



HAPPENINGS

Summer 2018

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Welcome to Happenings, a quarterly brochure with opportunities for you to get connected at Floris UMC. Sometimes it's hard to keep up with all that is happening in a big church, so we've created this brochure to highlight events and volunteer opportunities you can get involved in during the coming months.



KEY



Event



Worship



Care & Support



Music



Leadership



Diversity



Volunteer



Grow



Adults



Students



Children



Mission Trip



Cost Associated



Requires Registration



Childcare Available



Family Friendly





SUMMER HIGHLIGHT: DISABILITY AND DIVERSITY MINISTRIES

Floris UMC strives to address and support the needs of our congregation. We celebrate diversity in all forms and provide resources that allow everyone in our community to participate in the life of the church. Consider attending a Spanish-language Bible study, try South Asian food or form a relationship with church members that have special needs.

Disabilities Ministry

We welcome individuals of all abilities and strive to make Floris UMC a place where all can be a part of our community. We offer the following services for those with special needs.

- **Hearing Impaired:** Sign language interpretation is available at our 9:15 a.m. worship service, and our Sanctuary is equipped with devices to assist those who are hearing impaired.
- **Handicap Accessible Buses:** We offer handicap accessible buses to and from our 11 a.m. worship service for residents of Coppermine and Kendrick Courts.
- **Family Support Ministries:** Family Support Ministry volunteers provide babysitting to children with disabilities and their siblings.
- **Sunday Morning Buddy Ministry:** On Sunday mornings, we host a Buddy Ministry that pairs children with special needs, age three through fifth grade, with volunteers who provide appropriate support and assistance so that the children can participate fully in our Kid Nation activities.

Latino Ministry

Latino Ministry invites everyone who wants to pray, praise, hear testimonies and read the word of God in Spanish. There are six groups including, Bible study, praise and prayer, home meetings, prayer and groups for men and women.

South Asian Ministry

South Asian Ministry community meets every month for worship and fellowship. Worship is followed by a potluck dinner filled with a variety of Southern Asian food.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<p>4:10ers</p>	<p>New program starting fall 2018 for students, in grades 7-12, to grow, lead, serve and connect! Students in this program will lead and serve in Kid Nation on Sunday mornings and more. Submit an application online. FlorisUMC.org/4:10ers</p>	
<p>Acolyte Volunteers</p>	<p>Children grade 3 and older are invited to sign up to serve as an acolyte in the Sunday worship services. They are required to stay for the full service and training is provided. Time Commitment: 1 hour per month. Leah Ross: lross@florisumc.org</p>	
<p>Angels on Call Coordinators</p>	<p>Looking to volunteer from home? Angels on Call (AOC) coordinate the volunteers that assist in congregational care at our church. As a coordinator you send out requests to a given list of volunteers when needs arise. Time Commitment: Varies Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</p>	
<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>Blog Contributors</p>	<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>	
<p>Buddy Volunteers</p>	<p>The Buddy Ministry seeks to help children and students with special needs 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 a month. Karen Berlin: kberlin@verizon.net</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>	

Emergency Response Team	<p>Join this new initiative, established in response to the increasing need for preserving churches, such as FUMC, as safe havens. Experience in the military, law enforcement, medical or first responder professions is preferred, but not required. Bryan Suhr: brmsuhr@gmail.com</p>	
Family Support Ministry	<p>Looking for a meaningful night out? Provide babysitting to children with disabilities and their siblings. This allows for congregants with special needs children to enjoy time out for date night, errand running, or to attend meetings. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</p>	
Full Circle Band	<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>	
GRACE Ministries	<p>Floris UMC supports GRACE Ministries, a mission project that serves low-income families and shares the gospel of God's love through distributions of food, clothing and diapers, by hosting a monthly distribution on the first weekend of the month. Volunteer opportunities are available on both that Friday and Saturday. Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org</p>	
Help Hungry Kids Packaging Events	<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>	
Helping Children Worldwide	<p>Join the mission to transform the lives of vulnerable children and families in Sierra Leone. Sponsor a Child Rescue Centre student, go on a mission trip to Sierra Leone, or serve as an intern or volunteer at our Chantilly office. Kathleen Caron support@helpingchildrenworldwide.org</p>	
Kid Nation Volunteers 2018-2019	<p>Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that will impact children and families for Christ? Serve on Sunday mornings at 9:15 and 11 a.m. next school year. Summer positions helping in our large group rooms are also available. Renee Williams: rwilliams@florisumc.org</p>	

Library Volunteer	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. Terri Hageny: thageny@florisumc.org	
Prayer Blanket Ministry	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 . Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org	
Racial Reconciliation Initiative	The restoring and healing process that grows out of God's divine act, involving the continual practice of forgiveness, repentance, and justice that transforms broken relationships, systems, and structures into the way God intends them to be for Floris UMC and the greater community. Pam Borland: pborland@florisumc.org	
Shepherd's Reach	Shepherd's Reach Ministry was established out of concern by congregation members for individuals who have missed several consecutive Sunday worship services. A team of volunteers call or send cards to those who have been absent, letting them know they are missed and to pass prayer concerns to the pastoral staff. Joyce Braithwood: joyce@joycebraithwood.com	
Sunday Hospitality Volunteers	Each Sunday, hospitality volunteers help create a warm and inviting environment to our guests. Serve as a greeter, usher, parking lot volunteer, shuttle driver, or Welcome Team member during your preferred worship service. Tinbite Tamiru: ttamiru@florisumc.org	
The Closet Volunteers	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 .	
Traditional Music Ministry	Groups include: Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Choir, Sunrise Singers, Floris String Ensemble, Floris Wind Ensemble and Floris Handbell Ensemble. Learn more about each group on our website. FlorisUMC.org/Music-Groups/Traditional	

Welcome Desk Volunteers	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	 
Wesley Fellows Volunteer Leadership	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. Jonathan Fuller: jfuller@florisumc.org	  
Vacation Bible School Volunteers	Don't miss the opportunity to have fun with more than 300 children June 18-22, 1-4 p.m. Come share your gifts and talents with us! No experience required and training is provided. FlorisUMC.org/VBS-Volunteer	  
VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement)	We organize to build power and do justice in middle and low-income communities by uniting people across lines of race, class, ethnicity, religion, political power and geography. VOICE takes action on key issues in our communities. Suzanne Keating: Jimzanne@aol.com	

ONGOING SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Alcoholics Anonymous® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. AA meetings take place Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. FlorisUMC.org/AA	 
Care Giver Support Group	This caregiver support group is for family and friends of those who have Alzheimer's disease or any related dementia. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org	
Caron Support Group	The Caron Parent and Family Support Group is designed to meet the needs of those with loved ones who are currently using drugs and/or alcohol in a problematic manner or are in recovery. Join us the first and third Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. FlorisUMC.org/Caron	

Celebrate Recovery	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	 
Prayer Blanket Ministry	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 .	 
Reboot Combat Recovery	Reboot consists of a free 12-week Combat Trauma Healing Course that is Veteran-led and provides a unique blend of clinical insight and faith-based support. Current course meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meals and child care are provided so that spouses, caregivers or family members can participate as well. FlorisUMC.org/Reboot	   

MAY

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 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 13- June 18	Registration for Mission Trip to Haiti	A team will travel to Leon, Haiti October 18-27 which was impacted by Hurricane Matthew two years ago. Participants will work alongside resident Haitians to reconstruct cement columns and walls of the village community center. FlorisUMC.org/Haiti	   

May 20	FISH Celebration and Blessing	Fifth graders and their parents are invited to join us for this special event to celebrate the year. Our Student Ministries staff will also share information on middle school programs for next year. FlorisUMC.org/FISH	  
May 24-29	Hurricane Irma Mission Trip	Respond to the September 2017 destruction of Hurricane Irma in Florida by participating in this mission trip. All levels of experience are welcome. FlorisUMC.org/Local-Mission-Trips	   

JUNE

June 2	Sponsor Trip to Sierra Leone Deadline	Do you sponsor the Child Rescue Centre and have you ever thought about visiting them? Attend an interest meeting June 2, 10 a.m. for the October mission trip. at Helping Children Worldwide. mission@helpingchildrenworldwide.org	  
June 4	High School Graduation Celebration	A special dinner for graduating seniors and their parents. It is a unique opportunity for parents and/or caregivers to offer a blessing to their graduates and celebrate the students' next steps. FlorisUMC.org/HS-Graduation-Celebration	  
June 10	Krew and CrossRoads End of Year Bash	A free end of the year celebration for both middle and high school students. The event will have plenty of food and entertainment. FlorisUMC.org/End-of-Year-Bash	  
June 12	Coffee with the Pastors	If you or someone you know has interest in becoming a member of Floris UMC, take the first step by attending Coffee with the Pastors. Meet with the pastors and learn about Floris UMC over a hot cup of coffee. FlorisUMC.org/CWP	  

June 18-22	Vacation Bible School	Come experience five days of fun, as we survive and thrive through life's obstacles and learn how Jesus rescues us. For children 3 years old-grade 5. FlorisUMC.org/VBS	  
June 22	The Harbor Young Adult Ministries	The Harbor seeks to equip young professionals to discover, deepen and share their faith with others and to find a place to belong at Floris UMC. Come and share a meal at a potluck dinner. FlorisUMC.org/Harbor-Gathering	 
June 24- July 1	High School Mission Trip	Students and adults will serve the community by repairing homes after damage caused by hurricanes. FlorisUMC.org/Students/Mission-Trips	  

JULY

July 8-14	Middle School Mission Trip	Students and adults will work to repair homes and make them more accessible for God's people in need. Students are given a wide-range of opportunities from painting to building wheelchair ramps. FlorisUMC.org/Students/Mission-Trips	  
July 10	Kids Quest	Children in grades 3-5 are invited to a fun one-day adventure with exciting Bible discoveries and scientific explorations to investigate Jesus and our Christian faith. Register at FlorisUMC.org/Kids-Quest .	 
July 13	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	  
July 22	Inova Blood Donor Drive	Inova Blood Donor Services will hold a blood drive in the Floris UMC parking lot. Watch for signup opportunities.	  

July 27	The Harbor Young Adult Ministries	A group of young professionals are invited to a shared meal at this potluck dinner. RSVP and sign up to bring a side, salad or dessert and submit a question about God or faith. FlorisUMC.org/Harbor-Gathering	  
July 29	Summer Choir Sunday	Sing in the choir this summer at the 11 a.m. worship service. Adults and students in grade 7 or older can practice for an hour before singing in worship. Yoon Nam: ynam@florisumc.org	   



RESTORATION

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Restoration Worldwide is the online church for Floris United Methodist Church. Our goal is to share the experience of worship, build a community of faith and to allow those who are physically remote to be connected to Floris UMC via the internet. This is church™. Restoration Worldwide wants to connect live stream with people who choose to worship in a virtual community. Restoration Worldwide is a virtual church where participants can find an opportunity for connected

community, build real spiritual relationships and grow in their faith regardless of where they are in the world. People who experience Restoration Worldwide will be a part of Floris UMC, via the weekly live stream, yet will have the opportunity to augment their church experience to fit their life and community.

Join us each Sunday, 9:15 and 11 a.m. for a live stream experience!

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