

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



"Reconciliation," Tom Denny, stained glass
St. John's Church, Tralee, Ireland; 2017

*I said "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin*

Psalm 32:5b

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany - February 9, 2025

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

PRELUDE

Festival Piece on CWM Rhonda
(J. Bert Carlson)

INTROIT

The Lord Is Near to Those Who Call Upon Him
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 51, 32

We come to worship the one true God, whose abundant mercy
blots out our transgressions.

**We seek to be cleansed of the stain of our sin,
for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

May God create in us this day a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us!

**We seek renewed joy in our salvation; we bring a willing spirit,
submitted to God.**

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are hopeful in heart!

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577 (red book)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jacob Oubre, Troop 103 Chaplain's Aide

Loving God, quite often our intentions are better than our actions.

**We often refrain from doing what we know to be right;
we barely understand some of the choices we make.**

We are led by the tyranny of the urgent, swayed by the impulse of the moment;

**we become frustrated and irritable, at a loss to reorder our priorities,
our lives.**

We are not on our own, but we live as if we were. You say we are accountable
for our neighbors, the poor, the disenfranchised, but we live as if we were not.

What joy it would bring you, our Parent, if our repentance were sincere!

Teach us, in the changing seasons of our lives, that your moment is now,
and in you, it is never too late to open ourselves to reconciled and joyful living.

[a time of silent Confession]

In the name of Jesus Christ, today we begin again. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF OUR SCOUTS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing
(arr. Audrey Snyder)

Wesley Choir (11:00)

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 Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall to encounter God in story, song,
and play. Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services.

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy
(arr. Dan Forrest)

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 (OT 506)

CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>You Are My Hiding Place</i> (Michael Ledner)	Sanctuary Choir
MESSAGE	<i>Freely and Plainly</i>	Dave Rochford
A TESTIMONY	<i>Our Lives as a Song to God</i>	Johanna Berry
*HYMN	<i>Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here</i> (verses 1-3, 5)	UMH 579 (red book)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895 (red book)
OFFERTORY	<i>Elegy</i> (Alice Jordan)	
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 94 (red book)
*HYMN	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	UMH 121 (red book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
BENEDICTION	<i>Psalms 121</i> (Anthony Kouri Williams)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Trumpet Rondeau in F</i> (David Lasky)	

**congregation invited to stand*

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by
 ...George and Brenda White in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.
 ...Neal Robinson in memory of his wife Mary Robinson.

Welcome to our Scouts!

We extend a sincere welcome to our guests today, and are especially pleased to welcome the Scouts, adult leaders and families of Scout Troop 103 and Pack 103. It has been our honor over the past year to host these large and thriving units, which are over 100 and 75 years olds, respectively. (One of the strongest and most historic troops in our region, T103 has been developing exemplary leaders among Williamsburg youth – just about every week of every year since 1915!)

Thank you for your Generosity in 2024

We are deeply grateful for your generous giving throughout 2024. Your support has made a tremendous impact, sustained over 90 ministries and enabled us to end the year on a positive note. Thank you for your faithfulness and for answering Christ's call to help those in need.

Be on the Lookout! Your 2024 Giving Statement is in the mail. If you do not receive it soon, please contact bblanton@williamsburgumc.org or call 757-229-1771.

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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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!



Chili Orders are Ready - Pick Up TODAY!

Winter Shelter Ministry

Sunday evening, February 16, through Sunday morning, February 23, WUMC will be hosting the Winter Shelter ministry in conjunction with Community of Faith Mission and St. Stephen Lutheran Church. Each evening our guests will arrive about 6:00 p.m. and be welcomed into our church where they'll receive a hot dinner and a place to sleep. The next morning, they'll be served breakfast and receive a bag lunch as they leave for the day at 7:00 a.m.

We are grateful to the many volunteers whose gift of time and Christian love make this possible. Please pray for each guest, all those who help to ready our space, the Scouts who unload and reload the trailer, the food preparers and servers, those who check-in and check-out our guests, and those who spend the night awake in order that others may have a safe, warm space to sleep. May God's blessing be upon all who serve and are served by this ministry.

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:** *The Gospel of Mark*, Rm. 303; **Perspectives:** *Anxious About Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, Rm. 171; **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Den; **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174; **Young Adult:** find Pastor Meghan, Pastor Ryan and Steve Nichols in the Atrium between worship services. Stop by and enjoy a donut and coffee. Plus pick up a copy of *Accidental Saints*, if you'd like.

SIGN UP FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS IN THE ATRIUM TODAY!

Pictorial Directory Progress

Progress is being made to update and include the most current information for everyone on the church membership roll. This includes data given during the photo session registrations and what is available from the database in our church records. We hope to have this completed soon, so we can send to the publisher. Today and next Sunday, our records are available at two Directory tables. Please stop by. Thanks!

Messy Church

We're excited to gather again for Messy Church! Since we are close to Valentine's Day, we'll be exploring the theme of love in Paul's Letters (get it, Love letters??). Join us February 11, 5:30 p.m. for a night of crafts, worship, and a community dinner—at no cost to you. We hope to see your family for this night of Messy Church!

Senior Fun, Games, and Pizza

The next Senior Fun and Games Day is Thursday, February 13, 9:30-noon, in Fellowship Hall. Bring a game or a puzzle and a Valentine card for the Valentine exchange. Pizza and sweet treats will be provided for lunch. *Have you checked out the Collection Closet next to the Welcome Desk for puzzles? We asked and you provided. Pick up a puzzle to take home!*

Fellowship Breakfast

Join us February 15, 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by the United Methodist Men. Our guest speaker will be Russ Henke, Chair of the Trustees. Russ will present updates on completed work around the church and plans of projects in the future. An opportunity for a Q&A session will follow the presentation. **Cost: \$15 — Bring this bulletin, and the cost is only \$10!** Register at tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast

Meetings & Events

Feb 9	4:45 p.m.....	The Table
Feb 10	5:30 p.m.....	KMO Board Mtg
	6:30 p.m.....	Local Outreach
Feb 11	3:30 p.m.....	Dementia Support Group
	5:30 p.m.....	Messy Church

Understanding Your Grief

Find support, fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief. Using Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book *Understanding Your Grief* and the accompanying journal, Stephen Ministry Leader Nancy Rivero will guide you through a 6-week series, beginning on Sunday, March 16 and ending Sunday, April 27, Rm. 174 at 3:30 p.m. We will skip Easter Sunday,

April 20. Pre-registration is required at www.tinyurl.com/wumcgriefgroup Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan at 757-229-1771.

2nd Sisters in Spirit Retreat – The Cup of Our Life

March 28-30 Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Toano

Cost: \$125 per participant



This retreat is for any woman seeking a more intimate and disciplined life of prayer. Using ordinary cups as an illustration you'll see how each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and bring us into closer union with the Divine. Together, you'll explore how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and its overflowing blessings. Rev. Nancy Robinson, former Minister of Discipleship here at WUMC, will lead this retreat for women of all ages. Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton mclayton@williamsburgumc.org or Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Learn more or register at tinyurl.com/wumc-SiS-2.



ReNEW Youth at Winter Shelter

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Youth will be serving dinner Wednesday during WUMC's week of hosting Winter Shelter. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in preparing and serving the meal. This is a great way to practice the justice and compassion we have been focusing on in Youth Group and to be present with our unhoused neighbors in Williamsburg. Email Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org and

let us know your student is coming.

Looking Ahead:

Embracing The Uncertain:

A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times

Sundays beginning Mar 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Rm 303

Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. Our individual lives are often just as unsteady. Join the Searchers Sunday School Class this Lent to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them, while following Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience. For more info or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org.



Mended Hearts of Williamsburg



On Monday, March 10 at noon, all are welcome to a presentation from the Mended Hearts chapter of Williamsburg. A light, heart-healthy lunch will be available. Providing support to heart disease patients, their families, and caregivers, Mended Hearts offers peer-to-peer support, education, and advocacy; helps patients cope with emotional recovery from heart disease; and provides social, emotional, and practical support. Contact Pastor Meghan with any questions.

WUMC member Dan Dollarhide died in March 2024 but left a legacy of love and care through his Mended Hearts efforts. After a major heart attack in 1986, Dan joined a Mended Hearts and served as President of the group for 11 years. He visited hospital patients twice a week. When he moved to Williamsburg, he founded a Mended Hearts Chapter at Sentara Hospital and was active for as long as he was able.



Today's Service

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

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

Assoc. Dir. of Worship Arts: Anthony Williams

Reader: Jacob Oubre, Troop 103

Acolytes 8:15: Gayle Justice **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza, Alden Rochford

Greeters 8:15: Marilyn Riddle, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Linda Rhodes, Laura Viancour

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:** Marijane Harper, Bonnie Knizatko, Joanne Lawson, James Jones, George Sallwasser, Susan Sallwasser, Buz Wilson

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.

February 2 Worship Attendance Total.....	455
In Person 11:00 a.m.	211
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	148
On Line	79
The Table.....	17

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)

Ginger Palmore, *Respite on Board Director* (x118)

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

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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