Two big March events brought out patrons and volunteers alike. At the Empty Bowls Charity Dinner were faculty Kevin Kittredge, Sara Sewell, Linda Ferguson and Elizabeth Malcolm with guest Lisa McDaniel. Professor Phil Guilfoyle gave a pottery demonstration. Students Damon Brown, Brandon Long and Christina Bouie volunteer. Spring Marlins Make a Difference Day honored President Greer’s years of service. Working in the Western Bayside Churches United Community Garden were Michael Orndorff, Robert Jordan and Morgan Lee. Thirty-eight others volunteered at the Norfolk SPCA and with Habitat for Humanity.

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JUST FOUR WORK DAYS LEFT—Sign up in Community Service for your chance to be part of Habitat history! Participate in an Anniversary Work Day, or make a contribution to the anniversary fundraising goal of $2500 by participating in the annual LEGO Build, April 23. Contact incoming President Sierra Brown, sgbrown@vwc.edu, to secure your LEGO Build Spot with a $10 donation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH...
(To commit to a volunteer opportunity, come to the Office of Community Service and sign up or reply to this email. Please check the office regularly as projects are added daily.)

April 2   Soup Line
April 6-10  Public Schools Closed—No Weekly Service Programs
April 7  President’s Council on Inclusive Community
April 7  Marlin Community Youth Garden Club
April 8  Cooking for Kids
April 9  Soup Line
April 11  Habitat for Humanity Anniversary Work Day
April 14  Marlin Community Youth Garden Club
April 14  Cooking for Kids **TO GO!**
April 16  Soup Line
April 18  Habitat for Humanity Anniversary Work Day
April 18  SOC Event: Virginia Supportive Housing Garden Work Day
April 18  Strike Out Cancer
April 20  SOC Event: Sorting Canned Goods at the Foodbank
April 20-24  YWCA/VWC Stand Against Racism
April 21  Marlin Community Youth Garden Club
April 22  American Red Cross Blood Drive
April 22  Cooking for Kids ANNUAL Meatball Roll
April 23  Soup Line
April 23  Habitat for Humanity LEGO Build Voting
April 24  Student Leadership Awards
April 28  Marlin Community Youth Garden Club
April 28  Cooking for Kids **TO GO!**
April 30  Soup Line
May 2  Community Day with Western Bayside Churches United

**Weekly Program Dates**

*Our Weekly Programs have resumed.*

**Monday**

- Global Marlins at 9 am

**Tuesday**

- Marlins Read Newtown at 11:15
- Marlins Read Shelton Park at Noon
- Marlins Read Diamond Springs at 1 pm

**Wednesday**

- Marlins Read Bayside at 10 am
- Global Marlins Newtown at 1 pm
- Neighborhood Tutoring at 330 pm

**Thursday**

- Soup Line at 530 am
- Marlins Count Newtown/BF Williams at 11:30 am
- Marlins Read Diamond Springs at 1 pm

**Friday**

- Marlins Count Bayside at 10 am
- Future Marlins Bayside Middle at 1 pm

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

May 2  Annual Spring Western Bayside Churches United Community Day

**WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?**

*April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Soup Line, 5:30 a.m., Norfolk*

**GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR THURSDAYS**—Join the Soup Line Team bright and early on Thursday mornings to feed the hungry. Van leaves campus at 5:30 a.m. for the best day you’ll ever have!

*April 7, President’s Council on Inclusive Community, 1:30 p.m., Batten Fdn Conf Room, Godwin*

**MAKING WESLEYAN MORE INCLUSIVE**—With the desire to make campus a place where everyone feels welcomed, the President’s Council on Inclusive Community is meeting to formalize the structure of this body moving forward. Recent applications for membership will be considered.

*April 7, 14, 21, 28, Marlin Community Youth Garden Club, 4-5 pm, Good Sam*
GROWING AN APPRECIATION FOR NATURE, HEALTHY CHOICES, HARD WORK—The Spring Marlin Community Youth Garden Club will be on Tuesdays this semester. We are in the Western Bayside Churches United Garden at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church on Baker Road. Join us, if you are interested.

April 8, 14, 22, 28 Cooking for Kids (April 8), the Annual Meatball Roll (April 22) and the NEW Cooking for Kids TO GO! (April 14 and 22)

POPULAR FOOD PREP PROGRAM WINDS DOWN WITH A FLURRY OF ACTIVITY—Just two more opportunities to cook FOR kids in our campus kitchen. Sign up now, while there are still spaces open! ...The session on April 22 is our Annual Meatball Roll, when teams of two register to roll the most perfect meatballs in a specified period of time. Always fun! Men’s Soccer reps are the defending Champs, with Volleyball breathing down their necks. How are your meatball rolling skills?!? Space is limited. Sign up in the Office. ...Cooking and meatball rolling not your thing? Then join us for Cooking for Kids TO GO on April 14 or 28 and serve the children in the Kids Café at Enoch Baptist Church who receive some of the meal we’ve been cooking in our kitchen all year. This team serves on site from 4 to 5 pm. Transportation is provided.

April 11, 18, Habitat for Humanity Anniversary Work Day

UPCOMING WORK DAYS—Try your hand at construction to help provide an affordable house for someone who would not otherwise be able to have one. Test your knowledge about affordable housing. Take this quiz: http://www.habitat.org/magazine/article/test-your-knowledge-housing-and-habitat Contact Jon Snow (josnow@vwc.edu) or Sierra Brown (sgbrown@vwc.edu) for more information. Sign up in Community Service.

April 18, SOC Event: Virginia Supportive Housing Garden Work Day, 9 to Noon, Virginia Beach

PREPARE FOR SPRING PLANTING, PERSONAL GROWTH—Work to prepare the garden for spring planting at this residence for formerly homeless adults. You will get more than you give working with the residents. Transportation is provided.

April 18, Strike Out Cancer, 1 pm, VWC Softball Field

PARTICIPATE IN THIS ANNUAL SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER—Head out to the softball field to support the 7th annual Strike Out Cancer Fundraiser. There will be a HUGE Silent Auction, activities, music, food, fun and big conference games for Baseball and Softball. Virginia Wesleyan College has raised more money for the American Cancer Society than any NCAA Softball program in the country other than Notre Dame University over the last three years.

April 20, SOC Event: Sorting Canned Goods at the Foodbank, 1-3 pm

EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CANNED FOOD THAT YOU DONATE? Find out by going to the source! Visit our region’s food bank and learn about hunger in our community while sorting the donations that are collected into organized bins where the hungry and those who prepare meals to feed them shop. Transportation is provided.

April 20-24, YWCA/VWC Stand Against Racism

PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE CARD PROJECT, AMONG OTHER THOUGHTFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE A STAND—Join the YWCA this week and Take a Stand Against Racism http://standagainstracism.org/. Between now and then, think about the word RACE. How would you express your thoughts about the word and ethnicity in six words? Tell us in The Race Card Project http://theracecardproject.com/. Other programs and activities to be scheduled throughout the week.

April 22, American Red Cross Blood Drive, 11-5 pm, CMAC

FINAL BLOOD DRIVE THIS YEAR—Now’s the time. Sign up for an appointment to donate at www.redcrossblood.org. This is a double red opportunity! Not able to donate? Volunteer to staff the canteen or registration. Sign up in Community Service. Give the gift of life!!!

April 24, Habitat for Humanity LEGO Build Voting

DIY WITH LEGOS TO SUPPORT HABITAT; SIGN UP AS INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM—It’s time for the Annual Habitat for Humanity LEGO Build. A donation of $10 enters you in the competition to build a 25th Anniversary-themed Habitat House with LEGOS. Contact Sierra Brown (sgbrown@vwc.edu) or Jon Snow (josnow@vwc.edu) to participate. LEGOS provided. Voting will be April 24. Prizes will be awarded.
April 24, The Bobbies: Student Leadership Awards, 2pm, Boyd

RECOGNIZE CAMPUS LEADERS—Awards packets are out
https://docs.google.com/a/vwc.edu/forms/d/1Gb0eiVral3fck9oiSbOpstQT1zhBWz7qO_2m2-zY8A/viewform
and soon a short list of campus leaders will be recognized for their service at this program. Come be inspired.
Join us for the celebration.

May 2, Community Day with Western Bayside Churches United, shifts 10 am ‘til 5 pm

GETTING TO KNOW YOU; MAKING CONNECTIONS—Get to know folks in our neighborhood and help connect college and community, and individuals with one another, working toward Dr. King’s “beloved community”. If you have ever volunteered in the WBCU Community Garden, or helped with Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service, participated in Readings With Wesleyan, or walked over to 7-11, you’ll want to help staff a Virginia Wesleyan tent at this “block party” complete with food, entertainment, and community resources. All are welcome. Sign up in Community Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMERICA RECYCLES, TAKE THE PLEDGE—We are tracking the number of VWC folks who pledge to recycle. Go to www.americarecyclesday.org and TAKE THE PLEDGE to: Learn. I will find out what materials are collected for recycling in my community at americarecyclesday.org. Act. Reduce my personal waste by recycling. Within the next month, I will recycle more. Share. In the next month, I will encourage one family member or one friend to take the pledge.

ESA NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION FORMS ON CAMPUS--Students Stephanie Williams and Heather Killian are establishing a chapter of the national service organization Epsilon Sigma Alpha at Virginia Wesleyan College. If you love volunteering, consider learning more about ESA by talking to Stephanie or Heather, or visiting the organization’s website at www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. For more information, contact srwilliams1@vwc.edu or attend their monthly meeting on the first Sunday of every month in Clarke 217 at 6 pm.

MARILNS READ AT SHELTON PARK WINS MODEL PARTNER AWARD—Virginia Beach City Public Schools has recognized Virginia Wesleyan College as a 2015 Model Partner for the Marlins Read Program at Shelton Park Elementary School. Marlins Read was established in 2008 at Diamond Springs Elementary School as a one-on-one mentoring program aimed at helping elementary-age students reach their literacy proficiency. The program expanded in 2009 to Newtown Elementary, to Bayside Elementary in 2011 and to Shelton Park in Spring 2011. Kylah Jackson ’15 was the student liaison at Shelton Park for the past two years. Freshman Heather Edwards currently leads the program.

BERTRAM NAMED NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW--Nominated by President Greer, Mindy Bertram has been named a 2015 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows Award recipient. Through this award, she is recognized for her "public involvement and motivation to create lasting change." Her nomination indicates that she is "a leader who inspires not only other students, but also the entire campus and community." Mindy joins a group of 201 student leaders from colleges nationwide. While there are no formal requirements of award winners, Mindy will take advantage of online and in-person networking opportunities, including state and regional conferences. The Newman Civic Fellows Award is named for Dr. Frank Newman, one of the founders of Campus Compact, who dedicated his life to creating opportunities for student civic learning and engagement. Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents—representing some 6 million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility. The Newman Civic Fellows Award is generously sponsored by the KPMG Foundation. Read more about Mindy and the award at http://www.compact.org/initiatives/awards-programs/the-frank-newman-leadership-award/the-2015-newman-civic-fellows/

NEW SHELTER MANAGERS NAMED—Tone Boykins, Avrianna Chavez, Courtni Wilson, Tim Webster, Taylor Doughtie, Colleen Smith have been selected as 2016 Winter Homeless Shelter Managers. Returning Managers are Tianna Garland and Professor Takeyra Collins.
GREEN BREAKFAST RETURNS; CAMPUS MEMBERS INVITED--Saturday, April 25, 8-11 am, in Blocker Auditorium, GreenQuest, LLC, brings back the quarterly Green Breakfast to be hosted at Virginia Wesleyan College. The Proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Economic, Environmental and Safety Issues is the topic for April 25. Virginia Wesleyan students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. “The purpose of the Green Breakfast is to provide a public forum for the open exchange of information and ideas about high impact environmental sustainability issues of interest to citizens that live in Hampton Roads. The forum will promote participation among diverse stakeholders to foster proactive networking and communication.”

DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. USE THE ON-LINE SERVICE LOG—Students needing to document their service hours have the opportunity to record them as they go through this on-line, on-your-honor service log system. Go to http://www.vwc.edu/student-life/community-service/ where you will find a button on the homepage that says DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. Once there, you will be asked to register the first time you access the system. After that, you will be sent directly to the log where you can input a description of your volunteer work and hours. If you are in Honors and Scholars, be sure to check the Honors and Scholars line in the Service Type box. You may print your log to submit wherever your service is required.

ITEMS TO RECYCLE: LAPTOPS, TABLETS, MP3 PLAYERS, DIGITAL VIDEO/CAMERAS, GAME CONSOLES, GPS DEVICES, T1 GRAPHING CALCULATORS—These items, in addition to ink jet cartridges, alkaline batteries and cell phones, can all be recycled in the Office of Community Service. Bring old and broken items to the Office. Proceeds from recycling benefit Office programming. Just over $100 was added to the Office budget last year from these donations.

FARM FRESH RECEIPTS, BOX TOPS BENEFIT CHILDREN AT NEWTOWN—Deposit your receipts and labels in the box marked “Newtown” inside the Office door any day of the week. Thank you in advance for supporting the education of children in our community.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

...VIRGINIA BEACH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER NETWORK PROGRAM; SEeks VOLUNTEERS-- A new volunteer program is starting at the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health! We are seeking volunteers from the Virginia Beach community to become Community Health Coaches with the Community Health Worker Network program. These volunteers assist those in our community with poorly managed chronic disease find resources and services to help them better control their illness and maintain a healthier lifestyle. Volunteers do not need to have a medical background and will receive training to become a Community Health Coach. Those with any experience in chronic issues are strongly encouraged to apply, as your experience will be beneficial to clients and other volunteers. For those who may be interested, there will be two (2) information sessions—Saturday, April 11 at 10am and Friday, April 24 at 3pm at the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health (4452 Corporation Lane; behind Pembroke Mall). During these information sessions, we will go over what the program entails, the role of the volunteers, and more information regarding intake and training. If you are interested in coming to one of these information sessions, please contact Megan Wilhelm at 757-518-2752 or megan.wilhelm@vdh.virginia.gov.

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITY…

25th Anniversary of Charter! Habitat for Humanity… President Jonathan Snow, josnow@vwc.edu

Imagine: Wesleyan’s Alternative Break Program... Students interested in leading a trip should contact Diane Hotaling at dhotaling@vwc.edu.

Marlins Go Green… Students interested in environmental issues should contact Zach Drake, ztdrake@vwc.edu.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha National Service Organization... Meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month in Clarke 217 at 6 pm. President Stephanie Williams, srwilliams1@vwc.edu

ACTIVE CITIZENS RECOGNITION...

Readings With Wesleyan, March 12—Carissa Stevens

Empty Bowls, March 13—Prisilla Aboagye, Christina Reynoldts, Jamie Mhans, Marcus Melton, Brandon Long, Sabrinia Lemon, Daniel Harris, Sparkle Roberts, Damon Brown, Christina Bouie, Elaine Aird, Denili Hevard.

Habitat for Humanity Alternative Break, March 18-21—Jon Snow, Sierra Brown, Allesha Peterson, Alexandria Houston, Mia Proctor, Tom Hogan, Marco DiSilva.

Norfolk SPCA, March 11—Isaiah Beasley, Meagan Bezek, Asiah Allen, Layla Amarir, Shelby Emch, Carolina Jesse, Ruta Habtemariam, DJ Been

Soup Line, March 5, 12, 26—LeMar Callaway III, John Davis, Anthony Dellamaura Brianne Leonard, Alex Mccomb, Melinda Bertram, Paul Kaufmann

Neighborhood Tutoring, March 4, 11 and 29—Sydney Wiseman, Josh Davis, Erik Estrada, Kaci Parker, Shelly Cadenhead, Mathew Hasty, Paige Tragerer, Zegie Martins, Mary-Rae Ratigan, Landon Thomas, Levi Williams-Whitney, Angela Toliver.

Cooking for Kids To Go, March 3—Angela Toliver, Courtini Wilson, Lashawnda White, Andonis James, Denisha Howard.

Cooking for Kids, March 11 and 25—Courtni Wilson, Stephanie Williams, Aaliya Green, Sherice Greene, Carissa Stevens, Ashlee Anderson, Sanjida Naniyan, Jalisa Gibson, Amanda Vetter, Lindsay Dade, Joy Vernon, Sparkle Roberts and Son.

Future Marlins—Jerome Newsome, Amber Gaines, Seema Biswokarma, Jennifer Parker, Liana Merrill, Hope Hess, Tanasia Hazelton, Dr. Sullivan, Kiera Bell, Crystal Lunkin

Global Marlins, March 2, 9, 11, 23—Heather Edwards, Lydia O’Conner, Avriana Chavez, Sierra Garnett, Deric Trimmer

Marlins Read (Diamond Springs), March 3, 12, 24, —Kwame Harris, Danielle Profitt, Shelby Emch, Ashlee Anderson, Mindy Bertram, Tone Boykins, Chase Curling, Jazmine Velasco, Erika Somers

Marlins Read (Bayside), March 4, 11—Kyle Kirkbride, Brooke Toteck, Lauren Amos, Farah Haidari, Triniti Nevers, Sa'kia Tapper, Bianna Nonnemacher

Marlins Read (Shelton Park)—Heather Edwards, Joanna Kasmin, Marageret Zehmer, Avriana Chavez, Lauren Smith, R. Kellen Phillips, Morgan Lucas, Megan Meindl, Cassandra McEwarn, Farah Haidari

Marlins Count (Bayside), March 13—Sheril Steinberg, Sierra Garnett, Kiera Bell, Arviana Chaves, Katherine Lewis, Katie Brooks, Alexis Greene

Marlins Count (Newtown Elementary)—Jessica Seymour, Kiera Bell, Khayla Floyd, Katherine Lewis, Alexis Greene, Hayley Cooper, Liana Merrill, Jennifer Parker, Lydia O’Connor, Owen James
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2014-15 Office Staff

The Office of Community Service is open 8:30-4:30, Monday thru Friday, in Batten 25.

Director...Diane Hotaling
Office/Program Manager...Gwendolynn Malone
Cooking for Kids...Denisha Howard
Neighborhood Tutoring...Angela Toliver
Marlins Read... Fatima Davis, Toni Aris-Howell, Taylor Diggs, Heather Edwards
Global Marlins...Tanasia Hazelton
Future Marlins...Kiera Bell
Marlins Count...Ashley West
Environmental Awareness...Taylor Boyd

2014-15 Student Outreach Coordinators (SOC)
Animals and the Environment...Isaiah Beasley
Health and the Elderly...Brooke Totzeck
Hunger and Homelessness...Jerlise Coles
Youth...Lauren Amos

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Bianca Nonnenmacher
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Learn more about our student-led, on-campus winter emergency shelter at: www.vwc.edu/shelter.