



*Williamsburg*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Pentecost Sunday*

The Movement Begins Again

The Movement Turning the World Upside Down Week 7

May 24, 2026  
8:15 and 11:00am

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord*  
(arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

Koinonia Bells (8:15)

*Rock-a My Soul*  
(arr. Valerie W. Stephenson)

Covenant Ringers (11:00)

INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God*  
(Daniel Iverson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is Pentecost, the day we remember the rushing wind,  
and the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on all creation.

**Come, Holy Spirit.** Fill our hearts with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.** Make us one in Jesus Christ.

**Come, Holy Spirit.** Breathe new life into your church.

**Come, Holy Spirit.** Open our hearts to your voice.

**Stir within us hope, courage, and love.** The Spirit of God is moving.

**The Spirit of God is stirring.** The Spirit of God is alive.

**We come with joy to worship you, the living God. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH 57

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy Spirit, on this Pentecost day we remember the rushing wind  
and the tongues of fire. We remember your breathtaking power.  
Breathe life into your church. Breathe life into our souls. Breathe life  
into the darkest places and the brightest ones. Unite us  
when we are divided. Strengthen us when we are weary. Remind us  
that your Spirit is still being poured on us. Pour out your Holy Spirit  
on every generation, on the young and the old, on those full of faith  
and those still searching for you. And as the disciples were sent out  
to share the good news, send us to carry your light into the world.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*  
(arr. Lloyd Larson)

Sanctuary Choir  
Debbie MacDowell, cello

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

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

Romans 8:14-17 (158 NT)

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!  
**Thanks be to God.**

Acts 2:1-21 (119 NT)

MESSAGE

*"God is Alive in Our Hearts"*

Rev. Madison Ailinger

\*HYMN

*Come, Holy Ghost Our Hearts Inspire*

UMH 603

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Cheryl Corvello

(11:00)

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY	<i>Come, Down, O Love Divine</i> (arr. David M. Cherwien)	Organ
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		UMH 94
*HYMN	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	UMH 420
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Spirit of God</i> (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)	Sanctuary Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire</i> (David Cherwien)	Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mary Lib Keller Geiger's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 22 by Roy and Wendy Geiger

## 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!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LET'S CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY Sunday, May 31



WUMC Quilt Ministry will have patriotic items for sale in the Atrium on May 31. Check it out between services. All proceeds will go to the **Wounded Warriors Project**. Thanks!

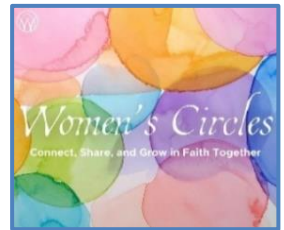
## GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?

It's time to celebrate our high school and college graduates!

If you have a family member graduating this Spring connected with WUMC, we would love to name them in the bulletin and include them in the graduate recognition on May 31. Please send their name, school they are graduating from, and their plans for the Fall to Zach Griggs [zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org)

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES

All women who attend the church are welcome to join a circle. Meetings include time for prayer, mission activities, plus catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Visit a circle that's convenient for you.



**Heritage Scott** - June 2, 9:45am. Rm 303. Stacie Gardner will be our speaker. Following the business meeting we will be going to lunch. Heritage Scott Circle does not meet in July or August.

**Ruth Simpson** - June 3, 11:00am. at the home of Bonnie Knitzako for a potluck luncheon and planning for our circle's participation in upcoming UWF events.

**Sisters in Grace** - June 9, 1:00pm. Rm 309. Angela Cingale from VCE Master Gardeners, will do a presentation on container gardens with a focus on herbs.

**Sisters in Mission** – June 16, 5:00pm. The program will celebrate the SIM with Flowers and Friends. Each member of the circle is asked to bring one or two flowers from their garden or elsewhere and discussion will center on the meanings of the various flowers.

## SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER: Braver Angels

**Sunday, June 14, 2:00-4:00pm | WUMC**

The WUMC Greater Good Group invites you to take part in this free workshop led by the local chapter of Braver Angels (a love offering will be received to support Braver Angels' work).

You'll learn essential skills for communicating across differences and finding common ground with respect and a bit of fun. For more info, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). You must register to participate, so register now at [tinyurl.com/wumc-disagree-better](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-disagree-better).

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals, And Any of Us Who Are Not Retiring for More Than 30 Years.

Join us in the Den on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the summer months. Next meeting will be June 18 at 7:00pm. Contact Pastor Madison [mailinger@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:mailinger@williamsburgumc.org)



**WILLIAMSBURG AREA FIRST ANNUAL PRIDE FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, June 27, 12:00-5:00pm | Jamestown Beach Event Park  
The Greater Good Group (GGG) of WUMC invites you to attend this family-friendly event celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community and featuring vendors, a DJ and dancing, a crafts area for kiddos of all ages, and free admission! Members of the GGG will be there to affirm that God loves each person — no exceptions! They will also have a game and info to share. If you are interested in helping with this event and sharing signs of God's all-inclusive love, contact Deacon Troy Sims at [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) and he'll get you connected with event organizers.

## WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### **MUSIC MINISTRY Summer Choir**

Give this low pressure, low commitment ministry a try. Each Sunday is independent, so you won't miss anything if you are away on a particular Sunday. From June 7 through August 30, we meet thirty minutes before 8:15 and 11:00am worship services to learn easy songs to sing for worship. Come, find a warm and caring place to share the song in your heart! Contact Lou-Anne Smith at [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org) or (757) 229-1771.



### **CREATION CARE TEAM Wearing Creation with Care**

Many microplastics come from synthetic clothing like polyester and nylon, which shed tiny fibers in the wash. These fibers often pass through water treatment systems and end up in rivers and oceans. Choosing clothing made from natural fibers like cotton, wool, or linen can help reduce this kind of pollution. You can also wash clothes less often and use gentle cycles to limit the release of microfibers.

### **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 May Coordinators are Linda Inge (719) 640-3980 and Mary Liz Sadler (757) 229-8063. 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)

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **SUMMER ORCHESTRA Mondays, June 29 – July 27 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Atrium**

Is a five-week opportunity for instrumental musicians to hone their skills with other members of our church's Sanctuary Orchestra. Maybe you're an eighth grade beginning musician, an older student seeking to keep your skills up, or an adult who hasn't played in decades. Come join us! Contact Lou-Anne Smith at [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org) or (757) 229-1771.

## YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17

This summer our ReNew Youth Group will be participating in Richmond, Virginia Awareness Week, hosted by Cross Connection Camps. We will be working with about 50 participants from several churches to build relationships across racial divides as we learn from history, serve in mission, and work together in the community. Lodging will be at Centenary UMC. To more information, look in the latest *Messenger* Newsletter or contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator [zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org) Register at [tinyurl.com/rymt26](https://tinyurl.com/rymt26)



MESSY CHURCH  
SUMMER CAMP 2026

## MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP IS BACK!

**Sunday, July 26 - Wednesday July 29 5:30pm - 7:30pm | WUMC**

Our theme this year is CONNECTIONS! Connecting with each other. Connecting with God! To gather more information and to register, look in the latest *Messenger* Newsletter or contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator [zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org)

## MAY 10 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	480
In Person 11:00am.....	223
In Person 8:15am.....	124
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	54
Online.....	79

### Deadline for Bulletin

**Submissions: MONDAY, NOON**

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

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## CONNECT

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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.

### SCAN THE QR CODE

LEARN MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY TO GROW, LEARN,  
AND FIND COMMUNITY 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)

MARY ELLEN BAKER, **Finance Manager** (x106)

ELLEN BUSHMAN, **Respite Care Director** (x118)

JOSH CLAYTON, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

STACEY GARDNER, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

ZACH GRIGGS, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)

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NANCY REYNOLDS, **Engagement and Administrative Coordinator** (x104)

ELLEN SIMON, **Bookkeeper** (x116)

LOU-ANNE SMITH, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

GREG WHITESIDE, **Director of Facilities** (x101)

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