



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"And before God no creature is hidden..."

Hebrews 4:13a

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, October 13, 2024

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

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
(Eugene Englert)

INTROIT *O Come, Let Us Sing* Sanctuary Choir
(James Rivers)

WELCOME

MISSION PRAYERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ministry Matters, modified
God welcomes us into God's presence. Let us bring our joys and sorrows to the Lord.
We come from busy lives, filled with a host of burdens and blessings.
May we offer our full selves to the Lord, for God will heal our souls.
Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.
In this time and space, we open our hearts to the Lord.
We open our lives to do God's will. Amen.

*HYMN *My Life Is in You, Lord* TFWS 2032 (black book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON from Beth Merrill Neel
Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain.
Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God
with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness.
So let us pray with one another, first in silence.
**Holy God, hear our prayer: for the mending of our hearts, torn apart
by unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away at
the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin
we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world,
whose division condemns us, we pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace
awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Sanctuary Choir
(Allen Pote)

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 Hebrews 4:12-16 (220 NT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Let's Be Real* Meghan Roth Clayton

*HYMN *Just As I Am* UMH 357 (red book)
(verses 1,3,5,6)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
***congregation invited to stand**

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.**

MISSION TESTIMONY

Early Childhood Music School

OFFERTORY

Offertory
(John Ness Beck/arr. Craig Courtney)

Ian Lane, tenor

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

When We Face an Unknown Future
(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

**When we face an unknown future that we can't imagine yet,
when the closeness we have treasured turns from blessing into threat —
As we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave community,
may we look, God, in this season, for a whole new way to be.**

**Jesus faced the lonely desert as a time to look within.
There he met such trial and conflict; there he knew you were with him.
In this time of separation when we miss the life we've known,
may we hear your voice proclaiming: "I am here! You're not alone."**

**May we cherish those around us as we never have before.
May we think much less of profit; may we learn what matters more.
May we hear our neighbors' suffering; may we see our neighbors' pain.
May we learn new ways of offering life and health and hope again.**

**God, when illness comes to threaten, and when so much here goes wrong,
may we know this thing for certain — that your love is sure and strong.
You're beside us in our suffering — and when times are surely tough,
we may face an unknown future, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

O God Who Has Called Us
(Eleanor Daly)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

March in D
(G.F. Handel)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in celebration, gratitude and amazement of 63 years of blessings by Lew and Nan Mabie.

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!

Buckets Full of Thanks!

140 flood buckets will be on their way to UMCOR Monday.

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.

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 **Marvin Willard Sunday School Class for The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life beginning today**, using the new book written by Amy-Jill Levine.

The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that can strike us as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening if one does not understand the symbolism. Join the **Searchers Sunday School Class for Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation beginning October 20 – November 24.**

"Party of 8 Potluck Kick-Off" today, 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Covenant Bible Study: Creating, Living, Trusting a 24-week, in-depth study of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." Beginning **October 20, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Rm. 352.**

To get connected to the class leaders or have questions on any of the Bible Studies, Small Groups, or other activities listed above, contact Deacon Troy Sims at tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

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.

It's Picture Time!



Sign-ups to have your picture taken for our new printed church directory are now open. If you are unable to have pictures taken, you may send in a clear, close-up picture that is current. To 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 today.

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!

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

Volunteers are required to attend training or watch training videos provided through the COFM website. Videos will be posted after the live sessions.

Key Leader Training Event

Date: October 23, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Williamsburg Community Chapel.

Date: October 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Same location; Student Ministries Rm.



WUMC will have the opportunity to participate in the **Kairos Prison Ministry** at Virginia Nottoway Correctional Center October 31-November 3.

Here's how you can help.

- **Bake cookies** - deliver to WUMC by 4:00 p.m. October 29.
- **Make Posters or Placemats** – deliver these to WUMC by 4:00 p.m. October 29.
- **Pray** – 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.
- **Become a team member** – Men only - Attend 4 team meetings on Saturdays preceding the event to participate.

Questions/Learn More - Contact Rob Brown at robb@rlb2.com or 757 564-7226

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

Throughout October, **Heritage Circle** continues collecting children, youth and adult new or gently used sweaters, hoodies or fleeces for people in our community. Place items in the Collection Closet marked *Sweater Drive*. Items will be donated to FISH and the Grove Christian Outreach Center.

United Women in Faith will be sponsoring the sale of **fresh greenery and gifts** with Autumn, Thanksgiving, and Christmas themes October 20 - November 24. As always, 100% of proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to local and global missions. Look for flyers around the church or drop by the UWF table in the Atrium next week for more information.

Generous Giving

Six weeks into our annual Stewardship Campaign we have received 237 Estimate of Giving (EOG) Cards totaling \$ 1,166,405, moving us toward our goals of 325 cards and \$1,500,000. **We appreciate everyone who has already responded in such a generous way.**

In the Williamsburg area **you are vital a vital partner in ministries like the *Crockpot Meal Ministry, Grove Christian Outreach Center, and Habitat for Humanity.* You are sponsoring vital disaster relief efforts** through your gifts of ***Flood Buckets***, and financial support to ***UMCOR*** for worldwide relief efforts. **Thank you for your generous support of these and over 90 other ministries and sharing the Kingdom of God with those in need.**

To reach our goals another \$ 333,595 of estimated giving is needed. Any amount submitted will help sustain these vital ministries. With your support we can even surpass the goal of \$1,500,000 and help many more in need here and around the world.

If you have not yet responded with your Estimate of Giving, please take a card from the pew rack and prayerfully consider responding. You can return your card by placing it in the offering plate, dropping it off at the office, mailing it to the church, or submitting it online at www.tinyurl.com/WUMCPledge

Through your prayers, your service, your gifts and your witness you are sustaining these ministries, and you are also attracting new members to join our fellowship. Please return you card this week, so that together we can continue the work.



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.

Wesley News

W&M Alumni connected with the Wesley campus ministry are invited to a Homecoming Brunch and Worship on Sunday, October 20, 10 a.m.- Noon at the home of Braxton and Cathy Allport. David Hindman and Ryan LaRock, W&M Wesley campus minister, will lead worship. All are welcome; RSVP to David at DavidHindman@vaumc.org, or text him at 757-532-1640 by Wednesday, October 16. Come to worship at WUMC at 8:15 or 4:45!

Meetings & Events

Oct 13	12:30 p.m. Youth Mini Golf
	4:45 p.m..... The Table
Oct 14	6:30 p.m..... Local Outreach
Oct 15	5:30 p.m..... Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m..... Finance Committee
Oct 16	3:45 p.m..... Respite Board
	5:30 p.m..... Gratitude Walking
	7:00 p.m..... Pastors' Bible Study
Oct 17	10:30 a.m..... Pastors' Bible Study Zoom
	6:00 p.m..... Trustees
Oct 19	8:30 a.m. Churchwide Breakfast

W&M Homecoming Tailgate

When: Oct. 19, Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Where: Wesley House (526 Jamestown Rd.)



TODAYS SERVICE

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

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

Acolytes 11:00: Grace Bradley, James Clayton

Reader 8:15: Suzan Griffin **11:00:** Rachel Fowler

Greeters 8:15: Barbara Neary, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Grace Bradley, Jennifer Bradley, Jim Bradley

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Dan Squier, Cindy Garman-Squier **11:00:** Marijane Harper, James Jones, Bonnie Knizatko, Joann Lawson, George Sallwasser, Susan Sallwasser

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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

October 6 Worship Attendance Total.....	495
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	189
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	135
Online.....	53
The Table.....	30
Messy Church.....	88

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.

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