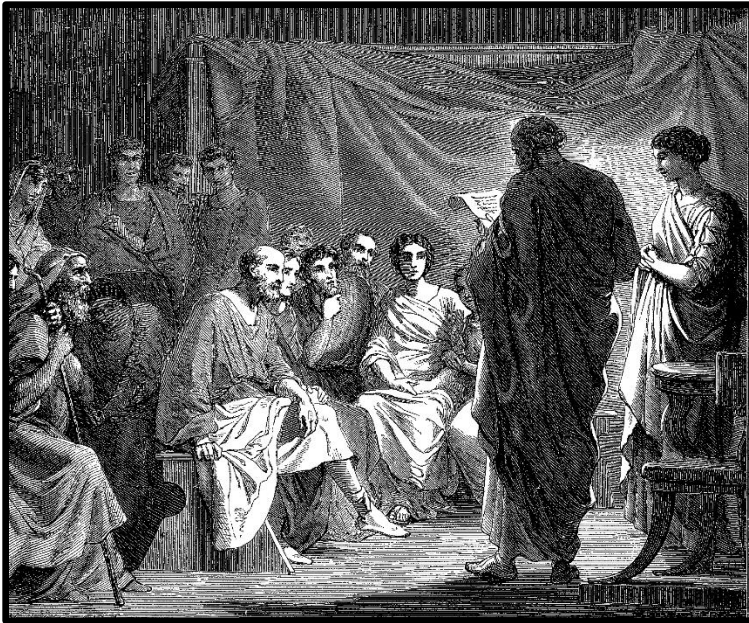




Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785



*a young man
began to sink into a deep sleep
while Paul talked
on and on*

Acts 20:9

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 15, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Love of the Father* Piano
(David Paxton)

INTROIT *O Spirit of the Living God* Summer Choir
(arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams)

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Ephesians 5

Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you!

Let us be careful how we live,

**not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time we are given
and seeking to understand what the Lord's will is.**

Be filled with the Spirit, as you lift up hymns and spiritual songs together,

**singing and making melody to the Lord in our hearts,
always giving thanks to God the Father for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

* HYMN *This Is My Father's World* UMH 144 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ever-gracious God,

we confess before you that our eyelids grow heavy with waiting for you.

**We make worship of you into a routine, hearing your word, but not listening,
praying for guidance, but not heeding.**

We could almost believe that you have larger concerns,

Almighty God, than to trifle with our little lives.

**Yet Christ has come to us as one of us, was wounded for our transgressions,
afflicted for our waywardness, and is grieved by our spiritual lethargy.**

Forgive us once more our complacency;

awaken in us a repentant heart.

[a time of silent prayer follows]

Ours is a God who offers forgiving grace, a new beginning,

and the confidence to face the future unafraid.

Amen.

MOMENT OF TEACHING (change of locations below)

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Fellowship Hall. 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 *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* Summer Choir
(arr. Tom Mitchell)

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 20:7-12 (140 NT)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Perils of Falling Asleep in Church" Dave Rochford

* HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

OFFERTORY

Wake, My Heart
(Jane Marshall)

Piano

* DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 (red book)

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL

Beloved members and friends of Williamsburg United Methodist Church, I thank you 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 received, and I ask your forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here of God's fathomless grace.

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now are sent to minister elsewhere. We are grateful for your years with us, and we ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will endure.

I embrace your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that both our time together and this season of change will be pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I take hope in your continuing ministry here, and will pray for you and for your new pastors, Brian and Madison, as well as Deacon Troy, as together you minister to local and global neighbors in Jesus' name. Thanks be to God.

* HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper

UMH 551 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Hasbrouck and Mera Hughes in honor of their 75th wedding anniversary.

Potluck Farewell Luncheon Today for the Rochfords

Please join us after the 11am service today at about 12:30pm, when we will enjoy a potluck meal together and wish Pastor Dave, Lisa and Alden Rochford the best as they go forth from us to serve Trinity UMC, McLean. We'll also enjoy some videos that provide a humorous look back at Dave's years with us. Note: we will all need to exit the Fellowship Hall after the 11am service is over and spend a few minutes outside on the front lawn while the Hall is converted from worship use to tables and chairs. Thank you for helping us clear the room swiftly!

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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THIS WEEK
113 Commitments

Committed - \$892,552
Unpledged contributions - \$71,538.64
Total committed & unpledged - \$964,090.64

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

JOIN US FOR SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is in full swing! All are welcome to join us 30 minutes before worship to learn easy hymns and anthems. Contact Lou-Anne Smith: lsmith@williamsburgumc.org. OR: JUST SHOW UP to Rm 173 (the Youth Choir Room in the basement).

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

June 15 @ 5:30pm (new time) in Fellowship Hall

The Table, our Sunday evening worship experience, provides dinner each week! Join us for a warm meal, conversation, music, and a welcoming worship environment.

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS

June 16 and June 18 @ 9:30am in the Atrium

Come experience sessions crafted with care, featuring heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening light weight training, and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

Sundays – 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.

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

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 21, 8:30am Rm Fellowship Hall

Join us for a morning for 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.

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

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

STAND UP STORY HOUR

Tuesday, June 24, 2:00pm Williamsburg Regional Library, 515 Scotland St.

Children and adults are invited to join us for a story hour with Cathie Allport. She will be reading stories from WRL's Stand Up for Yourself & Others' anti-bullying collection in honor of Kindness Week. Light refreshments will be provided. (Stand Up! is sponsored by Historic Area Religions Together (HART) and supported by a grant from the Williamsburg Community Foundation.)

FAMILY FRIDAY - MOVIE NIGHT!

June 27 at 6:00pm Cost: \$5

Join us for a heartwarming evening on the big screen with Disney's *Encanto* — the animated hit that celebrates family connection and finding your own special spark! Learn more about this activity in the recent *Messenger*, or contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP

July 6 - 9 5:30 - 7:30pm Williamsburg UMC

We are excited for our second year of Messy Church Summer Camp, now with 4 evening sessions! Together we'll explore how God is changing the world through our lives: by loving us, calling us to love others, and changing our hearts as we are loved. Learn more about Messy Camp in the recent *Messenger*, or contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

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.

BE A SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEER

Our coffee team is currently down to just six faithful folks, and with everyone's busy schedules, it's getting harder to keep the calendar full. Check out the *Messenger* to sign up. Thanks.

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, 6/16

Stephen Ministry 4:00pm Rm 352

TUESDAY, 6/17

Worship 5:30pm Rm 352 Finance 7:00pm Rm 171

WEDNESDAY, 6/18

Respite Board 3:45pm Rm 352

THURSDAY, 6/19

Trustees 6:00pm Rm 352

STAND UP FOR YOURSELVES AND OTHERS: MULTIFAITH DIALOGUE & ACTION EVENT

Sunday, June 29, 2:30-4:00pm St. Martins Episcopal Church, 1333 Jamestown Rd.

Join Historic Area Religions Together (HART) and other local organizations for an afternoon of sharing, connection, and commitment to making this a braver and kinder community. We'll hear from African-American, immigrant, and LGBTQ+ neighbors about the religious values that inspire them to stand up for themselves, followed by table conversations and networking with others working for justice and respect for human dignity. Join us! RSVP by June 25 here: <https://tinyurl.com/june-29-hart> Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims.

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

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.

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.



CREATION CARE TEAM TIP

Light pollution at night is one of the biggest causes of decline in the insect (read 'pollinators') population. If you don't want to get rid of your outside lights, put them on a motion sensor so they are not on all the time, or use yellow bulbs ("bug lights") that are less attractive to insects, or even better, use yellow LED bulbs.

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, Godly Play Sunday School, 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

Aldersgate/Fellowship Class - Fellowship Hall
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

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/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: Warren Harper **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskey

Acolytes 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Johanna Foley, Camden Brock

Greeters 8:15: Barbara Neary **11:00** Melody Nichols, Steve Nichols

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, Josh Clayton

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June 8 Worship Attendance	Total 542
In Person 11:00am	208
In Person 8:15am	133
Virtual	82
The Table	46
Messy Church	73

**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)

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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)

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