



*Williamsburg*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 29, 2025**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
(Dale Wood)

Piano

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sarum Primer*, modified

When we experience a change of plans,

**God be in our heads and in our understanding.**

When things go differently than we had hoped,

**God be in our eyes and in our looking.**

When we can't do what we wanted to do,

**God be in our mouths and in our speaking.**

When roadblocks hinder our way,

**God be in our hearts and in our loving. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*Christ for the World We Sing*

UMH 568 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, life is full of change, and often we don't know what to do.

**So help us, O God, to remember that you are able to bring good out of everything that happens in life. May we trust you when things don't happen as we expect. By the leading of Christ and the power of your Spirit, let us make our way together, Lord: wherever you go, we must go; and through whatever you pass, there too will we pass. Thanks be to you, O God, for journeying with us always. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
(arr. William Cutter)

Arleen Faustina, soloist

PSALM READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 46:1-7 (517 OT)

MOMENT OF TEACHING

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. 161 to encounter God in story, song, and play. Our Nursery, located in Rm. 160, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God.**

Acts 16:6-15 (136 NT)

MESSAGE

"A Change of Plans"

Rev. Tom Joyce

\* HYMN

*Be Still, My Soul*

UMH 534 (red 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.**

MISSION MOMENT

*A Reflection on Annual Conference*

Mike & Angela Johnson

OFFERTORY

*Come Away to the Skies Setting of 'Middlebury Tune'*  
(George Shearing)

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

*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 593 (red book)

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
(Frank Stoldt)

Piano

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Terry and Barbara Stahl in memory of our parents  
William & Grace Louise Stahl and William & Myrtle Pfile.

***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***

### CREATION CARE TEAM TIP

Native bees and caterpillars are crucial to the survival of local food webs. Native bees are generally the most effective pollinators of native plants, and adequate pollination is essential for ensuring the plant will set fruit and/or seed. Additionally, caterpillars are important food sources for wildlife, particularly for young birds. Did you know that Caterpillars are the dominate food for baby birds? It takes 6,000 to 9,000 caterpillars to rear just ONE clutch of chickadees!



## 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*



### TEXT TO GIVE

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

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Code to  
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## LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**THIS WEEK**  
**141 Commitments**

**Committed - \$1,153,822**  
**Unpledged contributions - \$71,814**  
**Total committed & unpledged - \$1,225,636**

# THIS WEEK AT WUMC

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

**June 29 @ 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 30 and July 2 @ 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.

## **JESUS UNCHAINED:**

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

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

**The Wednesday offering is full.**

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)

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

## **GET TO KNOW YOU GATHERINGS**

Our new Lead Pastor, Rev. Brian Johnson, wants a chance to get to know YOU by hearing from you about yourself and our church.

Please, sign up for a day that works for you -- and please don't sign up for more than one session! If you are signing up for 2 people, please sign up for 2 different slots as we don't want these groups to be larger than 12. If the date you need is full, reach out to Deacon Troy to be added to a wait list should someone need to back out. If you have questions, contact Deacon Troy [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or 757-229-1771. SIGN UP NOW! [tinyurl.com/wumc-get-to-know](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-get-to-know)

## **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 to attend or help at: [tinyurl.com/2025-messy-camp](https://tinyurl.com/2025-messy-camp)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

## Thank You for Your Generosity

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support shown for our Capital Campaign. Thanks to your faithful giving, we have now reached a combined total of \$1,225,636 in pledged and unpledged contributions! Your generosity is making it possible to preserve, improve, and sustain the spaces where your ministry comes to life. Thank you for lighting the way—together!

## Digital Minimalism Book Study - on Zoom

**6:30-8:00pm on July 17 & 31, August 14 & 28**

Join in this summer adult book study for families with Children and Youth. Zach Griggs will lead an exploration of author Cal Newport's philosophy of Digital Minimalism to intentionally choose technologies that enrich our lives and relationships and happily release those that do not. While this book does not discuss the implications of technology's influence on our faith, we will discuss how our Christian discipleship calls us to be intentional with our time, choose life-giving connections, and live into healthy rhythms of rest as individuals and families. Our time together will include discussion on helping our kids set boundaries with technology, healthy relationships in person and online, and how to prioritize what is most important among a sea of possible choices. Visit the link to register and order your book: <https://tinyurl.com/fam-min-study>

## PARABLES: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place

**6 Sundays, beginning July 20, 9:30-10:30am Rm 180**

Join the Searchers Sunday School in exploring six parables that give a window into Jesus's message and movement -- then and now! To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

## BE AN 8:15am GREETER!

As a greeter, you make people feel comfortable and point them in the right direction. You influence whether guests feel welcome at WUMC. Sign up to greet at [tinyurl.com/815-greeters](https://tinyurl.com/815-greeters). There are vacancies for July and August. I appreciate any slots that you are able to fill. If you have difficulty with the schedule, contact Laura Viancour [lviancour@verizon.net](mailto:lviancour@verizon.net)

## 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 30 – 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!

## 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. Sign up now at [tinyurl.com/wumc-hospitality](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-hospitality). Thanks.

# 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. Order online at [tinyurl.com/chancel-flowers](http://tinyurl.com/chancel-flowers). Need help? Email [wumcflowers@gmail.com](mailto:wumcflowers@gmail.com)

**CARE COMMITTEE** Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you are ill. For July, please contact Barbara Glover (757) 229-1198 and Betsy Ziskind (757) 291-3635 at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

**LOCAL OUTREACH SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS** Thank you for the generous response to our Summer Meals for Kids food collection. We will continue to collect juice boxes, no sugar added fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola bars, cheese cracker packs, snack-sized cookies, crackers, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy treats, and Zip-loc sandwich bags. Please place items in the WUMC collection closet labeled Summer Meals for Kids. Checks made out to WUMC/memo Summer Meals for Kids are appreciated. Thanks!

## SAVE THE DATES

### September 12, 12:30 – 2:00pm

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon at our beloved **Garden Party**, all in support of the Respite Care program! Enjoy a gourmet luncheon in a beautiful setting, plus the thrill of our fabulous raffle—with prizes like golf outings, top local restaurant gift cards, W&M spirit swag, Symphony tickets, and so much more. Tickets go on sale mid-July, and last year's event sold out quickly. Start gathering folks for your table of 6 or 10 now, or come solo and make new friends. This is your chance to give back while having a great time. Don't miss it!

### October 22, at 6:00pm.

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)

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## **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 161  
Nursery – Room 160  
Summer Choir – Room 173

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## **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:** Tom Joyce, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

**Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Readers 8:15:** Mike Starry **11:00:** Dianne Colestock

**Acolyte 8:15:** Eira Johnson **11:00:** Shane Johnson

**Greeters 8:15:** Fran Hermance, Joyce Jarrett-Alewynse **11:00:** Connie Bullock, Tim Bullock

**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:** Todd Lindley

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<b>June 22 Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Total 318</b>
<b>In Person 11:00am</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>In Person 8:15am</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Virtual</b>	
<b>The Table</b>	<b>40</b>

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

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Madison Ailing, **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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