



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785

*In the leaving,
in the letting go,
let there be this
to hold onto
at the last:*

*the enduring of love,
the persisting of hope,
the remembering of joy,*

*the offering of gratitude,
the receiving of grace,
the blessing of peace.*

In the Leaving: A Blessing
Jan Richardson

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
June 1, 2025

PRELUDE

Andante Religioso
(Felix Mendelssohn)

Organ

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ministry Matters

Jesus promised to be with us always.

Lord, we are thankful for that promise.

In all times, this promise gives us hope.

Lord, we rejoice in the hope you give us.

Come and celebrate the eternal promises of Christ.

* HYMN

O God, In Your Love

**O God, in your love, you have made us unique:
in gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
in race and in culture and family design
diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.**

**Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
you welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised
you said all are precious in God's loving eyes.**

**O Christ, with your welcome your church feels unease:
we stand at closed doors tightly holding the keys.
Yet this is your body, the church that you love
O Lord, do you weep for your church from above?**

**So may your church welcome in loving accord
all people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.**

**O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son
in mission and ministry, God, make us one.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Holy One, we confess our silence in the face of suffering, our comfort
in systems that oppress, our complicity in cycles of inequality.**

**Rather than living in solidarity the vulnerable, we have built walls
of indifference and fear. We have not seen your image in every face.**

**Grant us courage to walk in the Way of Jesus—to stand with the hurting,
to speak truth in love, to work for justice and to speak peace.**

Make us one with Christ, that your glory may be known in the world.

[silent prayer]

In your mercy, Lord, we are reconciled to you. By your self-giving love in
Jesus Christ, who prayed for us, we receive your grace. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Athena Kouri Williams, Born March 16, 2025
Daughter of Anthony and Annalena Williams

(11:00)

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

UMH 35 (red book)

SUNG RESPONSE

God Claims You
(sing child's name)

TFWS 2249 (black book)

MOMENT OF TEACHING (change of locations below) Wesley Choir (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 Rm. 160 to encounter God in story, song, and play. Our Nursery, located in Rm. 161, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

ANTHEM *Marching to Zion* Sanctuary Choir
(Robert Lowry)

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26 (111 NT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Threshold Moments" Meghan Roth Clayton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Elevation* Organ
(François Couperin)

* DOXOLOGY UMH 94 (red book)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP from Singing at the Table
Come, friends, lift up your hearts to God, our Maker Come,
friends, and give your thanks. God, hear our prayer!
Come to the table of grace! You're invited! God's set you a place.
**We lift up our hearts to God and sing our praise
as we celebrate that Jesus Christ is raised.
Jesus lives! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Jesus lives!**

God made us from the earth, formed in God's image.
Shaped us with love and worth. God, we are yours!
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**God sent us Jesus Christ: God became human.
He came to bring us life: Jesus, we're yours!**

Christ came to share the good news: God is here! God's making all things new.
Jesus taught and preached and healed and laughed and prayed
And he asked if we would follow him always.

Christ calls you! Christ calls you! He is calling: Christ calls you!

As Christ sat down to dine, praying and blessing Christ shared the bread and wine.
"My life for you! This bread is my body shared.

And for you this cup I have prepared Eat this bread, my life I offer up for you.
Drink the cup. I'm offering forgiveness too."

So prepare, so prepare: All is ready, come and share!

Pour out your Spirit God, on us, your people.
Pour out your Spirit God, on bread and cup.
Make them the Body of Christ!
We give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice.
As we follow Christ, we share him with the world
We're redeemed by grace, Christ's love in us unfurled.
We arise! We arise! Filled with blessing, we arise!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in the pew may do so; an usher will bring elements to you when the time comes. Those wishing to come forward may either stand or kneel as they receive bread and juice, pray and then return to their seats by the side aisle. Persons requiring gluten-free elements may obtain these at the rail or from our ushers in the pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Please join in the singing:)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy HYMN 121 (red book)
Spirit of the Living God HYMN 393 (red book)
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart HYMN 500 (red book)
In Christ There is No East or West HYMN 548 (red book)
Blest Be the Tie That Binds HYMN 557 (red book)

*PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world
as those illumined by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

ORDER OF FAREWELL

UM Book of Worship 598

I thank you, the members and friends of Williamsburg United Methodist Church,
for the love and support you have shown me
while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.
I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,
and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere.
We express our gratitude for your time among us.
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,
trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.
I release you from turning to me and depending on me.
I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you
and for your new pastors.
Let us pray.

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,
we give you thanks for cherished memories
and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions.
Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223 (black book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Lead Me, Lord
(Samuel Sebastian Wesley)

POSTLUDE

Nachspiel in D
(Felix Mendelssohn)

Organ

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in honor of
Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton by Janice Urquhart (Mom and Grammy)

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***

FAREWELL POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Today Fellowship Hall Pastor Meghan
June 15 Fellowship Hall Pastor Dave

As we prepare to say goodbye to two beloved pastors, today we invite you to join us for special potluck luncheon following the 11:00am worship service for Pastor Meghan. Please bring a dish to share (take home any leftovers) and join us in celebrating her ministry and the impact she has had on our WUMC family. There will be 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 today to send Meghan off with love, gratitude, and full hearts.

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

Compost your food and yard waste to reduce carbon pollution and the amount of garbage you send to landfills. Using organic waste to create a compost pile (think yard trimmings and kitchen scraps) can help increase soil water retention, replace chemical fertilizers, and decrease harmful erosion.

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

ReNEW Youth Group

June 1 @ 12:30pm Youth Room

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

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

June 1 @ 5:30pm (new time) 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

June 2 and June 4 @ 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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

June 3 at 7:00pm

There will be a district-wide ZOOM Called Cluster Charge Conference this week. The Chairs of SPPRC will participate for the purpose of voting on new clergy compensation. Questions and comments may be directed to Paul Robbins and Fran Wilkinson.

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY

June 4 @7:00pm Rm 103 Wednesdays

June 5 @ 10:30am Thursdays / Zoom Video Conferencing

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

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

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).

REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It

Sunday, June 15, 9:30-10:30am Rm 174

Join the Marvin Willard Sunday School Class for a six-week journey following the life of John Wesley and exploring the defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. For more info or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

JESUS UNCHAINED:

How to Rise Above the Agendas, Find Peace, and Be Set Free Rm 352

Sundays June 22, July 6, July 13, July 27, August 10 @ 2:00 - 3:30pm

OR

Wednesdays June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20 @ 10:30am - 12:00pm

Join in this summer book study about Jesus in his culture and context. Together, we'll be challenged to stop making an idol out of Jesus and see a fuller picture of who he really is, the one we are to live like. Deacon Troy will convene these gatherings with the hope that participants would be willing to lead some of the discussions. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org. Learn more and register at: tinyurl.com/2025-summer-book

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

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 tinyurl.com/summermealsforkids.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 21, 8:30am Fellowship Hall

Join us for a morning of fellowship at our monthly Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by United Methodist Men. To ensure your seat, please RSVP tinyurl.com/wumcbreakfast by June 20. Our speaker will be Barbara Monteith, Senior Development Manager of the Southeastern Virginia chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

CARE COMMITTEE Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you are ill. Please contact Karen Red (757) 532-6893 and Mary Ann Durboraw (757) 871-1455 at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.



As of 5/27/25
Total LTW Commitments - \$692,992
(94 commitments)
Unpledged Contributions -
\$69,028.64
Total Committed & Unpledged -
\$762,020.64

BE AN 8:15am GREETER!

Can you be a kind, smiling face to greet folks as they enter the church on Sunday mornings at 8:15am? You'd also be there to help direct folks to the Sanctuary, restroom, etc. Training can be provided! Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org to be connected to the coordinator for Greeters, OR sign up now on a Sunday that works for you: www.tinyurl.com/815-greeters.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

What a special way to honor or memorialize a friend or family member each Sunday. We have dates available in July and August. Need help? Email wumcflowers@gmail.com

MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6/4 Ruth Simpson 10:00am Rm 352

Tuesday, 6/10 Heritage Circle 9:45am Rm 352

Sisters in Grace 1:00pm Rm 352

Carol Scott 1:00pm Rm 171

Dementia Support Group 3:30pm Rm 171

Sisters in Mission 6:30pm Rm 171

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 Today:

Aldersgate/Fellowship Class - Fellowship Hall
Walking the Footsteps – Conference Room 352
Godly Play – Room 161
Nursery – Room 160

Beginning June 8:

Marvin Willard Class - Room 174
Searchers Class – Youth Room 180
Perspectives Class – off for the summer
Bishop McKendree – off for the summer
Summer Choir – Room 173

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Meghan Roth Clayton, Dave Rochford, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou Anne Smith **Organist:** Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Sylvia Woodcock **11:00:** Walter Hall

Acolytes 8:15: Taylor Anne Mason **11:00:** Sadie Yaneza, James Clayton

Communion Servers 8:15: Bo Bohannon, Linda Baker, Joy Mair, Terri Morgan **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskey, Shane Johnson, Susan Jones, Barbara Monteith

Greeters 8:15: Fran Hermance **11:00** Jan Boykin, Deborah Hewitt

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonnies Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Marijane Harper, James Jones, Bonnie Knizatko, Joann Lawson, George Sallwasser, Susan Sallwasser

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

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May25 Worship Attendance	Total 494
In Person 11:00am	220
In Person 8:15am	164
Virtual	81
The Table	29

**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)

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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