



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



"Open Wide Your Hearts"

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, June 23, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Harpichord Suite in G Major
(G.F. Handel)

INTROIT

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
(Jacques Berthier)

Summer Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

by Claudia Brogan, edited

Help us open our hearts wide, Loving God.

As we open our hearts, we move beyond our areas of comfort and ease.

Help us open our minds wide, Loving God.

**As we open our minds,
we yearn for more light for the matters we don't understand.**

Help us open our doors wide, Loving God.

**As we open our doors,
we learn the value of welcome: welcome received, welcome offered.**

There is a wideness in God's mercy.

Yes, there is a wideness in God's mercy.

*HYMN

Forever
(Chris Tomlin)

Praise Band

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess that we have not always lived as reconciled people,
set free and united in Christ:

**O God, our reconciler, we come before you as a people who have sought
the wisdom of the world.**

We find ourselves an anxious people, isolated from one another and from you.

**Forgive us when our choices tear at the fabric of our lives and the lives
of others; forgive us when we only want to connect with those like us.**

We have sought to make ourselves great by pointing out the differences
and failures of others.

**Forgive us for not seeing differences as gifts;
forgive us for failing to see our own failures.**

Help us, O God, to weave our lives together with you and each other. Amen.

PARDON

Even now, God is giving us the gift of salvation.

God is at work in the world; God is at work in us.

It is not only we who hope,

as God also hopes in us. Thanks be to God.

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

2 Corinthians 5:16-18; 6:1-13 (181 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love
(adapted by Hal Hopson)

Summer Choir

MESSAGE

No Restriction

Troy Sims

*HYMN

Living for Jesus
(verses 1,3-4)

TFWS 2149 (black book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

OFFERTORY

O How I Love Jesus
(arr. Brian Childers)

Bell Duet, Barbara Stahl, piano

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings
(verses 1-4)

UMH 383 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

Gigue (from "Suite in G Major")
(G.F. Handel)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in loving remembrance of Lester W. Higbee, Jr. on our wedding day, June 24, 1967 by Dorothy J. Higbee.

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!

Powering Up New Ministries, Powering Down Our Building

Today we worship in our recently renovated Fellowship Hall! As you will have noticed, electrical power has been 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 ongoing.

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 have been reassigned to rooms in our newer building. Sunday School classes, please check for classroom locations below.

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

Please continue to observe a posted schedule in front of Connection Corner with assigned rooms during the upgrade.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Aldersgate Fellowship: Fellowship Hall, **Bishop McKendree:** On Summer Break, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, **Searchers:** Fellowship Hall, **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 williamsburgumc.org/classes-groups

Beginning Sunday, July 14, during the Sunday School hour, join the Marvin Willard Sunday School Class in Rm. 174 for **Embracing Interfaith Cooperation**, a video-based study featuring author and civic leader, Eboo Patel. Together over 5 weeks you'll explore what it means to be "literate" about other faiths, how interfaith cooperation "works," and the skills needed for interfaith cooperation. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

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

Pick-up Orchestra...

...continues 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.

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

Tuesday, 6/25

7:00 Church Council

Wednesday, 6/26

4:00 Gratitude Walking Group

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.

July Book Club

The Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club will meet on Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are reading "The Four Winds," by Kristin Hannah. This book is an absolute page-turner, and you will not be able to set it down until you are finished! The story is set in the Dust Bowl of north Texas during the 1930's and follows the life of a woman and her extended family as they try to live through the horrors of endless drought, the Depression, and unsuccessful migration to California. Anyone is invited to join us for discussion! Contact Cindy Banek, banek1@cox.net for the Zoom link.

Tables Of Listening: Informed And Thoughtful Conversations

Wednesdays at Noon, July 10, 17 - Bring your own lunch!

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., July 24 - Bring your own supper!

The General Conference of the UMC has come and gone, but we want to continue our "Tables of Listening" conversation, which we began in the weeks prior to that international gathering. So, join us for one or all of these sessions, as we eat and converse with our WUMC family about what's next. To guide our discussion, we'll use the WUMC Uniting Vision (found on the church website at williamsburgumc.org/welcome/our-values-beliefs/ if you would like to see it in advance!). Please let us know if you are coming by filling out the form here: tinyurl.com/listen-summer-2024.

Today's Worship

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Harpichord: Tom Marshall

Acolytes 8:15: Taylor Anne Mason **11:00:** Ella Bullock

Readers 8:15: Taylor Anne Mason **11:00:** Gerald Bullock

Greeters 8:15: Dan Squier, Cynthia Garman-Squier, Steve Tingen

11:00: Fred Rowell, Sally Rowell

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, Lily Alexander, 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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| June 16 Worship Attendance..... | 389 |
| In Person 11:00 a.m..... | 180 |
| In Person 8:15 a.m..... | 143 |
| Online..... | 66 |



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)

Rick Viancour, *Facilities 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 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.