



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 12, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
(arr. Victor L. Gumma)

Koinonia Duet

INTROIT

Come, Emmanuel
(Twila Paris)

Summer Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, the earth was formless and empty,
darkness covered the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God, full of grace and truth.

Before we could speak, God spoke us into being.

Before we could love, God loved us into existence.

We were not made from necessity, but from delight.

We were not made for usefulness, but for friendship.

The same Spirit who hovered over the waters of creation

descended like a dove upon the waters when Jesus was baptized.

The same light that broke into the first darkness

still shines among us, and the darkness has never overcome it.

Let us worship the God who creates all things and calls them good.

Let us worship the God who calls us to live in love.

*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, in the beginning you moved over the face of the waters, shone light into darkness, and spoke life from lifelessness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Eternal Word to become one of us in Jesus Christ. Move in and among us now, we pray. Speak your Word into whatever is formless and empty in us. Descend upon us as you descended upon your Son when he was baptized in the Jordan, and by your Spirit, make us new. Grant that we, who are created in love, may worship you in truth, grow into the friendship you offer, and go forth to reflect your light and love to all the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in the unity of the Trinity, one God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
(arr. W.H. Monk)

Summer Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4 (1 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

John 1:1-14 (91 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"In the Beginning"

Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

TFWS 2008

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

(8:15)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

Michael & Rebecca Moore; Rusty & Carol MacMullan

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Arietta
(Samuel Wesley)

Organ

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*HYMN

This Is My Fathers's World

UMH 144

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Touch the Earth Lightly
(Swee-Hong Lim)

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

Deo Gratias
(Anthony Giamanco)

Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our daughter-in-law, Ana S. Harper by Warren & Sandy Harper and family David, Courtney and Chase.

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

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

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.

RESPIRE GARDEN PARTY TICKETS

Lunch and raffle tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, July 19th. Lunch tickets are \$30 each, \$180 for a table of 6, and \$300 for a table of 10. You may pay by check with a registration form or online until we are sold out. This year's party will be better than ever as we celebrate our 25th anniversary, so get your group together and order your tickets starting on the 19th. Raffle tickets will be available up to and at the event, and you do not need to be present to win one of our fabulous prizes. You don't want to miss this; 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 Lead Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-lead
- KMO Assistant Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-assistant
- KMO Substitute Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-substitute

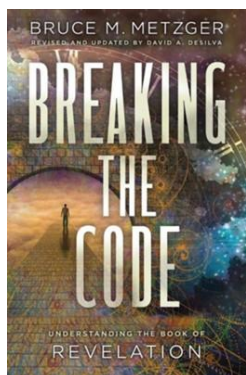
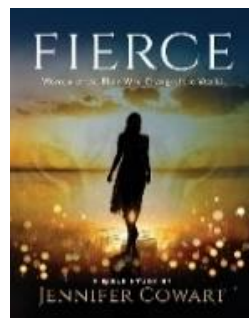
Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims (tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

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. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims

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BREAKING THE CODE: UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION Marvin Willard Sunday School

6 Sundays beginning August 2, 9:30-10:30am | Rm 174

The Book of Revelation contains passages of beauty and comfort, passages that can strike us as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening if one does not understand the symbolism. This study provides a guide presented in a non-academic style that counters the false interpretation shared in pop culture and the popular "left behind" series. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims

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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

PATRIOTIC SALE A SUCCESS Thanks to everyone who supported the Quilt Ministry's America's 250 Birthday sale of patriotic items. The sale yielded \$1000 in proceeds which has been sent to the Wounded Warriors Project.

RESPIRE CARE

American Pride Automotive donated \$4,530 to Respite Care as the June recipient of their State Inspection Community Support program, donating \$5 for every inspection performed in June. Thanks to all who visited one of their locations.

STEWARDSHIP As we travel this summer, 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.

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

To help, sign up tinyurl.com/wumc-kids-meals

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: williamsburgumc.org/music-ministries/ Contact Lou-Anne Smith lsmith@williamsburgumc.org or (757) 229-1771.

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.

MODERN WORSHIP

We are looking for volunteers to join our band and/or AV team for Modern Worship! 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: RECYCLE GLASS THE RIGHT WAY

James City County's glass-only recycling program ensures that empty, rinsed glass bottles and jars are recycled into new glass containers instead of being contaminated in single-stream recycling. By placing your glass in the purple bins at the Jolly Pond, Tewning, or Toano Convenience Centers, your recyclables can be made into new bottles and jars in as little as 30 days at the O-I plant in Toano. Your participation also supports local nonprofits through O-I's Glass4Good program, which provides charitable donations to the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula. Recycling glass separately is a simple way to care for God's creation while strengthening our community.



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 12** – Welcome All – Welcome Others. Next Week: July 19 – Trivia Night! 5:30 – 7:30pm



MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP IS BACK! Like VBS but MESSY!
Sunday, July 26 - Wednesday July 29, 5:30pm - 7:30pm | WUMC
Our theme this year is CONNECTIONS – CONNECTING WITH GOD!
Connecting with each other in Bible stories, crafts, games and a shared dinner. To gather more information and to register, tinyurl.com/mcsc2026, contact Zach Griggs, Family Ministries Coordinator zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: MONDAY, NOON
Please submit to Nancy Reynolds nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

JULY 12 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	458
In Person 11:00am	171
In Person 8:15am	143
Modern Worship 9:30am	68
Online	76

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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)

JOSH CLAYTON, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

STACEY GARDNER, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

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