



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 6, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Dove of Peace
(David Cherwien)

Piano

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus sends us—two by two—into the world.

We go, carrying peace and proclaiming the nearness of God's kingdom.

We are sent as messengers of mercy.

We give thanks, because God is merciful.

We are sent to each other as messengers of love.

We praise God, because Jesus loves us.

We are sent into the world, to proclaim and embody justice and hope.

We rejoice, because we belong to Jesus.

Let us worship the Lord who calls, sends, and sustains us.

Here we are, Lord—give us the strength to join your work of love.

* HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(verses 1,2,3,4, & 7)

57 (red book)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,

we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry

of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[a time of silent confession]

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 66:10-14 (697 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Will Come to Praise the Lord
(Berta Poorman & Sonja Poorman)

Summer Choir

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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (71 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MISSION MOMENT

Commissioning CHHF Mission Team

OFFERTORY

Elevation
(Gordon Young)

Piano

* DOXOLOGY

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!**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***[The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:]*

And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy
(21 red book)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***[The minister continues the prayer, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:]*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died
(22 red book)**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen
(22 red book)**Amen, amen, amen, amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in their seat may do so; simply notify an usher, and they will make sure the elements are brought to you. Those wishing to come forward may come to the stations at the front, where they will be able to choose between dipping the bread in the cup or receiving an individual cup of grape juice. You may return to your seat via the side aisle once you have received. Persons requiring gluten free elements may obtain these at the station at the front or have it brought to them in their seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Please join in the singing:)

For the Bread Which You Have Broken 614 (red book)

I Come with Joy 617 (red book)

Let Us Break Bread Together 618 (red book)

One Bread, One Body 620 (red book)

Bread of the World 624 (red book)

*PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world
as those illumined by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

664 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on 'Azmon'
(Robert J. Hughes)

Piano

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lois and Janice Keith
in memory of Ronald C. Keith.

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***

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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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 inspiring stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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iPhone

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THIS WEEK
149 Commitments

Committed - \$1,224,742
Unpledged contributions - \$73,705
Total committed & unpledged - \$1,298,447

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

July 6 @ 5:30pm 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.

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 Learn more and register to attend or help at: tinyurl.com/2025-messy-camp

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS

July 7 and July 9 @ 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. Learn more and register at: tinyurl.com/2025-summer-book

Visit our Classes page 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 or 757-229-1771. SIGN UP NOW! tinyurl.com/wumc-get-to-know

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

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

THE BOOK OF JAMES: WHAT YOU DO MATTERS

5 Sundays beginning July 27, 9:30-10:30am, Rm 174

Join the Marvin Willard Sunday School in a joy-filled, fresh study of the book of James and discover the genuine markers of true faith, new practices of spiritual maturity, and how much the God of heavenly lights treasures you. To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

SAVE THE DATE

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!

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*

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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!

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, July 7 – 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!

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.

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. Need help? Email 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.

SIGN UP TO:

- Be an Acolyte at 8:15 or 11:00am services – tinyurl.com/wumc-acolytes



CREATION CARE TEAM TIP

Cool off the market for plastic. Refuse, reduce, and reuse strategies work; recycle is less available. Remember your reusable shopping bags; choose a non-plastic reusable drink container; buy bulk, refillable, or solid items such as shampoo bars that have no plastic packaging; switch to glass storage bowls; move away from “disposable” anything.

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



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.



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

RESPIRE CARE 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

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: Brian Johnson, Madison Ailinger, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Gerald Bullock **11:00:** Betsy Campbell

Acolyte 8:15: Ella Bullock **11:00:** Johanna Foley, James Foley

Communion Servers 8:15: Ginger Barr, Joy Mair **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskey, Karen Red

Greeters 8:15: Damarius Marion, Marjorie Croswell **11:00:** Cindy Banek, Dorayne Peitsch

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Drew Alexander Val Dobson, Van Dobson, Walter Hall, Greg Johnson, Bonnie Knizatko, JD Tressler, John Tressler

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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June 29 Worship Attendance	Total 364
In Person 11:00am	148
In Person 8:15am	110
Virtual	78
The Table	28

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions:
MONDAY, 5:00 p.m. (note change)

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)

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)

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