



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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In the Beginning

Sermon Series on the First Eleven Chapters of Genesis
Week 3

The First Murder

July 26, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Air from Water Music
(G.F. Handel)

Organ

INTROIT

Come, Emmanuel
(Twila Paris)

Summer Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God who does not leave us alone but binds us together in love.

We are called to be keepers of our siblings, sharing one another's burdens.

When God asks us, "Where are your siblings?" let our answer be one of care and connection.

**By looking out for each other, we fulfill the law of Christ,
reflecting his boundless love.**

Let us put aside all bitterness, losing our tempers, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil.

**May our worship open our hearts so that we may be imitators of God,
living our lives with love.**

*HYMN

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here
(to the tune of St. Catherine - "Faith of Our Fathers")

UMH 579

OPENING PRAYER

by Walter Brueggemann from *Prayers for a Privileged People*, modified

Redeeming Sustainer, the One beyond the smell and the din and the smoke.

You, the One beyond our hopes and our hates; you, our beginning before time and our end beyond time: be present in ways we cannot imagine.

Be present and save us from our power, our violence, our fear, and our hatred. Save us as only you can do. Save us as you have saved us before: in love and power, in compassion and justice, in miracle and in waiting.

Save us, because we are your people, and because this is your world. Amen.

ANTHEM

When Cain Killed Abel
(Penny Rodriguez)

Summer Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (194 NT)

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

Genesis 4:1-16 (3 OT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"The Cycle"

Rev. Troy Sims

*HYMN

God, How Can We Forgive

TFWS 2169

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.**

BLESSING OF MESSY CHURCH SUMMER CAMP DISCIPLES

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

I'll Walk With God
(Nicholas Brodsky)

Ian Lane, tenor

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

**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

UMH 431

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Touch the Earth Lightly
(Swee-Hong Lim)

Summer Choir

POSTLUDE

Overture and Hornpipe from Water Music
(G.F. Handel)

Organ

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Jean Beall Morgan & Richard Paul Morgan
married July 27, 1944 by Terri Morgan

WELCOMETO 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

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

MESSY CHURCH
SUMMER CAMP 2026

RESPITE GARDEN PARTY TICKETS

Lunch and raffle tickets are on sale. 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 tinyurl.com/wumc-garden until we are sold out. This year we celebrate our 25th anniversary. Raffle tickets will be available up to and at the event. You do not need to be present to win one of our prizes. See you there!

LOCAL OUTREACH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is time to provide school supplies for middle and high school students living in Highland Park. Paper apples with a list of all the supplies needed are available in the Welcome Area today. Place your purchases in the Collection Closet by August 9. Be sure to include the paper apple in the backpack.

KMO PRESCHOOL IS HIRING

Consider the opportunities here at the Kid's Morning Out Preschool. We have several opportunities available! Learn more and apply at:

- KMO Assistant Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-assistant
- KMO Substitute Teacher - tinyurl.com/kmo-substitute

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

BREAKING THE CODE: UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Marvin Willard Sunday School 6 Sundays 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 tsims@williamsburgumc.org

SAVE THE DATE



PROVIDE MEALS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AT WESLEY

Support our United Methodist Campus Ministry and college students from William & Mary by providing meals through the Fall! Visit tinyurl.com/wesley-dinners to review the available meal slots and click on the button to select the date you choose. On average, there are 20-25 students who participate each Sunday evening. Dinner typically starts at 5:00pm with students beginning set up at 4:00pm. You are encouraged to stay to share dinner with the students.

SISTERS IN GRACE CIRCLE

Tuesday, August 11, 11:30am at *Second Street American Bistro Restaurant* for a time of fellowship and fun.

PASTOR MADISON'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

Thursdays, August 6 – August 27, 10:00am – 11:00am, Rm. 171.

Join us for this 4-week study. Pastor Madison will share her insights from her time in Ephesus and Turkey as we read Scripture together. Bring your Bible.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - For Students, Early Career Professionals August 20, 7pm

Come for meaningful conversations, spiritual growth, laughter, and genuine connection with others navigating many of the same seasons of life. If retirement is still a few decades away, you're probably in the right place! Contact Pastor Madison

mailinger@williamsburgumc.org



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 3, 9 – 9:30am WUMC Front Lawn

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

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 - WILLIAMSBURG LIBRARY Tuesday, July 28; 6:00pm



Williamsburg Library Theatre, 515 Scotland St. "We're All Plastic People Now" is an Emmy winning documentary introduced by Ted Danson and featured at the 2024 Santa Fe Film Festival. In an era of throwaway ease, plastic has cost us our well-being. It's been found inside our bodies, our colons, our brains, in breast milk and developing wombs. Now, it's even in our hearts. This groundbreaking film tests the producer's blood and four generations of family members for chemicals derived from plastic. The results are alarming. This event includes a screening of the film, panel discussion and exhibit tables. Sponsored by the Sierra Club York River Group, Clean Virginia Waterways and oceana.org.

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

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.

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.

JULY 19 ATTENDANCE	
Worship Attendance Total	459
In Person 11:00am	206
In Person 8:15am	126
Modern Worship 9:30am	57
Online	70

Deadline for Bulletin
MONDAY, NOON

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

NEW ALERT - VAUMC’s Perspective on Scammers
Church members have reported receiving texts or emails from someone claiming to be Pastor Brian and are asking the addressee for “time to talk”. One message states, “I’m in a meeting so I can’t talk on the phone”. Messages like these are most likely a scam. **Please do not respond.** If you are unsure, contact **Stacey Gardner, Director of Congregation and Community Engagement** sgardner@williamsburgumc.org or give her a call (757) 229-1771 and let her know what you have received. She will check with the Pastors to make sure the email did not originate from one of them.

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, **Director Respite Care** (x118)

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

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

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ELLEN SIMON, **Bookkeeper** (x116)

LOU-ANNE SMITH, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

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

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