

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:1-2

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany - February 16, 2025

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

PRELUDE *Meditation on Beautiful Savior* Covenant Ringers (8:15)
(arr. Cathy Mokelbust)
How Firm a Foundation Koinonia Belles (11:00)
(arr. Bill Ingram)

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

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Lectionary Sermons, based on Psalm 91

Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,

"Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress, my God I will trust forever."

Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.

God's protection will follow us throughout our days.

When we call out to the Lord,

we know that we are heard.

God is with us in every trial and temptation,

therefore we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty! Amen!

*HYMN *Womb of Life* TFWS 2046 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

by Mary J. Scifres

O Gentle One, we pray for your presence among us this day. Where there is fear, let us know your comfort. Where there is doubt, let us know your confidence.

Where there is joy, let us know your pleasure. Where there is regret, let us know our forgiveness. Where there is pain, let us know your compassion.

Fill this place with your Holy Spirit, and may this same Spirit fill our lives in this time of worship, and in the week ahead. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING WITH SUNG RESPONSE

Psalter 91

UMH 810 (red book)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *On Eagle's Wings* Sanctuary Choir
(Joncas; Wagner)

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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Lord, I Know I Been Changed* Youth Choir
(arr. Larry Shackley)

MESSAGE *Risk and Refuge* Meghan Roth Clayton

HYMN *Nothing Can Trouble* TFWS 2054 (black book)
(sing 4 times)

A TESTIMONY Fran Lane

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

Adoration
(Florence Price)

*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!**

*HYMN

We Hope Against All Hope
(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

**We hope against all hope! O God, we trust your word —
and we believe in what we've neither seen nor heard.
As Abraham believed and Sarah trusted, too,
so give us faith to hear, O Lord, and trust in you.**

**When everything seems lost, when dreams and visions die,
when things that we can trust are in such short supply,
God, give us faith to see amid the world's despair
that still you call each one of us your child, your heir.**

**When blessings overflow, when dreams and visions soar,
we pray we won't be filled with pride but trust you more.
You choose what you will give; we cannot earn our way.
By grace you give us faith for every passing day.**

**God, give us faith-filled eyes to see the things you see —
Not only what there is, but what will surely be.
For everywhere we go, your promises are true:
we're travelers on the journey and we trust in you.**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Psalm 121
(Anthony Kouri Williams)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX
(Benedetto Marcello)

**congregation invited to stand*

**The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by
...Tom and Gayle Justice in honor of our Church Staff.**

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!

Winter Shelter Ministry

This evening 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.

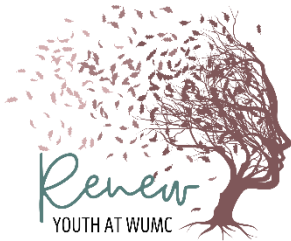
We are grateful to the many volunteers whose gift of time and Christian love make this possible. Please pray for each guest, all those who help to ready our space, the Scouts who unload and reload the trailer, the food preparers and servers, those who check-in and check-out our guests, and those who 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.

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.



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:** *Anxious About Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, Rm. 171; **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Fellowship Hall; **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.

All who participated in the 4-week **MicroActivism Book Study** are invited to a follow up session on Sunday, February 16, 6:00 p.m. (following The Table worship service) in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Meghan with any questions.

**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 chapter 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.

Give Up Complaining for Lent

Mondays, beginning March 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.



There's so much to complain about in life, but what good does complaining really do anyway? What if you could give up complaining this Lent and turn that complaining-energy into action? Join Laura Beach and Ema Kossin on a 6-week journey to living complaint-free using Will Bowen's book, *A Complaint Free World: Stop Complaining, Start Living*. For more info or to get connected

to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Register now at tinyurl.com/wumc-no-complaining.

Pastors' Bible Study PAUSE: Spending Lent with the Psalms

Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Rm 103

Thursdays in Lent, beginning March 13, 10:30-12:00 p.m. | Zoom

Lent is an ideal time to step back and reflect on the deeper movements of the spirit. The season encourages us to consider a different pace - one of slowing down, noticing, reflecting - than what our dominant culture values. Join Pastors Dave, Meghan, and Troy in taking up the spiritual practice of encountering, sinking into, and deeply engaging with one Psalm each week during Lent and Holy Week. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Register NOW at tinyurl.com/pastors-lent-2025.



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.

Meetings & Events

Feb 16	4:45 p.m.	The Table
Feb 17	4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
Feb 18	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Feb 19	3:45 p.m.	Respite Board
Feb 20	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Committee

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 our church records. We hope to have this completed soon, so we can send to the publisher. Today and next Sunday, we invite you to stop by one of our two Directory tables in the Atrium to make sure your data is correct. Thanks!



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

March 28-30 Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Toano

Cost: \$125 per participant – Scholarship available

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.

Puzzles are available in the Collection Closet. Bring one; take one.

CARE Committee

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Mary Ann Durboraw 757 871-1455 and Carol Schuster 757 603-2574 are the January coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.



**American
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

Williamsburg United Women in Faith



American Red Cross
Eastern Virginia Region

Saturday, March 1st
9 am – 2 pm

Williamsburg United Methodist Church – Atrium
500 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Let's serve our community and save lives together.
Come donate blood.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
and use sponsor code **WilliamsburgUMC**
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Save lives and empower your health! In March, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing on successful donations. Plus, come to give March 1-31 and get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

Today's Service

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

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

Assoc. Dir. of Worship Arts: Anthony Williams

Reader 8:15: Warren Harper **11:00** Nathalie Bacskay

Acolyte 11:00: Alden Rochford

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Charles Swadley, Sue Swadley

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 9 Worship Attendance Total.....	614
In Person 11:00 a.m.	315
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	147
On Line	83
The Table.....	20
Messy Church.....	49

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)

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