



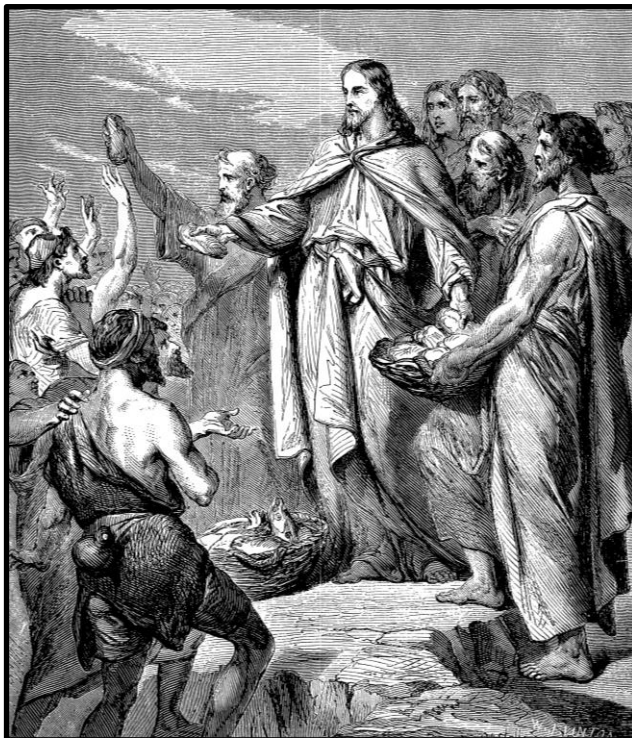
Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors –
Nurturing Faith –
Transforming Our World

*for their hunger you gave them bread
from heaven*



*The Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, William Linton
Woodcut engraving from an English Bible, 1861*

*and for their thirst you brought water
for them out of the rock*

Nehemiah 9:15a

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

PRELUDE

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

(J. Bert Carlson)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105

O give praise to the Lord, proclaim God's name;
make known among the nations what the Lord has done.

Sing to God, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Our God spread out a cloud as a covering and provided a fire to give light at night.

They asked, and he brought them quail;

and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, whose generosity to us knows neither measure nor end,
we confess that all too often we have kept
our own hearts, hands and minds firmly closed.

Forgive us for those times when our own wishes and desires

have filled our hearts to the exclusion of all else,

and made us blind to the needs and well-being of others.

Forgive us for those moments when the fear of sharing what we have
led somehow to our own impoverishment,
and kept us silent and still when those around us were in need.

Give us confidence that you will hear us, as we pray to You...

[a time of silent prayer]

Rescue us, Lord, from the occasions when the crises around us leave us feeling fettered
and powerless, when we might otherwise be about building your Kingdom on earth.

Help us to transcend our self-centeredness, fear and doubt,

to live as those who know the hope that is rooted in your generous nature,

and to take our seat at the Table of forgiveness, offered in Jesus Christ.

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.

ANTHEM

What Feast of Love

Summer Choir

(English Melody)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:24-35 (98 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

One Loaf to Give

Dave Rochford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Elevation
(Louis Vierne)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Beth Quick

To the tune of *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*
Come, O thankful people, come! At this table, you are home.

God has called us to this place, full of glory, full of grace.

God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own table, come!

At Christ's table, we are home.

Lift your hearts up to the Lord.

Yes, we lift our hearts to God.

Give to God your thanks always.

**Praise to you, Ancient of Days! All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield; Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

God of Plenty, all we see is your generosity. You asked only for our hearts,
but we chose a life apart. You we chose to disobey, from your garden, turned away.

But you loved us, even so, and you longed to make us whole.

So you came to dwell with us, healing, preaching, showing love, teaching us a different way,
walking with us day by day. Gathering your people in, freed from sorrow, freed from sin.

Called by Christ back to your side, in your presence to abide.

On the night Christ was betrayed, freely for us, life he gave, body offered in the bread,
cup of blessing for us shed. Jesus said, "Remember me! By this gift you are set free!"

We remember, thanks we give, as Christ's Body now we live.

Pour your Holy Spirit now on your servants gathered round. Bless for us the living cup,
Bread of Heaven, lifted up. Make them Body, blood of Christ, symbol of his gift of life.

For your world, God make us be hands of Christ for all to see.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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!

Servant Leaders Needed for Sunday Night Service

As we hope you will have heard, our church is preparing to launch a new weekly worship experience, designed specifically to connect us with those who are not present in our “friendly Traditional” services on Sunday morning. Beginning September 8, our Sunday night service will take place at 4:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, highlighted by a potluck supper and lively conversation around tables.

If this undertaking succeeds, it will do so only because we all see it as a keenly needed part of our mission to make disciples in our greater Williamsburg community! We are seeking Servant Leaders in a variety of capacities. (As new participants arrive and become involved, we will deliberately engage them in these leadership roles - so your commitment will likely be one of a few months, and not necessarily each Sunday.)

Today following morning service, please look for a sign-up table if you might be willing to be **a kitchen helper, a table discussion-host, a children’s worship leader, a singer/musician, or an audio-visual tech.** Thank you for considering how you might be part of supporting this new ministry with those not yet known to us and join us in praying for those whom we will come to know as friends.

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. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

Coming Up Soon

Find support, fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief. Using Dr. Alan Wolfelt’s book, *Understanding Your Grief* and the accompanying journal, Rev. David Hindman and Stephen Ministry Leader Nancy Rivero will guide you through a 6-week series, Sundays August 11 through September 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will not meet Labor Day weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton at mclayton@williamsburgumc.org Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/Wumcgriefgroup>

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Elaine Howell 703 463-7013 and Nathalie Bacskay 757 604-7279 are the August coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.



Youth Retreat with Hope in the Mountains

Students who have completed 6th-12th grades are invited to a weekend retreat in Williamsburg Friday, August 9 – Sunday, August 11. This is a joint retreat between WUMC and Hope in the Mountains designed to grow relationships between our Youth as they encounter students from different locations, backgrounds, experiences, and dreams. Together, we will have fun around Hampton Roads as we visit Busch Gardens, Jamestown Settlement, Ft. Monroe Beach, and more. We will encounter God in worship and devotion together, play games, share meals, and spend the weekend in set apart time to grow friendship and faith. Scan the QR code to register today! Questions? Contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

Disciples Needed to Chaperone Youth Retreat

On August 9-11, WUMC will be hosting 8 Youth from West Virginia along with Youth from WUMC. And we need *your* help to chaperone and grow in relationship with Youth from here and West Virginia! Slots are limited. *All chaperones will need to undergo a background check.* Questions? Contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org or Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org Sign up now at: tinyurl.com/2024-hitm-help.

Back-to-School Supply Drive

For many years our church has provided school supplies for children living in the Highland Park neighborhood. To simplify the process, we're providing an opportunity to purchase backpacks and supplies for specific children.

For High School Students: Use the Signup Genius link from the Messenger. Each signup slot will note the child's gender and grade, so supplies appropriate to their age can be purchased. You may purchase a few items or select all items for a particular student. Return purchases to the Collection Closet by August 11.

For Middle School Students: Take a paper apple from the "Apple Tree" in the Welcome area and purchase items listed on the back of the apple. You may partner with a friend or a small group to support a child. Print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. Return purchases to the Collection Closet by August 11. Be sure to include the completed apple in the backpack.

Respite Care Third Annual Garden Party

Get your tickets now for our September 13, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. gourmet luncheon in Fellowship Hall featuring a hot pasta station, crab cakes, and much more. And don't miss out on a chance to win one of the fabulous raffle prizes. Purchase your tickets at <https://www.tinyurl.com/respitewardenparty> or mail in a check and registration form found in the church. All funds raised go directly to supporting Respite Care programming.



Messy Church

Join us for Messy Church August 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome for a time of play, worship celebration, and dinner.

Godly Play - A New Sunday School for Children

We are excited to begin preparing for a new Sunday School opportunity for children this Fall called Godly Play! Godly Play is a child-centered method of spiritual formation through Sacred Story that encourages meaning-making, participation and creative freedom to "play" with the big questions about God and life. We need a group of adult leaders who are willing to share themselves with this ministry. If **YOU** want to learn more about Godly Play, or discern a call to help nurture the spiritual lives of children during the Sunday School hour, you're invited to one of the Immersion Trainings at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays 8/18, 8/25, or 9/1. In each of these identical sessions, we will share a story, wonder together, respond creatively, and talk about what it looks like to get started in this ministry. Parents, stay tuned for more information about when this new ministry will launch this Fall! Visit this link to sign up for an immersion session: <https://tinyurl.com/wumc-gp> Contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

United Women in Faith Circle Meetings for August

Friendship Circle will meet August 13, 10:00 a.m. in Room 174.

Sisters in Grace will meet for lunch at noon, August 13 at Paul's Deli in New Town.

Sisters in Mission will meet August 13, 5:30 p.m. at the home of Betsy Harrison for a salad dinner.

Today's Worship Leaders

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

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

Acolytes 8:15: Nathalie Bacskay **11:00:** JD Tressler

Readers 8:15: Mike Starry **11:00:** Donna Herman

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Connie Magruder **11:00:** Jessie Boudreaux, Lainey Boudreaux

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Ginger Barr, Bo Bohannon, Gwen Hinton, Joy Mair

11:00: Judy Alexander, Nathalie Bacskay, Linda Baker, Susan Jones

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:** Sherry Brubaker, Debbie Bruss, Gene Bruss, Nancy Donnelly, Barbara Monteith, Marty Monteith, Clark Wallace **Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, 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.

July 28 Worship Attendance.....	420
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	233
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	130
Online.....	57

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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.