



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Kingdom of Heaven is Like a Weed

July 5, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together
(arr. Martha Sobaje)

Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to seek the God's Kingdom, to pay attention to God's way of being in the world.

The Kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in a field, like a pearl of great price.

What does it cost to gain the Kingdom?

It costs everything; but it is also a free gift. It requires great striving; yet in it, we find boundless joy.

God's beauty is hidden among us.

God's love shows up just where we least expect to find it.

God's grace grows from the smallest beginnings.

It gets into the deepest corners of our hearts and the hidden places of our world.

Let us worship the Lord, whose love is constantly surprising us.

Let us worship the Lord, who gives mercy to all people in all places.

*HYMN

This Is My Song

UMH 437

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 44:6-8 (673 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-5 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 13:31-33, 44-52 (14 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like a Weed"

Rev. Brian Johnson

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.**

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Hymn of Promise
(Natalie Sleeth)

Summer Choir

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

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.

Amen

(22 red book)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

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 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
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BREAKING OF 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. You may go forward to receive communion when an usher dismisses your row. You 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:)

HYMNS	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	UMH 618
	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	UMH 617
	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	UMH 614
	<i>O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread</i>	UMH 613
	<i>Let Us Be Bread</i>	TFWS 2260

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.

*HYMN *Pass It On* UMH 572

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *American Fantasy* Organ
 (Roland Diggle)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
 in honor of Tom Marshall and Lou-Anne Smith and the Summer Choir by a grateful member.

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 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

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.

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.

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.



FIERCE: WOMEN OF THE BIBLE WHO CHANGED THE WORLD **Searchers Sunday School**

6 Sundays beginning July 19, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 303

You're invited to look at lesser-known female characters in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling, including: the midwives of Egypt (Shiphrah and Puah); Deborah; Naaman's slave girl; the Woman at the Well; Lois and Eunice; and Dorcas. For more information or to get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

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 **July 16** at 7:00pm. Questions? Please contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to be a member of an [Adult Sunday School](#) class to join in on a study they're offering! You're always welcome—and encouraged—to become a regular participant, but it's not required. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS NEEDS YOU

Thursdays through - 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

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 through July 27, 5:00 - 6:00pm. | Atrium

Let us know you're coming, and we will have music ready for you and your instrument! Register here: <https://williamsburgumc.org/music-ministries/> Contact Lou-Anne Smith lsmith@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1771.

MODERN WORSHIP

We are looking for volunteers to join our band and/or AV team for Modern Worship! Whether you play an instrument, love to sing, or enjoy working behind the scenes with sound, slides, or video, there's a place for you to serve and make a difference. No matter your experience level, we'll support and guide you—what matters most is a willing heart. Come be part of a team that helps create a meaningful, welcoming space for worship each week! Contact Anthony Williams awilliams@williamsburgumc.org for more information.

CREATION CARE TEAM

Reduce Waste—Opt Out of Junk Catalogs

Did you know that more than 100 million trees are cut down each year to produce unwanted mail and catalogs? Help reduce waste, cut down on clutter, and support healthier forests by opting out of unwanted catalogs. Visit www.catalogchoice.org, a free service that helps you stop receiving unwanted catalog mail.



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 July Coordinators are Betsy Ziskind (757) 291-3635 and Barbara Glover (757) 229-1198. 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

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 Children’s Worship, Messy Church, 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. **TODAY, July 5 – No Youth Group.** Next Week: July 12 – Welcome All – Welcome Others



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

JUNE 28 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total.....	444
In Person 11:00am.....	190
In Person 8:15am.....	119
Modern Worship 9:30am.....	55
Online.....	80

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.

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 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)

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GREG WHITESIDE, **Director of Facilities** (x101)

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