Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 31, 2026
8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune and Plenum on 'Diademata'* Organ
(Kenneth Logan)

INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God* Sanctuary Choir
(Daniel Iverson)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Prayers for a Privileged People* by Walter Brueggemann, modified

Last week, we heard the story of the wind at Pentecost.
The good news is that God's wind is still blowing.
It may be a breeze that cools and comforts,
But it is a holy wind that dismantles what was.
It may be a gust that summons us to notice,
A holy wind that evokes what is to be.
It may be a storm that blows us where we have never been before,
A holy wind that shows us God's movement is ongoing.
Thanks be to God for God's movement in and among us.
Amen.

*HYMN *Maker, In Whom We Live* UMH 88

OPENING PRAYER

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries you entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. Holy, holy, holy God, fill us with strength and courage, with discernment and compassion, that we may be your instruments of justice, peace, and love in this world, that it may be on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

ANTHEM *O Love* Sanctuary Choir and Strings
(Elaine Hagenberg)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:4-11 (731 OT)

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

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 Acts 28:1-16 (149 NT)

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

MESSAGE "The Movement is Ongoing" Deacon Troy Sims

*HYMN *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH 581

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

NAME	GRADUATING FROM	FUTURE PLANS
Ben Hanchett	Jamestown High School	University of Tennessee
Shane Johnson	Warhill High School	
Taylor Anne Mason	Lafayette High School	Southern Methodist University
Amadea Mitchell	Walsingham Academy	University of Virginia
Maya Staggs	Lafayette High School	Christopher Newport University
Rosie Gilbride	William & Mary, BA	
Eira Johnson	William & Mary, BA	
Ryan Lindley	William & Mary, BA	
Kyle Sershon	Old Dominion University, BS	
Natalie Shuford	William & Mary, BA	
Dr. Jana Allen-Bishop	Walden University, EdD	
Meghan Roth-Clayton	William & Mary, M.Ed. (CMHC)	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39 UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?
No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Holy, Holy, Holy* (arr. Robert Sterling) Sanctuary Orchestra

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING UMH 94

*HYMN *Lead On, O King Eternal* UMH 580

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Spirit of God* (Steve Garnass-Holmes) Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Organ
(J. Steve Godowns)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of my mother Miss Ellie on her 100th birthday from Karen Red.

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.

LET'S CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY TODAY!

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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES

All women 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. Stacey Gardner will be our speaker. Following the meeting, we will go 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. We will celebrate with Flowers and Friends. Members bring one or two flowers as we will discuss the meanings of the various flowers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 3rd Thursday of the summer months. Next meeting will be June 18 at 7:00pm. Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Saturday, June 20, 8:30am
Join us in Fellowship Hall for breakfast hosted by the men. Enjoy homemade breakfast casserole, dairy and gluten free option, sweet breads, fresh fruit, juice and hot beverages. Our speaker, Gerald Bullock, WUMC member and Executive Director of Development for the College of Arts & Sciences at W&M, will share the history of the historic Sir Christopher Wren Building, before leading us on a guided tour. Cost: $10.00 per person. Proceeds support church ministries and outreach. Early registration tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast is required by 10:00am Friday, June 19. Or email Jim Griffin griffinjc1@aol.com or John Tressler jbtresx3@outlook.com

SUPPORT RELIEF EFFORTS FOR THE EBOLA OUTBREAK
Join us in prayer for those affected by the Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan. With over 600 cases reported and over 200 suspected deaths so far, this strain of the virus, which has no vaccine, is rapidly spreading across a region already suffering from conflict and lack of healthcare access. Pray for those impacted. Give to support United Methodist Global Health efforts at bit.ly/umcgh.

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 and he'll get you connected

CLASSES

THE POWERS THAT BE Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00pm. beginning June 9; OR Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm. beginning June 11
6-Session book study meets every-other-week. Help us see the world through the eyes of Jesus and respond accordingly. This study will use the book by Walter Wink and include video clips featuring the author, Rev. James Forbes and Rev. Janet Wolf. Register now tinyurl.com/2026-summer-book

SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER: Braver Angels Sunday, June 14, 2:00-4:00pm.
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. Register now tinyurl.com/wumc-disagree-better

PARABLES - Marvin Willard Sunday School Class
6 Sundays beginning June 21, 9:30-10:30am. | Rm 174
When Jesus taught in parables, he was doing more than telling simple morality tales. His stories were grounded in the world in which he lived and his vision of the Kingdom of God. You're invited to explore six parables with the book by Josh Scott and look through the window into Jesus's message and movement -- then and now!

For information on the classes, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

MUSIC MINISTRY Summer Choir BEGINS JUNE 7 – August 30
Give this ministry a try for the summer. Each Sunday is independent; you won't miss anything if you are away. We meet thirty minutes before 8:15 and 11:00am. worship services to learn easy songs for worship.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA Mondays, June 29 – July 27 5:00 - 6:00pm. | Atrium
This is a five-week opportunity for instrumental musicians to hone their skills with other members of our 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. Join us. Music Ministry questions? Contact Lou-Anne Smith lsmith@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1771.

CREATION CARE TEAM Wearing Creation with Care
The James City County Lions Club sponsors a Soft Plastic Recycling collection twice each month. Folks are encouraged to bring clean, dry plastic grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, and other approved soft plastics to help keep waste out of landfills. Collections are 9-10:00am. on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the JCC Rec Center on Longhill Rd and on the 3rd Wednesday at Colonial Towne Plaza on Richmond Rd. Visit the JCC Lions Club website for more guidance on accepted plastics and the recycling calendar.

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 June Coordinators are Karen Red (757) 532-6893 and Mary Ann Durboraw (757) 871-1455. 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

YOUTH

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. Register at tinyurl.com/rymt26 Questions? Contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

IT'S BACK - MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP - IT'S LIKE VBS BUT MESSY!

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, tinyurl.com/mcsc2026, contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

MAY 24 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	484
In Person 11:00am	211
In Person 8:15am	138
Modern Worship 9:30am	64
Online	71

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: MONDAY, NOON
Please submit to Nancy Reynolds nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

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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.

SCAN ME

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)
MADISON AILINGER, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)
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