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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



*"The Woman of Syrophenicia,"
Woodcut from an American Bible, c.1868*

Lord

even the dogs under the table

eat the children's crumbs

Mark 7:28

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, September 8, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Intrada
(Anthony Giamanco)

INTROIT

This Is the Day
(Les Garrett)

Steve Snyder, tenor;
Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ephesians 2

Remember that once you were separate from Christ,
excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise.

Once we were without hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one.

He has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,
and in one body has reconciled both peoples to God through the cross.

For through him we both have access to the Father by the Spirit.

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are distracted by a great many things.

Our labors are many; tasks beckon and loved ones depend on us.

Our lives are complex in ways that our ancestors could not have imagined.

**We often feel scattered and hard-pressed; the hours flit by,
our days are too short and at times we feel anxious and unwell.**

Forgive us, Lord, when our walk in faith could also seem to us like work,
one more priority to acknowledge, one more task in need of attention.

**Remind us, O Creator of all that is, that your grace is sufficient for all,
your work of salvation, done,
and your Savior, fully capable of our transformation.**

Speak to us now of our own need for that graceful change, in this time of silence:

[a moment to confess our need for grace]

Be thou great in our world, in our nation, and in ourselves, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

Gitta Brewster

(11:00)

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries
of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service,
and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM *This Is the Day* Sanctuary Choir
(Dan Forrest)

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 Mark 7:24-30 (42 NT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Of Dogs and Heaven Dave Rochford

*HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UMH 420 (red 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.**

TIME OF TESTIMONY Hope Keatts

OFFERTORY *Andante Cantabile*
(Peter Tchaikovsky)

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* UMH 548 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION *Amen* Sanctuary Choir
(arr. Clarence Dickinson)

POSTLUDE *Recessional in G Major*
(Johann Georg Frech)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Fred Potts by Donna Potts.

***congregation invited to stand**

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!

Get Connected

Care to get to know the busy life of WUMC better? Are you curious about joining your story with that of our church? We invite you to attend Sundays, September 15, 22, 27 and October 6, 12:15 p.m. in Rm. 306 and discuss ways to engage with one another in the life and ministry of WUMC. Questions? Contact Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org, Meghan Roth Clayton mclayton@williamsburgumc.org, or Dave Rochford drochford@williamsburgumc.org or call at 757-229-1771. Let us know you're coming at tinyurl.com/wumc-connected.

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:** Rm. 102, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, **Searchers:** Rm. 303, **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Den, **Perspectives:** Rm. 171. To get connected to the class leaders or have questions on any of the Bible Studies listed below, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

Join the **Searchers** Sunday School Class today, Rm. 303, as they *Wrestling With Doubt: Finding Faith* - trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers.

Join the **Perspectives** Sunday School Class today through September 29 for *Enhancing Our Effectiveness: Communication & Conflict Styles*. Discover how learning your preferred styles of communication will enhance your own skills. We will look for clues to determine communication and conflict styles of others that may be different than our own. Learning about others' styles is a foundation in living into the peace in our relationships and in our community that we long to seek. Attend all four weeks for maximum benefit.

The Gospel according to John offered its first hearers a new language – of being born from above, of living water, of wind and spirit – insights that enhance how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith. Join the **Bishop McKendree** Sunday School Class for *A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life*, by Amy-Jill Levine, September 15, led by Rev. Charles Swadley.

Fall Kick-Off Family Meetings Today

Children - 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room Youth - 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Families with Children or Youth are invited to meet with Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator, to hear about the ministries and activities scheduled for this Fall. We will discuss how your students will experience faith formation, how we can grow in friendship with each other, and have time for questions and comments. Snacks provided. See you there!

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.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Fran Hermance 757 645-5069 and Judi French 757 810-2925 are the September coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

United Women in Faith Circle Meetings

Friendship Circle will meet September 10, 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 174.

Carol Scott Circle will meet September 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Rm.

Sisters in Grace will meet September 10, 1:00 p.m. in Rm. 303.

Sisters in Mission will meet September 10, 5:15 p.m. for Messy Church



Messy Church

As we transition into the new school year we begin to ask new questions, who will my friends be? Will I like my classes? Which sports or activities will I do? What will I learn this year?

The people of God have been going through transitions and asking big questions for a very long time. Through all these changes, one thing has been constant: God has always been with us! This month, we'll meet the Prophets and hear how God uses them to guide us through the journey of life and faith both long ago and today. We hope to see you September 10, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Messy Church, as we discover God's wisdom for this new season! All are welcome for a time of play, worship celebration, and dinner fellowship.

Respite Care Third Annual Garden Party

Respite Garden Party is THIS Friday, September 13 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have already paid for lunch, your seat (or table) is reserved.

Giving

Your giving supports over 90 ministries and missions and is only a click away! We now offer convenient online and text giving, so you can give anytime, anywhere. Make a one-time contribution or set up **recurring gifts**. 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 757-992-9862 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.

Coming Up This Fall

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? There may be a way to invigorate your prayer life and approach God in a new, meaningful way, bringing a sense of 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 and practice **Praying in Color** by Sybil MacBeth. You will need a copy of the book, paper, colored pencils, gel pens or markers. Register now at tinyurl.com/2024-PrayInColor

Make a "reservation" for a **"Party of 8 Potluck Kick-Off!"** taking place October 13, 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up to be grouped with about eight other WUMC folks for a meal – at a restaurant, in a person's home, or at church. We'd love for your group to meet more than once and maybe pick a different location each time. Each group can choose any frequency or location to share together in food and fellowship. Join in the potluck kick-off to learn more and organize groups! You do NOT have to attend the potluck to participate; register online tinyurl.com/2024-party-8 and we'll get you connected. Let Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org know if you have questions.

Covenant Bible Study: Creating, Living, Trusting is a 24-week, in-depth study of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." Beginning October 20, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in Rm. 352, we'll learn from our biblical ancestors how to create, live, and trust God's covenant with us, finding ways to live more fully into that Covenant. But more than a Bible study, it's also a time to learn how to do Bible study. No previous study background required, but space is limited. Each participant will need a Study Guide. We encourage you to purchase the guide for yourself (we'll email you links to where it is available), or the church can order you a copy for \$45. Troy Sims will be leading the study. Register now at tinyurl.com/covenant-st-24-25.

Several WUMC folks have participated in the BCARE (**Biblical Conversations About Race & Ethnicity**) intentionally interracial discussion groups using the book, *One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race* by John M. Perkins. New groups are forming now, and you are invited to register for the 8-week Fall offering. Location and time are TBD, but please register early! Visit tinyurl.com/bcare-fall-2024. Although this is not a WUMC offering, we support this important work in breaking down walls of racism. For more, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

MEETINGS

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| Sept 09 | 5:30 p.m. .. Women's Retreat Planning |
| | 6:30 p.m..... Local Outreach |
| Sept 10 | 3:30 p.m.....Dementia Support Group |
| Sept 11 | 5:30 p.m..... Welcome & Hospitality |
| | 6:30 p.m..... Green Team |
| Sept 12 | 5:30 p.m..... Lay Leadership |



Blood Drive!

United Women in Faith

Saturday, Sept. 14
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WUMC Atrium

Today's Worship

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

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Acolytes 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Aaron Yaneza, Susannah Naramore

Readers 8:15: Virginia Morgan **11:00:** Cindy Banek

Greeters 8:15: Judi French, Marilyn Riddle **11:00:** Lee Hauser, Vicki Hauser

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:** Grace Bradley, Jen Bradley, Jim Bradley, Greg Johnson, Bonnie Knizatko

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.

September 1 Worship Attendance.....	420
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	203
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	143
Online.....	74

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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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.

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