

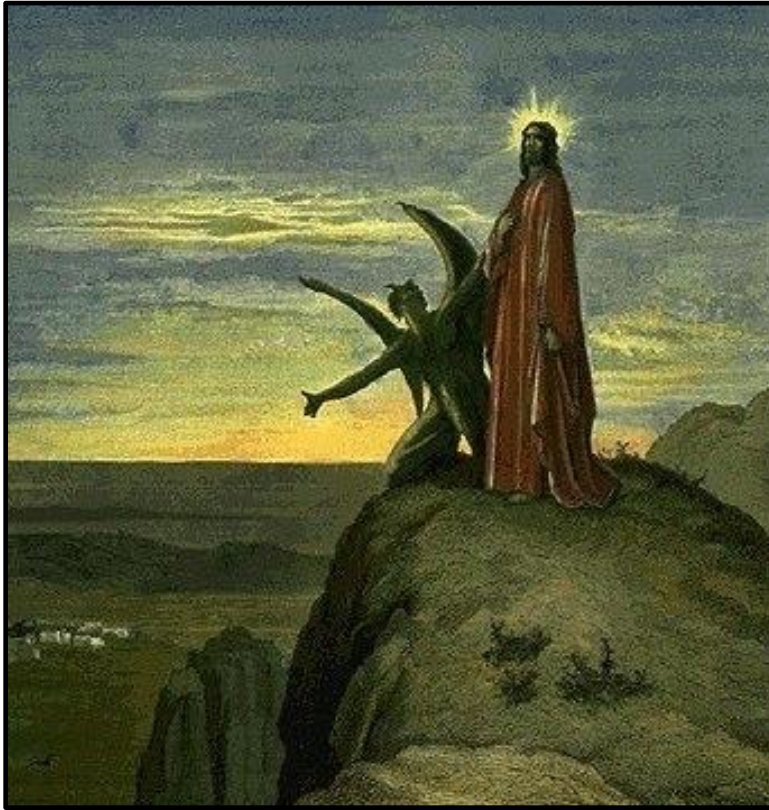


Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785

Welcoming Neighbors –
Nurturing Faith –
Transforming Our World



*"The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness,"
Gustave Doré, French Woodcut engraving, 1865*

if you, then, will worship me

it will all be yours

Luke 4:7

First Sunday in Lent - March 9, 2025

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

PRELUDE

These Forty Days
(Robert J. Powell)

INTROIT

More Like You
(Scott Wesley Brown)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 91

You who dwell 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!

For God will give his angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

They will bear us up on their hands, lest we dash our foot against a stone.

Because we cleave to the Lord in love, he will deliver us;

he will protect us, because we know his name.

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, too often our intentions exceed our actions.

**We pray that you would 'deliver us from temptation,'
but we admit that sometimes we choose that path for ourselves.**

In this season of repentance, Lord Christ, show us again your footsteps;

remind us of your trial in the wilderness.

Keep before us your steadfast faithfulness to your Father's purpose.

Have mercy on us; turn to us again!

Now, Merciful God, hear our deepest thoughts, the sincere whispers of our hearts...

[a time of silent confession]

This we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Pie Jesu from "Missa Brevis"
(Tom Shelton)

Youth Choir

MOMENT OF TEACHING: PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Congregation:

We hand to you what we have received; this is the Story of God.

**Our grandparents learned and loved these stories,
for here are words that speak to us all.**

**They tell us who we are, that we belong to one another,
and that together we are the people of God.**

We receive these Bibles with open hands, hearts, and minds.

We will read and study the Bible together. We thank you.

We rejoice in this step on your faith journey.

We pray Jesus will guide you, your family, and us

as we learn together and grow in the way of disciples.

**May God open to you the path to growing, serving others,
and living out a faithful example to all. Amen.**

The word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path! Thanks be to God.

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	<i>Hymn of Promise</i> (arr. Mary McDonald)	Sanctuary Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	Luke 4:1-13 (pg. 61 NT)
MESSAGE	<i>Saying Yes with our No</i>	Dave Rochford
*HYMN	<i>Lamb of God</i>	TFWS 2113 (black book)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895 (red book)
LENTEN OFFERING BENEFICIARY	The Good Shepherd Community School, Lusaka, Zambia	Jeanne Niebel
OFFERTORY	<i>Sarabande</i> (Robert Lau)	
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	UMH 95 (red book)
*HYMN	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	UMH 402 (red book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
BENEDICTION	An Irish Blessing (H. Hallström)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee</i> (J.S. Bach)	

The greenery in the Chancel is given to the Glory of God by

...Carlton & Beth Casey and family in honor of the 95th birthday of Rev. Robert Tewning Casey.
...Elaine Merrey Howell in memory of my cousin Kaye Irene Merrey.

*Please take the opportunity to meet your neighbors!
At the conclusion of our services, those wishing to hear the Postlude in its entirety are invited to remain seated.*

****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; **Perspectives:** Rm. 171; **Walking the Footsteps Small Group:** Rm. 160; **Marvin Willard Class** in Rm. 174; **Young Adult:** Rm. 180/182. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org



Messy Church - Living in Lent

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, March 11 and families of all types are invited! Join us for play, worship and spiritual practice stations, and a free community dinner as get ready to follow Jesus through the season of Lent.

Daily Devotionals?

Wanna receive daily devotionals in your email during special times of the year like Advent and Lent? Visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-devotional and share your email address!

Give Up Complaining for Lent

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



What good does complaining really accomplish? 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.

Sanctuary Flowers

We are blessed to have lovely flowers adorn our church every Sunday. At Easter, we have the church filled with spring flowers. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please go to tinyurl.com/wumceasterlily to order. Cost is \$20 each. You may also sign up for chancel flowers at tinyurl.com/wumcchanceflowers.

Beginning this Week! 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.

Senior Adult Trip to American Revolution Museum

Join WUMC senior adults for a visit to the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown on March 13. Meet at the WUMC parking lot at 9 a.m. to carpool or meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. After viewing the museum exhibits, those who want to have lunch can go to a local restaurant in Yorktown. Admission to the Museum is free to residents of James City County, York County, and the City of Williamsburg. Bring proof of residency (driver's license or copy of a utility bill). Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yorktownfieldtrip>

Understanding Your Grief

Sundays, March 16 through April 27, (skipping Easter Sunday) Rm. 174 at 3:30 p.m.

Find support, fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief. Stephen Ministry Leader Nancy Rivero and Barbara Feagin will guide you using Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book *Understanding Your Grief* and the accompanying journal. Pre-registration is required at www.tinyurl.com/wumcgriefgroup Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan at 757-229-1771.

United Women in Faith News - Dining For Missions

Dine In or Carry Out lunch or dinner at Sal's by Victor Restaurant, 1242 Richmond Road between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. March 18 and Sal's will donate **15-20% of the income to the United Women in Faith for missions**. Join us and make a difference!

Circle Meetings for March

- Heritage Circle will meet March 11 at 9:45 a.m. in Rm. 303.
- Sisters in Grace will meet March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in Rm. 303.
- Carol Scott Circle will meet March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room.
- Sisters in Mission will meet March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

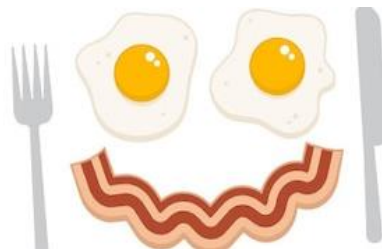
CARE Committee

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Mary Liz Sadler 757 229-8063 and Fran Hermance 757 229-8857 are the March coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Please pick up containers/dishes left from shelter week. They are located on the cart outside the Fellowship Hall. They will soon go to Restore.

Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast

Join us March 15, 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a morning of fellowship and great food at our monthly Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by United Methodist Men. Please RSVP by March 13. Our guest speaker will be Deborah Hewitt. Deborah will also lead us on a tour of our Respite Care space. The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person. We also ask attendees to consider donating to the Harbour Scholarship Fund and other UMM-supported ministries.



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

Questions? Please contact Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton
mclayton@williamsburgumc.org or contact Deacon Troy Sims
tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Learn more or register at tinyurl.com/wumc-SiS-2.

Youth Retro Video Game Arcade

Sunday, March 9

12:30 - 2:00pm

After our Youth sing in worship today, we're going to relax with some retro video games!

Join us in the Youth Room for lunch and some of your favorite old school games (and some new ones, too). If you don't like video games, no worries! We'll have board and card games to play, too. We hope to see you there!

This Week At WUMC

Sunday, 3/9

4:45 p.m. The Table

6:15 p.m. Sacred Resistance: a Practical Guide to Christian Witness

Monday, 3/10

5:30 p.m. KMO Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Local Outreach Committee

Tuesday, 3/11

3:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group

5:30 p.m. Messy Church-A Lenten Experience

Wednesday, 3/12

5:30 p.m. Welcome & Hospitality Zoom

7:00 p.m. Pastors' Bible Study

Thursday, 3/13

10:30 a.m. Pastors' Bible Study-Zoom

Saturday, 3/14

8:30 a.m. Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast



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.umcmmission.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.



Give online now — tinyurl.com/2025-lenten-gift

Today's Service

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

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

Associate Dir. of Worship Arts: Anthony Williams

Piano: Barbara Stahl

Readers 8:15: Russ Henke **11:00:** Dianne Colestock

Acolyte 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Marilyn Riddle **11:00:** Pam Christensen, Tom Christensen

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:** Drew Alexander, Valerie Dobson, Van Dobson, Walter Hall, Greg Johnson, Bonnie Knizatko, John Tressler, JD Tressler

Sound and Livestream: 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.

March 2 Worship Attendance Total.....	487
In Person 11:00 a.m.	243
In Person 8:15 a.m.	131
Online	83
The Table	30

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, *Business 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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