



HAPPENINGS

Winter 2018-2019

WINTER 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



Adults



Childrens



Childcare Available



Care & Support



Diversity



Family Friendly



Leadership



Music



Students



Volunteer



Worship



WINTER HIGHLIGHT: STUDENT MINISTRIES



Bright Life

High School (grades 9-12) Bright Life is about following Jesus together, becoming more like him and shining as his light to the world around us. It is about meeting students where they are and helping them to discover who they are in Christ.

On most months Bright Life gathers as a large group on the first three Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m. in The Hangar for dinner, group activities, worship and breakout groups. Additionally, we have a small group on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m., a co-ed small group on Monday nights and a girls-only group on Wednesdays.

Questions about specific dates and locations of small groups can be directed to Dan Yoon, the Director for Student Ministries, at dyoon@florisumc.org.



ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Acolyte Volunteers	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. Barbara Miner: bminer@florisumc.org
Angels on Call	Support members of the Floris UMC family during time of need by coordinating meal delivery, errands and transportation. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
Audio Visual Team	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. Keri Rafter: krafter@florisumc.org
Box Tops for Hutchison Elementary	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.
Buddy Volunteers	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. Karen Berlin: kberlin@verizon.net
Children's Ministries Parent Community	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. FlorisUMC.org/Volunteer-with-Children
Family Support Ministry	Volunteers provide babysitting to children with disabilities and their siblings. Volunteers get to enjoy a night out with some fun kids while their parents enjoy a special night out. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
Floris UMC Emergency Response Team	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. Roger Frost: rfrost@florisumc.org
Give a Ride	Provide a ride to a person in our congregation in time of need for medical appointments or other needs. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
GRACE Ministries	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

Help Hungry Kids Red Bag Distributions and Packing Events	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. Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org
Kid Nation Volunteers	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. FlorisUMC.org/Volunteer-with-Children
Library Volunteers	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. Terri Hageny: thageny@florisumc.org
Make and Deliver a Meal	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. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
Music Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chamber Choir: Rehearsal every other Sunday - Contemporary Choir - Floris String Ensemble - Floris Wind Ensemble - Full Circle Band - Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsal Wednesday - Sonrise Singers: First Sunday of the month Yoon Nam: yname@florisumc.org and Megan Seals: mseals@florisumc.org
Prayer Blanket Ministry	Create 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
Sunday Hospitality Volunteers	Each Sunday, hospitality volunteers help create a warm and inviting environment to our guests. Serve as a greeter, usher, parking volunteer, shuttle driver or Welcome Team member during your preferred worship service. Tinebite Tamiru: ttamiru@florisumc.org
The Closet	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. Gene Wiley: gwiley106@gmail.com
VOICE	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. Suzanne Keating: jimzanne@aol.com

ONGOING SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoption & Foster Care Ministry	A resource to help, support and educate those who are exploring adoption and foster care. Assistance is provided for those navigating the maze of the adoption process. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
Alcoholics Anonymous®	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. AA meetings take place on Mondays and Thursdays at 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 first Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
Caron Support Group	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. 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. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Ashley Allen: aallen@florisumc.org
DivorceCare	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. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays through December 14. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
NAMI Family Support Group	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. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org

NOVEMBER

November 4	Meaningful Conversations Part 1	Join us for a friendly discussion on race and our faithful response in our community. Learn how race affects our society, our church and ourselves. Register at: FlorisUMC.org/Meaningful-Conversations .	
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November 9	Kids Night Out	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. Register at: FlorisUMC.org/KNO	
November 11	Walking Tour	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 and learn about African American history in our area. FlorisUMC.org/History-Immersion	
November 11-18	Advent Ornament Giving Distributions	Bless the vulnerable in our community by choosing Advent Ornaments from displayed Christmas trees. Ornaments represent the requests of local individuals, families and organizations. FlorisUMC.org/Advent-Giving	
November 16	F.I.S.H. (Fifth in Service for Him)	All fifth graders are invited to a fun night of BUNCO. Invite your fifth grade friends to join us too. Register at: FlorisUMC.org/FISH	
November 16	Open Mic Night	Share your gifts of music, acting, dancing, comedy and more at Open Mic Nights. Volunteers can also help with set-up, clean-up and snacks. This event is open to people of all ages. FlorisUMC.org/Open-Mic	
November 17	Annual Charge Conference	Join Floris UMC's leadership for our annual Charge Conference, November 17, 10 a.m.-noon. Approve clergy compensation and lay leaders for 2019.	
November 17	Father Daughter Autumn Ball	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. FlorisUMC.org/Autumn-Ball	
November 18	CrossRoads Thanksgiving Dinner	Middle school students, with the aid of senior Floris UMC community members, will cook and host a Thanksgiving dinner for their families. FlorisUMC.org/CrossRoads-Thanksgiving-Dinner	
November 25 - December 18	Poinsettia Dedications	Would you like to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia In Honor Of, In Memory Of a Loved One or to the Glory of God? Purchase a poinsettia online at: FlorisUMC.org/Poinsettia	

November 30-December 2	High School Fall Retreat	High school students are invited to join Bright Life's Fall Retreat at the Concord Retreat Center in W.Va. Register online at: FlorisUMC.org/Bright-Life-Retreat .	
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DECEMBER

December 1	Christmas Decorating	Come decorate the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space for the Christmas season. FlorisUMC.org/Christmas-Decorating	
December - March	North County Hypothermia Shelter Volunteers	Prepare and serve meals to homeless individuals through the North County Hypothermia Program every Tuesday evening, December-March. FlorisUMC.org/Hypothermia-Shelter	
December 2	Advent Gift Return	Serve as a "Christmas Elf" at the Advent Giving gift return. FlorisUMC.org/Advent-Giving	
December 2	Celebrate the Season	See back page for more information about this event.	
December 2	Meaningful Conversations Part 2	Join us for a friendly discussion on race and our faithful response in our community. Learn how race affects our society, our church and ourselves. Register at: FlorisUMC.org/Meaningful-Conversations .	
December 8	Young Adults Christmas Brunch	Mix and mingle with other young adults and young professionals as we celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas open house and brunch at Pastor Bob Riggles home, Saturday, Decmber 8, 10 a.m.	
December 8	South Asian Fellowship Christmas Celebration	Join us for an evening of fellowship, worship and a potluck meal the first Saturday of every month, 6:30-9 p.m. Families are invited to share in the service with music, song and readings. FlorisUMC.org/South-Asian-Fellowship .	
December 9	Christmas Cantata	Enjoy beautiful music with a full choir and orchestra at all morning worship services as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. FlorisUMC.org/Christmas-Cantata	

December 9	F.I.S.H. (Fifth in Service for Him)	All fifth graders are invited to a Christmas party. Come enjoy a special lunch, games and fun activities. Invite your fifth grade friends to join us too. Register at: FlorisUMC.org/FISH	
December 13	Darkness to Light Service	Advent is a time of hopeful preparation, a time to reflect on the light that is coming into the world. Join us for a time of quiet worship as we welcome the light of Christ in to our world.	
December 16	Happy Birthday Jesus	All children, preschool-grade 5, are invited to the party during Kid Nation! Bring a new infant or baby item to donate to a local charity. FlorisUMC.org/Hppy-Birthday-Jesus .	
December 22	Latino Praise and Christmas Dinner	Group of Praise and Prayer: Join the Spanish Speaking Ministry, 7 p.m. for Christmas in Spanish. We will have the representation of the Nativity and a fellowship dinner. jdelosrios@florisumc.org	
December 23-24	Christmas Eve Services	See back page for more information about this event.	
December 25	Christmas Day Service	South Asian faith communities often share the tradition of a worship celebration on Christmas Day. You are invited to join us for a time of traditional hymns, regional songs, prayer and worship.	
December 31	New Years Watch Night Service	Reflect on the past year and prepare for the upcoming year at our Watch Night service. Experience a time of prayer and traditional English and South Asian worship songs. FlorisUMC.org/Watch-Night	

JANUARY

January 3	Christmas Cleanup	Come help package the Christmas items in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space. FlorisUMC.org/Christmas-Cleanup .	
January 6	Adult Small Groups Winter Launch	January represents a new year and new opportunities for learning and experiencing life together. Come check out the new small groups.	
January 6	Student Ministries Welcome Back	It's a new year and a great time to jump on board with our middle and high school programs, CrossRoads and Bright Life!	

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January 12-13	Student Confirmation Kickoff	Confirmation is for students in grade 8 that wish to be confirmed in the United Methodist Church. Students study the beliefs of the United Methodist Church and what it means to live a Christian life.	
January 13-20	Floris Guest House Volunteers	The Guest House offers approximately 40 homeless individuals a hot dinner, breakfast, a place to sleep, showers and activities. Approximately 260 volunteers are needed. FlorisUMC.org/Guest-House	
January 13	F.I.S.H. Winter Games	All fifth graders are invited to a hilarious evening of games. This is a competition that you will not want to miss. FlorisUMC.org/FISH	
January 25	Open Mic Night	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. FlorisUMC.org/Open-Mic	
January 27	Dinner for 8 Potluck Kickoff	Dinner for 8 kicks off with a potluck lunch. This event allows you to sample the experience of Dinner for 8 and provides you with the opportunity to meet other participants.	
January 29	Coffee With Pastors	Come meet with the pastors to hear about Floris UMC, what membership means and how to join. FlorisUMC.org/CWP	
January 31	Dementia 101 Seminar	Join us for a discussion on the basics of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease and other memory impairment conditions, 7-8:30 p.m.	

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Celebrate the Season - December 2

Come start the wonderful season of Advent with family and friends:

FlorisUMC.org/Celebrate-The-Season

- 4-5 p.m. Family Advent Activity - Registration Required
- 5-6 p.m. Interactive Music Service
- 6-7 p.m. Soup Supper - Sign up to make soup.



Christmas Eve Eve - December 23

- 7 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve - December 24

- 11 a.m. - Christmas Eve Children's Service
- 5 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Service
- 7 p.m. - Contemporary Music Christmas Eve Service
- 9 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Service
- 11 p.m. - Communion Christmas Eve Service



Christmas Day - December 25

- 10 a.m. Christmas Day Service sponsored by the South Asian Ministry



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