



# Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



"Mothering God,

You gave me birth in the bright morning  
of this world. Creator, source of every  
breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ,

You took my form, offering me your  
food of light, grain of life, and grape of  
love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in  
arms of patience hold me close, so that  
in faith | root and grow until | flower,  
until | know."

Jean Janzen, inspired by Julian of Norwich

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*Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2024*

*Mother's Day*

*8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services*

PRELUDE

*Rêverie*  
(Louis Vierne)

INTROIT

*Praise to the Lord for God Is Good*  
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,

**water poured over and immersing us,**

water that flows freely for all who will receive it,

**water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,**

water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,

**water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.**

Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence

**to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us,  
and the Creator who is making all things new. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*O Church of God, United*

UMH 547 (red book)

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,**

**reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice,  
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church  
which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Winter Jade Caramadre

(11:00)

Born February 15, 2018

Daughter of Michael Caramadre & Constance Richley

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Winter and this family with a community of love  
and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

SUNG RESPONSE

*God Claims You*  
(sing "Winter" for child's name)

TFWS 2249 (black book)

MOMENT OF TEACHING

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 a.m.,  
Grades K-5 are invited to encounter God in story, arts, and song in the Children's Worship Room.  
Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19 (111 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*The Fairest of Ten Thousand*  
(arr. David Rasbach)

Sanctuary Choir

MESSAGE

*Walking in the Way*

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

\*HYMN

*A Grandmother, Lois*

**A grandmother, Lois, had faith in you, Lord,  
then Eunice, her daughter, believed in your Word.  
Then her son, named Timothy, grew up to be  
a young man who cherished the faith he'd received.**

**While some with great drama discover your truth,  
for many, we learned it as children and youth.  
We learned it from grandparents, parents and more —  
from mentors and teachers who trusted you, Lord.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, when we've broken this chain  
of long generations who teach of your reign;  
Forgive our assuming that children and youth  
should be left alone to discover your truth.**

**May each generation share these things anew:  
the gift of salvation that we have in you,  
your call to seek justice and care for the poor.  
May we teach our children the things that endure.**

**We thank you, Christ Jesus, for nurturing ones  
who pass on the faith to these daughters and sons —  
so youth see your church as a place they belong,  
and find here a faith that is loving and strong.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

OFFERTORY

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*  
(Hans Friedrich Micheelsen)

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN

*In Unity We Lift Our Song*

TFWS 2221 (black book)

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Bind Us Together*  
(Bob Gillman)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

*Festive Finale*  
(Walker Baylor)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God in honor of  
our mothers and mothers everywhere by Arthur and Mary Kefalas.

*At the conclusion of our services, those wishing to hear the Postlude in its entirety are invited to remain  
seated. Please take the opportunity to meet your neighbors.*

**\*congregation invited to stand**

# THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

## *Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church*

If an event or ministry below captures your interest, we would love to know about it. Please call us at 757 229-1771.

### **Welcoming Neighbors – Nurturing Faith – Transforming Our World**

#### **A Special Welcome to Our Guests**

To those visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you worship with us. Please stop by the Hospitality Table in the Connection Corner area after the service, so a team member can provide you with a welcome gift. Come back to be with us again!

#### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
**Aldersgate Fellowship:** Wesley Hall, **Bishop McKendree:** Rm. 102, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, **Searchers:** Rm. 303, **Walking the Footsteps:** Rm. 160, **Perspectives:** Rm. 171, **Young Adults:** 12:30 Den.

Starting **today**, join the **Perspectives** to consider some common phrases that may have a kernel of truth but are really clichés that are often more harmful than good. They'll be using Adam Hamilton's book, *Half Truths: Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. Perspectives Class is designed to meet the needs of working-age adults with or without family responsibilities, but it is open to all.

Starting May 19, join the **Searchers** for a new study *Vanishing Grace: Whatever Happened to the Good News*. In a time of division and discord, Christians have come to be seen not as bearers of good news and love but of judgement and intolerance. How did we get here? And what can we do about it? Join the Searchers Sunday School for Philip Yancey's study, *Vanishing Grace*, as they explore how we can respond with both grace and truth. Questions relating to Sunday School Classes? Contact Deacon Troy [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss](http://www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss)



#### **Youth Opportunities**

*ReNew Youth* meets Sundays 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.  
**Youth will not meet this week so students can celebrate Mother's Day with their families.**

#### **Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club**

The Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club will meet on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing, "Finding Jesus at the Border," by Julia Lambert Fogg, and **we hope to have Dr. Fogg join us to provide interesting insights about her book.** Immigration is a "hot-button" topic in our country with everyone having their own distinctive views on the subject. But, as Christians, how are we expected to respond? Join our book group for a time of honest discussion as we seek to discern and ask, "What if we really did find Jesus at the border? What would he say and do about our immigration issues?" For the Zoom link, contact Cindy Banek, [banek1@cox.net](mailto:banek1@cox.net).

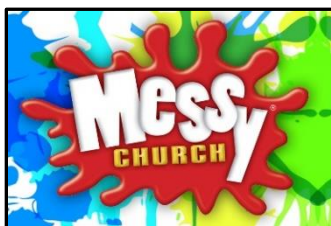
## United Women in Faith Circle Meetings

*Friendship Circle* will meet May 14, 10:00 a.m. in Room 174. Connie Bland will speak on the history of UWF.

*Sisters in Grace* will meet May 14, 1:00 p.m. in Room 303. Susan Miller will share about her involvement with Colonial CASA.

*Carol Scott Circle* will meet May 14, 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room. Ginger Palmore, guest speaker.

*Sisters in Mission* will meet May 14, 6:30 p.m. in Room 309. Pastor Dave will speak about the covenant relationship between WUMC and Scout Troop 103.



Join us for **Messy Church** May 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome for a time of play, worship celebration, and dinner fellowship. We hope to see you there!

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!  
We want to hear from you!**

We'd love to hear what you are wanting and needing in terms of ministry for men at WUMC. Please fill out our Men's Ministry Survey. Questions? contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Visit [tinyurl.com/wumc-men-survey](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-men-survey) to complete the survey.



## Pastors' Bible Study - 1 Corinthians: Faithful Living in Divisive Times

*Wednesdays, beginning May 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Rm 103*

*Thursdays, beginning May 9, 10:30-12:00 p.m. via Zoom*

## UMCOR Hygiene Kit Collection

To ensure compliance with strict requirements, we will not be accepting individual items. Instead, we invite you to contribute towards covering the cost of the items for the kits. Each kit amounts to \$16, but any donation, big or small, is valued and deeply appreciated. Your generosity will make an impact and help us continue providing support to those in need. Financial donations should be made out to "WUMC" must be marked "UMCOR Hygiene Kits." Be looking for a day and time to pack the kits.  
~Global Outreach Team

## Dementia Support Group

For caregivers taking care of loved ones with various forms of dementia. Please join us for information and support. Contact Conny Jude [cjude@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cjude@williamsburgumc.org) for more information.

## Music Notes

**Summer Choir** is almost here: June 4-August 27. Rehearsals are 30 minutes prior to the service and will be easy-to-sing anthems, hymns and praise songs. Questions? Contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Worship Arts [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org)

## This Week At WUMC

### Monday, 5/13

5:30 KMO Board Meeting

6:30 Local Outreach Committee

### Tuesday, 5/14

3:30 Dementia Support Group

5:30 Messy Church

### Wednesday, 5/15

3:45 Respite Board Meeting

7:00 Pastors' Bible Study

### Thursday, 5/16

10:30 Pastors' Bible Study ZOOM

6:00 Trustee Committee



## Mindfulness, Meditation & Prayer Workshop

After the 11:00 a.m. worship, join retired psychiatrist Steve Nichols and Pastor Meghan in Rm. 103 for a simple lunch and seminar on prayer, meditation and mindfulness. If you enjoyed the Good Friday worship of quiet and silence, you will appreciate this workshop. Many of us are longing for stillness and peace. Let's explore ways to experience God's still, small voice together.

## Save the Date

*Apex UMC Youth Choir and Handbells*

*Sunday, May 26 -*

*lead in WUMC worship*



### Today's Worship Leaders

**Worship Leaders:** Meghan Roth Clayton, Dave Rochford, Troy Sims

**Director of Worship Arts:** Lou-Anne Smith

**Associate Director of Worship Arts:** Anthony Williams

**Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Acolyte 8:15:** Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Ella Bullock

**Readers 8:15:** Terri Morgan **11:00:** Gerald Bullock

**Greeters 8:15:** Fran Hermance, Barbara Neary **11:00:** Suzanna Chapman, Will Moore

**Ushers 8:15:** Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason **11:00:** Grace Bradley, Jen Bradley, Jim Bradley, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour, Rick Viancour

**Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, Lily Alexander, Josh Clayton

**Nursery Care Team:** Marcella LeGrand, Alexa Mikeska and Aubrey Olsen

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The Deadline for *This Also Is Our Worship*: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. Please submit to Nancy Reynolds.

May 5 Worship Attendance.....	433
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	205
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	144
Online.....	84





## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, *Finance Manager* (x 355)

Nethea Calloway, *Full Charge Bookkeeper* (x 351)

Josh Clayton, *Digital Media Specialist* (x 256)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Pastor of Congregational Care* (x 261)

Zach Griggs, *Family Ministries Coordinator* (x 251)

Cornelia Jude, *Director Respite Care* (x354)

Thomas Marshall, *Organist* (757 713-0584)

Laura Pittman, *Director Kid's Morning Out* (x208)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Dave Rochford, *Lead Pastor* (x 260)

Michelle Roy, *Dir. of Congregation & Community Engagement* (x 250)

Troy Sims, *Minister of Discipleship* (x 258)

Lou-Anne Smith, *Director of Worship Arts* (x 107)

Greg Whiteside, *Business Manager* (x 355)

Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Worship Arts, Dir. Early Childhood Music* (x 108)

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## **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF WUMC?**

Speak with any of our Pastors, Revs. Meghan Roth Clayton, Dave Rochford or Troy Sims, after the service or call 757 229-1771. They will be delighted to get to know you.

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**Live streaming of worship...** will be available each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services>, and the recorded service will be available at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/sunday-worship> by mid-afternoon Sunday. Upon entering the Sanctuary, understand that we are posting images to our media platforms. If you are uncomfortable with this, please let the ushers know you need to sit in an area away from camera angles. We are happy to accommodate!

**Assisted Listening devices...** are available from the ushers. Those with a “**t-coil**” switch in their hearing aids can simply activate the switch. Please advise an usher if you have this need.

**Need a Quiet Place During Worship?** The Den, located behind the Sanctuary, is open as a quiet place during Worship. It's equipped to watch worship livestream, has a partitioned feeding area and a diaper changing station for parents and caregivers.

**Nursery Care** is available for Pre-K and younger in Room 207. Our trained and background-checked care providers are ready to welcome your little ones during Worship and Sunday School.

## **CLASSES, GROUPS, AND BIBLE STUDY...**

Please see the church website at [www.williamsburgumc.org](http://www.williamsburgumc.org) for a variety of choices. These are conducted both in person and by Zoom. We are always eager to welcome guests and new friends.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church held every second Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 p.m. This is an all-age worship experience that includes crafts, games, Celebration Time and dinner. Questions? Contact Zach Griggs

## **FAMILY MINISTRIES**

We are committed to walking alongside families of all kinds on the lifelong journey of faith. Children are invited to grow in relationship with God and each other through Messy Church, Children's Worship, and fun fellowship events. Youth meet weekly on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. to have fun, engage current events theologically, respond creatively to scripture, and imagine how God is calling them to mission. Resources are available for parents and caregivers, and Zach would love to talk with you anytime about the joys and challenges of family life. Contact Zach at [zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org) to learn more. Interested in Youth Choir? Contact Anthony Williams [awilliams@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:awilliams@williamsburgumc.org)

## **PRAYER**

Contact the church office to speak to a pastor or submit a prayer request via the church website. Prayer concerns will be added to the prayer chain if desired or shared with the pastors and our intercessory prayer group. Prayer cards are located at Connection Corner and in the Narthex.

## **SUPPORT AND CARE**

We are a Stephen Ministry Church and provide trained, strictly-confidential lay pastoral care for our congregation and community. Contact one of the Pastors for information on how you be connected to one of our Stephen Ministers 757 229-1771.