



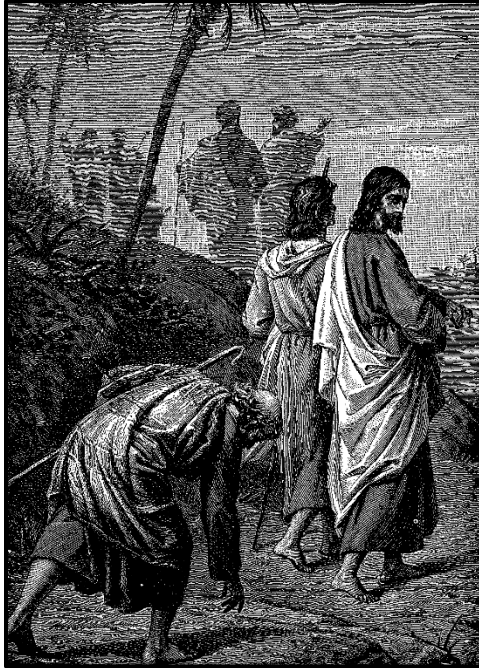
Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World

But what about you?



*Woodcut from a 19th C. American Bible
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Who do **you** say I am?

Mark 8:29

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, September 15, 2024

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

PRELUDE

An Exhortation of Praise

(Lani Smith)

INTROIT

This Is the Day

(Les Garrett)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Romans 12

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true and proper worship.

Let us not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, which is good, pleasing and perfect.

May we never be lacking in zeal, but keep our spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Let us not be overcome by evil, but instead overcome evil with good.

*HYMN

The Summons

(verses 1-4)

TFWS 2130 (black book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can soften our spirits and grow each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different, that we find it easier to lock the doors than to receive those who don't look the way we look, believe as we believe, or vote the way we vote.

We confess that we have not lived out your call to take up our own cross;

we have allowed ourselves to be shaped by the ways of the world, quarrelsome and selfish, rather than by the example of your Son.

But we believe that you have the power to turn us around,

so we ask you to give us the vision and courage to change, and the imagination and energy to manifest you, in all we say and do. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Meditations of My Heart

(Elaine Hagenberg)

Sanctuary Choir

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 8:27-38 (43 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Things We Cannot Achieve

Dave Rochford

*HYMN

Take Up Thy Cross

UMH 415 (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

OFFERTORY

Blessed Quietness
(Franklin Ritter)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Where He Leads Me

UMH 338 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Amen
(arr. Clarence Dickinson)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Flourish
(Stanley Saxton)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary by Monty and Pamela Mason and in honor of Bob & Daphne Mason's 62 years of love and devotion.

The rose in the Chancel announces the September 7 birth of Ezra Jane Van Rooyen,
Parents: Joseph and Amanda McCarter Van Rooyen; Grandparents: Jimmy and Charlotte McCarter;
Brother: James Holden Van Rooyen

****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 **today** and Sundays, September 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 757-229-1771. Let us know you're coming at tinyurl.com/wumc-connected, but that's not a requirement.

Pastors' Bible Study

Join Pastor Dave beginning Wednesday, September 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Rm 103 and Thursdays, beginning September 19, 10:30-noon via Zoom for *Set Free to Live Free! - a Thoughtful Consideration of Paul's Letter to the Galatians*, a journey back to the time when the Christian faith was strange, challenging, and radically new. We will spend six weeks on an intensive study of Galatians, one of the very earliest writings of the New Testament. We will consider fundamentally-relevant questions that all humans face: What does it mean to be free? How do you enjoy freedom? How can a person be good...and how good do you have to be to avoid trouble and still be "free?" Paul's Letter to the Galatians is full of wisdom, encouragement - and some rather sharp cautionary notes. No book is needed except your Bible. Discover that the Christian faith is still strange, challenging, and radically new. Questions? Contact Pastor Dave Rochford drochford@williamsburgumc.org or Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Sign up now at tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study

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.

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, today, led by Rev. Charles Swadley.

ReNEW Youth

Today, we are going to Meadows Custard for their first Youth Outing. Join us for a light lunch and a devotion in the Youth Room at 12:30 p.m. before we depart for ice cream. Parents—pick up from Meadows at 1222 Richmond Rd. Est. cost \$10 per person.

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. Whether you are donating from the pew or while on 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.

Through your generosity we will sustain our efforts to support these many vital ministries and are helping to bring a portion of God's Kingdom to those in need. God bless you for your participation through your prayers, your service, your gifts and your witness.

Stewardship Campaign

Thank you everyone who has already submitted their 2025 Estimate of Giving card! If you haven't received one, please pick up a card from the pew rack or fill one out online at www.tinyurl.com/wumcpledge. Your card supports those in need, from programs like the Lackey Free Clinic to various food programs, shelters and many ministries here at WUMC.

So far, we've received 83 cards totaling \$450,697. This is a great start toward our goal of 325 cards and promised support of \$1,500,000.

Thank you for your prayers, service, witness and your generous gifts. Your support is essential in sharing God's Kingdom and caring for our neighbors in the Williamsburg area and around the world.

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.

Gratitude Walking Group Fall Start-Up

Join us at **5:30 p.m.** September 18 and each Wednesday following at the back parking lot entrance of WUMC for delightful strolls down Duke of Gloucester Street in Colonial Williamsburg. We'll kick off our walks with brief moments of gratitude and enjoy being in each other's company! Questions? Contact Linda Upshaw.

Coming Up This Fall

Make a "reservation" for the **"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 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.

Meetings & Events

Sept 15	2:00 p.m.UWF Membership Event
	4:45 p.m..... The Table
Sept 16	5:30 p.m.....KMO Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m..... Stephen Ministry
Sept 17	5:30 p.m.....Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.....Finance Committee
 Global Outreach
Sept 18	3:45 p.m..... Respite Board
Sept 19	10:00 a.m. Memorial Garden Com.
	6:00 p.m..... Trustees
Sept 21	8:30 a.m.....Churchwide Breakfast

Bake Sale

Wesley Campus Ministry will hold a bake sale on campus September 27 to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and would appreciate donations of baked goods. Contributions may be dropped off at the Wesley House (526 Jamestown Road, next to WUMC) on September 25 or 26. Please be sure to add a note about common allergens included in the baked goods (i.e. Is it gluten-free? Does it contain dairy? Does it contain nuts?). Some allergen-free options would be much appreciated.

Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast

The United Methodist Men invite *everyone* for breakfast September 21, 8:30 a.m. to meet Rev. Ryan LaRock, the new Director of the Wesley Foundation at W&M. Cost for breakfast is \$15 per person, with \$5 of that being earmarked for the Harbour Scholarship Fund and other UMM-supported ministries. The deadline to RSVP is TODAY: tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast.

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: Virginia Morgan **11:00:** Ella Bullock, James Clayton

Readers 8:15: Gwen Hinton **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskay

Greeters 8:15: Barbara Neary, Marilyn Riddle **11:00:** Suzanna Chapman, Laura Viancour

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: Todd Lindley, Anthony Williams, 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 8 Worship Attendance.....	511
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	225
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	137
Online.....	61
Messy Church.....	88

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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