



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"Spanning the Divide"

Lavrans Nielsen, American, 1967

now you

are the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:27a

Second Sunday After the Epiphany - January 19, 2025

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

PRELUDE

How Bright Appears the Morning Star
(Andreas Armsdorff)

INTROIT

Rule of Life
(arr. Cynthia Wilson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*Call to Worship

from 1 Cor. 4; Ps. 139; 1 Pet. 4

Sisters and brothers, who has made you different from anyone else?

**You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

What do you have that you did not receive?

**Each has received a gift, and we use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?

**Whoever serves, serves by the strength that God supplies,
in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.
To him belong glory and dominion, forever and ever. Amen!**

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400 (red book)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we often pray that your will be done,
but as easily as these words pass our lips,
seldom do we eagerly seek after your way in the world.
At times we hold too tightly to what you have given us,
and we hoard the time and talents that you have bestowed on us
rather than becoming a blessing to others.

Too easily do we find fault with our brothers and sisters,
and have failed to discern the Body
that can bring healing to the lives of others.

Forgive us, Lord. Reorient us by your steadfast love.

Free us to live in grateful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear now, O God, our effort to put before you whatever would hold us back...

[a time of silent confession]

With God is forgiveness, and abundant hope for our full humanity
as members of Someone greater than ourselves. This we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Forevermore
(Dan Forrest)

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

1 Cor. 12: 1, 4-7, 12-14, 21-27 (174 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Each Unique, and All Together

Rev. Dave Rochford

*HYMN

O Thou Who Camest from Above
(tune of UMH 339 red book)

(UMH 501 (red book))

A PRAYER FOR OUR 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Eternal God, as you call us all to humble service,
we affirm the call you have placed upon these servant leaders.

**Inspired by the knowledge of your abiding Spirit,
empower us to care for and support one another
as we strive to find unity in becoming the Body of Christ on earth.**

Enable these to lead with vision and compassion as faithful followers of Jesus Christ,
to decrease when others should increase, and to confront challenge with prayer.

**Bless them in their efforts, and commit us also to follow and serve faithfully,
for the sake of Jesus' commission to make disciples of all nations. Amen.**

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.**

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
(Stan Pethel)

Sanctuary Orchestra

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Forward Through the Ages

UMH 555 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

As We Go
(Jeremy Johnson)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Morning Star
(Wayne Wold)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Kevin Angles by Gordon Angles.

****congregation invited to stand***

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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, *The Gospel of Mark*, **Perspectives:** Rm. 171, **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Den, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, *Early Christian Heretics: History Lessons*.

Get Connected

Sundays, TODAY, 26; February 2, 12:30 p.m. | Rm 303



Care to get to know the busy life of WUMC better? Are you perhaps curious about joining your story with that of our historic church? We invite you to attend this "get connected" discussion of ways to engage with one another and in the life and ministry at Williamsburg UMC. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org, Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton mclayton@williamsburgumc.org, or Pastor Dave Rochford drochford@williamsburgumc.org or call at 757-229-1771. Let us know if you are coming at tinyurl.com/wumc-connected.

United Women in Faith Circles

Sisters in Mission Circle will sponsor a Championship Chili Fundraiser on Sunday, February 9. Vegan and standard meat/bean recipes will be offered for ordering ahead in the Atrium area between worship services on Sundays, January 19, 26, and February 2. Ordering online will be available after this Sunday. Watch for further information. 1-quart containers will be sold for \$12.00. All proceeds will be used for United Women in Faith 2025 mission's donations. Our contact person is Donna Potts.

WUMC Fitness Class

Is improving your physical fitness one of your New Year's resolutions? Exercise with your WUMC friends on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The easy-to-follow fitness program includes stretching, aerobics (chair or standing), weight training, and balancing exercises.

Micro Activism Book Study

Have you wondered how your strengths can be a part of making change for good in the world? On Sunday evenings, January 19 and 26, February 2 and 9, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Laura Emery will lead a small group book study on *Micro Activism* by Omkari Williams. This book helps you figure out the different ways activism can show up in our communities. Please register at tinyurl.com/wumc-be-an-ally Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan.

Family Friday Game Night

Friday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room
For Families with Children or Youth

Bring your family's favorite game or snack to share for a fun night of friendly competition and food! We'll have plenty of board and card games for all ages, as well as pool, ping pong, and foosball. No matter what your game is, we're ready to play!

CARE Committee

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Jan Boykin 757 565-2950 and Barbara Feagin 757 707-3795 are the January coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Help Tidy the Sanctuary for Worship...once a month on a Friday for 1 1/2 hours. Serve God in this rewarding way. Contact Kim Johnson 757 784-4614.

Save the Date:

Early Childhood Music School Winter Carnival

It's almost time for our ECMS Winter Carnival at WUMC! Join us February 7, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. for a fun night of games, bounce house, face painting, slime bar, video gaming station, instrument petting zoo, silent auction, food truck, AND MORE! **All Access Wrist Band** will soon be available for \$15.

Could you help? Donate to the Silent Auction or volunteer to work at the Carnival for set up, at event stations, or as part of the cleanup crew. All proceeds go to benefit Elliot's Song, an outreach ministry of ECMS that provides free music education to at-risk preschoolers in WJCC. Questions? Contact Anthony Williams, Director of ECMS 757 229-1771.

Music Anyone?

Sanctuary Choir rehearses Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Rm. 114. Join experienced singers and music lovers to sing uplifting songs that inspire the choir and congregation.

Sanctuary Orchestra rehearses Monday nights from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Atrium. Two years' experience on your instrument as well as owning your instrument is required.

Koinonia Belles rehearse Tuesdays from 11:00-Noon in the Bell Rm. 112. Beginners and experienced ringers come join us!

Covenant Ringers rehearse Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Bell Rm. 112. Some experience ringing is a plus!

Questions? Contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music and Worship Arts at lsmith@williamsburgumc.org

Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

One of the most vital ministries in our community, the CoFM Winter Shelter provides kindness, a warm meal, and overnight hospitality to our unhoused neighbors each year. WUMC will be hosting the Winter Shelter ministry during the week of February 16 – 23. We invite you to participate as a volunteer to assist our guests and make them feel welcome.

Please stop by the table in the Atrium to see which days and times your help is needed. There are still many volunteer openings in the evening, overnight and early morning shifts. Your help is needed to make this ministry happen!

Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ by showing hospitality to our guests.

We Are Hiring!

The Executive Director position for Respite Care at Williamsburg United Methodist Church is presently open! Respite Care is a weekday afternoon ministry of Williamsburg United Methodist Church, offering social engagement and stimulating activities for dependent seniors in a safe and nurturing environment. It also allows care partners a few hours of respite, too.

The Executive Director provides leadership and oversight to ensure the effective operation of program delivery and the organization's financial stability. This position focuses on increasing organizational visibility, supervising day-to-day operations, and ensuring the program meets its objectives. The role requires a proactive, strategic leader who is committed to the mission of Respite Care. This position is part-time (26-29 hours/week).

Interested? Contact Pastor Meghan mclayton@williamsburgumc.org

Meetings & Events

Jan 19	4:45 p.m.	The Table
Jan 20	4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
Jan 21	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee

Anxious About Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World

Sundays, beginning January 26, 9:30-10:30 a.m. / Rm 171

Join the Perspectives Sunday School Class to consider how NOT to let worry and fear control our lives. Find ways to walk with God to find peace and calm in an anxious time. The class will use Max Lucado's book and videos by the same name. For more info, or to get connected with the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

Advance Care Planning

February 5, Rm. 174

It is a holy gift to proactively prepare for a thoughtful and intentional final stage of life. Thanks to Commonwealth Senior Living, we welcome Crystal Scheer with Summit Care Partners. Crystal is a Qualified Advance Directive Facilitator and will guide participants in a Legacy Letter and Advanced Care Planning workshop. Please reach out to Pastor Meghan with questions or if you would like to attend. A flyer and sign-up link will be shared soon.

Needed... Greeters for the 8:15 a.m. worship service. Contact the church office 757 229-1771.

TODAYS SERVICE

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

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

Acolytes 8:15: Hawley Mason **11:00:** Ella Bullock

Reader 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskay

Greeters 8:15: Marilyn Riddle, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Connie Bullock, Tim Bullock

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Brent Whitaker, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier

11:00: Grace Bradley, James Bradley, Jennifer Bradley, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour, Rick Viancour

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, 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.

January 12 Worship Attendance Total.....	434
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	196
Online.....	150
Messy Church.....	69
The Table.....	19

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, *Finance Manager* (x106)

Josh Clayton, *Digital Media Specialist* (x107)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Pastor of Congregational Care* (x114)

Zach Griggs, *Family Ministries Coordinator* (x109)

Thomas Marshall, *Organist* (757 713-0584)

Mike Motes, *Temp. Bookkeeper* (x116)

Laura Pittman, *Director Kid's Morning Out* (x113)

Nancy Reynolds, *Engagement and Administrative Coordinator* (x104)

Dave Rochford, *Lead Pastor* (x110)

Michelle Roy, *Dir. of Congregation & Community Engagement* (x103)

Troy Sims, *Minister of Discipleship* (x108)

Lou-Anne Smith, *Director of Worship Arts* (x105)

Rick Viancour, *Facilities Manager* (x101)

Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Worship Arts, Dir. Early Childhood Music* (x115)

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 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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