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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



*"Paul before King Agrippa," William Linton
English Woodcut, 1833*

*Almost thou persuadest me
to be a Christian.*

Acts 26:28b

Wesleyan Heritage Sunday - May 26, 2024

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

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* (8:15)
(Lani Smith)

Toccata (11:00)
(Michael Helman) Celebration Ringers

INTROIT *A Jubilant Song* (11:00)
(Mary Lynn Lightfoot) Apex UMC Youth Choir,
Canticles of Praise

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ephesians 2

God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ,
out of great love, while we were still in our sins!

It is by Grace that you have been saved, through faith; this is not your own doing.

**It is the gift of God,
not the result of our own works, so that no one may boast.**

We are what he has made us,

**created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand
to be our way of life.**

*HYMN *O Spirit of the Living God* UMH 539 (red book)
(verses 1-3)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord Jesus Christ, today we give thanks for your Church across time,
and for this church, for all that it has been in our lives.

For the joy of singing hymns to your glory, for our fellowship with you and with one another,
**for the teaching of the Scriptures and the preaching of the Word,
we give you thanks.**

For all faithful believers who have gone before us,

and for those who have embodied for us the faith, we give you thanks.

Lord, in seasons of trial and whelming need, you raised up servants like
John and Charles Wesley, and your Holy Spirit enabled them to light a spark
that became an inextinguishable blaze across continents.

Empower all whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires.

Renew and enliven us by your Holy Spirit,

so that scriptural holiness may again move throughout the land,

and that now will be the season

when your will is done altogether in our world, as it is in heaven. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Michael & Lindsay Grose; Grace & Jacob (11:00)

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries
of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service,
and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

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

Acts 26:22-29 (147 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Arise, My Soul, Arise

(8:15)

(Dan Forrest)

Women's Trio, violin

Come By Here

(11:00)

(Kyle Pederson)

Apex UMC Youth Choir

MESSAGE

Almost and Altogether: a sermon in the spirit of John Wesley

Dave Rochford

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Cantilene

(8:15)

(David Lasky)

You Raise Me Up

(11:00)

(Joel Rainey)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(verses 1-3)

UMH 57 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Bonse Aba
(Andrew Fischer)

(11:00)
Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
(Donald Corbett)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
to honor the memory of Ronald C. Keith by Bill & Cheryl Baumgartner.

This morning, we welcome the Celebration Ringers, Youth Choir and Jubilate Ringers from Apex United Methodist Church, Apex, NC directed by Todd Arant, and supported by their chaperones.
Welcome to Williamsburg UMC!

*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***

Giving

Your giving supports over 90 summer ministries and missions and is only a click away! We now offer convenient online and text giving, so you can give anytime, anywhere – even on the road! Make a one-time contribution or set up **recurring gifts – a great option for those of us traveling during the summer months**. Whether you're donating from the pew or on your way to the beach, your support sustains vibrant ministries that reach those in need in our community and around the world!



For **text giving**, simply send a text message to 757-992-9868 with the amount you would like to contribute (for example, 35). To **give online** scan our QR Code or visit www.tinyurl.com/WUMCGiveNow. Or give by dropping your offering in the plate or stopping by the church office.

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!

Celebrating Our Methodist Heritage: Walking Tours and a Potluck!

Walking Tour: Today, following a Potluck Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Founder of the Methodist movement John Wesley will preach at each of our morning services. Following his inspiring message, join us for a special potluck lunch at 12:15 p.m., and then we will go and burn those calories with a reprise of our Williamsburg Methodist history walking tour. Come join us as we mark the prominent place of our town in the story of our Church, Commonwealth and nation.

Your Giving in Action

With so many ministries at our church, including our Kids Morning Out preschool, Early Childhood Music School, Respite Care for adults with memory loss, and Youth, children's and adult discipleship, your gifts certainly extend compassion and transform lives within our church family. Your generosity also reaches far beyond our church walls. Through partnerships with 34 Local Mission partners and 23 Global Mission partners you help provide shelter for the homeless, nourishment for the hungry, clothing for the needy, care for the sick, refuge for the displaced - and so much more.

Together with others at WUMC, you are making a meaningful impact, transforming lives and communities through acts of love and compassion. As we gratefully celebrate rising numbers of worshippers among us this year (we're seeing a 10.7% weekly attendance increase!), we thank you for your contributions, no matter the size, as they play an essential role in nurturing our spiritual home and extending our reach into the world.

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. Questions relating to Sunday School Classes? Contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org or visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss

General Conference Follow-Up Conversation

Bring your own lunch and join us at Noon, May 29, in Fellowship Hall for a discussion with Warren Harper (lead lay delegate to the General Conference from Virginia) and Bishop Pete Weaver (who has presided over previous General Conferences) to reflect on outcomes from the recent General Conference and what it might mean for the future. Questions about this event, contact Pastor Dave Rochford drochford@williamsburgumc.org. Let us know you're planning to attend at tinyurl.com/qc-followup

United Women in Faith Candle-Burning Ceremony 2024

Bring your chair/chairs and join the UWF for an outdoor Candle Burning Ceremony Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m. on the church front lawn as we remember and honor loved ones. For each \$.60 donated, the candle will burn 1 second. Donations may be made in honor or memory of friends and family and will support UWF worldwide missions. If you'd like to display a picture of those being honored or remembered, or have questions, contact Sylvia Allgood 757 229-8282. Forms with instructions are available at the Church Office.

Youth Opportunities

Join us today, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., for *ReNew* Youth fellowship. Lunch provided. We hope to see you there!



Mindfulness, Meditation & Prayer Workshop



After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on June 2, 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. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mindfulnessworkshopwumc>

Music Notes

Summer Choir starts NEXT SUNDAY, June 2. Join us in the Choir Room (Rm 114) 30 minutes before worship. There are no robes to wear, and you'll be equipped with hymnals and music to use. You don't have to let Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music and Worship Arts, know you are coming but informing her will help best prepare for your participation. Summer Choir dates are June 2 through August 25. For more information email Lou-Anne at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Mary Liz Sadler 757 229-8063 and Betsy Ziskind 757 291-3635 are the May coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

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

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

Thursdays, 10:30-12:00 p.m. via Zoom

Gratitude Walking Group

Join us at **4:00 p.m.** each Wednesday at the back parking lot entrance of WUMC for delightful strolls down Duke of Gloucester Street in Colonial Williamsburg. We'll kick off our walks with brief moments of gratitude and enjoy being in each other's company!



ATTENTION ALL MEN - We want to hear from you!

We'd love to hear your dreams and visions for our ministry for men at WUMC. Please consider filling out our Men's Ministry Survey. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Visit tinyurl.com/wumc-men-survey to complete the survey.

This Week At WUMC

Monday, 5/27

Memorial Day

Tuesday, 5/28

7:00 Church Council

Wednesday, 5/29

7:00 Pastors' Bible Study

Thursday, 5/30

10:30 Pastors' Bible Study ZOOM

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 for more information.

United Women in Faith Circle Meetings for June

Heritage Circle will meet June 4, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 303.

Ruth Simpson Circle will meet June 5, 10:00 a.m. in Room 174.

Sisters in Mission will meet June 10, 6:30 p.m. in Room 309.

Friendship Circle will meet June 11, 10:00 a.m. in Room 174.

Carol Scott Circle will meet June 11 for lunch at Tuscany Restaurant.

Sisters in Grace will meet June 11, 1:00 p.m. in Room 309.

What is God's Dream? A Messy Church Summer Camp!



July 7-9, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We are excited to launch something new this Summer: a three-night Messy Church Camp to explore God's dream for the world from Micah 6:8.

This new discipleship is a ministry to our community, and we need YOU to help be a part of this work! Please share your contact information and select the ministry area where you would prefer to serve below. Zach Griggs, Family Ministry Coordinator, will be in touch with you about training and planning needs soon! Visit the link below or scan the QR code to sign up to serve <https://tinyurl.com/Messy-Summer>

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leaders: Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Associate Director of Worship Arts: Anthony Williams

Guest Director: Todd Arant & Apex United Methodist Church Choir

Organist: Tom Marshall

Acolyte 11:00: J.D. Tressler

Greeters 8:15: Judi French, Jeanne Niebel **11:00:** Ray Adams, Linda Page

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason **11:00:** Grace Bradley, Jen Bradley, Jim Bradley, Val Dobson, Van Dobson, Bonnie Knizatko

Sound and Livestream: Anthony Williams, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

Nursery Care Team: Marcella LeGrand, Aubrey Olsen

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

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