



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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June 21, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude
(Allen Orton Gibbs)

Organ

INTROIT

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
(Erik Routley)

Summer Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return without first watering the earth, so God's word goes out and does not return empty.

**We come to receive that word — seeds planted in our hearts,
rain falling on dry ground.**

A gardener went out to sow seeds in the earth. Some seed fell on hard paths, some in shallow soil, some among thorns — but some fell on good earth and brought forth a harvest beyond all imagining.

Lord, make us good soil. Soften the rocky ground within us, deepen what is shallow, clear away what chokes out your Good News of love and grace.

God promises that the mountains and hills shall break forth into song, and the trees of the forests will clap their hands.

Today we gather to lift our voices with all creation. We gather to worship the God who sows with abundance and reaps in joy!

Thanks be to God, whose word takes root and bears fruit in every season.

Amen.

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you plant the seed of love and mercy in our hearts. You send down your heavenly grace to till the soil of our lives. You are the giver of all good gifts. As we gather together in worship, open our eyes to see your goodness, open our ears to hear the story of your love, and open our minds and hearts to be transformed by the renewing power of your Holy Spirit. Remove the stones of doubt and the thorns of worldly worry from our souls, so that we may hear your truth, take root in your love, and bring forth an abundant harvest of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and hope. We pray all this in your name, you who are the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Once A Farmer Went Out Sowing
(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

Summer Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

Isaiah 55:10-13 (686 OT)

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 13:1-9, 18-23 (13 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Good Soil"

Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

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.**

AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?
**No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One
who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels,
nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Offertory Prayer
(Allen Orton Gibbs)

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

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Dona Nobis Pacem
(Traditional)

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy
(Michael Burkhardt)

Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dorothy J. Higbee
in loving memory of Lester W. Higbee, Jr., in remembrance of our wedding anniversary, June 24

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

PARABLES - Marvin Willard Sunday School Class

6 Sundays beginning TODAY 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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES AND DINNER RESERVATION

Come 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!

KMO PRESCHOOL IS HIRING!

Have a love for early childhood education or know someone who does? Consider the opportunities here at the Kid's Morning Out Preschool! We have several opportunities available! Learn more and apply at:

- KMO Director - tinyurl.com/kmo-director
- KMO Lead Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-lead
- KMO Assistant Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-assistant
- KMO Substitute Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-substitute

Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

WUMC RESPITE CARE PROGRAM IS HIRING!

We are seeking a Respite Caregiver. If you are passionate about serving dependent adults in this community at an engaging afternoon social program, we'd love to talk to you! Please contact Ellen Bushman, Executive Director respitedirector@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1771.

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**, 7:00pm. Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

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.

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 most Sundays from 12:30 - 2:00pm** in our Youth Room. This Week's focus: Following Jesus - Follow by Leading. Next Week: Welcoming All – Welcome Others.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17

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 Questions? Contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org



MESSY CHURCH
SUMMER CAMP 2026

MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP IS BACK! It's like VBS but Messy!
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, contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator
zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS NEEDS YOU Thursdays - August 20, 8:30am – 10:00am



Where: Meals on Wheels at WISC, 5700 Warhill Trail, Williamsburg, VA
Each summer, Meal on Wheels, along with several area churches, provides meals for kids, who, during the academic year, rely on their school meals for the bulk of their nutrition. 458It only takes \$5.00 to feed a child a meal. \$25.00 will feed one child for an entire week this summer. \$250.00 will feed one child all summer long. Thank YOU for helping us ensure that no child goes hungry this summer. To help, sign

up tinyurl.com/wumc-kids-meals

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

CREATION CARE TEAM World Rainforest Day



This special day is dedicated to highlighting the critical role that rainforests play in maintaining the health of our planet. Despite their importance however, deforestation of tropical forests has remained persistently high due to rising human demand for food, fiber, and fuel. We can help reduce the demand for these products by using resources more efficiently and wasting less. To learn more about the value of rainforests, the threats they face, and their role in the global ecosystem, visit the United Nations Environment Program website: tinyurl.com/wumc-rainforest

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.

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 or (757) 229-1771.

VA STATE VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

The WUMC Respite Care Program will receive \$5 for each State Vehicle Inspection performed at American Pride Automotive during the month of June.



GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving Statements will be distributed in July. Please take a moment to log into the REALM system and review your contact information, especially your email address, and make any necessary updates to ensure timely delivery. Choosing email delivery helps us save both time and mailing expenses, allowing us to be better stewards of ministry resources.

JUNE 14 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	458
In Person 11:00am.....	176
In Person 8:15am.....	134
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	63
Online.....	85

Deadline for Bulletin

Submissions: MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
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.



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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 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)

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