

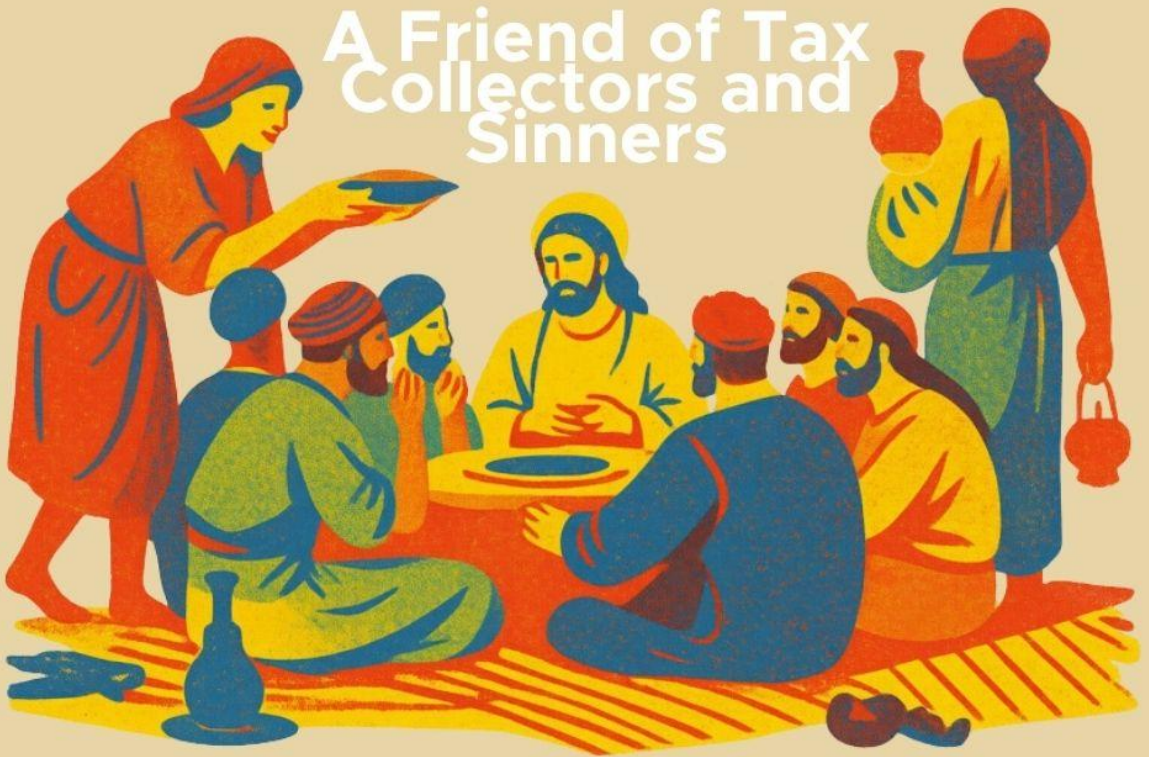


# Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EST. 1785

## A Friend of Tax Collectors and Sinners



**June 14, 2026**  
**8:15 and 11:00am**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praeludium in B flat* Organ  
(J.S. Bach)

INTROIT *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Summer Choir  
(Erik Routley)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who comes to share life with us.

**Our Lord meets us wherever we are, and refuses to be kept at a distance.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened."

**We gather – tired from the weight we carry,  
longing for rest we cannot find on our own.**

Thanks be to God, who gives us rest beyond our imagining.

**Thanks be to God, who reveals God's goodness to the outcast,  
the rejected, and the humble.**

\*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and gracious Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thank you  
for revealing your deep truths to the humble and sincere. Forgive us  
when we fall short of your way of love and teach us patiently and hopefully  
to follow your way of grace and peace. Open our eyes to your wisdom  
so we may see past the judgments and confusions of the world.**

**Today, we bring our heavy hearts, our exhaustion, and our burdens  
to your Son, Jesus. Help us to take his yoke upon ourselves  
so that we might learn to walk in his way and live out his love. Help us  
to walk closely by his side so that our souls may find genuine, lasting rest.**

**We pray this in the name of the blessed Trinity: the Eternal Parent,  
Beloved Child, and Spirit of Love, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Jesus, Lord We Look to Thee* Summer Choir  
(Dan Forrest)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Hosea 5:15-6:6 (838 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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (11 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"A Friend to Tax Collectors and Sinners"

Rev. Brian Johnson

\*HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH 557

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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.**

APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 882

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the  
right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*Ciacona in G*  
(Georg Muffat)

Organ

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

UMH 94

**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!**

\*HYMN

*Standing on the Promises*

UMH 374

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
(Traditional)

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

*Fuga in B flat*  
(J.S. Bach)

Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
R. Evelyn Jessie in memory of my grandmother, Betty R. Jessie  
and  
Barbara Feagin, Laurie and Kevin in memory of Glenn Feagin.

## WELCOME TO WUMC



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, 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. 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. Thank you for using this check-in system and for partnering with us to help your children have a safe, fun, and faithful experience at WUMC!

## THIS WEEK – ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLASSES

**STEWARDSHIP** As summer begins and we travel, the 90+ ministries we support through your generous giving continue Christ's work to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for families in need, and offer hope in Christ's name. Thank you for your continued faithful generosity throughout the year.

### **SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER: Braver Angels** **Today, 2:00-4:00pm | WUMC**

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: [tinyurl.com/wumc-disagree-better](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-disagree-better)

**JOIN US FOR THE YOUTH SUMMER COOKOUT TODAY, 5:30pm Wesley Foundation**  
Grades 6-12 (completed) are invited to kickoff the Summer with a cookout around the bonfire! We'll roast hot dogs and hamburgers, make s'mores, and play silly games. Contact: Zach Griggs (757) 229-1771 ext 109, [zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org)

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES AND DINNER RESERVATION**

**Sisters in Mission** – June 16, 5:00pm. Let's celebrate with Flowers and Friends. Each member of the circle is asked to bring one or two flowers and discuss the meanings of the various flowers.

Come and enjoy a fabulous meal at **Tuscany Ristorante** on June 23 between 4:00pm and 9:00pm, and a portion of the cost of your meal will be donated to Local and Global Mission by the **WUMC United Women in Faith!** This is a popular restaurant, so make a reservation on their website or by calling (757) 378-0446. We hope to see you there!

### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals, And Any of Us Who Are Not Retiring for More Than 30 Years.**

Next meeting will be **June 25 (note change 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday for June)** at 7:00pm. Contact Pastor Madison [mailinger@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:mailinger@williamsburgumc.org)

### **SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS NEEDS YOU**

**Thursdays, June 18 - August 20, 8:30am – 10:00am**

**Where:** Meals on Wheels at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail, Williamsburg, VA Thanks to all who donated to our food drive last Sunday! To help, sign up [tinyurl.com/wumc-kids-meals](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-kids-meals)

### **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.

For information on the classes, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

### **CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Saturday, June 20, 8:30am**

Join us for breakfast casserole, dairy/gluten free option, sweet breads, fruit, juice and hot beverages hosted by the men. Gerald Bullock will share the history of the Sir Christopher Wren Building, then lead us on a tour. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Proceeds support church ministries. Required registration [tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast) by 10:00am Friday, June 19. Or email Jim Griffin [griffinjc1@aol.com](mailto:griffinjc1@aol.com) or John Tressler [jbtrex3@outlook.com](mailto:jbtrex3@outlook.com)

### **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](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) and he'll get you connected with event organizers.

# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## 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](mailto:mailinger@williamsburgumc.org)

## CREATION CARE TEAM Animal Rights Awareness Week June 15 to 21.



Methodism's founder, John Wesley, spoke out against the abuse of animals and today the General Conference's Social Principles "...support the respectful and humane treatment of animals, who are crucial participants in God's creation." For Animal Rights Awareness Week, consider donating to a local animal shelter or pledge to go cruelty-free for the week by looking for products featuring the Leaping Bunny logo which guarantees that no animal testing was used in the development of the product, including its ingredients and formulations <https://www.leapingbunny.org/>

## MUSIC MINISTRY Summer Choir Continues through 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. AND...

## 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](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org) or (757) 229-1771.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

At WUMC, our goal is to help Children, Youth, and their families become disciples of Jesus Christ through nurturing relationships, practicing an active faith, and connecting their stories with God's Story.

- **Children (K–5th Grade):** Faith formation through worship, Godly Play Sunday School, Messy Church, monthly Family Days events, music programs, and more.
- **Youth (6th–12th Grade):** Holistic faith formation through Bible study, spiritual practices, creative expression, and mission opportunities. **Youth meet every Sunday from 12:30 - 2:00pm** in our Youth Room.

## 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 [tinyurl.com/rymt26](https://tinyurl.com/rymt26) Questions? Contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator [zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org)



MESSY CHURCH  
SUMMER CAMP 2026

### MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP IS BACK!

**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](https://tinyurl.com/mcsc2026), contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator [zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org)

### JUNE 7 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	565
In Person 11:00am.....	194
In Person 8:15am.....	150
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	62
Online.....	81
Messy Church.....	78

### Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
[nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org).

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# 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.



## 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](http://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)

TROY SIMS, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

MARY ELLEN BAKER, **Finance Manager** (x106)

ELLEN BUSHMAN, **Respite Care Director** (x118)

JOSH CLAYTON, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

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