



*Williamsburg*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Movement Turning the World Upside Down Week 2



*A Movement that  
Can't be Stopped*

**APRIL 19, 2026  
8:15 and 11:00am**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Welcome, Happy Morning*  
(Rex Coury)

Organ

INTROIT

*Praise the Lord*  
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a people who have been called — called to follow, called to speak, called to remain faithful to God even when it is difficult.

**We worship the God who tears down walls and opens prison doors.**

The early followers of Jesus witnessed to the Good News of his world-transforming love – even when it got them into trouble.

**We, too, are witnesses. What we have seen and heard, we cannot help but speak. We cannot help but praise the God who is making all things new.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

**Whatever we face, and with every breath we are given, let us worship the One whose purposes no power on earth can overthrow.**

Praise the Lord!

**We worship the God whose love and mercy are unstoppable — and who calls us to follow without fear. Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN

*O How I Love Jesus*

170 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we gather to worship the risen Christ, trusting that he is alive, at work, and impossible to stop. As we gather for worship, we give you thanks for all the ways that Jesus continues to show up in our lives and in our world – and for the promise that he is not done with us yet. Enable us to follow the example of the early church: bearing witness to resurrection hope with boldness and joy, no matter what the world sends our way. We trust in your protection and lean on your strength, for you are the perfect eternal mother to us and the whole universe, you who are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Alleluia, Alleluia*  
(Donald Fishel)

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150 (583 OT)

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 READING

Acts 5:27-42 (123 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"A Movement that Can't be Stopped"

Rev. Brian Johnson

\*HYMN

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*  
(sing 3 times)

2071 (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.**

NICENE CREED

880 (red book)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and  
the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day  
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge  
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection  
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* Organ  
(James Mansfield)

\*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 *Up from the Grave He Arose* 322 (red book)

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Song of Hope* Sanctuary Choir  
(Argentine folk melody)

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in D* Organ  
(George Guest)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Vivian and Albert Golding  
by Norm and Diane Smith and family.

## 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!

## **PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS**

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

New to WUMC? Stop by today, 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. We hope to see you today!

## **ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS April 20 and 22, 9:30am | Atrium**

Following the April 20 class, Barbara Monteith will present information on healthy brain habits at 10:30am.



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

## **THE BOOK OF ACTS - Pastors' Bible Study**

**Continues Wednesdays, through May 20, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171**

**Thursdays, through May 21, 10:30-12:00pm | Zoom**



## **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 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://tinyurl.com/wumc-flowers) at least 9 days in advance of the Sunday requested. There are dates available this month. Need help ordering? Contact [wumcflowers@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# **CLASSES**

## **GARDENING WITH SUSTAINABILITY IN MIND**

**Sunday, April 26, 2:00pm-3:30pm | WUMC Rm. 174**

Laura Viancour, retired director of Colonial Williamsburg's gardens and grounds, will share gardening practices that she has used that can have a positive impact on the environment while making your yards more resilient. Topics will include plant palates, considerations for pollinators and wildlife, and best horticultural practices.

## **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). Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Learn more or register at [tinyurl.com/wumc-couples](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-couples)

# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## CREATION CARE TEAM

### Observe Earth Day by Conserving Energy



- Efficient lighting: Use LED bulbs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Switch off: Turn off lights, televisions, and computers when not in use.
- Temperature control: Use a programmable thermostat to save on heating and cooling.
- Unplug: Unplug electronics, as they still consume energy when plugged in.

## 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. 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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:banek1@cox.net) If you are interested in serving the 8:15 or 11:00am services, contact Betsy Harrison [betsyTharrison@gmail.com](mailto:betsyTharrison@gmail.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENT



## KID'S MORNING OUT

**Saturday, May 9, 2:30-4:30pm | WUMC**

Join us for a fun event and support Kid's Morning Out scholarship fund. Wear your "Sunday best" or your comfortable clothes and grab your best stuffed friend for a fancy tea party! We will have crafts, songs, activities and of course, tea! Experience the magical moment when the music plays and trays of "High Tea Delights" (fruit shaped flowers, finger sandwiches, baked goods, etc.) are served to your table. Our hosts will serve tea, hot chocolate and lemonade. If you aren't able to attend but are interested in supporting KMO, you may purchase a \*Donated\* ticket. This will be

available for someone else that would like to attend. We are so grateful for all who help support this event. We hope that you'll come out this Mother's Day weekend to help support our scholarship fund. We are so excited to Tea Party with you! Tickets are available

NOW! [www.tinyurl.com/2026TBT](http://www.tinyurl.com/2026TBT)

## APRIL 12 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	556
In Person 11:00am.....	222
In Person 8:15am.....	136
Modern Worship 9:30.....	48
Online.....	79
Messy Church.....	71

### Deadline for Bulletin

**Submissions: MONDAY, NOON**

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
[nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org).

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## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

WANT TO STAY CONNECTED? SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL LIST FOR THE LATEST NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AT WUMC.

# 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](http://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 AILINGER, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

TROY SIMS, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

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