



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Movement Turning the World Upside Down Week 1

The Movement Begins

APRIL 12, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Lento on Easter Chorale “Christ ist Erstanden”* Organ
(Richard Purvis)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**He lives among God’s children—those who are near
and those who are far away.**

Christ is with us!

His life makes us a new people, united and sent in the mission to love.

People of the resurrection, let us praise God for this beautiful life God has given.

**Let us praise God through giving ourselves to each other, sharing
what we have received, and walking together the way that leads to life.**

*HYMN *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* 304 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving and living God, you have offered yourself to us in the gift
of your Son, Jesus. In him, we have found the gift of everlasting life
for each of us, for all humanity, and for all of creation. As you are shaping
and remaking us by the power of your Spirit, form us into the image
of your grace. Make us into a community of people who expand your love
in the world, so that all your people may know you and worship you in Spirit
and in truth. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* Sara Woodward,
(George Frideric Handel) soprano

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:4-8 (162 NT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL READING Acts 2:14a, 36-47 (119 NT)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “The Movement Begins” Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 2120 (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.**

APOSTLES CREED

882 (red book)

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

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.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

CREATION CARE MOMENT

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Chorale and Alleluia
(Raymond Haan)

Organ

*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

He Lives

310 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Easter Chorale "Christ ist Erstanden"
(Richard Purvis)

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.*

NEW FAMILY MINISTRY CHECK-IN STATION

We're excited to launch a new Family Ministry Check-In station in the Atrium for Sunday mornings! If you have kids in the Nursery or Children's Worship, at any worship hour, visit the computer kiosk to check them in for the programs they will attend. This helps us know when children are present and gives our guests a way to provide us with an emergency contact and allergy information. The station will also print out a name tag for your child and a matching security tag for their adult to use at pickup time. Please plan to visit the check-in kiosk so someone from Family Ministries can show you the new system!

CLASSES

THE BOOK OF ACTS - Pastors' Bible Study

Wednesdays, April 15-May 20, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

Thursdays, April 16-May 21, 10:30-12:00pm | Zoom

You're invited to journey with Pastors Brian and Madison (and the early church) through the book of Acts. There we read the story of the early church as they told the story of Jesus and put God's love into action. The book provides a model for a church that is not afraid of change and that is passionately committed to loving and serving its neighbors. The primary text will be the Bible, following the reading plan that we are encouraging the congregation to read. For more info, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org Register at tinyurl.com/pastors-acts

ANNOUNCEMENTS



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES

Our Circles are open to all! Please visit any of our circles and join in a time of sisterhood and service.

Sisters in Grace will meet April 14, at 1:00pm in Room 309. Our program will be a time of in-reach and outreach.

Sisters in Mission will meet April 21, 5:00pm in Room 309.

ORDER FLOWERS ONLINE

Our chancel flower calendar is available to place online orders. Orders must be placed on this form [tinyurl.com/wumc-flowers](https://www.wumc.org/flowers) at least 9 days in advance of the Sunday requested. There are dates available this month. Need help ordering? Contact wumcflowers@gmail.com. Orders will not be taken in the church office or placed in the offering plate. We appreciate your desire to help beautify our sanctuary in this meaningful way.



ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS April 13 and 15 @ 9:30am | Atrium



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

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

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



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](https://www.wumc.org/2026-womens-retreat)

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 18, 8:30 - 10:30am

Join us in Fellowship Hall for the Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast while learning about Virginia's First People and their lasting impact on the culture of Virginia. Our speaker, Jim Griffin, will share insights on the earliest human inhabitants of Virginia and the significant contributions these groups made to the region's vibrant heritage. A full breakfast will be served featuring breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls and breads, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. The cost is \$10.00 per person, with all proceeds supporting church ministries and outreach. Reserve your spot at [tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast](https://www.wumc.org/umm-breakfast)

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

Sunday, April 19, 12:15-2:00pm | Rm 303 Followed by optional building tour

New to WUMC? Grab a slice and say hi! Pizza with the Pastors is a casual, quarterly gathering after the 11:00am service to meet our pastors, connect with others, and ask questions about life at WUMC. No pressure — just pizza and people. For more info, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Register now at [tinyurl.com/pizza-pastor](https://www.wumc.org/pizza-pastor)

PREPARE/ENRICH COUPLES WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 25, 9:00am-5:00pm | WUMC

Married or engaged couples are invited to take part in a Prepare/Enrich Couple Workshop led by Rev. Chesla T. Nickelson, M.Div, MAMFT. This workshop helps couples strengthen connections, navigate challenges, and thrive in their relationships. *Costs:* \$10 for lunch (payable to WUMC); and \$35 for an online assessment (payable to Prepare/Enrich).

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CREATION CARE TEAM

Care for God's Creation by Protecting the Environment



- Clean up: Pick up litter in your local park or neighborhood.
- Compost: Start a compost bucket or bin to reduce landfill waste.
- Plant trees/gardens: Trees provide oxygen, clean the air, and save energy.
- Use non-toxic products: Choose eco-friendly cleaners to avoid sending chemicals into waterways.

Introducing Coffee Cup Composting at WUMC

In an effort to support the Green Church Initiative (GCI) of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Creation Care Committee (CCC) at Williamsburg United Methodist Church is excited to introduce a composting initiative at our Sunday morning coffee station. The GCI is a covenant congregation program that empowers a local church to live out its faith, given the Biblical mandate to care for and be good stewards of all that God has so lovingly created.

With a small grant from Endowment, CCC has arranged for a local business, Fill Happy, to compost our coffee cups and lids each week. Some of this compost will be used around our church. Starting April 12, you can help us by emptying any coffee, tea, or other liquid you don't finish into one of the green pitchers at the coffee station and then place your paper cup into the marked recycle container. Thank you in advance for your patience and support as we implement this program.

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 April Coordinators are Betsy Ziskind (757) 291-3635 and Jan Boykin (757) 565-2950. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance. To join this team of folks who care for others, email Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

LOCAL OUTREACH

The next Kairos event will be held at Lawrenceville Correctional Center April 22 - April 26. Local Outreach's involvement will be to bake cookies, make placemats and pray for the participants. Come by the table in the Atrium April 12; sign up to make cookies and pick up a bag containing the instructions/recipe. Cookies need to be delivered to the church on April 19, 20, or 21 by 4:00pm. We appreciate your help with this ministry.

VOLUNTEERS

Your worship experience today is made possible by many volunteers. Greeters, ushers, acolytes, readers, communion servers, communion preparation helpers, watering flowers, Sanctuary preparation, flower coordinator, Easter and Christmas decorating 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, contact Cindy Banek banek1@cox.net If you are interested in serving the 8:15 or 11:00am services, contact Betsy Harrison betsyTharrison@gmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

At WUMC, our goal is to help Children, Youth, and their families grow as disciples of Jesus Christ through nurturing relationships, practicing an active faith, and connecting their stories with God's Story. For the full calendar of events, including monthly Youth outings, Messy Church, and other events in Family Ministries, visit tinyurl.com/wumc-fm-cal

- Children
 - Nursery: open 8am-12:30pm for children who are Pre-K and younger
 - 9:30am: Pre-K Children's Worship and Godly Play (K-3rd) during worship after the Children's Message
 - 11:00am: Children's Worship for Pre-K and K-3rd during worship after the Children's Message
- Youth: every Sunday, 12:30-2:00pm for lunch, faith discussion, spiritual practices, creative expression, and mission

APRIL 5 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	960
In Person 11:00am	347
In Person 8:15am	262
Modern Worship 9:30am	176
Sunrise	88
Online	87

Deadline for Bulletin

Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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WAYS TO GIVE

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



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"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.

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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.

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)

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Thomas Marshall, **Organist** (757 713-0584)

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Nancy Reynolds, **Engagement and Administrative Coordinator** (x104)

Michelle Roy, **Communications and Systems Administrator** (x103)

Ellen Simon, **Bookkeeper** (x116)

Lou-Anne Smith, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

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Anthony Williams, **Assoc. Director Worship Arts, Director Early Childhood Music** (x115)

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