



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785

If we do not continually **deny ourselves**,
we do not learn of Him,
but of other masters.

If we do not **take up our cross daily**,
we do not come after Him,
but after the world...

John Wesley, "Self-Denial" (Sermon 48)

February 1755

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25, 2025**

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style Organ, Sanctuary Orchestra
(Gordon Young; arr. Christopher)

INTROIT

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

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

looking ahead to discern the path forward.

We honor those who have gone before us,

learning from their successes as well as their failures.

We celebrate who we as a Church have become,

**even as we acknowledge the challenge of what lies ahead,
and the new ministries that demand our becoming something new.**

We gather to worship the God of all generations,
the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Praise be to God!

* HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57 (red book)
(verses 1-5)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord God, for the vision of those who planted and watered the tree of this congregation, and for the courage and faithfulness of these pioneers of our faith,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have served faithfully in leadership positions
as pastors, preachers, teachers, and encouragers,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have been a beloved part of our fellowship for 250 years,
and now serve you in the Church that is triumphant in heaven,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another,
and offer strength to one another in trying times,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For baptisms celebrated, professions of faith witnessed,
and answered prayers that we have experienced,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For a congregation that has endured wars, pandemics, and seasons of political
tumult, but still heard your Word, sung your praises, and sought your strength,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For our commitment to remain true to your Word in a season of loud and
conflicted voices,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond our community
to take the Good News to our nation and across oceans,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For thousands of children and Youth, trained in your ways here,

who now bear witness to your Grace around the world,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

And for the courage to be the Church in such a time and place as this,
that we might go the distance to reach others, as so many have reached out to us,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

To you be the Glory! Amen.

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

I Am Not My Own
(Craig Courtney)

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 9:23-26 (69 NT)

MESSAGE

"Restless"

Dave Rochford

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

O Lord, we are no longer our own, but thine. Put us to what thou wilt,

rank us with whom thou wilt.

Put us to doing,

put us to suffering.

Let us be employed by thee

or laid aside for thee,

exalted for thee

or brought low for thee.

Let us be full,

let us be empty.

Let us have all things,

let us have nothing.

We freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art ours, and we are thine. So be it.

And the covenant which we have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

* HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(verses 1-3)

UMH 384 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

A TIME OF TESTIMONY

Don Reeves, Scoutmaster, Troop 103

OFFERTORY

And Can it Be
(arr. Jeff Cranfill)

Sanctuary Orchestra

* DOXOLOGY		UMH 94 (red book)
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
* HYMN	<i>Jesus, United by Thy Grace</i> (verses 1-4)	UMH 561 (red book)
* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
BENEDICTION	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i> (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)	
POSTLUDE	<i>Fuga in C</i> (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)	Organ

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in honor of Roy and Wendy Geiger's 55th wedding anniversary on February 7 and Roy's mother's 99th birthday on May 22.

Note: the Covenant Prayer which concludes our service today is an adaptation of the prayer John Wesley used for covenant services. Wesley himself attributed it in part to an earlier prayer by the Puritan minister Richard Alleine, published in 1636.

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**



CREATION CARE TIP

Shop locally at a farmers market or stand and reduce the carbon emissions that come from shipping food long distances. Eat sustainably with more fruits and veggies, and give thanks for those whose work feeds you and others.

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

ReNEW Youth Group

May 25 @ 12:30pm Youth Room

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

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

May 25 @ 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.

MEETING

Church Council - Tuesday, May 27 @ 7:00

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS

May 28 @ 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 28 @ 7:00pm Rm 103 Wednesdays

May 29 @ 10:30am Thursdays / Zoom Video Conferencing

Join Deacon Troy and Pastor Dave on a journey through the Book of Ruth.

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

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.

KAIROS MINISTRY

The Kairos ministry held at Nottoway Prison is coming up in June. We will bake cookies, make placemats and pray for the participants. There will be a table in the Atrium area today 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**.

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

Sundays, June 8 – July 13 @ 9:30-10:30am Rm 180

In this six-week study with the Searchers Sunday School, you'll explore six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

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

FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, June 8 Wesley Foundation Parking Lot - Items to Donate or make a gift

- 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
- 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).

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 \$721,716.64. 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? Contact **Russ Henke**, Chair of Trustees: rhenke4@cox.net **Ken Hook**, Stewardship Chair: hookkp@gmail.com. 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.

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.

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 the Trustees 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!

OUR CORNERSTONE 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/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

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: Dave Rochford, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Terri Morgan **11:00:** Linda Rhodes

Acolytes 8:15: 11:00: Brody Brock, Camden Brock

Greeters 8:15: Steve Tingen **11:00** Tim Bullock, Connie Bullock

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

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May 18 Worship Attendance	Total 504
In Person 11:00am	240
In Person 8:15am	153
Virtual	85
The Table	26

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

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Mary Ellen Baker, **Finance Manager** (x106)

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

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

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

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

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

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