



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 13, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Song Without Words</i> (Peter i. Tschaikowsky)	Piano
INTROIT	<i>Jesu, Jesu</i> (harm. By Charles Webb)	Summer Choir
WELCOME		
* CALL TO WORSHIP		
	Someone asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?”	
	And Jesus told a story of mercy and compassion.	
	The one who showed mercy was a true neighbor.	
	Jesus tells us to go and do likewise.	
	God offers us mercy and love with no exceptions and no restrictions.	
	Jesus tells us to share the love we have received.	
	We gather for worship as a people marked by the love of Jesus.	
	Let us worship the God who calls us to love without boundaries.	
* HYMN	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	77 (red book)
OPENING PRAYER		
	God of mercy, justice, and compassion, you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind—and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, too often, we turn away from those who are hurting and pretend not to see. Open our eyes to see the wounded. Open our minds to recognize the excluded and suffering. Open our hearts to show compassion. Open our hands to serve with grace. In this time of worship, shape us into people who reflect your boundless love. Teach us again what it means to live as neighbors—to show kindness, to seek justice, and to walk humbly with You. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our own Good Samaritan, who enters into our pain to save us. Amen.	
ANTHEM	<i>Whatever You Do</i> (Welsh Melody)	Summer Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	The Word of God for the People of God.	Psalms 82 (542 OT)
	Thanks be to God.	
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	Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!	Luke 10:25-37 (71 NT)
	Thanks be to God.	
MESSAGE	“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”	Rev. Brian Johnson

* HYMN

Who Is My Neighbor
(tune of 139 red book)

**"Who is my neighbor?" A lawyer asked Jesus, to test him.
So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:
Lonely the way ...lonely the traveler one day ...
robbers attacked him and left him.**

**First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.
Next came a Levite who wouldn't do anything for him.
Then one despised, hated in everyone's eyes,
knelt down to heal and restore him.**

**Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.
He was the one with compassion, the one in God's favor.
Not by a creed but by responding to need,
he proved to be the good neighbor.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERTORY

Cantilene
(Hall M. Macklin)

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!**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

431 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

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

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

Rondeau in B-flat
(Johann Krieger)

Piano

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jake & Alison Foley in memory of Jake's father, Jack Foley, & Allison's grandmother, Doris Melancon, whose heavenly birthdays we celebrate this month.

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

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THIS WEEK
155 Commitments

Committed - \$1,232,487
Unpledged contributions - \$74,325
Total committed & unpledged - \$1,306,812

HVAC UPDATE



NEW BOILERS ARRIVE ONSITE

We're happy to share that we are now back on schedule thanks to the flexibility and commitment of our contractors, who have added extra crew members and increased their onsite hours to keep the project moving.

In recent weeks, significant headway has been made. The old boiler and outdated piping have been removed, the building's ductwork has been cleaned and sealed, and the layout for new piping has been completed. Crews have poured new concrete pads for pumps and have begun running hot water lines toward Wesley Hall. This past week, they installed the main hot and cold-water lines from the boiler room to the mechanical room near Wesley Hall and completed valve and pipe connections for the lines continuing through that space. The system has now been pressurized and is ready for county inspection. Meanwhile, Chesapeake Controls has made substantial progress pulling low-voltage wiring from individual room units back to the main control panel and is finalizing the wiring plan for all three floors. We're also grateful to share that commitments to our *Lighting the Way* Capital Campaign have now reached **\$1,306,812**—thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work to ensure that our facilities remain a strong foundation for ministry for years to come.

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

July 13 @ 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.

ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS

July 14 and July 16 @ 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.

Visit our Classes page www.williamsburgumc.org/classes for more info.

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>

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 AND MEETINGS

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 DATES

November 16-23

WUMC is hosting the Winter Shelter ministry earlier than usual for the upcoming season on November 16 – 23. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer for this important ministry! Further details will be provided in September through the church newsletter, *The Messenger*, the bulletin, and social media.

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

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 OR: JUST SHOW UP to Rm 173 (the Youth Choir Room in the basement).

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.

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!

SIGN UP TO:

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



CREATION CARE TEAM TIP

Whether for a cookout, potluck, or everyday meals, **go meatless or at least beefless**. Raising livestock is much more water intensive than growing plants or turkeys, for example. Learn how land use impacts climate change.

BACK-to-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

For many years, our church has provided school supplies for children living in a section of the Highland Park neighborhood. To simplify the process, we're providing an opportunity to purchase backpacks and supplies for specific Middle and High school students.



To participate, *starting July 27*, you'll take an apple from the table in the Welcome area, print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet, and purchase items listed on the back of the apple. Each apple will note the child's gender and grade, so supplies appropriate to their age can be purchased. You could partner with a friend or a small group to support a child. *Return purchases to the WUMC Collection Closet by August 11*. Be sure to include the apple with the supply list in the backpack.

Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org), and he'll get you connected to Terry McKenna of Local Outreach.

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: Russ Henke **11:00:** Rachel Fowler

Acolyte 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Shane Johnson

Greeters 8:15: Judi French, Fran Hermance **11:00:** Nancy Donnelly, Sandra Gillette

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes 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, Josh Clayton

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July 6 Worship Attendance	Total	560
In Person 11:00am		234
In Person 8:15am		199
Virtual		97
The Table		30

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)

Greg Whiteside, **Director of Facilities** (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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