florisumc.org</p>	
Wesley Fellows Volunteer Leadership	<p>Serve with Wesley Fellows to work with recent college graduates as they join our community and discover how God is calling them. Host or mentor a 2018-2019 Wesley Fellow, or employ them as a part-time intern. Johnathan Fuller: jfuller@florisumc.org</p>	

MARCH

March 6	Rise and Shine New Guest Open House	Ask questions about Floris UMC and find out what being part of the congregation means. There will be a brief tour of the building and refreshments. FlorisUMC.org/Rise-and-Shine	
March 9	Kids Night Out (KNO)	Kids (age 3 months-grade 5) join us for a fun evening while parents have a night out. Register early for this popular program as space is limited and spots fill quickly. FlorisUMC.org/KNO	
March 9	Open Mic Night	Share your gifts of music, dance, poetry and visual media. Volunteer at this community event or spend a Friday night enjoying local performances. Megan Seals: mseals@florisumc.org	
March 9	FISH March Missions Madness	Fifth graders and their family are invited to come work on several fun service projects impacting their community and world. FlorisUMC.org/FISH	
March 16-18	Journey-Middle School Spring Retreat	This is a Christ-centered, high-energy weekend with music, time to spend with friends and awesome activities for students grades 6-8. Pepe Miller: pmiller@florisumc.org	
March 16	Fourth Grade Green and Gold Event	Fourth graders are invited to an incredibly fun evening of games, activities, snacks and a glow-in-the-dark hunt. Friends are invited too. FlorisUMC.org/Green-and-Gold	
March 18	Deliver Easter Baskets	Volunteer to deliver Easter baskets to the participating shelters and organizations throughout the week during business hours. Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org	





March 29	Holy Thursday Service	Join us on Holy Thursday when we remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Through music, drama and scripture we will walk through this important meal and travel with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane.	  
March 30	Good Friday Noon Service	The Diversity Ministry sponsors this afternoon service which focuses on the last seven words Jesus spoke from the cross.	 
March 30	Good Friday Cantata	Experience this special service that explores Christ's last day on earth. Be led through scripture and music with the Floris UMC orchestra and choir.	  
March 31	Easter Decorating	Decorate the Sanctuary with potted flowers, as well as put cut flowers on crosses in the Sanctuary and the Gathering Space. Leah Ross: lross@florisumc.org	 

APRIL

April 1	Easter Services Hospitality Volunteers	Get the entire family involved this year as we celebrate Easter. You and your family can be greeters or ushers for one or more of the special services. This is a great short-term opportunity to be a part of the Floris UMC hospitality team. Training is provided. Tinbite Tamiru: ttamiru@florisumc.org	 
April 13	Family Bingo Night	Come play BINGO and enjoy friends and fellowship. Everyone is invited. Prizes will be awarded to winners. FlorisUMC.org/BINGO	  
April 20	Empty Bowls Fundraiser	Giving Circle of Hope will host Empty Bowls at Floris UMC. The evening includes delicious soups, breads and desserts, along with a potter's wheel demonstration. All guests take home a handcrafted pottery piece of their choosing. Watch for tickets sales in March.	   

April 27	FISH Movie Night and Parent Information Meeting	Fifth graders are invited to watch a movie with candy and popcorn while parents meet with our Middle School staff to learn about programs for next year. FlorisUMC.org/FISH	
April 28	Rebuilding Together	As a part of National Rebuilding Together Day, Floris UMC will assist local individuals in need and renovate areas of their homes that need repair. Time Commitment: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Eric Raust: eraust@cisco.com	

MAY

May 11	Kids Night Out (KNO)	Kids (age 3 months - grade 5) join us for a fun night while parents have a night out too. Register early for this popular program, as space is limited and spots fill quickly. FlorisUMC.org/KNO	
May 11	Open Mic Night	Share your gifts of music, dance, poetry and visual media, volunteer at this community event or spend a Friday night enjoying local performances. Megan Seals: mseals@florisumc.org	
May 20	FISH Celebration and Blessing	Fifth graders and their parents will not want to miss our final event of the year. Join us for this special celebration and meet our Student Ministries staff and learn more about the middle school programs for next year. FlorisUMC.org/FISH	
May 18-20	Help Hungry Kids Fundraiser Weekend	Help raise funds for the Help Hungry Kids program. This is an opportunity to care for our neighbors while having fun. We will have a fellowship dinner and entertainment, family game day, and a food packaging event on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, respectively. Sign up to attend or volunteer. Time Commitment: 3 hours Tinbite Tamiru: ttamiru@florisumc.org	

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JUNE 18-22, 1-4 PM

KIDS: AGE 3-GRADE 5

Come experience five days of fun, as we survive and thrive through life's obstacles and make good choices. We will spark every child's imagination with faith-building fun in a place where each child can find friends, comfort and power to weather every storm. Register today!

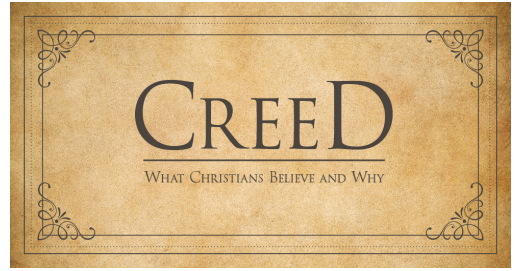
Volunteer: Come have fun with kids this summer at Vacation Bible School. Adult and student volunteer opportunities are available to help as group leaders, activity leaders and more.

FlorisUMC.org/VBS

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 11-EASTER

Many people have different understandings of Christianity. This is not new. In the early church, there were the same questions about what Christians believed. In 390 A.D. the Church came to some agreements about our basic beliefs and presented them as the Apostle's Creed.



February 11 | Believe | Hebrews 11:1-7

Belief is one of those words that seems so simple but is extremely complicated. When thinking about belief we are often referring to our preferences or opinions-I believe she is nice or I believe Ford is better than Chevy. What you believe about God may be the most important thing you figure out.

February 18 | Believe in God, the Father Almighty | Psalm 19:1-6, Exodus 3:13-14

Perhaps you have been asked this question-Who is God? This is the big question and certainly a most important one. Over time more and more people have questioned whether or not God is even real.

February 25 | Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord | Philippians 2:5-11

Many faiths believe that there is a God. What sets Christianity apart is our belief that Jesus, the Son of God, actually lived, died and was resurrected. But is there evidence beyond the Bible for this?

March 4 | And in the Holy Spirit... | Acts 2:1-13

"What is it with the Holy Spirit? I simply don't understand it." This is a common phrase uttered by Christians all over the world. The Holy Spirit is the least known and least understood person of the Trinity.

March 11 | The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints... | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Some people have the perception that the church is filled with hypocrites. How can we say that the church is both holy and universal if this is the case? Maybe the challenge is we have been looking at church incorrectly. What if the church is holy and we need to see it from a different perspective?

March 18 | The Forgiveness of Sins | Colossians 3:12-17

This may be news to some, but the Christian faith is not about making people feel guilty. One of the central tenets of Christianity is the idea that God forgives sins. Every single person needs forgiveness. If God forgives us, how much more should we share that same gift with others?

March 25 | Palm Sunday

April 1 | The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting | 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

Jesus rose from the dead and as a result, there is a resurrection of the human body. Can you believe that? What does that mean? While we don't know much about life after death, there are some powerful things we do know. These things don't change us later, the reality of heaven should transform us now.



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