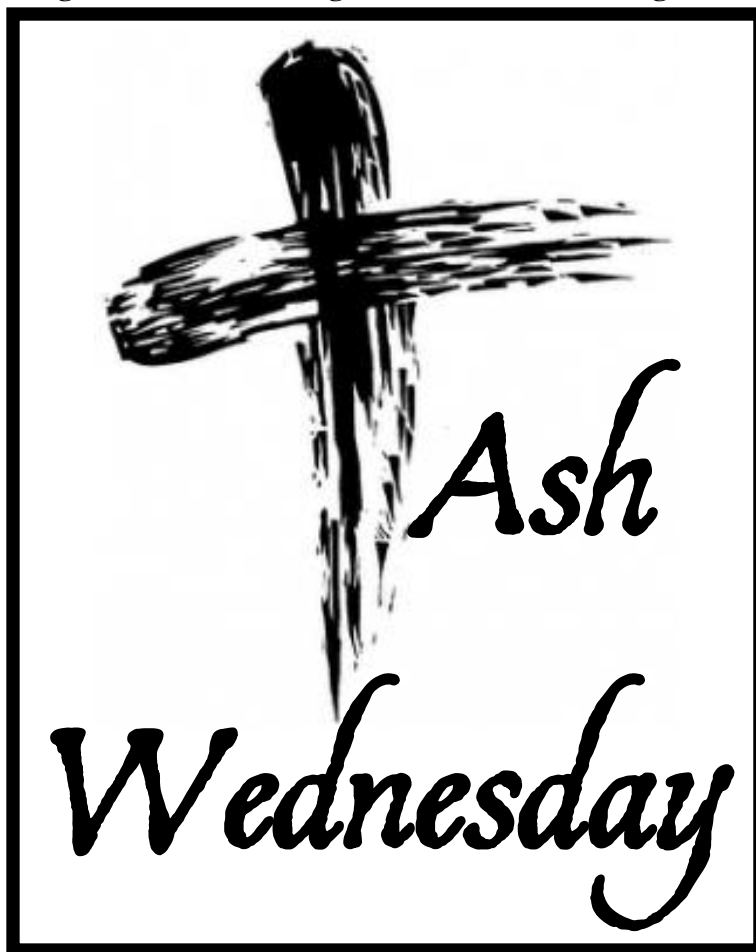


Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



March 5, 2025 - Noon and 7:00 p.m.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF GRACE AND PARDON

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

**Together, we turn toward our God in the confidence that,
through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*HYMN *Grace Alone* TFWS 2162 (black book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision* (Noon)
(arr. Mark Hayes)
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee (7:00)
(J.S. Bach)

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Troy Sims, Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Zach Griggs

Greeters Noon: Marilyn Riddle, Laura Viancour **7:00:** Linda Upshaw

Acolytes Noon: Virginia Morgan **7:00** Ella Bullock

Reader 7:00: Nathalie Bacskay

Piano Noon: Barbara Stahl **Organ 7:00:** Tom Marshall

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Ushers Noon: Walter Hall, Greg Johnson **7:00:** Nancy Donnelly, Walter Hall, Bonnie Knizatko

Sound and Livestream: Josh Clayton

2025 Lenten Offering

Lent is traditionally a time when we focus on committing to spiritual practices to help us grow in faith and love of God and neighbor – even and especially our enemies. An important spiritual practice for the members of WUMC during Lent is living into Jesus' call to give to support those in need (see Matthew 6:2 and 25:31-46). The Local and Global Outreach Committees have selected the following as a means to live into that call:

GLOBAL INITIATIVES

- **Church World Service** – This ministry is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Fourteen denominations (including the UMC) work together through this initiative. Your gift will be sent to support their work in Tanzania supporting families as they create food security and stable incomes. *Learn more:* www.cwsglobal.org/our-work/africa/tanzania.
- **Good Shepherd Community School, Zambia** – This community school of in Ng'ombe Compound and surrounding areas in Lusaka, Zambia has been a passion of WUMC's own Jeanne Niebel since 2004. It educates children and supports their spiritual development while providing resources like technology and books and of the children.
- **UMCOR Global Initiatives** – UMCOR is a humanitarian organization that provides for the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of people around the world reeling from natural and human-made disasters. This ministry assists the most vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion or status. This year's offering will focus on needs around the world. *Learn more:* www.umcmision.org/umcor.

LOCAL INITIATIVES

- **Housing Partnerships** – Since 1985, this organization has served the Williamsburg community and surrounding neighborhoods to ensure that everyone has a safe, warm, and dry home. To accomplish this goal, they use a volunteer-driven approach to repair the homes of the area's most impoverished residents, especially the elderly and the disabled. *Learn more:* www.housingpartnerships.org.
- **Latisha's House, Virginia** - This organization provides a long-term, transitional housing program for adult, female survivors of sex trafficking and offers individualized support to empower them to build a bridge from their traumatic past to a positive future. *Learn more:* www.latishashouse.com.
- **William & Mary Food for All** - This group supports the William & Mary Campus Food Exchange and swipe drives (providing additional meals for students throughout the year. It continues and expands these resources to serve students, faculty, and staff who may face issues of food access. *Learn more:* foodforall.pages.wm.edu.



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