



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday, October 27, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Arioso
(Gilbert Martin)

INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing
(James Rivers)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*Call to Worship

from "Let There Be Light" by Frances W. Davis,
modified

Let there be light.

Let there be understanding.

Open our lips, open our minds to ponder.

Open the door of harmony, opening us to grace.

Perish the sword, perish the angry judgment.

Perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain.

Let there be light.

Open our hearts to wonder. Amen.

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

O Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, we your people come seeking your healing
for our blindness.

**Hear our cries for healing, Holy One. Open our eyes that we may see
your love, that we might see all your people.**

God, you heal us like no other; you illumine us by your light.

**But all too often your light seems too wonderful. We seek to return
to our blindness. Again and again, we turn toward the darkness.**

O Gracious Light, even as you heal our blindness, you invite us into a blind-faith.

**Help us to trust you Lord to go where you send us,
especially places we cannot see.**

Help us, O Spirit of Truth, to not be blind to the new things you are doing.

**By the light of your hope and love we will join in the new thing
you are doing. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Rejoice! The Lord Your God Is With You
(Tom Trenney)

Sanctuary Choir
Ryan Staggs, trumpet

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 10:46-52 (47 NT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"I See, "Said the Blind Man

Rev. Troy Sims

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451 (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.**

MISSION TESTIMONY

Debbie MacDowell,
Respite Care

OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation
(arr. Stan Pethel)

Orchestra

*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

Go, Make of All Disciples

UMH 571 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

O God Who Has Called Us
(Eleanor Daley)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Praises
(Dennis Elliot)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of
Valerie Phillips Hillyer by Richard Hillyer, Victoria Brantley and Scott Hillyer.

****congregation invited to stand***

**Charge Conference – Today, 3:00 p.m.
St. Luke's UMC Yorktown, VA**

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:** 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, Small Groups, or other activities listed above, contact Deacon Troy Sims at tsims@williamsburgumc.org.

United Women in Faith Circles & Events

UWF continues to sponsor the sale of fresh greenery and gifts through the end of November. Visit lynchcreekfarm.com to view the wide array of selections. Specify your preferred ship date as well as our project number 0370144 at checkout. A generous portion of the farm's proceeds will be donated to local and global missions supported by UWF. Question? Stop by the UWF table in the atrium today, November 17 or November 24.

Ruth Simpson Circle will meet November 5, 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 174.

Heritage Circle will meet November 6, 9:45 a.m. Change of date due to the election. **Last call** for sweater/jacket collection. We will sort winter outerwear for donation to FISH and Grove

Christian Outreach Center. The business meeting will be followed by a bag lunch.

Friendship Circle will meet November 12, 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 174 and assemble Thanksgiving baskets.

Carol Scott Circle will meet November 12, 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Rm. Ryan LaRock, W&M Wesley Campus Minister, will speak.

Sisters in Grace will meet November 12, 1:00 p.m. in Rm. 303. Pam MacGregor, Director of Arc of Greater Williamsburg will speak.

Sisters in Mission will meet November 12, 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 309.



Generous Giving

The generous outpouring of Estimate of Giving Cards reflects the promise of 2 Corinthians 9:8 which assures us that God can "make all grace abound." This empowers us to live in "all sufficiency" and "abound in every good work" as we minister to others.

Your giving enables over 90 ministries, one of which is our church's Kids Morning Out Ministry. **Last week, we heard a powerful testimony from Sarah Grueter at our 8:15 and 11 worship services.** Three years ago, Sarah brought her son Timmy to the ministry while she was struggling with a postpartum mood disorder. Sarah shared how KMO was not only a lifeline for Timmy and their family but also a catalyst for her own healing. Laura, our KMO director, recognized Sarah's needs and referred her to Pastor Meghan who guided her on her path to healing. **This is just one example of how your generous gifts, prayers, service, and witness are making a difference.**

Seven weeks into our annual Stewardship Campaign we have 271 Estimate of Giving Cards totaling \$ 1,292,609, moving us toward our goals of 325 cards and \$1,500,000. We appreciate all who have responded so generously and who are enabling our congregation to answer God's call to help feed the hungry, heal the sick and cloth those in need.

If you have not already done so, will you join us in sharing God's blessings with others by returning your card today? You can do so by taking one from the pew rack and 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

Ways to Give: For giving by text, simply send a text message to 757-992-9862 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 at the church office.



CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Karen Red 757 532-6893 and Carol Schuster 757 603-2574 are the November 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 are going well and continue through November 15. Pictures are currently being taken at WUMC. 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. Questions? Contact Gwen Hinton

gph1149@aol.com or 757-876-0652

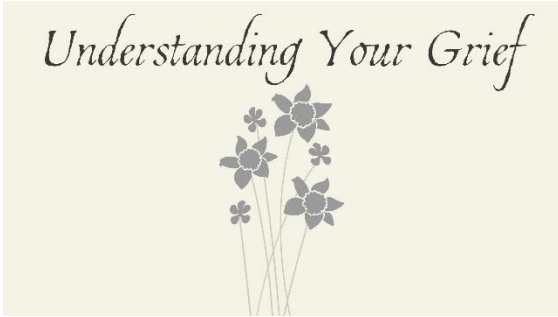


WUMC Local Outreach

Last call for **“Winter Coats for Children”**. 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 prior to the month of October. Thanks!



Kairos Prison Ministry at Virginia Nottoway Correctional Center October 31-November 3. Remember to deliver cookies and placemats to church by 4:00 p.m. October 29.



Discover a supportive community where you can find solace and understanding as you journey through grief. The Understanding Your Grief support group will resume meeting monthly on Sundays November 3, December 8, January 5 and February 2 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Rm. 174. Please note the next 6-week program will begin Sunday, March 9 and run through April 13 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Participants use Dr. Alan Wolfelt’s book and

accompanying journal. All previous participants are welcome. New participants are invited to register online at the following link: 34548.people.myamplify.io/external/form/23e519e0-e2fd-42f3-a891-4f6867e4d821 **Please note the next 6-week program will begin Sunday, March 9 and run through April 13 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan or Stephen Minister Leader Nancy Rivero.

Looking Ahead

Poinsettias are a Christmas tradition at WUMC. Purchase a poinsettia for \$25 to be placed In Memory or In Honor of a loved one. Different this year and working forward, please complete the online **Poinsettia Order Form on the church website** at: 34548.people.myamplify.io/external/form/41cc77e6-edf1-4089-a702-0aec9a5b7f03. You will make your payment online at the above link. This replaces the form/payment printed in the bulletin and in The Messenger in past years. For assistance, there will be



a table in the Atrium the next 4 Sundays to place orders.

Meetings & Events

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| Oct 27 | 3:00 p.m. | Charge Conference |
| | | St. Luke’s UMC Yorktown, VA |
| | 4:45 p.m. | The Table |
| Oct 28 | 6:30 p.m. | .. UWF Executive Committee |
| Oct 30 | 5:30 p.m. | Gratitude Walking |

**Day Light Savings Time Ends
November 3**

Election Day November 5

TODAYS SERVICE

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

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

Acolytes 8:15: Annamarie Warnke **11:00:** Ella Bullock

Reader 8:15: Nathalie Bacskay **11:00:** Cindy Banek

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Steve Tingen

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne 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

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License #A-737740, Williamsburg UMC CCLI #3168974 CCS/WCL #12349.

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

October 6 Worship Attendance Total	457
In Person 11:00 a.m.	208
In Person 8:15 a.m.	160
Online	63
The Table	26

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, *Finance Manager* (x 355)

Netha 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

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 talk with 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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