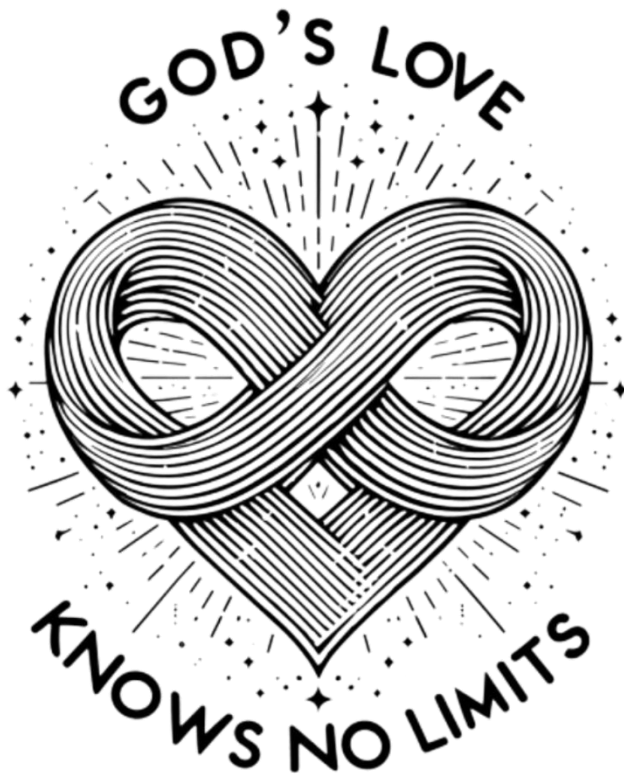




Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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“Whoever is not against us is for us.”

Mark 9:40

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, September 29, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Stand Up and Bless the Lord
(Geneva Psalter, 1551)

INTROIT

This Is the Day
(Les Garrett)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ministry Matters

Come, you who are suffering and sick.

God is our help and our strength.

Come, you who are filled with joy.

God is our help and our strength.

Come, saints and sinners alike.

God is our help and our strength.

Come, sprinkled with salt or dull with doubt.

God is our help and our strength.

Come, call on Christ's name and trust in God's love.

God is our help and our strength.

*HYMN

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places.

We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude.

We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering.

As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise.

Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy.

**Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another
and strengthened to go forth in service to the world.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

Be Filled with the Spirit
(Allen Pote)

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-3 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 9:38-50 (45 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Nothing Too Small, No One Too Far

Zach Griggs

*HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail
(verses 1-3, 6)

UMH 549 (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

Annamarie Warnke, Sadie Vaughan (8:15)
Bennett Snyder, Emmie Love (11:00)

OFFERTORY

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
(arr. Elson Wyeth)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Amen
(arr. Clarence Dickinson)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Flourish and Chorale
(Michael McCabe)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Warren and Sandy Harper
in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary on September 27.

**congregation invited to stand*



It's Picture Time!

Sign-ups to have your picture taken for our new printed church directory are now open. Here's how you sign up online:

- Go to www.ucdir.com.
- Click on Photography Session Signup.
- Enter va268 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field.

And...in person, stop by to see our Directory Team in the Atrium before and after services this morning and on October 6.

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 Sunday, October 6, 12:15 p.m. in Rm. 303 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.

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

Rethink, Reuse, Reduce, Recycle

Psalms 24:1 reminds us that *'The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.'* Greetings from the Green Team! Our mission is to encourage our congregation to be faithful and loving stewards of God's creation by exploring new, eco-friendly practices at our church. We're excited to bring you a variety of activities that will inspire and educate us in this vital mission. Stay tuned!

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Jan Boykin 757 565-2950 and Karen Red 757 532-6893 are the October coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Monday Morning Counters

The Finance Committee is looking for help to count cash contributions made to the church. This would require less than 1 hour on Monday mornings; 2 volunteers are present. This involves counting all the cash, recording those funds and making the deposit at a local bank. We hope to have several people volunteer in order to rotate each week. Interested? Please contact Mike Motes at 3892motes@gmail.com or 404 791-5279.

Happening in October

Blessed are the Peacemakers: Creating Hearts of Peace 8 Sundays, **October 6 - November 10, and January 5-12** The Anatomy of Peace: Do you remember the last conflict you were part of? Perhaps it was with a difficult spouse, a struggling teenager, or an annoying neighbor. It takes two people to sustain a fight. That means it also takes two to resolve one. But what parts of the disagreement are you responsible for? And better yet, how can you end the conflict peacefully? These are just a few of the lessons we'll learn in our study of the book *The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict* by the Arbinger Institute. Connecting Scripture with wisdom from the field of conflict transformation, we will chart a course through the many minefields that litter our personal, professional, and social relationships on our way to our own hearts of peace. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

Imagine a small group that meets monthly but includes a time of fellowship with a snack, guided prayer and meditation, discussion of a book (only a chapter or two at a time), and Holy Communion. The purpose of this group is to wait for but trustingly expect to experience Christ in our daily lives as Simeon & Anna once did (see Luke 2:25-38). This is what you are being invited to: ***A Small Group Invitation – Society of Simeon & Anna*** on the second Wednesday of the month, starting **October 9**. Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland will coordinate this group. Space is limited! Learn more or register at tinyurl.com/society-s-a.

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.

Interested in Respite Care?

Respite Care is accepting applications for new “members” for every weekday except Wednesdays. This engaging program for dependent seniors, open from noon to 5:00 pm, also provides a gift of time to caregivers. Call Executive Director, Conny Jude to set up a visit 757 221-1771 ext 354.

United Women in Faith Circle Meetings & Sweater Drive

Heritage Circle will meet October 1, 9:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Ray Morgan.

Ruth Simpson Circle will meet October 2, 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 174.

Sisters in Mission will meet October 8, 6:30 p.m. in Room 309. Ryan LaRock, Wesley Foundation Campus Minister, will be the guest speaker.

Carol Scott Circle will meet October 8, 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room. Pastor Dave will be the guest speaker.

Friendship Circle will meet October 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Tom Marshall will share stories of the organ and music.

Sisters in Grace will meet October 8, 2:00 p.m. at Dreamcatchers.

Join the ladies of **Heritage Circle** in collecting new or clean, gently used sweaters, hoodies or fleeces to help keep people in our community warm this winter. We will accept items for children, youth and adults. Throughout October, items can be placed in the cubicle in the Collection Closet marked *Heritage Circle Sweater Drive*. In early November, Heritage Circle ladies will collect, sort and size them. All items will be donated to FISH and the Grove Christian Outreach Center.

WUMC Local Outreach

October is designated each year at WUMC as "Winter Coats for Children Month". Children in the Head Start pre-school program are 3-5 years old and wear sizes 4T - 8. Please place coats in the Kid's Coat bin in the Collection Closet during the month of October. Thanks!

Winter Shelter Training

Community of Faith Mission (COFM) is a faith-based, emergency shelter program that serves unhoused neighbors in the Greater Williamsburg community during the coldest months of the year. Williamsburg UMC will be hosting the Winter Shelter ministry during the week of **February 16 – 23, 2025**. Our Local Outreach Team invites you to participate as a volunteer, as many hands will be needed to serve in a variety of capacities. Opportunities to sign up for specific tasks will be offered later this fall.

Save the Dates: Volunteers are required to attend training provided by COFM. Volunteers who cannot attend will need to watch the training videos that are accessible through the COFM website. Videos for the 2024-2025 season will be posted on the website subsequent to the live sessions.

Key Leader Training Event

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Williamsburg Community Chapel, Woodward Hall. Enter West 1 or 2

Volunteer Training Event

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Williamsburg Community Chapel, Student Ministries Rm, North or East Entrance



Kairos Prison Ministry International

More Local Outreach

WUMC members will have the opportunity to participate with volunteers from across Virginia in the Kairos Prison Ministry at Virginia Nottoway Correctional Center October 31 – November 3, providing spiritual guidance and support to the residents.

Here's how you can help.

- **Bake cookies** – Each team member must provide 100 dozen cookies. Cookies must be packaged by the dozen in gallon zip-lock bags and should be delivered to WUMC by 4:00 p.m. October 29.
- **Make Posters or Placemats** – Welcoming posters and brightly colored placemats with words of encouragement and hope are a special blessing to the residents. This is a great children's activity. Please deliver these to WUMC by 4:00 p.m. October 29.
- **Pray** – Sign up for half-hour time slots during the weekend devoting prayer for team members, correctional officers, residents and the Chaplain.
- **Donate** – Cost for each team member is \$250. Checks can be made out to WUMC, with the annotation KAIROS.
- **Attend a Team Meeting** – No commitment required, just an opportunity to meet a mix of men from many denominations who come together to serve Christ. The first meeting will be held at King of Glory Lutheran Church off Longhill Rd. September 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Become a team member:**
 - a. Men only - Attend 4 team meetings on Saturdays preceding the event to participate.
 - b. Women – Inquire about opportunities to serve in women's prisons within VA.
- Questions/Learn More - Contact Rob Brown at robb@rlb2.com or 757 564-7226

Wesley Foundation Ministry News

Wesley Campus Ministry is partnering with Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) for a service trip October 10 - 12 and hope to bring donations of **food** to families in need in No VA. Shelf-stable food such as canned goods, one-box meals, and baking mixes will be donated to NVFS' Hunger Resource Center. Wesley will

also be volunteering at a Head Start Center and would appreciate donations of new or gently used **books** for preschool children. There will be bins in the Connection Corner Collection Closet near the rear banner entrance on September 29 and October 6 for easy drop off.

Events, Committees, & Meetings

Sept 29	4:45 p.m.....	The Table
Oct 2	5:30 p.m.....	Gratitude Walking Group
	7:00 p.m.....	Pastors' Bible Study
Oct 3	10:30 a.m. .	Pastors' Bible Study ZOOM
Oct 5	9:00 a.m.....	Blessing of the Pets

Generous Giving

One of our members recently told us that *“one of the things that attracted ME to WUMC is that we are more involved in ministries to support others than any other church I have been part of.”*

God bless you for your support of the 90+ ministries you make possible at WUMC. Through your prayers, your service, your gifts and your witness you are not only sustaining these vital ministries, you are also attracting others to join our fellowship.

In the Williamsburg area you are enabling ministries like the *Wesley Foundation* at the College of William and Mary, *Literacy for Life, A Leaf in the Table* and many more. You are sponsoring worldwide ministries, like the *Abukloi School in South Sudan* (about which Angelo Maker shared this past Sunday). You are also helping sustain other ministries around the world like the *Hope Center in Latvia, and plant churches in Ukraine*. Thank you for your generous support of these and many other ministries.

We are now four weeks into our stewardship campaign for 2025. To date, we have received 191 Estimate of Giving Cards totaling \$ 944,165, moving us toward our goals of 325 cards and \$1,500,000. **We appreciate everyone who has already joined with 100% of our WUMC Leadership Team in returning your Estimate of Giving Card already.**

Stewardship is a spiritual discipline we encourage all our congregation to try. If you have not yet responded with your card, we invite you to join those who have already responded so that we can exceed our goal of \$1,500,000. If you have already submitted one, we thank you!

If you have not yet received an Estimate of Giving Card, please pick one up from the pew rack and prayerfully consider your response. You can return your completed card in the offering plate, drop it off at the office, mail it to the church, or submit it online at www.tinyurl.com/WUMCPledge

Ways to Give: 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 offering the plate or at the church office.



TODAYS SERVICE

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

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

Acolytes 8:15: Nathalie Bacskay **11:00:** Grace Bradley

Reader 8:15: Annamarie Warnke **11:00:** Emmie Love

Greeters 8:15: Marilyn Riddle, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Ray Adams, Linda Baker

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Dan Squier, Cindy Garman-Squier **11:00:** Grace Bradley, Jen Bradley, Jim Bradley, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour, Rick Viancour

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Josh Clayton **Nursery 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 22 Worship Attendance Total	484
In Person 11:00 a.m.	231
In Person 8:15 a.m.	156
Online	70
The Table	27

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