



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



*"Jesus Teaching the Multitudes," Félix Henri Philippoteaux
Woodcut from a French Bible, 1868*

**the Kingdom of Heaven
is like the greatest of all shrubs**

Mark 4:30-32

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, June 16, 2024

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services - Father's Day

PRELUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing
(arr. Mitchell Eithun)

Koinonia Ringers

*HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519 (red book)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 55

People of God, as the heavens are above the earth,
so are God's ways higher than our ways, God's thoughts higher than our thoughts.

**As the rain and the snow fall from the heavens
and do not return to it without watering the earth, making it bud
and flourish, so does the earth yield seed for the sower
and bread for the hungry.**

So too does the Word that comes from God go forth,
it will not return empty, but accomplish what God most desires:

achieving its purpose for this very day!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

adapted from Moira Laidlaw

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those who sowed seeds of faith
in our lives. Above all, we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift
of the Holy Spirit, so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.

**We confess the times when we fail to involve ourselves in planting
any seeds of faith in the lives of others, when our personal agendas
become more important than your mission, when we have denied others
the opportunity to glimpse your Kingdom through our lack of interest
or involvement, and when our lives become so entangled with the values
of the world that we forget what you have said, and done, and promised.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you,
our lives becomes parched and unfruitful, and our faith, stunted and dry.

**Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you
at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and,
growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy,
your love, your undying life. Amen.**

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.

READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 4:1-2a, 10-11, 30-34 (38 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah* Summer Choir
(Jean Anne Shafferman)

MESSAGE *Those with Nowhere Else to Shelter* Dave Rochford

*HYMN *Seek Ye First* UMH 405 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895 (red book)

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL AND BLESSING

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Koinonia Ringers
(arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN *To What Can Compare the Kingdom of God Be Compared* Tune UMH 98 (red book)

**To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
and there, where predictable plantings should be,
there grows up a wild bush—as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds...signs of birth...faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
just like that new life springing forth from the ground.**

**A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
a poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
a church reaches out to the youth in the town,
a man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds...signs of birth...faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
when even a few faithful lives change the rest.**

**While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
a boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds...signs of birth...faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
may we seek your kingdom in all that we do.**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Peace of God Go with You
(Hal H. Hopson)

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
(Adolphus Hailstork)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Glenn Feagin by Barbara Feagin, Laurie and Kevin.

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***

Powering Up New Ministries, Powering Down Our Building

Starting June 17, electrical power will be shut off in the original section of the church to replace the panels installed in 1963. This upgrade made possible by our Legacy Campaign giving, is expected to be completed by June 29, barring any unforeseen issues.

During this time, there will be no air conditioning or lights in the education wing, including the Sanctuary, Wesley Hall, and Respite Care. Events and activities in these spaces are being reassigned to rooms in our newer building, which will continue to have power.

Your WUMC Trustees understand that this necessary upgrade will be disruptive to church ministries, but it is a temporary inconvenience for what we hope will be a long-term improvement. We thank everyone for your patience and understanding.

Beginning June 16, please observe a posted schedule in front of Connection Corner with assigned rooms during the upgrade, June 17 – June 28.

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!

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:** On Summer Break, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, **Searchers:** Rm. 303, **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Rm. 160, **Perspectives:** On Summer Break, Questions relating to Sunday School Classes? Contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org or visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss

Pick-up Orchestra...

...starts June 17 at 5:15 p.m. in the Atrium for 7th grade through adult. Bring your instrument! Contact Lou-Anne Smith at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org for further info.

A Service of Hope & Healing

A quiet, contemplative service intended to bring peace and comfort for those enduring loss or other challenges will be held June 26, 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium. This service will be a space to seek God's light and love, encouragement in community, and healing of our hearts.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Karen Red 757 532-6893 and Mary Ann Durboraw 757 871-1455 are the June coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Summer Book Study

Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00 noon, meeting Bi-Weekly starting June 25 OR

Sundays, 2:30-4:00 p.m., meeting Weekly starting June 30

Join Deacon Troy Sims and fellow disciples in this study using Brian McLaren's book, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*. This book claims that – notwithstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance – Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. For millions, the journey has already begun. For more info or to register, visit tinyurl.com/wumc-2024-summer-book. Questions? tsims@williamsburgumc.org

What is God's Dream?

A Messy Church Summer Camp! July 7-9, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Registration is open! 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! Together we will learn how to do justice, love kindness, and walk with God.

Each night will begin with a light dinner before groups rotate through stories, crafts, music, missions, and more.

Friends, neighbors, and family are invited to join us. Can't make it for each night? Just sign up for the nights your children are available!

This Week At WUMC

Monday, 6/17

4:30 Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, 6/18

2:00 SPPRC

5:30 Worship Committee

7:00 Finance Committee

Wednesday, 6/19

3:45 Respite Board

4:00 Gratitude Walking Group

7:00 Pastors' Bible Study

Thursday, 6/20

10:30 Pastors' Bible Study ZOOM

3:00 Stewardship Committee

6:00 Trustee Committee

Children who have completed 3yr Pre-K through completed 5th grade may participate alone. Younger children are invited to participate with an accompanying adult.

Scan the code to register your children today!

Want to offer your gifts and service? Visit the link <https://tinyurl.com/Messy-Summer> to sign up to serve.

A Fond Farewell

In July, Rev. Max Blalock will conclude his appointed ministry at the Wesley Foundation of the College of William & Mary. Max's ministry has blessed so many and we will miss his passion, wisdom and thunderous laughter!

Today's Worship

Worship Leaders: Dave Rochford, Max Blalock, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith **Organist:** Tom Marshall

Acolyte 11:00: JD Tressler **Readers 8:15:** Rita Welty **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskey

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Dianne Colestock, Donna Potts

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Dan Squier, Cindy Garman-Squier, Brent Whitaker

11:00: Marijane Harper, James Jones, Joann Lawson, George Sallwasser, Susan Sallwasser, Buz Wilson **Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, Josh Clayton

Nursery Care Team: Marcella LeGrand, Aubrey Olsen

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OUR CHURCH STAFF

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757 229-1771

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

June 9 Worship Attendance.....	482
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	206
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	139
Online.....	59
Messy Church.....	78

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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 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 to learn more. Interested in Youth Choir? Contact Anthony Williams 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.