



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"See, the home
of God is among
mortals.*

*God will dwell
with them;
they will be*

*God's peoples,
and God will be with them
and be their God"*

Revelation 21:3

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 18, 2025**

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Timbrel and Dance
(Kevin McChesney)

Covenant Ringers

INTROIT

Sing Unto the Lord with Thanksgiving
(arr. Eleanor Daley)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ministry Matters

When the new day of the Lord is established, what a joyful day that will be!

God shall wipe away every tear!

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

For God will bring new life and hope to all on the day of God's coming.

God will give water to the thirsting soul.

God will pour God's abundant blessings on all the people. AMEN.

* HYMN

God, Your Love and Care Surrounds Us

God, your love and care surround us every moment, every day.

Now we gather to remember one who followed Jesus' way.

Grateful for this life you've given, now we give it back to you,

Trusting your eternal promise: "I am making all things new!"

As an ordinary pebble tossed upon a quiet pond

Sends out rings of rippling waters, moving waters far beyond —

So we touch the lives of others; We are moved by how they live.

Help us, in our joy, remember; help us, in our pain, forgive.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled," Jesus said to those he loved.

"There are many dwelling places in my Father's house above."

Jesus, you have gone before us; Jesus, you will guide us there.

Lord, we trust your hand to lead us to the place that you prepare.

We hold onto what you promise: Earth and heav'n will be made new.

Then your home will be among us; we will always dwell with you.

There will be no sound of weeping; you will wipe away each tear.

God, we trust your promise to us: Now and always, you are here.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

by Beth Merrill Neil

Holy God, hear our prayer:

for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

we pray for the courage to admit our fault,

the strength to amend our actions,

and the hope that your grace awaits us.

[a time of silent prayer]

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life and all creation - reborn, restored, and renewed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emma Gray Boudreaux, Born December 11, 2024

Daughter of Jeremy & Jessie Boudreaux

(8:15)

Caroline Elizabeth Pittman, Born June 23, 2024

Daughter of Jonathan & Laura Pittman

Wesley Emmett Pittman, Born December 27, 2019

Son of Jonathan & Laura Pittman

(11:00)

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

UMH 35 (red book)

SUNG RESPONSE

God Claims You

TFWS 2249 (black book)

(sing child’s name)

MOMENT OF TEACHING

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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Sanctuary Choir

(Heather Sorenson)

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6 (259 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“God With Us”

Meghan Roth Clayton

* HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

A TIME OF TESTIMONY

Terri Morgan

OFFERTORY

Cantilene

Organ

(David Lasky)

* DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Brian Bohlman

(8:15)

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, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

* HYMN

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

UMH 438 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Lead Me, Lord

(Samuel Sebastian Wesley)

POSTLUDE

Recessional on ‘Duke Street’

Organ

(Wilbur Held)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of our son Matthew Hershberger, by his parents.

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***

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!

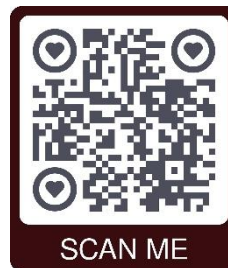
WAYS TO GIVE

"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 to read inspiring stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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APP
Scan the QR
Code to
download for
Android and
iPhone**

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

ReNEW YOUTH GROUP



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 18 @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall

The Table, our Sunday evening worship experience, just got easier to attend. We're providing dinner each week! 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; bring a friend.



ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS

May 19 & 21 @ 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.



PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY

May 21 @ 7:00pm Rm 103 Wednesdays

May 22 @ 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 Register NOW at tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study

Visit our Classes page www.williamsburgumc.org/classes for more info.

HANDS ON MISSION WEEK | May 19–22

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 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 donate 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 Fellowship Hall 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.

FOOD DRIVE | JUNE 8 WESLEY FOUNDATION PARKING LOT

ITEMS TO DONATE

- 100% juice boxes, no sugar added fruit cups & fruit snacks, granola bars, cheese crackers, snack sized cookies, crackers, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy treats, Ziploc sandwich bags

OR MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT

- Make a check payable to WUMC (put Summer Meals for Kids in the memo), or give a gift online: tinyurl.com/wumc-give-now (noting Summer Meals for Kids).



CREATION CARE TIP

Plant plants that naturally grow in your area. Native plants require less water than lawns or annuals, help prevent erosion, and do not need fertilizers. They also increase shelter and food for pollinators and birds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

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 Susanfgriffin@yahoo.com

LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our Church has set a goal of \$1,700,000 over the next three years to complete essential repairs and adaptations to our aging facilities. As of today, we've received pledged commitments totaling \$110,674. If you have not yet made a commitment, you'll receive a detailed letter later this month, and we invite you to attend a Q&A session after worship services on June 8. Questions? Please contact: **Russ Henke**, Chair of Trustees:

rhenke4@cox.net **Ken Hook**, Stewardship Chair: **hookkp@gmail.com**. Additionally, visit our **Capital Campaign Web Page** **www.williamsburgumc.org/capital-campaign** to view the work completed through the Legacy Campaign gifts and see details about the upcoming repairs planned with your generous support.

CARE COMMITTEE Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you are ill. Please contact Mary Liz Sadler (757) 229-8063 and Betsy Ziskind (757) 291-3635 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. A great opportunity to make music, connect with others, and enjoy 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. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/summermealsforkids>.

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.

MEETINGS

Monday, 5/19 *Stephen Ministry* 4:00pm; *UWF* 6:30pm

Tuesday, 5/20 *Worship* 5:30pm; *Global* 7:00pm; *Finance* 7:00pm

Thursday, 5/22 *Memorial Garden* 10:00am

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry 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

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

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

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.

CHANGES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Beginning June 1:

Aldersgate/Fellowship Class - Fellowship Hall

Beginning June 8:

Marvin Willard Class - Room 174

Searchers Class – Youth Room 180

Walking the Footsteps – Conference Room 352

Perspectives Class – off for the summer

Bishop McKendree – off for the summer

Godly Play – Room 160

Nursery – Room 161

Summer Choir – Room 173

AND THIS

With the age of our church, there will always be things in need of repair. As much as we appreciate your help, Facilities Management needs to know what you see, even the smallest, and they will take care of it. Please report to Russ Henke, Rick Viancour or Nancy Reynolds. Thanks!

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



Local Outreach 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/globaloutreach

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

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 and 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/respice-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

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

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: Meghan Roth Clayton, Dave Rochford, Troy Sims

Director of Worship Arts: Lou Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Warren Harper **11:00:** Rachel Fowler

Acolytes 8:15: Nancy Donnelly **11:00:** Johanna Foley, Camden Brock

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance, Barbara Neary **11:00** Cassie Maye, Ginger Palmore

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Grace Bradley, James Bradley, Jennifer Bradley, Skylar Brock, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour, Rick Viancour

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

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May 5 Worship Attendance	Total 470
In Person 11:00am	209
In Person 8:15am	118
Virtual	63
Messy Church	62
The Table	18

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

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
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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