



S U M M E R

HAPPENINGS

Summer 2019

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Welcome to Happenings; a quarterly brochure with opportunities for you and your family to get connected at Floris UMC!

Sometimes it's hard to keep up with all that is happening in a big church. We've created this brochure to highlight events and volunteer opportunities you can get involved in.



Everyone is invited to this community event! Stop by and enjoy a movie, free popcorn and activities for children. The parking lot will open at 7 p.m. and the movie will start at dusk. Bring your own camp chairs, blankets and pillows. Visit the website for more information.

FlorisUMC.org/Flix

#1CHURCH4ALL:



The #1Church4All symbol was developed to show the love the church has for all people - all abilities, ethnicities and sexual orientations. For the next six months, and perhaps the time beyond, we will use the "1Church4All" graphic to remind us of our goal to welcome and include all.

We have established three teams who will work to offer our church council actionable plans to become a more inclusive church in the following areas:

- Special Needs
- Racial/Ethnic Diversity
- Sexual Orientation

These groups will identify specific actions and approaches that, when implemented, will generate enthusiasm for enhanced inclusiveness. The sexual orientation group's recommendations will be considered in light of, but not dependent upon, restrictions found in the current and future Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Options that the groups find most helpful to the church will be brought back to the Church Council in an effort to help us grown in our ability to welcome and include all people.

"Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister."
~ Romans 13



ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Acolyte	Children grade 3 and older are invited to sign up to serve as an acolyte in Sunday worship services. They are required to stay for the full service and training is provided. Tiara Alexander: talAlexander@florisumc.org
Angels on Call	Support members of the Floris UMC family during time of need by coordinating meal delivery, errands and transportation online. 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 Program	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
Facilities	If you enjoy working with your hands Floris UMC needs you! Volunteer to help maintain the Floris UMC campus and setup events. Weekly and monthly opportunities available. Rick Sherbert: rsherbert@florisumc.org
Family Respite Care	Volunteers provide babysitting to children with disabilities and their siblings. Volunteers get to enjoy an eveing with some fun kids while their parents enjoy a special night out. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
Floris UMC Emergency Response Team	Provide support in response to the increasing need around the country for preserving churches such as Floris UMC as safe havens for worship, fellowship, outreach and service. Roger Frost: rfrost@florisumc.org
Give a Ride	On occasion, a Floris UMC member is in need of transportation to medical and other important appointments. To our volunteer, please contact Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
GRACE Ministries	Support a mission project that serves low-income families and shares the gospel of God's love through distributions of food, clothing and diapers. Volunteer opportunities are available the first weekend of the month on Friday and Saturday. Donna Porter: dporter@florisumc.org

Help Hungry Kids Events	The backpack meal ministry provides weekend meals to kids at Hutchison Elementary. Pick up a red grocery bag, fill it with the food requested on the tag and return it the next week. 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 - Yoon Nam: ynam@florisumc.org- Contemporary Choir - Megan Seals: mseals@florisumc.org- Floris String Ensemble - Yoon Nam: ynam@florisumc.org- Floris Wind Ensemble - Yoon Nam: ynam@florisumc.org- Full Circle Band - Megan Seals: mseals@florisumc.org- Sanctuary Choir - Yoon Nam: ynam@florisumc.org- Sonrise Singers - Yoon Nam: ynam@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, regardless of skill level. FlorisUMC.org/Prayer-Blanket
Shepherd's Reach Ministry	Join a caring team of volunteers who contact 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
Student Ministry Leaders	Make sure every student who comes to Floris UMC feels welcomed, supported, and encouraged. Become a Student Ministries Leader today! FlorisUMC.org/sm-Volunteers
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. Bob Riggles: Briggles@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	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. Suzanne Keating: jimzanne@aol.com

ONGOING SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoption & Foster Care Ministry	A resource to help, support and educate those who are exploring adoption or foster care. Assistance is provided for those navigating the maze of the adoption process. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
Alcoholics Anonymous®	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
Caron Parent and Family Support Group	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 Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. FlorisUMC.org/Caron
Celebrate Recovery	This Christ-centered twelve-step program is not only for addictions. This program provides a safe place to address and overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups of all kinds in a community of grace and honesty. Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Ashley Allen: aallen@florisumc.org
Dementia Caregiver Support Group	This caregiver support group is for family and friends of those who have Alzheimer's disease or any related dementia. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month 7 p.m. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org
NAMI Family Support Group	A 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
NAMI Partner/Spouse Support Group	A support group for spouses and partners of individuals living with a mental health condition. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m. Carol Benson: cbenson@florisumc.org

KEY

Adults

Childrens

Childcare Available

Diversity

Event

Family Friendly

Grow

Music






Students

Volunteer





UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Until May 28	Jesus-Man, Myth, Savior Small Group	Join us for a five-week exploration of who Jesus is - man, myth and savior. Class begins Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m. Sign up online. FlorisUMC.org/Jesus-MMS	
Until June 2	Hutchison Book Drive	Floris UMC is collecting 2,500 books for children at Hutchison Elementary School. Drop off books in the main office. FlorisUMC.org/Book-Drive	
May 5-10	Vacation Bible School Volunteer Registration	Volunteer at our Preschool Summer Camp, June 10-13, 8:30-12:15 or Elementary VBS, June 17-20, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Adult and student positions available. Register online. FlorisUMC.org/VBS-Volunteer	
May 10	Kids Night Out	Kids, ages 3 months-12 years, will not want to miss this amazing night of active play, indoors and outdoors (weather permitting). Registration required. FlorisUMC.org/KNO	
May 10	The Giving Gala with Celebrate Recovery	Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step program for anyone dealing with hurts, habits and hang-ups. Come to our first gala event for an evening of inspiring testimonies and meaningful worship! FlorisUMC.org/Giving-Gala	
May 17	Open Mic Night	Share your gifts of music, acting, dancing, comedy and more. Volunteers can also help with set-up, cleanup and snacks. FlorisUMC.org/Open-Mic	
May 15	Sacred Conversations on Race	Join us for a sacred conversation on race. We will have a facilitated conversation about race, racism, and what Christ calls us to do. FlorisUMC.org/Sacred-Conversations	





May 15	Coffee With Pastors	Interested in becoming a member of Floris UMC? Meet with the pastors and learn about Floris UMC over a cup of coffee. Child care is provided. Register online. FlorisUMC.org/CWP	
May 18	Crucial Conversations on Race	Join us for a continental breakfast and engaging conversation on race. Build your cultural competencies and connections with others. Register online. FlorisUMC.org/Conversations-Race	
May 19	F.I.S.H. Celebration & Blessing	Join us for our end-of-year celebration and blessing! Parents and their fifth grade students will enjoy a beautiful lunch, slide-show and blessing. FlorisUMC.org/FISH	
May 23-28	UMVIM Mission Trip to North Carolina	Help families recover from Hurricane devastation. All skill and experience levels welcome. Contact Tim Wells at cyacard@comcast.net for more information. FlorisUMC.org/NC-Mission-Trip	
May 30	Senior Celebration	A special dinner for high school seniors and parents to honor graduates on their hard work, achievements and celebrate next steps. Register online. FlorisUMC.org/Senior-Celebration	

JUNE



June 1	Crucial Conversations on Race	Join us for a continental breakfast and engaging conversation on race. Build your cultural competencies and connections with others. Register online. FlorisUMC.org/Conversations-Race	
Starting June 8	Floris Flix	Every Saturday night during the summer, come over to Floris UMC and enjoy a movie, free popcorn, activities for children and the chance to meet other people in the community. FlorisUMC.org/Floris-Flix	
June 10-13	Preschool Vacation Bible School	All preschoolers (age 3-5) are invited to join us for four fun days of crafts, music, science activities and more as we explore God's amazing animals! Registration closes on May 26. Register online. FlorisUMC.org/VBS	
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June 17-20	Elementary Vacation Bible School	Race from continent to continent to uncover clues, attempt challenges and experience God's love for every tribe, language and nation! Register online. Registration closes on June 2. FlorisUMC.org/VBS	
June 19	Sacred Conversations on Race	Join us for a sacred conversation on race. We will have a facilitated conversation about race, racism, and what Christ calls us to do. FlorisUMC.org/Sacred-Conversations	

JULY

July 7-13	Bright Life Mission Trip	Floris UMC is sending a construction team of students and adults to provide relief to a number of homes impacted by Hurricane Florence. Register online by May 31. FlorisUMC.org/Bright-Life-Mission-Trip	
July 11-28	Sacred Threads	Floris UMC will host Sacred Threads Quilt Exhibit in Fellowship Hall. Handcrafted quilts explore life's journeys: Joy, Grief, Inspiration, Spirituality, Healing and Peace. FlorisUMC.org/Sacred-Threads	
July 14-20	CrossRoads Mission Trip	Floris UMC will take students on a mission trip with the Jeremiah Project to repair homes for people in need. Register online by May 31. FlorisUMC.org/CrossRoads-Mission-Trip	
July 28	Summer Choir Sunday	Looking for a fun activity the entire family can enjoy? Come show off your singing skills and join us at 10 a.m. to prepare a song and sing it at the 11 a.m. service. Everyone grade 2 and older is invited!	

AUGUST

August 18	Summer Choir Sunday	Looking for a fun activity the entire family can enjoy? Come show off your singing skills and join us at 10 a.m. to prepare a song and sing it at the 11 a.m. service. Everyone grade 2 and older is invited!	
August 25	Group Life Fair	Come see the various groups available at the Group Life Fair. Leaders will be available to answer any questions. Bill Gray: bgray@florisumc.org	

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Summer Fun for Children!



PRESCHOOL

Ages 3-5 (must be potty trained)

JUNE 10-13 / 8:45 AM - NOON

**FAMILY VBS EVENT
JUNE 13 / 12-1 PM**



ELEMENTARY

Grades K-5 (2018/19 school year)

JUNE 17-20 / 1-4 PM

**FAMILY VBS EVENT
JUNE 20 / 1-4 PM**

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES:**
Adults & Students
(grades 6-12)


PRESCHOOL LEADERS • ELEMENTARY LEADERS • STUDENT HELPERS

*No Experience Needed – Training Provided
Parent volunteers eligible for a registration refund.*

Sign up today FlorisUMC.org/VBS-Volunteer

\$75 PER CHILD
Scholarships Available.

Register at: FlorisUMC.org/VBS



HUTCHISON BOOK DRIVE

MAY 5 - JUNE 2

Floris UMC is collecting 2,500 books for children at Hutchison Elementary School to read over the summer break. Bring your new or gently used books to the collection boxes on the second floor. We are unable to accept religious materials, reference books, activity/ coloring books, board books or books for adults.

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