



# Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Laity Sunday*  
Together by Grace

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**  
**8:15 and 11:00am**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Sanctuary Orchestra  
(arr. David Winkler)

INTROIT *Let Thy Face Shine on Thy Servant* Sanctuary Choir  
(Eleanor Daley)

WELCOME

TROOP 103 SCOUT MASTER MOMENT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Laity Sunday Resources

Jesus said we are his witnesses.

**We know God's Spirit is at work in our lives.**

We listen for his voice in the cries of our neighbors.

**We know your plan is to gather all in love.**

As God's own people, we are Spirit-strong ligaments of grace when we follow your wisdom and instruction for a "whole" way of life.

**We thank God that our own lives can "cover" the Lord's song when we know the "script" by heart. Amen**

\*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* 545 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

We have sinned against you and one another, Lord.

We have not lived worshipfully.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.**

We have not loved you wholly.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not denied ourselves and taken up our own cross daily.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.**

We have not pursued justice and walked humbly with you.

We have not shared the good news with our lips or in our lives.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.**

[silent prayer]

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:14-21 (193 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord* Sanctuary Orchestra

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Where Children Belong* (11:00)  
**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 am, Grades K-3 are invited to Children's Worship in the Godly Playroom (215) to encounter God in story, song, and creativity. Our Nursery, located in Rm. 207, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 2:14-17 (230 NT)  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Together by Grace: Be Strong in the Spirit"  
Harley Knowles, Lay Leader

\*HYMN *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* 2004 (black book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Prière* organ  
(Jacques Lemmens)

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* 500 (red book)

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *A Blessing* Sanctuary Choir  
(Eleanor Daley)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God...  
in memory of Darrel Burri by Sally Burri and family.  
by Roy and Wendy Geiger in honor of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

## THIS WEEK AT WUMC



### WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We're delighted to have you with us! Between services, follow the signs to our Fellowship Area for coffee, connection, and our Kids Corner. We'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We're honored you chose us to worship with today!

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex (or ask an usher for help). If you have a "t-coil" switch on your hearing aid, you may be able to simply activate the t-coil switch. If that does not work, use one of the listening devices with a loop instead of the headphones. The loops are in the basket next to the devices. Just leave the headphones and plug in the loop instead. *Please leave devices on the cabinet where you picked it up; do not put it back in the basket. That helps us know the batteries need to be charged.*

### WEEKLY MODERN WORSHIP TODAY 9:30am | Fellowship Hall

Join us this morning at 9:30am for our Modern Worship Service. With weekly communion, a band leading contemporary Christian music, and a relaxed atmosphere, we hope you'll consider this new opportunity to connect with God together with us!

### MESSY CHURCH: BLESSED ARE YOU February 10, 5:30pm | WUMC

### ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS February 9 & 11 @ 9:30am | Fellowship Hall

Come experience sessions crafted with care, featuring heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening light weight training, and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.



Scan the QR code to learn more about opportunities for you and your family to grow, learn, and find community at WUMC.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 18,  
NOON AND 7:00PM - LIVE STREAM SANCTUARY.**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH TRUSTEES BEGINNING MARCH 1

When requesting a room for an event at church, please be aware the 14-day submittance prior to the proposed date of the event or activity still applies. If a special setup is required, this must also be submitted with the Building Request Form. Your request will not be approved without a written/sketched diagram.

## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Today 8:00am – 1:00pm | Atrium**

reNEW Youth will collect canned and shelf stable food items for FISH food pantry in the Atrium today before and after the worship services as part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring food collection. We have a table for both teams - cast your vote for the winner of the game by where you put your donations. If you would like to support FISH with a monetary donation, we will also be collecting funds to support their work. Our goal for this year is 650 food items. We are excited to partner with you in showing God's love to the Williamsburg community this game day!

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

**PICK UP YOUR CHILI TODAY  
IN THE ATRIUM BETWEEN SERVICES AND AFTER THE 11:00AM SERVICE.**

UWF is open to all women in the church. Pick a circle to visit - variety of times below. Circles build community and discipleship through service projects and monthly meetings. Join us.

**Sisters in Grace** - February 10, 11:00am lunch at Food for Thought. After lunch, circle members will lead a project and Valentine Bingo with members of Respite Care.

**Sisters in Mission** February 17, 5:00pm. in Rm. 309 Please note the new date (third Tuesday of the month) and time (5:00pm) for meetings going forward. The February topic will be Love Stories from the Bible.

## **SAVE THE DATE - CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**February 21, 8:30am | Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Brian Johnson will be our guest speaker. He will showcase his expertise as a Bible scholar and his ability to be concise by presenting the entire content of the Bible in just seven words. The cost for breakfast is \$10.00 per person. Register at [tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast)

## **ECMS WINTER CARNIVAL February 27, 5:30 – 8:00pm**



### **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO WEATHER**

Mark your calendars for February 27, 5:30 – 8:00pm. and join our Early Childhood Music School Winter Carnival at Williamsburg UMC for a fun night of games, bounce house, face painting, slime bar, video gaming station, instrument petting zoo, silent auction,

food truck, AND MORE! Tickets are \$10 Children 4 and under are free. Family Ticket for 4 or more \$35.

Want to help? Donate to the Silent Auction or volunteer to work at the Carnival for set up, work at event stations, or help the cleanup crew.

The best part - 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. Get tickets at [tinyurl.com/ecms-carnival](https://tinyurl.com/ecms-carnival)



## **JAZZ BENEFIT CONCERT**

**February 13, 7:00pm -WUMC Fellowship Hall**

Join us for an evening of traditional New Orleans-style jazz in support of Hope in the Mountains, a faith-based organization bringing hope and positive change to communities in southwestern West Virginia. Let us know you are coming at [tinyurl.com/umm-jazz](https://tinyurl.com/umm-jazz)

# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## VOLUNTEERS

Your worship experience today is made possible by many volunteers behind the scenes. Greeters, ushers, acolytes, readers, communion servers, communion preparation helpers, flower waterers, Sanctuary preparation, flower coordinator/orderer, Advent flower waterers, and Christmas sanctuary decorators all work to make your worship experience exceptional. Now that the church has added a Modern worship service each Sunday the need for volunteers has grown. If you can help in any of these roles for the Modern Worship service, please reach out to Cindy Banek [banek1@cox.net](mailto:banek1@cox.net). If you are interested in serving the 8:15 or 11:00am services, please email Betsy Harrison [betsyTharrison@gmail.com](mailto:betsyTharrison@gmail.com) and let her know how you can serve in worship. Your gifts and talents can enhance our worship experience.

## CARE COMMITTEE

The CARE Committee is a dedicated group of volunteer members who provide rides to medical appointments, meals for the sick, and funeral receptions. Our February Coordinators are Mary Ann Durboraw (757) 871-1455 and Carol Schuster (757) 603-2574. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance.



## CREATION CARE TEAM

Seal Drafts. Take a minute to inspect your windows and doors for drafts. Small gaps can let out a huge amount of heat. By sealing these gaps with caulk or a different sealant, you can protect your home against jump in your heating bill. For an alternative, simple, low-cost solution, you can also seal these drafts with towels or old t-shirts, to block the cold air from coming in and the hot air leaking out.

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals, And Any Of Us Who Are Not Retiring For More Than 30 Years. We Got This!

Every third Thursday February 19, March 19 and April 16, 7:00pm Pizza Dinner for the first. Dinner will be provided or we will go somewhere fun! Questions? Contact Pastor Madison [mailinger@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:mailinger@williamsburgumc.org)

## CLASSES

### AN UNLIKELY LENT: Searchers Sunday School

**6 Sundays beginning February 22, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303 & Zoom**

The resurrection was not witnessed in isolation; it unfolded before a crowd. What might the stories of those people tell us today?

### EMBRACING THE PROPHETS LENTEN STUDY

**Sundays beginning February 22, 2:00-3:30pm**

**Tuesdays beginning February 24, 10:30-12:00 noon**

In this study using video of Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann in conversation with the Bible, we'll consider the biblical prophets and how we can embrace them in our present context as grace. Led by Deacon Troy. Register now at [tinyurl.com/embrace-prophets](http://tinyurl.com/embrace-prophets)



**GOSPEL OF JOHN - Pastors' Lenten Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays beginning February 25, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171**  
**Thursdays beginning Feb 26, 10:30-12:00noon | Via Zoom**

You're invited to experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal by encountering God's grace in the Gospel according to John. Pastors Brian and Madison will walk with you through Adam Hamilton's book, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* for 6 weeks. Register now at [tinyurl.com/pastors-john](https://tinyurl.com/pastors-john)

For more information on classes, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

## WAYS TO GIVE

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give..." 2 Corinthians 9:7*



### TEXT TO GIVE

"GIVETOWUMC" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. You do not need an account to give; simply text your gift amount in any format (\$10, 10, 10.00). Receipts are sent via email.

### CASH/CHECK

Donations can be made via our collection plate on Sundays, mail, or the church office Mon - Fri. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve!



### Giving Makes an Impact

Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at [williamsburgumc.org/articles](https://williamsburgumc.org/articles) to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

## CONNECT



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### SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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FOR THE LATEST NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND  
WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

### Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
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# FEBRUARY 1 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	349
In Person 11:00am	89
In Person 8:15am	46
Modern Worship 9:30am	40
Online	174

**DON'T FORGET**  
**PICK UP YOUR GIVING ENVELOPES LOCATED ON THE**  
**TABLE AS YOU ENTER THE ATRIUM.**

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Brian Johnson, **Lead Pastor** (x110)  
Madison Ailing, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)  
Troy Sims, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)  
Mary Ellen Baker, **Finance Manager** (x106)  
Ellen Bushman, **Respite Care Director** (x118)  
Josh Clayton, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)  
Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)  
Thomas Marshall, **Organist** (757 713-0584)  
Laura Pittman, **Director Kid's Morning Out Preschool** (x113)  
Nancy Reynolds, **Engagement and Administrative Coordinator** (x104)  
Michelle Roy, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)  
Ellen Simon, **Bookkeeper** (x116)  
Lou-Anne Smith, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)  
Greg Whiteside, **Director of Facilities** (x101)  
Anthony Williams, **Assoc. Director Worship Arts, Director Early Childhood Music** (x115)  
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