



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 20, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PREFLUDE

Partita on 'Blessed Jesu, We Are Here'
(Johann Walther)

Piano

INTROIT

Jesu, Jesu
(harm. By Charles Webb)

Summer Choir

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved children—gather in the presence of God who speaks life into our souls.

The Word of God is not just ink on a page—it breathes, moves, and awakens.

We come to listen, not just with our ears, but with our hearts.

We come to sing not just with our mouths, but with our spirits.

The Word of God shapes us, stirs us, and sends us to be a light in the world.

Let every word we hear today rise from the page and take root in our lives.

Then together we will help change the world.

Amen

* HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

2153 (black book)

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly God, we come before You in awe of the power of Your Word—
living, active, and eternal. Your voice echoes through time, awakening hearts,
renewing minds, and calling us into truth. Let Your Word come alive in us.
May it not sit silent on a page, but burn within our hearts, leading us to love
as you have loved. Let it continue to move, stir, and change the world,
one heart at a time. Now, we surrender to you, the God who gave it all
so we can live. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation (Early USA Melody)

Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:21-26 (668 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

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

Ephesians 2:11-22 (192 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Scripture is Alive”

Rev. Madison Ailinger

* HYMN

The Summons

2130 (black book)

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.**

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH IN MISSION

8:15 & 11:00am

Congregation:

**Today, we gather together as neighbors to send you out to other neighbors.
We celebrate that we are connected to each other across different places and
pray that those bonds will grow stronger through this mission experience. We
rejoice that you will meet new neighbors and work together with them to
embody God's love in the communities to which you are sent. We commit to
receive you and to be open to new ideas ourselves when you return to this
community, empowered for long term involvement in change toward a just
world for all. May the love of neighbor be made real in this sharing and
experience.**

Youth: We go to be present with one another and with those who host us.

Leader: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Youth: We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Leader: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Youth: We go to experience God in new and powerful ways.

Leader: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Youth: We go so we can come back, empowered to work for a just world for all.

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
(J.S. Bach)

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

Here I Am, Lord

593 (red book)

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

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

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Rondeau in D
(David Laskey)

Piano

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Cheryl Baumgartner
praising God for those special friends that become our chosen family.

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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is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in
the lives of those we serve!

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Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our
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about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



THIS WEEK
156 Commitments

Committed - \$1,234,987
Unpledged contributions - \$74,265
Total committed & unpledged - \$1,309,252

THANKS SO MUCH!!



Rick Viancour, Russ Henke, Greg Whiteside

Our amazing Director of Facilities, Greg Whiteside, has returned from his one-year Navy deployment to Djibouti, Africa. Greg served Active Duty in the U.S. Navy for nine years, and then in the Naval Reserves for the past 11 years. He is a Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate. We thank God he is safely back at home with his family, and with us.

Greg will assume the daily oversight of the *Lighting the Way Campaign* capital improvements from Russ Henke, our Chair of Trustees. Russ stepped up during Greg's deploy-

ment, coming into the church every day for the preparation and beginning of the major infrastructure changes. He has been a full-time volunteer for this extremely difficult and impactful job.

Rick Viancour came out of retirement to take Greg's place during his deployment and worked alongside Russ. Rick's background includes facilities management for both Colonial Williamsburg and Walsingham Academy. He has quietly kept our church running through all the location rearrangements and behind-the-scenes confusion. Rick's contributions to fulfilling the daily missions of WUMC have been enormous.

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

WELCOME THE NEW PASTORS

Join us today in the Atrium after the 11:00am service for cake and conversation as we welcome Pastor Brian and Pastor Madison to WUMC.

THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

July 20 @ 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 21 and July 23 @ 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS

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

DIGITAL MINIMALISM BOOK STUDY - on Zoom

6:30-8:00pm on July 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>

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

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*

Looking for Sunday morning worship parking? Did you know you can park in the back of the lot that is labeled W&M staff parking? Only on Sunday.

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

UMCOR RESPONSE TO TEXAS FLOODING

We are truly saddened by the loss of life and resources in the recent catastrophic flooding in Texas. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) is already on the ground providing services there. You can support their efforts by going online to tinyurl.com/2025-umcor-us, or you can give a financial gift to WUMC but note "UMCOR Texas" in the memo. Know that 100% of your gift to UMCOR goes to meet the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the victims.

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).

RESPIRE CARE GARDEN PARTY

September 12

Lunch and Raffle tickets are now on sale! Come enjoy a beautiful luncheon, music, and a lively raffle, all in support of the Respite Ministry. Pick up a registration form in the Atrium and submit with your check to request seats and raffle tickets. If lunch tickets are sold out when we receive your form and check, you will be put on a waiting list. Raffle tickets are available up to and at the event."

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/wumcchancelflowers

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. Needed: Cookie bakers in August. Thanks!

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.

SIGN UP TO:

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



CREATION CARE TEAM TIP

This month, we invite our church family to take part in Plastic Free July, a global movement to reduce single-use plastics and care for God's creation. Small changes—like bringing a reusable bag, saying no to plastic straws, or choosing a refillable water bottle—can make a big difference.

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY williamsburgumc.org/connect/care-support
 is a specialized ministry in our congregation that trains and empowers lay members to provide one-on-one, confidential, Christ-centered care to individuals facing various life challenges. While our pastors will always be at the forefront of crisis care, the needs of our community often exceed what they can provide alone. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a difficult transition, or a prolonged period of stress, our Stephen Ministers are here to offer emotional and spiritual support.



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/respice-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.

MEET THE NEW FINANCE TEAM



Mary Ellen (Ell) Baker
Finance & Business Manager



Ellen Simons
Bookkeeper

Mary Ellen (Ell) is from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; holds a BS in Accounting from Bloomsburg University and a Master's in Accounting from the University of New Orleans. She enjoys outdoor activities, including pickleball.

Ellen is a native of Virginia; earned a BBA in Accounting from William & Mary. She and her husband reside in Williamsburg and are actively involved in their church.

We welcome both ladies to our staff at WUMC.

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Madison Ailinger, Brian Johnson, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Warren Harper **11:00:** Cindy Banek

Acolyte 8:15: Hawley Mason **11:00:** JD Tressler

Greeters 8:15: Lois Cunningham, Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Cassie Maye, Bettie Morris

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, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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Deadline for bulletin submissions:

Monday, 5:00 p.m. (note change)

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds

nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

July 6 Worship Attendance	Total	506
In Person 11:00am		226
In Person 8:15am		139
Virtual		103
The Table		38

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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