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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"My sheep hear my voice.*

*I know them, and they follow me.*

*I give them eternal life,*

*and they will never perish.*

*No one will snatch them out of my hand."*

John 10: 27-28

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 11, 2025**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us</i> (arr. Fred Bock)	Piano
INTROIT	<i>Sing Unto the Lord with Thanksgiving</i> (arr. Eleanor Daley)	Sanctuary Choir
WELCOME	Dianne Colestock, Linda Upshaw	
* CALL TO WORSHIP	adapted from <i>Flames of the Spirit</i> , Ruth C. Duck, ed. Jeannie Niebel (8:15) Ann Hardister (11:00) God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us. <b>We come before you a people longing to love you in return.</b> <b>We hunger for your healing love in our lives,</b> <b>for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors.</b> Come to us this day and fill our longing.	
* HYMN	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i> (verses 1, 4, 5)	UMH 629 (red book)
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Psalms 23</i> Dianne Colestock 8:15 Gwen Hinton 11:00	UMH 754 (red book)
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FOREGIVENESS	adapted from <i>Abingdon Worship Annual 2016</i> Linda Sine 8:15 Betsy Harrison 11:00 Jesus our Lord, we ask for your forgiveness — <b>for what we have done, but shouldn't have, for what we should have done, but didn't. We yearn to hear your voice, Gentle Shepherd, but listen to our own voices instead. We want to care for our siblings and neighbors, to comfort them when they hurt, to give what we have to people who have less, but we choose to hoard our resources and time.</b> Forgive us, Lord, and help us forgive ourselves too for everything we name before you now... [a time of silent prayer] ... In your holy name, we pray. <b>Amen.</b> Children of God, hear these words of promise: Christ our Shepherd joyfully welcomes us back into the fold of love and freedom, teaching us to know his voice. In the name of Jesus the Christ, you are forgiven. <b>In the name of Jesus the Christ, you are forgiven.</b> <b>Praise and thanks to God! Amen.</b>	
MOMENT OF TEACHING	Gwen Hinton (11:00) We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 a.m., Grades K-5 are invited to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall to encounter God in story, song, and play. Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.	
ANTHEM	<i>None Like You</i> (Craig Courtney)	Sanctuary Choir

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	“No Snatching”	Rev. Deborah Lewis
* HYMN	<i>His Eye Is on the Sparrow</i>	TFWS 2146 (black book)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	from <i>Shaping the Prayers of the People</i> , Wells & Kocher Virginia Morgan 8:15; Laura Viancour 11:00	
THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH 895 (red book)
A TIME OF TESTIMONY		Rev. Dave Rochford
OFFERTORY	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (arr. Marianne Kim)	Barbara Stahl, organ Lou-Anne Smith, piano
* DOXOLOGY		UMH 94 (red book)
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Nancy Fazzone 8:15; Dianne Colestock 11:00	
* HYMN	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH 140 (red book)
* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Deborah Lewis
BENEDICTION	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i> (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)	
POSTLUDE	<i>Canzona</i> (Dietrich Buxtehude)	

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Will & Doris McElfresh in honor of their daughter, Ginger Barr’s birthday.

***Please take the opportunity to meet your neighbors!***  
*At the conclusion of our services, those wishing to hear the Postlude in its entirety are invited to remain seated. \* Congregation invited to stand*

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**Today’s Guest Preacher...**Deborah Lewis grew up in Hampton where she was baptized at Wesley UMC and Williamsburg where she was confirmed at WUMC. She is an ordained elder in our Virginia Annual Conference and a resident in counseling at Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center. Deborah has worked in non-profit housing ministries in Appalachia, and she served for over 20 years in campus ministry at the University of Virginia, before graduating from William & Mary last year with her counseling degree. She loves a binge-worthy series, (reading or streaming), swims in pools and open water, and sometimes finds time to write or take a pottery class. She and her husband Woody love to travel and root for the Washington Nationals. They live here in Williamsburg, with Deborah’s mother, Sharon, and other close family nearby.

## NEW HERE?

We're delighted to have you with us! After the service, 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!

## 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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TEXT YOUR GIFT TO 757-992-9862. 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 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 inspiring stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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iPhone

# THIS WEEK AT WUMC



## **ReNEW YOUTH GROUP**

**May 11 @ 12:30pm Youth Room**

Join us for lunch, faith exploration, and fun from 12:30 – 2:00pm.

## **Ninja Warrior**

**May 18 @ 12:30pm at WISC**

Join us as we take on the course to run, jump, climb, and test our agility together. This will be fun for beginners and ninja master's as we compete to see who is the ultimate Ninja Warrior! We'll meet in the Youth Room to depart at 12:30pm; families will pick up from WISC. Cost is \$10/person.



## **THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service**

**May 11 @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall**

New at The Table: Dinner is Provided!

The Table, our Sunday evening worship experience, just got easier to attend and invite a friend too! We're providing dinner each week —no potluck dishes needed. Join us for a warm meal, conversation, music, and a welcoming worship environment. Whether you're new to faith, returning after time away, or just looking for a different kind of Sunday evening, there's a place for you at The Table. Come hungry — for good food and real connection!



## **ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS**

**May 12 & 14 @ 9:30am in Fellowship Hall**

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

## **NEW STUDIES**

### **PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY**

**May 14 @ 7:00pm Rm 103 Wednesdays**

**May 15 @ 10:30am Thursdays / Zoom Video Conferencing**

Join Deacon Troy and Pastor Dave on a journey through the Book of Ruth considering the vulnerability of widows and the difficult situation of foreigners in biblical times while exploring themes of loyalty, bitterness, courage, poverty, and seduction. For info, contact Deacon Troy

[tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) Register NOW at [tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study)



Visit our Classes page [www.williamsburgumc.org/classes](http://www.williamsburgumc.org/classes) for more info.

## **CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST | May 17, 8:30am Fellowship Hall**

Our breakfast will host members of the WUMC Creation Care Team who will speak about this growing ministry of our church and the older Green Team ministry it is replacing. RSVP by May 15 to [griffinjc1@aol.com](mailto:griffinjc1@aol.com). The cost of breakfast is \$10 per person.

# THIS WEEK AT WUMC

## **HANDS ON MISSION WEEK | May 17–22**

Join the United Women in Faith for a week of meaningful service and connection! From writing notes to missionaries and creating placemats for Kairos Prison Ministry, to sorting donations, organizing outreach supplies, and sharing lunch with residents of Latisha's House—there are opportunities for all ages to get involved.

**Volunteer Opportunities Include:** Sorting donations at Habitat Restore, cleaning candleholders, supporting Grove Christian Outreach, hosting a picnic with Latisha's House, crafting and games with The Arc of Abilities

**Can't join in person?** Donate food, household items, or clothing to support local missions.

Full details and sign-ups will be available soon. Please **contact Grace Holloway**

[gracewholloway@gmail.com](mailto:gracewholloway@gmail.com) with questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

### **GUNS TO GARDENS | May 31, 11:00am – 2:00pm WUMC Parking Lot**

Williamsburg United Methodist Church and the James River Chapter/VICPP (Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy) invite all to give any unwanted guns to be safely dismantled and forged into garden tools. Safety will be a top priority: donors, please place unloaded guns to be donated in the trunk of your car; donors must be present while the gun is being dismantled. No ammunition will be accepted. At the event, a blacksmith will demonstrate turning gun parts into a garden tool. Questions? Contact Pastor Dave or Deacon Troy. Thanks.

### **KAIROS MINISTRY | June 5 – 8**

The next Kairos ministry held at Nottoway Prison is coming up in June. Our involvement will be to bake cookies, make placemats and pray for the participants. There will be a table in the Atrium area May 18 and May 25 to talk about this prison ministry and to get church members to sign up for baking cookies. Ziplock bags and cookie preparation requirements will be available at the table on those dates. Cookies need to be delivered to the church during business hours on June 1, 2 and 3.

### **FAREWELL POTLUCK LUNCHEONS | June 1 Fellowship Hall Pastor Meghan June 15 Front Lawn Pastor Dave**

As we prepare to say goodbye to two beloved pastors, we invite you to join us for special potluck luncheons following the 11:00am worship service. Please bring a dish to share (take home any leftovers) and join us in celebrating their ministry and the impact they've had on our WUMC family. Each gathering will include a short program with remarks, special videos, and a time of fellowship. If you would like to contribute to a Love Offering, you may drop off your gift at the church office Monday through Friday or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please be sure to mark it clearly as a *Love Offering*. Let's come together to send them off with love, gratitude, and full hearts.

# EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES

## **CANDLE BURNING CEREMONY | June 7, 10:00am WUMC Parking Lot**

WUMC United Women in Faith will hold a Candle Burning ceremony as a fund raiser for missions. This ceremony memorializes loved ones who have passed and honors living friends and family. For each \$0.60 donation the candle will burn for one second. Questions? Please contact Susan Griffin 757-207-9565 or [Susanfriffin@yahoo.com](mailto:Susanfriffin@yahoo.com)

## **HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

On Sunday, June 8, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Q&A session following both the 8:15am and 11:00am services. This is an opportunity to hear more about the 2020 Legacy Campaign, the progress it made possible, and how that foundation connects to the work ahead through our current Capital Campaign. This is a chance to get clarity, ask questions, and be part of the ongoing story of how our building supports our mission. Come, listen, ask, and engage. Your voice matters.

**CARE COMMITTEE** Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you are ill. Please contact Linda Inge (757) 345-6527 and Jan Boykin (757) 565-2950 at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

## **JOIN THE SUMMER ORCHESTRA**

Do you play an instrument and have some musical experience? Rising seventh graders through adults are invited to be part of our Summer Orchestra at Williamsburg UMC!

Rehearsals: Mondays, June 16 – July 14  
3:00 – 4:00pm in the Atrium

Bring your instrument (experience required)—Lou-Anne Smith will have the music ready for you. Just let her know you're coming by emailing [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org) A great opportunity to make music, connect with others, and enjoy the joy of ensemble playing this summer!

**LOCAL OUTREACH SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS** WUMC is looking for volunteers to package lunches at Meals on Wheels at WISC for children from families in the local area who are food insecure. This takes place on Thursday mornings from June 19, 2025-August 21, 2025. You will soon be able to access a link to sign up.

**SHEPHERD'S FOLD** This ministry of WUMC provides contacts to our members who are unable to attend services. We need volunteers. As our church membership ages, we have members who need care in homes, hospitals, health care centers, assisted living and memory care facilities. Shepherd's Fold volunteers make visits, deliver chancel flowers, bring church news, send cards, and forward any needs to the Pastors. We let the members know they are not forgotten. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please fill out the Shepherd's Fold Volunteer Sign-up sheet on the counter in the church lobby or contact Ann Boyle 757-813 6896 or email me at [elizann@cox.net](mailto:elizann@cox.net).

## **MEETINGS**

**Monday, 5/12** Local Outreach 6:30pm

**Tuesday, 5/13** Messy Church 5:30pm

**Wednesday, 5/14** Welcome and Hospitality 5:30pm

**Thursday, 5/15** Bd of Trustees 6:00pm      Endowment Committee 7:00pm

# EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



## **Men's Ministry** [williamsburgumc.org/adults/men](http://williamsburgumc.org/adults/men)

United Methodist Men is a fellowship committed to the growth and expansion of the church's mission. Our Purpose is to provide a supportive fellowship for men seeking to know Jesus Christ, grow spiritually, and help others find a welcoming place for Christ in their hearts and lives



## **Women's Ministry** [williamsburgumc.org/women](http://williamsburgumc.org/women)

We are a community for women who find deep meaning in relationship to God and each other. We understand that life is often packed full of activities and obligations — from juggling jobs to taking care of family. That's why we offer a space that combines study with meaningful fellowship and outreach opportunities.



## **Youth Ministries** [williamsburgumc.org/youth](http://williamsburgumc.org/youth)

As students grow and mature, we believe faith should grow and deepen with them. Our WUMC ReNEW Youth Group is designed to offer holistic faith formation for students in 6th- 12th grade. We study the Bible, learn spiritual practices, and respond through creative expression and intentional mission.



## **Children's Ministries** [williamsburgumc.org/children](http://williamsburgumc.org/children)

We offer faith formation to our youngest disciples through Sunday Nursery and Children's Worship, monthly Messy Church, and monthly events for fun and fellowship. We also offer music programs, a vibrant preschool and music school and welcome Cub scouts through our doors each week.



# EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



## **Local Outreach** [williamsburgumc.org/local-outreach](http://williamsburgumc.org/local-outreach)

Our Local Outreach committee serves as the cornerstone of our commitment to embodying Christ's love beyond our sanctuary walls. We firmly believe that faith is not merely a personal journey but a transformative force that compels us to engage with the world around us.



## **Global Outreach** [williamsburgumc.org/global-outreach](http://williamsburgumc.org/global-outreach)

Our global initiatives range from missionary sponsorships and disaster relief efforts to educational and healthcare projects. These endeavors aim not only to meet immediate needs but also to lay the groundwork for sustainable development and spiritual growth in communities around the world.



## **Music Ministries** [williamsburgumc.org/music](http://williamsburgumc.org/music)

We eagerly experience God through diverse types of music. More than 150 adults, children, and Youth participate in our ensembles and share their musical gifts with our congregation. You'll find a wide range of opportunities tailored for all ages in our WUMC Music Ministry.



## **Join A Class or a Small Group**

[williamsburgumc.org/classes](http://williamsburgumc.org/classes) and [williamsburgumc.org/small-groups](http://williamsburgumc.org/small-groups)  
Studies and Small Groups help us grow spiritually and relationally, reflecting Jesus' example of teaching within community. Sunday school, Bible studies, and various short or long-term studies provide opportunities to learn from Christ and each other. Small groups, intentionally limited in size, foster deeper conversations, mutual support, and accountability. Together, we journey toward understanding our lives, faith, and relationships more deeply.

# OUR CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES

## **Respite Care** [williamsburgumc.org/respite-care](http://williamsburgumc.org/respite-care)

This weekday afternoon ministry of Williamsburg United Methodist Church is open to all faiths and non-faiths. Our program provides time off for family members who care for dependent seniors by offering a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment where their loved ones can enjoy social activities, music, and companionship under the care of trained staff and volunteers.

By supporting both seniors and their caregivers, Respite Care fosters a sense of community and ensures that no one has to navigate the caregiving journey alone.

## **Early Childhood Music School** [williamsburgumc.org/ecms](http://williamsburgumc.org/ecms)

ECMS is a weekday program offered to the community-at-large. Weekly classes in music and movement are taught by internationally certified early childhood music specialists. Through playful, engaging activities, children develop a strong foundation in rhythm, melody, and coordination while also enhancing their cognitive, social, and motor skills.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate, creating a shared musical experience that fosters deeper connections and a lifelong love for music.

## **Kids Morning Out** [kidsmorningout.org](http://kidsmorningout.org)

KMO is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for children aged one to four. Our program fosters each child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual growth, while creating a support system for caregivers. Through age-appropriate activities, we aim to demonstrate God's unconditional love for all children. Our classes are divided into four age groups: Sprouts (young toddlers), Seedlings (twos), Saplings (threes), and Sycamores (fours). Each class is designed to meet the developmental needs of the children, providing a balance of structured learning and free play.

# TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

**Worship Leaders:** United Women in Faith

**Director of Worship Arts:** Lou Anne Smith

**Organist:** Barbara Stahl

**Readers 8:15:** Sylvia Woodcock **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskey

**Acolytes 8:15:** Eira Johnson **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza, Camden Brock

**Greeters 8:15:** Fran Hermance, Donna Potts **11:00** Jan Boykin, Debbie McDowell

**Ushers 8:15:** Janet Henke, Gayle Justice, Valerie Lamb **11:00:** Cindy Banek, Grace Bradley, Jennifer Bradley, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour

**Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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<b>May 5 Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Total 419</b>
<b>In Person 11:00am</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>In Person 8:15am</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Virtual</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>The Table</b>	<b>21</b>

**Deadline for bulletin submissions:  
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.**

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

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, **Finance Manager** (x106)

Ellen Bushman, **Respite Care Director** (x118)

Josh Clayton, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

Meghan Roth Clayton, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)

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

Mike Motes, **Provisional Bookkeeper** (x116)

Laura Pittman, **Director Kid's Morning Out** (x113)

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

Dave Rochford, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

Michelle Roy, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

Troy Sims, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

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

Rick Viancour, **Facilities Manager** (x101)

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

Ryan LaRock, **Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation** (757 201-8850)



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