



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



Give your servant an understanding mind...

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

PRELUDE

O Love, How Deep

INTROIT

What Does the Lord Require of You
(Jim Strathdee)

Summer Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on the writing of St. Isaac the Syrian

Let us be at peace with our own souls.

Then heaven and earth will be at peace with us.

Let us enter eagerly into the treasure house that is within us,

so we will see the things that are of God's kingdom.

The steps to God's kingdom are within our souls,

written by God on our hearts.

*HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

UMH 596 (red book)

COMMUNAL PRAYER

Holy Wisdom, we join together seeking understanding minds and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for all of your very good creation, working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. Amen.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
(arr. Alice Parker)

Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

1 Kings 3:1-14 (305 OT)

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.

MESSAGE

Too Smart for His Own Good

Troy Sims

*HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

TFWS 2004 (black 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	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i> (arr. Fred Bock)	Summer Choir
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 94 (red book)
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN	<i>Go, Make of All Disciples</i> (verses 1-2, 4)	UMH 571 red book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
BENEDICTION	<i>Amen</i> (Henry Morgan)	Summer Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude</i> (Alexandre Boëly)	

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in memory of our Mom, Dad and Brother by the Hardister family.

****congregation invited to stand***

Generous Giving



Your generous giving enables over 90 ministries helping to bring the Kingdom of God to people in the Williamsburg area and around the world. This past Sunday, in worship we heard from District Superintendent Chip Bennett the of the West Virginia Conference of the UMC share with us how we at WUMC are helping those in need in southeastern West Virginia and bringing a word of encouragement and compassion to this area. This is but one of many you are helping in a time of tremendous need.

Whether you are donating from the pew or while on summer vacation, your support sustains this and many other ministries.

For giving by text, simply send a text message to 757-993-9862 with the amount you would like to contribute (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.

During the summer months giving in support of our ministries typically falls off, but this year the decline has been larger than usual. As of the end of July our income/expenses year-to-date are shown below:

\$ 921,771	Income
(\$ 998,807)	Expenses
(\$ 77,036)	Shortfall

Through your generosity we will sustain our efforts to support these many vital ministries. God bless you for your participation through your prayers, your service, your gifts and your witness. By this we helping to do God's work on earth.

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.

Beginning today, the **Marvin Willard** Sunday School will explore four religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism - considering their similarities and differences to Christianity. In examining these major world religions, the goal is to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbors, and find positive ways to share the gospel. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

Wrestling With Doubt: Finding Faith

Everyone has doubts, and too often, we treat doubt as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our trust in God is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. Join the **Searchers** Sunday School Class September 8, in Rm. 303 as they wrestle with doubt and find faith - trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

Back to School Blessing Next Week

We will have our annual Back to School Blessing for all students, teachers, and administrators in both morning worship services on Sunday, August 25. You will receive a backpack/briefcase tag and a prayer to start the year by remembering God's love for you.

United Women in Faith News for August

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.

Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club

We will meet September 9, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Our book theme for this month is "Readers' Choice." Chose a book from the book list found here: [ReadingProgram|UnitedWomeninFaith \(uwfaith.org\)](#) and be prepared to talk about the book at our meeting. Anyone is invited to join us for discussion! Contact Cindy Banek banek1@cox.net for the Zoom link.

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, sweet potato pound cake with cinnamon glaze and much more. And don't miss out on a chance to win one of the fabulous raffle prizes, including a round golf for 4 at either the Golden Horseshoe Green Course or Stonehouse Golf Club, gift certificates at Opus 9, the Fat Canary, Season's Florist and more. 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.

Praying In Color: Finding a Colorful Path to God

Think about your prayer life. Do you struggle with a short attention span, a restless body, or a tendency to live in your head? Are you bored with the same old prayers? This may be a way to invigorate your prayer life and approach God in a new and meaningful way, bringing a sense of fun and delight into your prayer time. Join Gwen Hinton & Linda Upshaw September 19, 26; October 3, 10 at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Rm. 206 to learn about and practice *Praying in Color*. All you need is a copy of the book, *Praying in Color* by Sybil MacBeth, paper, and colored pencils (you can also augment with gel pens or markers). Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Register now at [tinyurl.com/2024-PrayInColor](https://www.tinyurl.com/2024-PrayInColor)

Gratitude Walking

We will resume our walks in September. Watch for an announcement.

Dementia Support Group

For caregivers taking care of loved ones with various forms of dementia. Please join us for information and support. Questions? 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.

This Week & Next At WUMC

Monday, 8/19

7:00 Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, 8/20

5:30 Worship

7:00 Global Outreach

Finance Committee

Wednesday, 8/21

5:30 KMO Board Meeting

Monday, 8/26

6:30 UWF Executive Committee

Tuesday, 8/27

7:00 KMO Church Council

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. The first rehearsal of the Sanctuary Choir will be 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 September, the following groups begin rehearsing:

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

September 5: Covenant Ringers 5:30 p.m. in the Bell Rm 112 (College Students & up)

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

Today's Worship

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Acolytes 11:00: Shane Johnson, James Clayton

Readers 8:15: Marjorie Crowell **11:00:** Barbara Monteith

Greeters 8:15: Barbara Neary **11:00:** Melody Nichols, Steve Nichols

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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Cover photo: *a young Deacon Troy sitting with his Grandpa Roy Bourgeois in August 1987 on the family farm between Wyaconda and Kahoka, Missouri.*

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

August 11 Worship Attendance.....	515
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	236
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	156
Online.....	68
Messy Church.....	55



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.