



*Williamsburg*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Give Them Something to Believe In*

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 22, 2025**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Praise, My Soul* Piano  
(Robert Buckley Farlee)

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

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP early Welsh, modified  
We come today seeking God's protection;  
**and in protection, strength.**  
And in strength, understanding;  
**in understanding, knowledge.**  
And in knowledge, the knowledge of justice;  
**in the knowledge of justice, the love of it.**  
And in that love, the love of existence;  
**in the love of existence, the love of God and of all goodness.**

\* HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS 2173 (black book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Walter Brueggemann, modified  
O God, we often pray that we might "worthily magnify your holy name."  
**Except that before your holy name, we mumble in awe and timidity  
and cowardice. Your holy name causes powers to tremble. Your holy name  
causes chaos to settle, death to depart, and feverish anxiety to grow quiet.  
No, we are not worthy to utter your name. We are so preoccupied and  
distracted. We have our own ways in the world that are not your ways.**  
[silent prayer and contemplation]

Except you have entrusted your holy name to us; you have empowered us  
to be your good new messengers.

**So we pray in this awesome moment in your presence, match up your  
holy name with our poor testimony, that we may make your name,  
your power, and your purpose very large and awesome and compelling.  
Amen.**

ANTHEM *Walk with Me* Summer Choir  
(John S. Rice)

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:7-10 (233 NT)  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:12 (109 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Give Them Something to Believe In”

Rev. Troy Sims

\* HYMN

*Grace Alone*

TFWS 2162 (black book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERTORY

*Give Me Jesus*  
(Richard Billingham)

Piano

\* 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!**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN

*The Summons*

TFWS 2130 (black book)

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
(arr. Lowell Mason)

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

*Celebration*  
(David Paxton)

Piano

The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by  
Evelyn Jessie in memory of her grandmother, Betty R. Jessie.  
by  
Dorothy J. Higbee in loving memory of Lester W. Higbee  
and in remembrance of our wedding anniversary.

## 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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### 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](http://williamsburgumc.org/articles) to read inspiring stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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## LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**THIS WEEK**  
**126 Commitments**

**Committed - \$1,048,002**  
**Unpledged contributions - \$71,729**  
**Total committed & unpledged - \$1,119,731.**

# THIS WEEK AT WUMC

## **THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service**

**June 22 @ 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 23 and June 25 @ 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.

## **REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It**

**9:30-10:30am Rm 174 continues**

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](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

Visit our Classes page [www.williamsburgumc.org/classes](http://www.williamsburgumc.org/classes) for more info.

## **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](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Learn more and register at: [tinyurl.com/2025-summer-book](https://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](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org)

<https://tinyurl.com/y45znsml>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

## **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.

## **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](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org) Learn more and register at: <https://tinyurl.com/umcfamfri>

## **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](mailto: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](http://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.

## **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](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org). OR: JUST SHOW UP to Rm 173 (the Youth Choir Room in the basement).

## **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 23 – 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](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org) A great opportunity to make music, connect with others, and enjoy ensemble playing this summer!

## **MEETINGS THIS WEEK TUESDAY, 6/24**

Church Council 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

# EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES

## 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](mailto:elizann@cox.net).

## 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](mailto: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](http://tinyurl.com/summermealsforkids).

## SAVE THE DATE

Support the Sisters in Grace Circle for a magical evening of illusion and daring escape, leaving you spellbound. The United Women in Faith are supporting the needs of the global outreach fund raising with a variety of efforts from each circle. The Sisters in Grace Circle have reached out to the **Wagsters Magic Show** here in Williamsburg. Join us as we view an evening with Brandon and Hannah Wagster. We will be having a night at their new theater on Wednesday October 22, at 6:00pm. Save the Date!

## SIGN UP TO:

- Read scripture in worship – [tinyurl.com/wumc-reader](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-reader)
- Be an Acolyte at 8:15 or 11:00am services – [tinyurl.com/wumc-acolytes](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-acolytes)



## CREATION CARE TEAM TIP

While turfgrass is pleasant to walk on, highly maintained lawns support no pollinators and do not nourish the insects that enable birds and many mammals to survive. Reducing your lawn size, and planting native species instead, will provide refuge to imperiled insect and bird populations.

# EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES

## **MEN'S MINISTRY** [williamsburgumc.org/adults/men](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://williamsburgumc.org/classes) and [williamsburgumc.org/small-groups](http://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

## **RESPIRE CARE** [williamsburgumc.org/respire-care](http://williamsburgumc.org/respire-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](http://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](http://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:** Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

**Director of Worship Arts:** Lou Anne Smith

**Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Readers 8:15:** Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Gerald Harrison

**Acolyte 11:00:** JD Tressler

**Greeters 11:00:** Michele Gates, Tom Gates

**Ushers 8:15:** Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne 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, Woody Sherman

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<b>June 15 Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Total 522</b>
<b>In Person 11:00am</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>In Person 8:15am</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Virtual</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>The Table</b>	<b>46</b>

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

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Madison Ailinger, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

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

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

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

Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)

Brian Johnson, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

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)

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

Ellen Simon **Bookkeeper** (x116)

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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