



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



"David Receives Mephibosheth,"

Illustration from The Morgan Bible, French, c.1244

don't be afraid

for I will surely show you kindness

and you will always eat at my table

2 Samuel 9:7

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, August 11, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

(Robert J. Hughes)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 63, Isaiah 50

O God, you are my God; earnestly do I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away.

**But the Lord comforts his people,
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones!**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So we will bless you as long as we live;
in your name we will lift up our hands.**

My soul will be satisfied as with rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips
when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**for you have been our help, and in the shadow of your wings
we will sing for joy.**

*HYMN

O Worship the King

UMH 73 (red book)

(verses 1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Life-giving God,

we confess that at times we have lived as if we had no inheritance from you.

We have allowed lethargy and selfishness to blind us to new possibilities.

We have traded the joy of a Spirit-breathed community for the boundaries set by fear,
prejudice and suspicion of others.

**We have accommodated ourselves to barren places, and lived
as if we were in hiding from you.**

Forgive us for those seasons when we lose sight of your boundless capacity to love us,
and instead fall into despair and gloom.

**Throw wide the doors of our hearts to new friends and new experiences,
the doors of our church to those we have overlooked and allowed to be
cast aside. Give us confidence that you will hear us, as we pray to you...**

[a time of silent prayer]

God, who is faithful and merciful, today releases you from the burden of your sin
and receives you at the table of forgiving grace, 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 8:13-14, 9:1-11 (282 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Place at the Table
(Lori True)

Summer Choir

MESSAGE

In the Household of the King

Dave Rochford

*HYMN

He Has Made Me Glad

TFWS 2270 (black book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BLESSING/PRESENTATION OF QUILTS

As a gesture of welcoming our WV Mission Partnership guests today, we wrap them in blankets made by our Quilt Ministry. We will pray over these hand-made gifts at 8:15 a.m. and present them at 11:00 a.m.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

OFFERTORY

Together
(Anthony Williams)

Summer Choir;
Barbara Stahl, piano

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Gather Us In
(verses 1-2, 4)

TFWS 2236 (black book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Psalm of Joy
(George Blake)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in honor of our grandson's first birthday by Jimmy and Charlotte McCarter.

****congregation invited to stand***

A Special Welcome

It is our pleasure this weekend to receive special guests from Mission Covenant Partner *Hope in the Mountains* (HitM), as well as Burlington United Methodist Family Services (BUMFS), both based in West Virginia. Youth from BUMFS (as well as their adult chaperones) joined with WUMC Youth for a fun (and well-watered!) retreat focused on building relationships and sharing God's love with each other. We are also honored that two board members from HitM, key to making the connection between BUMFS and WUMC, are also with us: Gary Hartsog and Rev. Chip Bennett, District Superintendent of the Southern District of the West Virginia Conference of the UMC.

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!

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 757-993-9862 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.

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.

Starts Today: *Understanding Your Grief*

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>



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.

United Women in Faith News for August

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.

Attention UWF Reading Program participants! The deadline for submitting your reports is August 31. You can fill out the form at <https://uwfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ReadingProgramReportingForm.pdf> and scan and email it to WilliamsburgUWF@gmail.com or mail it to Donna Potts.

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 can be found at Connection Corner. All funds raised go directly to supporting Respite Care programming.

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 through this ministry. If **YOU** want to learn more about Godly Play and discern if you are feeling called to help nurture the spiritual lives of our children during the Sunday School hour, you're invited to one of the Immersion Sessions at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays 8/18, 8/25, or 9/1, identical sessions we will share a story, wonder together, respond creatively, and talk about what it looks like to start offering your presence 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/wumcgp>
Contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

This Week At WUMC

Monday, 8/12

5:30 KMO Board

6:30 Local Outreach

Tuesday, 8/13

5:30 Messy Church

Wednesday, 8/14

5:30 Welcome & Hospitality

Thursday, 8/15

6:00 Trustees

Dementia Support Group

For caregivers taking care of loved ones with various forms of dementia. Please join us for information and support. For more information contact Conny Jude cjude@williamsburgumc.org

Elevate your Health at WUMC

Join us Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening lightweight training and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.

Music News

Thanks, Summer Choir, for your faithful singing all summer long! As we welcome some of you permanently, we are so excited to have you! If you have been interested in or on the fence about any of our adult music activities, please contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music and Worship Arts at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org. Lou-Anne will be glad to give you an overview of all the opportunities to make music in our church. Coming up in two weeks will be the first rehearsal of the Sanctuary Choir on Thursday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. There are two opportunities to sing on Sunday mornings at either 8:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Occasionally singers are asked to sing for both.

In August and September, the following groups begin rehearsing:

August 22: Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. in Choir Rm 114 (High School, College Students & up)

September 3: Koinonia Bell(e)s 11:45 a.m. in the Bell Rm 112 (7th grade & up)

September 5: Covenant Ringers 5:30 PM in the Bell Room (112) (College Students & up)

September 9: Sanctuary Orchestra 5:15 p.m. in the Atrium (7th grade & up)

Today's Worship

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Acolytes 8:15: Virginia Morgan **11:00:** Shane Johnson

Readers 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Linda Rhodes

Greeters 8:15: Linda Upshaw, Marilyn Riddle **11:00:** Sandra Gillett, Deborah Hewitt

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.

August 4 Worship Attendance.....	390
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	205
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	136
Online.....	49



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)

Ryan LaRock, *Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation* (757) 229-6832

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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.