



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Meeting Jesus: Transforming Encounters with Grace Week 1

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11 (3 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Meeting Temptation”

Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

2105 (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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ed & Barbara Woolsen (8:15)

Gem Blair, Hap & Holly White (11:00)

APOSTLES’ CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

organ

(Johann Krebs)

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

95 (red book)

**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.**

*HYMN	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	378 (red book)
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>A Blessing</i> (Eleanor Daley)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee</i> (J.S. Bach)	organ

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 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!

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS February 23 and 25 @ 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.

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

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. All proceeds 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



UWF BLOOD DRIVE February 28, 9:00am – 2:00pm | Atrium
For an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/uwf-blood-drive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO OBSERVE LENT?

Visit our new Lenten Practices page for simple, meaningful ways to grow in faith this season including prayer, Scripture, fasting, generosity, and love in action. Head to williamsburgumc.org/lenten-practices for ideas.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Director of Congregation & Community Engagement at WUMC Full job description is available in *The Messenger* under **CLICK HERE** or apply at tinyurl.com/wumccommsdirector

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Order deadline Sunday March 8 midnight

A timeless tradition at WUMC. A gift of \$20 enables flowers to be placed in honor or memory of loved ones. You may order on our website: williamsburgumc.org/easter/ or the Events section in Realm. For questions, please contact Rita Welty wumcflowers@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
March 21, 8:30am | Fellowship Hall

SISTERS IN SPIRIT WOMEN'S RETREAT – LIFE'S A PUZZLE

April 17-19 | Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Toano
Life is a puzzle, but thankfully, God helps us put it all together. Rev. Nancy Robinson will lead the retreat. Learn more or register: tinyurl.com/2026-womens-retreat

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 March 19 and April 16, 7:00pm. Dinner will be provided or we will go somewhere fun! Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

Switch to Energy-Efficient Lighting. Swap traditional lightbulbs for energy-efficient LED bulbs. Modern lighting options consume less electricity and last longer. You will save money in the long run with reduced energy bills and fewer bulb replacements. Switching to energy efficient lighting will also lower greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to your eco-friendly winter season.



WALK FOR A HEALTHY HONDURAS Sunday, April 12, 1:00pm

CHHF (Carolina Honduras Health Foundation) is hosting a walk to raise funds for a Healthy Honduras. CHHF works with the community in the Dept. of Colón, Honduras, to improve health via education, community development, medical referrals, and primary care clinics. Register to walk as an individual or a team, set your goal, and start fundraising to bring help and hope to someone in desperate need. Register at tinyurl.com/chhf-walk.

TAKE PART IN A MEDICAL MISSIONS TEAM TO HONDURAS July 10-18

Embark on a life-changing journey that will not only transform the lives of others but also yours. Join the van Leliveld CHHF (Carolina Honduras Health Foundation) mission team. We are looking for doctors, nurses, and non-medical people willing to help. Contact Sandy vanleliveld (757) 871-2012 or sandyvanleliveld@gmail.com

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?

SAVIOR - Marvin Willard Sunday School

6 Sundays of Lent starting February 22, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today? In this study of Magrey deVega's book, you'll consider the need for reconciliation between humankind and a holy God through Jesus' death on the cross.

EMBRACING THE PROPHETS LENTEN STUDY

Sundays beginning February 22, 2:00-3:30pm | Rm 352

Tuesdays beginning February 24, 10:30-noon | Rm 352

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

GOSPEL OF JOHN - Pastors' Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays beginning February 25, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

Thursdays beginning Feb 26, 10:30-noon | 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

DEPOLARIZING OURSELVES: A Means to Encounter God's Grace

Sunday, March 8, 12:00-2:00pm | Location TBD

The newly formed Greater Good Group of WUMC invites you to take part in this workshop led by the local chapter of Braver Angels braverangels.org/braver-faith/. For people of faith, civil discourse begins in recognizing the image of God in our conversation partner. (cont'd)

Since we are all children of God, our approach should involve mutual respect. Respect, not agreement, is an essential key for a healthy discussion. This workshop addresses how we may inadvertently be complicit in, or possibly even encourage, polarization. We'll begin with a simple lunch right after 11:00am worship with the actual workshop beginning at 12:30pm. YOU MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE! Do so now: tinyurl.com/wumc-depolarize

For more information on classes, contact Deacon Troy Sims 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 to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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FEBRUARY 15 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	502
In Person 11:00am	190
In Person 8:15am	147
Modern Worship 9:30am	69
Online	96

Messy Church

MARCH 10, 5:30 – 7:30pm
PLAY / CRAFT / EAT / WORSHIP

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Brian Johnson, **Lead Pastor** (x110)
Madison Ailinger, **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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