



# HAPPENINGS

Fall 2018

# FALL 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



# FALL HIGHLIGHT: LEADERSHIP



Floris UMC relies on its members to provide leadership and oversight for the church and its ministries. Here are our primary leadership committees.

## Church Council

The Council provides for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness and resources at Floris UMC. It also envisions, plans, implements and annually evaluates the ministries of the church.

## Committee on Lay Leadership

The Lay Leadership Committee serves throughout the year to guide the Church Council on matters regarding leadership (other than employed staff) and to identify, train and support leaders in the congregation.

## Trustees

The Trustees Committee is responsible for the supervision, oversight and care of all property owned by Floris UMC, and oversees the safety initiatives of the church.

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is responsible for encouraging, supporting, and nurturing the pastors and staff, providing an annual evaluation of the pastors and staff, developing and approving written employee handbook policies and providing other human resource direction as needed.

## Finance

The Finance Committee provides oversight for the stewardship of financial resources throughout the calendar year.

For more information contact Mark Rader at [mrader@florisumc.org](mailto:mrader@florisumc.org).

# ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<b>4:10ers Student Leadership and Service Program</b>	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. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/4-10ers">FlorisUMC.org/4-10ers</a>
<b>Acolyte Volunteers</b>	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. <a href="mailto:lross@florisumc.org">Leah Ross: lross@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Angels on Call</b>	Support members of the Floris UMC family during emergency situations by making and delivering a meal, running errands, providing transportation or sending an encouraging card. You can also help with funerals by providing and serving food for receptions. <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Audio Visual Team</b>	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. <a href="mailto:krafter@florisumc.org">Keri Rafter: krafter@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Blog Contributors</b>	Interested in writing for Floris UMC's blog, Today I Saw God? Sign up to contribute on various topics. <a href="mailto:cedwards@florisumc.org">Carol Edwards: cedwards@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Box Tops for Hutchison Elementary</b>	Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to support education and directly benefit students in our community. Place your Box Tops in the boxes on the information boards on the first and third floors and help Hutchison Elementary School earn cash for books, computers and other essential items.
<b>Buddy Volunteers</b>	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. <a href="mailto:kberlin@verizon.net">Karen Berlin: kberlin@verizon.net</a>
<b>Card Writing Ministry</b>	Members of the Floris Card Writing Ministry purchase, write and send caring greeting cards to Floris UMC members and friends experiencing difficult life situations. <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Children's Ministries Parent Community</b>	Parents are asked to get involved and help invest in the spiritual growth of our children. Come serve with us and be a part of our dynamic community. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/Volunteer-with-Children">FlorisUMC.org/Volunteer-with-Children</a>
<b>English as a Second Language (ESL)</b>	Spend time each week as an ESL instructor or assistant to provide English lessons in a fun and engaging environment. All you need to know is English! Training is provided. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/ESL">FlorisUMC.org/ESL</a>

<b>Family Support Ministry</b>	Looking for a meaningful night out? Volunteers 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 attend meetings. Volunteers get to enjoy a night out with some fun kids and parents enjoy a special night out too. <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Floris UMC Emergency Response Team</b>	The FUMC Emergency Response Program is a new initiative, established in response to the increasing need around the country for preserving churches such as FUMC as safe havens for worship, fellowship, outreach and service. Experience in the military, law enforcement, medical or first responder professions preferred. <a href="mailto:brmsuhr@gmail.com">Bryan Suhr: brmsuhr@gmail.com</a>
<b>Give a Ride</b>	Provide a ride to a person in our congregation in time of need for medical appointments or other needs. <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</a>
<b>GRACE Ministries</b>	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. <a href="mailto:dporter@florisumc.org">Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Help Hungry Kids Red Bag Distributions and Packing Events</b>	The backpack meal ministry provides weekend meals to kids at Hutchison Elementary. On the first Sunday of each month, you can pick up a red bag grocery bag, fill it with the food on the tag and return it the next week. Also, volunteer by helping us inventory food we receive and by packaging the food monthly. <a href="mailto:dporter@florisumc.org">Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Kid Nation Volunteers</b>	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. during the school year. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/Volunteer-with-Children">FlorisUMC.org/Volunteer-with-Children</a>
<b>Library Volunteers</b>	Assist patrons in finding and checking out books from the Floris UMC Library (room 201) Sunday mornings. You can select which time works best for you. Training is provided. <a href="mailto:thageny@florisumc.org">Terri Hageny: thageny@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Make and Deliver a Meal</b>	From time-to-time people in our congregation need a comforting meal during a time of need. Volunteer by being added to the list of meal providers. <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</a>
<b>Prayer Blanket Ministry</b>	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. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/Prayer-Blanket">FlorisUMC.org/Prayer-Blanket</a>






<b>Racial Reconciliation Initiative</b>	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. <i>Bob Riggles: <a href="mailto:briggles@florisumc.org">briggles@florisumc.org</a></i>
<b>The Closet</b>	Volunteer on a monthly basis at The Closet, a second-hand store in Herndon whose profits support local scholarships and organizations. Help with organizing donations and working in the store during business hours. <i>Gene Wiley: <a href="mailto:gwiley106@gmail.com">gwiley106@gmail.com</a></i>
<b>Music Ministry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsal Wednesday</li> <li>- Chamber Choir: Rehearsal every other Sunday</li> <li>- Sonrise Singers: First Sunday of the month</li> <li>- Floris String Ensemble</li> <li>- Floris Wind Ensemble</li> <li>- Full Circle Band</li> </ul> <i>Yoon Nam: <a href="mailto:yname@florisumc.org">yname@florisumc.org</a> and Megan Seals: <a href="mailto:mseals@florisumc.org">mseals@florisumc.org</a></i>
<b>VOICE</b>	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 (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) takes action on key issues in our communities. <i>Suzanne Keating: <a href="mailto:jimzanne@aol.com">jimzanne@aol.com</a></i>

## ONGOING SUPPORT GROUPS





<b>Alcoholics Anonymous®</b>	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 on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. <i>FlorisUMC.org/AA</i>
<b>Care Giver Support Group</b>	This caregiver support group is for family and friends of those who have Alzheimer's disease or any related dementia. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. <i>Carol Benson: <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">cbenson@florisumc.org</a></i>
<b>Caron Support Group</b>	The Caron Parent and Family Support Group is specifically 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. <i>FlorisUMC.org/Caron</i>
<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	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. Dinner starts at 6:15 p.m. <i>Ashley Allen: <a href="mailto:aallen@florisumc.org">aallen@florisumc.org</a></i>












<b>DivorceCare</b>	A special weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. You will learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. The next 13 week program begins in September. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. <i>Carol Benson: <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">cbenson@florisumc.org</a></i>
<b>NAMI Family Support Group</b>	A year-round support group for family members, partners, and friends of individuals living with a mental health condition. Meetings are held the first Saturday of every month, 10-11:30 a.m. <i>Carol Benson: <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">cbenson@florisumc.org</a></i>






## AUGUST

August 26	<b>Kid Nation Kickoff and Backpack Blessing</b>	It's time to celebrate a new school year. Children, age 3-grade 5, are invited to bring their backpacks to church to be blessed during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. <i>FlorisUMC.org/Kid-Nation-Kickoff</i>	 
August 26	<b>Group Life Fair</b>	Come see the various small groups available at the Group Life Fair. Leaders will be available to answer any questions. <i>Bill Gray: <a href="mailto:bgray@florisumc.org">bgray@florisumc.org</a></i>	
August 29	<b>Coffee with the Pastors</b>	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. <i>FlorisUMC.org/CWP</i>	 






## SEPTEMBER


September 4	<b>Rise and Shine Open House</b>	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. <i>FlorisUMC.org/Rise-and-Shine</i>	 
September 8	<b>Native American Festival</b>	The Racial Reconciliation Ministry invites all to attend the Annual Native American Festival at Riverbend Park. Gather at 10 a.m. at the story teller station to take in all the festival has to offer. <i>Bob Riggles: <a href="mailto:briggles@florisumc.org">briggles@florisumc.org</a></i>	
September 9	<b>Group Life Fair</b>	Come see the various small groups available at the Group Life Fair. Leaders will be available to answer any questions. <i>Bill Gray: <a href="mailto:bgray@florisumc.org">bgray@florisumc.org</a></i>	

September 9	<b>F.I.S.H. Fall Kickoff</b>	All fifth graders and parents are invited to come enjoy ice cream and learn about a fun, monthly, service-oriented program. Invite your fifth grade friends too. No registration required. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/FISH">FlorisUMC.org/FISH</a>	
September 9	<b>Krew and Cross-Roads Kickoff</b>	Students in grades 6-12, come and join us for free food, fun and games. No registration necessary. <a href="mailto:dyoon@florisumc.org">Dan Yoon: dyoon@florisumc.org</a>	
September 9	<b>Circle of Faith Auditions</b>	Are you a woman who enjoys singing but can not commit to weekly choir rehearsals? Join our new women's ensemble called Circle of Faith. There will be two Sunday rehearsals monthly immediately following the 11 a.m. service. <a href="mailto:ynam@florisumc.org">Yoon Nam: ynam@florisumc.org</a>	
September 10	<b>HCW Golf Tournament</b>	Participate in the Helping Children Worldwide 17th Annual Golf Tournament. Proceeds support the Child Rescue Centre and Mercy Hospital. Become a sponsor or play a round of golf. <a href="mailto:dporter@florisumc.org">Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org</a>	
September 10	<b>MOPS Kickoff</b>	Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is a nationally recognized community of women with children from pregnancy through kindergarten. MOPS is a supportive group for moms where we can pray, laugh, cry and learn together twice a month. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/MOPS">FlorisUMC.org/MOPS</a>	 
September 14	<b>Kids Night Out</b>	Kids, ages 3 months-12 years, will enjoy a fun night of crafts, games and a special movie while parents go enjoy a night out of their own. Space is limited. Registration required. <a href="mailto:kcrespin@florisumc.org">Kelly Crespin: kcrespin@florisumc.org</a>	 
September 16	<b>Bible Sunday and Bible Buzz</b>	Third graders will receive their personalized Bibles at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services. That afternoon, third graders and parents are invited to attend the Bible Buzz event for fun games and activities. Registration required. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/Bible-Sunday">FlorisUMC.org/Bible-Sunday</a>	 
September 21	<b>Open Mic Night</b>	Share your gifts of music, acting, dancing, comedy and more at Open Mic Nights. Volunteers can also help with set-up, cleanup and snacks. This event is open to people of all ages. <a href="mailto:mseals@florisumc.org">Megan Seals: mseals@florisumc.org</a>	









September 25	<b>Normal Aging Verses Dementia</b>	Learn the basics of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. While not everyone travels the same path, come and learn about the general stages to help you anticipate future changes. 7-8:30 p.m. <a href="mailto:cbenson@florisumc.org">Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org</a>	
September 26 and 30	<b>Christmas Cantata Rehearsals Begin</b>	Sing in this year's Christmas Cantata. Adults and students, grade 7 or older, can attend weekly rehearsals. <a href="mailto:ynam@florisumc.org">Yoon Nam: ynam@florisumc.org</a>	
September 28	<b>BINGO Night</b>	Come play BINGO and enjoy friends and fellowship. Everyone is invited. Prizes awarded to the winners. Registration required. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/BINGO">FlorisUMC.org/BINGO</a>	 
September 30	<b>Church Picnic</b>	This annual event is a fantastic way to connect with old friends and meet new ones. Help with set-up, greeting, food service, games or clean-up at the event. <a href="mailto:ttamiru@florisumc.org">Tinbite Tamiru: ttamiru@florisumc.org</a>	

## OCTOBER

October 1	<b>Holy Land Pilgrimage Interest Meeting</b>	Rev. Tom Berlin will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the fall of 2019 with an optional Jordan extension. <a href="mailto:pborland@florisumc.org">Pam Borland: pborland@florisumc.org</a>	
October 2	<b>Rise and Shine Open House</b>	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. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/Rise-and-Shine">FlorisUMC.org/Rise-and-Shine</a>	 
October 12	<b>F.I.S.H. (Fifth in Service for Him)</b>	All fifth graders are invited to the F.I.S.H. Scavenger Hunt! Invite your fifth grade friends to join us too. Registration required. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/FISH">FlorisUMC.org/FISH</a>	
October 13	<b>Walking Tour</b>	Interested in learning more about our community's history? Meet at Floris UMC at 4 p.m. to begin a historical walking tour of several Herndon sites to learn about and honor the history of African Americans in our area. <a href="mailto:briggles@florisumc.org">Bob Riggles: briggles@florisumc.org</a>	

October 27	<b>Trunk-or-Treat</b>	Decorate your trunk and provide a safe afternoon of fun for kids and families in our community. Host a trunk, help with snack service or assist in the parking lot. <b>Tinbite Tamiru:</b> <a href="mailto:ttamiru@florisumc.org">ttamiru@florisumc.org</a>	
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## NOVEMBER

November 4-18	<b>Guest House Recruitment</b>	Floris UMC hosts 40 homeless individuals January 13-20 for a hot dinner, breakfast, a place to sleep, showers and activities. Volunteer throughout the week. <b>Donna Porter:</b> <a href="mailto:dporter@florisumc.org">dporter@florisumc.org</a>	
November 4-25	<b>North County Hypothermia Shelter Volunteer Recruitment</b>	Prepare and serve meals to homeless individuals through the North County Hypothermia Program every Tuesday evening, December-March. <b>Donna Porter:</b> <a href="mailto:dporter@florisumc.org">dporter@florisumc.org</a>	
November 9	<b>Kids Night Out</b>	Kids, ages 3 months-12 years, will enjoy a fun night of crafts, games and a special movie while parents go enjoy a night out of their own. Space is limited. Registration required. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/KNO">FlorisUMC.org/KNO</a>	
November 11	<b>Walking Tour</b>	Interested in learning more about our community's history? Meet at Floris UMC at 4 p.m. to begin a historical walking tour of several Herndon sites to learn about and honor the history of African Americans in our area.	
November 11-18	<b>Advent Giving Distributions</b>	Bless the vulnerable in our community by choosing Advent Ornaments from displayed Christmas trees. Ornaments represent the requests of local individuals, families and organizations. <b>Donna Porter:</b> <a href="mailto:dporter@florisumc.org">dporter@florisumc.org</a>	
November 11	<b>CrossRoads Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	Middle school students, with the aid of senior Floris UMC community members, will cook and host a Thanksgiving dinner for their families. <b>Pepe Miller:</b> <a href="mailto:pmiller@florisumc.org">pmiller@florisumc.org</a>	
November 16-18	<b>Middle School Fall Retreat</b>	Be on the lookout for more information coming soon. <b>Pepe Miller:</b> <a href="mailto:pmiller@florisumc.org">pmiller@florisumc.org</a>	
November 16	<b>F.I.S.H. (Fifth in Service for Him)</b>	All fifth graders are invited to BUNCO. Invite your fifth grade friends to join us too. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/FISH">FlorisUMC.org/FISH</a>	

November 16	<b>Open Mic Night</b>	Share your gifts of music, acting, dancing, comedy and more at Open Mic Nights. Volunteers can also help with set-up, cleanup and snacks. This event is open to people of all ages. <b>Megan Seals:</b> <a href="mailto:mseals@florisumc.org">mseals@florisumc.org</a>	
November 17	<b>Father Daughter Autumn Ball</b>	Girls (grades K-5) and their fathers are invited to share a special evening together with music, dancing, snacks, and more. Registration required. Space is limited. <a href="http://FlorisUMC.org/Autumn-Ball">FlorisUMC.org/Autumn-Ball</a>	 
November 24	<b>Christmas Decorating</b>	Come decorate the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space for the Christmas season. <b>Leah Ross:</b> <a href="mailto:lross@florisumc.org">lross@florisumc.org</a>	
November 30-December 2	<b>High School Fall Retreat</b>	Be on the lookout for more information coming soon. <b>Dan Yoon:</b> <a href="mailto:dyoon@florisumc.org">dyoon@florisumc.org</a>	



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