

## **Church Profile**

### **Williamsport United Methodist Church**

**Williamsport, MD**

County: Washington      District: Cumberland-Hagerstown

Parsonage: No      Housing Allowance \$22,477      Salary \$60,942

Number of worship services: 1

Average Worship Attendance in person: 80-90      on-line: 20

Number of appointed clergy: 1      Number of additional paid staff: 5

### **What are the characteristics of the church and community?**

Williamsport is a community that has intentionally worked to revitalize their downtown and enhance local businesses with notable success. It has a small-town feel, but its proximity to routes 81 and 70 has resulted in some growth and there is easy access to amenities in the area. There are tremendous opportunities for community connection with youth, seniors and others.

The church reflects the composition of the town: a wide range of ages, longtime and newer residents, and people from many types of backgrounds. The congregation is actively engaged in many “outward facing” ministries that impact area residents and keep the church connected to schools, civic groups, and local leaders. They are committed to connecting with people, whether they meet on Sunday morning or during one of their frequent “prayer walks” around town. They have a strong music ministry that incorporates a variety of elements into their blended worship service. There is a strong group of laity who are ready to partner with their pastor to engage the mission and vision of the church as they continue to grow.

### **What is the vision for the next 3-5 years?**

*Continued strength and growth in community ministry and outreach.* At present, the church is engaged in feeding unhoused persons and others in the community, providing clothing for those in need, food for school children, and other “as needed” programs. The church hosts numerous community organizations and is intentional about connecting with the elementary school, local businesses, and others.

*Growing ministry with the new families and young people.* They are blessed to have a growing number of families in worship and wish to nurture continued growth.

*Vibrant worship that connects faith to daily life and discipleship.* They want all who encounter WUMC to sense the presence of the Holy Spirit, in worship and in their lives during the rest of the week.

### **What are the expectations of the pastor?**

- A commitment to teaching & discipleship through Bible study, service, and spiritual disciplines.
- A readiness to collaborate with laity in an evolving and flexible ministry environment.
- A willingness to actively support and encourage young people’s ministry.
- A dedication to preaching and leading worship in a variety of worship styles.
- An enthusiasm for community ministry and the role of community pastor.