



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Movement Turning the World Upside Down Week 3



*The Movement's
Surprising Spokesperson*

**APRIL 26, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| PRELUDE | <i>Prelude in B-flat</i> (Johann Krebs) | Organ |
| INTROIT | <i>Praise the Lord</i> (Hal H. Hopson) | Sanctuary Choir |
| WELCOME | | |

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of light and revelation, you meet us on the road, even when we feel lost.

You call our names in the midst of the noise.

You interrupt our plans with your grace.

You open our eyes when we cannot see.

So, we gather now, ready to be changed, and ready to hear your voice.

We love you, Lord. Amen.

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| *HYMN | <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> | 400 (red book) |
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OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God,

like Saul on the road, we confess that we have gone our own way.

We have resisted your voice, and ignored your call to love.

Stop us in our tracks. Open our eyes to see you.

Remove what keeps us from your grace. Draw us into your Holy embrace

as we offer ourselves to you, in humble obedience.

In Jesus Christ's Name We Pray. Amen.

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| ANTHEM | <i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i> (Allen Pote) | Sanctuary Choir |
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| FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | | Matthew 28:1-10 (33 NT) |
| | The Word of God for the People of God. | |
| | Thanks be to God. | |

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| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | <i>Where Children Belong</i> | (11:00) |
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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.

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| SECOND READING | | Acts 9:1-20 (127 NT) |
| | Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church! | |
| | Thanks be to God. | |

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| MESSAGE | "When Grace Interrupts" | Rev. Madison Ailingner |
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| *HYMN | <i>Change My Heart, O God</i> (sing 2 times) | 2152 (black book) |
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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

Teach Us How to Pray
(James Southbridge)

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

2153 (black book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Song of Hope
(Argentine Folk Melody)

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon
(Gordon Young)

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.*

FAMILY MINISTRY CHECK-IN STATION

If your children are participating in the Nursery or Children's Worship, at any worship hour, visit the kiosk in the atrium to check them in for the programs they will attend. This helps us ensure your children's safety by knowing who is 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. Thank you for using this check-in system and for partnering with us to help your children have a safe, fun, and faithful experience at WUMC!

RENEW YOUTH OUTING: Go Carts Plus

Youth, let's leave WUMC at 12:30pm today for an afternoon of high speed fun at Go-Karts Plus! Everyone will get unlimited wristbands to ride as many rides, rounds of mini golf, or other activities as they want.

Students can be picked up at Go-Karts Plus at 2:30pm, or back at WUMC at 2:45pm.

GARDENING WITH SUSTAINABILITY IN MIND

TODAY, 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.

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS April 27 and 29, 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.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



CREATION CARE TEAM

Support Earth Day through Waste Reduction & Management

- Fix leaks: Repair leaky faucets to save water.
- Go paperless: Pay bills online to save wood and reduce emissions.
- Recycle & Reuse: Repurpose containers and clothing. Learn your local recycling rules.
- Reduce plastic: Avoid single-use plastics by bringing reusable shopping bags and using a refillable water bottle.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOODBYE GIFT FOR MICHELLE ROY

At the end of April, we say goodbye to our former Director of Congregational and Community Engagement, Michelle Roy. If you would like to donate to a love offering that will be given to her as a sign of our appreciation, you can write a check to Williamsburg UMC and put "Love Offering" in the memo line. We are thankful for all that Michelle has done in our community.

WELCOME STACEY GARDNER

Director of Congregational and Community Engagement
We are excited to welcome our new Director of Congregational and Community Engagement, Stacey Gardner. Stacey brings many gifts to our staff team, and we are so excited for her to help lead us forward in telling our story, connecting with our community, and building relationships with each other and our neighbors.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES & NEWS

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

Heritage Scott will meet May 5, 9:45am Rm 303.

Our guest speaker, Rick Hillyer, will talk about Global Outreach.

Ruth Simpson Circle will meet May 6, 10:00am Rm. 309. Carolyn Munro will share "How American Lacemakers Supported the American Revolution."

Sisters in Grace will meet May 12, 1:00pm at the Child Development Resources Bldg – 312 Waller Mill Rd. for a tour of the new facilities and to learn about their programs.

Sisters in Mission will meet May 12, 5:00pm Rm. 309. Guest Joni Stevens, a history buff who has worked at the White House and as Chief Concierge at the Williamsburg Inn, will speak on John and Abby Aldridge Rockefeller's Christian faith, and their involvement with the community and restoration of Williamsburg from the 1930s to the 1970s.

UWF MEMBERSHIP TEA Saturday, May 2, 2:00pm | WUMC Wesley Hall

Join the United Women in Faith for tea, and sweet and savory treats.

The program will honor a part of our nation's 250th anniversary celebration as we learn more about how tea may have played a small role in the establishing of this country as a free and independent nation.





KID'S MORNING OUT

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

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. Join us Mother's Day weekend and support our scholarship fund. Tickets are available NOW! www.tinyurl.com/2026TBT

UNITED METHODIST MEN Saturday May 16, 8:30am | WUMC Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special Fellowship Breakfast program featuring Joe Filko. Joe will present "*A Nation Founded Upon an Idea*," a talk exploring America's founding principles and the key figures who shaped them. This talk by a regular contributor to the Williamsburg Gazette and a docent at the St. George Tucker Donor Reception Center at Historic Williamsburg is a great way to prepare for the Celebration our Nation on its 250 anniversary. A full breakfast will be prepared and served by the men of our church and will include 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

YOUR IMPACT 1st Quarter Giving Statements

Because of your generosity, our congregation at WUMC is making a meaningful difference—both here in Williamsburg and around the world. Through more than 90 ministries, lives are being touched and God's Kingdom is being shared in powerful ways. Thank you for being an essential part of this mission. 1st Quarter statements are now being distributed. Digital copies are sent via Realm to all with an email on file; all others will receive a copy via US Mail. Need help? If you need assistance accessing your statement or believe you did not receive one, please contact Mary Ellen Baker at 757-229-1771 ext. 106 or mebaker@williamsburgumc.org

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 in the Den on the 3rd Thursday of the summer months at 7:00pm. Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

ORDER FLOWERS ONLINE

Our chancel flower calendar is available to place online orders. Orders must be placed on this form tinyurl.com/wumc-flowers at least 9 days in advance of the Sunday requested. There are SEVERAL Sundays still available in 2026. 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.



CLASSES

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

THE WALK - Aldersgate Fellowship Sunday School

May 17-June 14, 9:30-10:30am | Wesley Hall

Hear insights from Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk*, from a wide variety of voices. Together you'll consider how to daily walk with Christ — following him, growing in him, and faithfully serving him through worship, study, service, sharing, and 5 practices Jesus did from the Cross. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

APRIL 19 ATTENDANCE

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| Worship Attendance Total..... | 450 |
| In Person 11:00am..... | 176 |
| In Person 8:15am..... | 107 |
| Modern Worship 9:30am..... | 50 |
| Online..... | 87 |
| Women's Retreat..... | 30 |

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



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.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

BRIAN JOHNSON, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

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