



*Williamsburg*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 17, 2025**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

*You Are My Hiding Place*  
(arr. Mark Hayes)

Barbara Stahl, piano

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

By faith, God's people passed through the waters,

**As we pass through the waters of baptism.**

Marked as Christ's own and called to follow,

**We will run with perseverance the race set before us.**

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—

saints who have gone before, and saints among us now.

**We lay aside every weight, and turn away from hatred, evil, and sin.**

We fix our eyes on Jesus—the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**For the joy set before him, he endured the cross.**

For the joy set before us, we follow where he leads.

**We shall worship the Lord with hope and gladness!**

\* HYMN

*Wonderful Words of Life*

600 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, You have planted us in your vineyard and surrounded us with your goodness. You have given us the witness of those who walked by faith before us—prophets, apostles, and ordinary saints—who trusted your promises and walked in your way of love. We confess that we have not always borne the fruit you desire. Often we grow weary, turn aside, or lose sight of your calling. Yet you do not abandon us. You call us back, prune us in love, and nourish us with the grace of Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Strengthen us, O Lord, to persevere. Help us to turn aside from what is evil and turn towards what is good. Enable us to embrace your mercy and joy. As we gather for worship, may we be surrounded by your grace, so that our lives might yield the fruit of justice, mercy, and love, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Climbin' Up the Mountain*  
(arr. William Henry Smith)

Men's Quartet

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7 (634 OT)  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(11:00)

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Fellowship Hall. At 11:00 a.m., Grades K-3 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.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (226 NT)  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Walking in the Footsteps of Faith”

Rev. Brian Johnson

\* HYMN

*For All the Saints*

2283 (black book)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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.**

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.**

ANOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

*Just a Little Talk with Jesus*  
(Cleavant Derricks)

Men's Quartet

\* 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

*Forward Through the Ages*

555 (red book)

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Promised Land*  
(arr. Joseph M. Martin)

Barbara Stahl, piano

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Roger Brothers and family in loving memory of Bonnie.

## 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*



### TEXT TO GIVE

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, mail, or the church office Mon - Fri. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve!



SCAN ME

### Giving Makes an Impact

Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at [williamsburgumc.org/articles](http://williamsburgumc.org/articles) to read inspiring stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

**GIVE VIA OUR APP**  
Scan the QR Code to download for Android and iPhone

## LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**THIS WEEK 172 Commitments**  
**Committed - \$1,282,687**  
**Unpledged contributions - \$119,748**  
**Total committed & unpledged - \$1,402,435**



### CREATION CARE TEAM

God instructs us to be good stewards of God's creation. Recycling is one easy way we can do so. Visit 'The Recycle Guide' web-site <https://there-cycleguide.org/> to find out how you can reduce, reuse, and recycle with ease. You will be surprised at how many things can be recycled instead of filling up our landfills.

# THIS WEEK AT WUMC

## **THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service**

**August 17 @ 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**

**August 18 and 20 @ 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](http://www.williamsburgumc.org/classes) for more info.

## **GET TO KNOW YOU GATHERINGS**

**New Dates Have Been Added**

Our new Lead Pastor, Rev. Brian Johnson, wants a chance to get to know YOU by hearing from you about yourself and our church. Register now at [tinyurl.com/wumc-get-to-know](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-get-to-know). Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) if you need help!

# YOUTH

## **RENEW YOUTH: EXTREME SCAVENGER HUNT**

**August 17 @ 12:30 Meet in Youth Room**

For our last event of the Summer, we'll disperse in Colonial Williamsburg for a scavenger hunt. Use the clues and your smartphone to hunt for waypoints, hidden boxes, and surprises around the CW. There will be prizes for the winning team, as well as each competitor. Use your skills to track down a great end to the Summer!

# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**CARE COMMITTEE** Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you are ill. For August, please contact Karen Red (757) 532-6893 and Nathalie Bacskey (757) 604-7279 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!

## NOW HIRING

**ECMS** is seeking a talented, enthusiastic, and nurturing Early Childhood Music Teacher to join our team on a part-time, contract basis. The ideal candidate will have a strong musical background, experience working with young children, and a passion for creative, play-based learning. Classes typically involve singing, movement, rhythm games, and use of simple instruments in a group setting with children and their caregivers. Click the button for more information and for instructions on how to apply.



The **Wesley Foundation** is looking for a highly organized and motivated **Office Manager** to support its campus ministry at William & Mary. This part-time (20 hours/week) role plays a key part in keeping the Wesley House running smoothly and efficiently. Send a cover letter, resume and two references to the Wesley Board Personnel Committee: [johndunning@cox.net](mailto:johndunning@cox.net)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS

### DID YOU KNOW

You don't have to be a member of an Adult Sunday School Class to take part in a study being offered in an Adult Sunday School Class? Of course, you are always welcome to become a regular in a class — and it is encouraged, but it is not required. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

### HANDS-ON MISSIONS?

Are you one that likes to get your hands dirty? Do you have some basic fixer-upper skills or even experience in construction? If you answered yes to at least one of these and would be interested in helping to form a team(s) that could do such work in the community -- or even go on a mission trip -- fill out this form [tinyurl.com/wumc-hands](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-hands) or contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

### THE WILL OF GOD - Searchers Sunday School

5 Sundays beginning September 7, 9:30-10:30am Rm 303

Arguably one of the most misused theological phrases is "the will of God." Join the Searchers Class in considering this classic book by British Methodist, Leslie Weatherhead, to get a handle on how to more fully understand God's will -- what it is and what it isn't! To get connected to the class leaders, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

### PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY - Stand Up with Esther

3 Wednesdays beginning September 17, 7:00-8:30pm Location TBD

3 Thursdays beginning September 18, 10:30-12:00noon via Zoom

Join Deacon Troy and Pastors Brian & Madison on a journey through the Book of Esther using video featuring Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe of Oklahoma City University and St. Paul Theological Seminary. Enter into the exotic and fanciful Persian kingdom complete with a dim-witted king, a defiant queen, an egotistical lieutenant and a loyal uncle. Questions, contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org). Register now at [tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study).

## RESPIRE CARE GARDEN PARTY

**September 12, 12:30pm**

Join us for a fun afternoon featuring a gourmet lunch, live music, and a raffle packed with exciting prizes—all to support the vital work of our Respite Care Program. Lunch tickets are limited, so early reservations are encouraged. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance or at the event, and you do not need to be present to win. Use this link [tinyurl.com/respitegp2025](https://tinyurl.com/respitegp2025) to buy tickets online OR pick up a registration form.

## DIVORCE CARE

**6 Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm Den**

A Divorce Care group will be offered by Arleen Faustina, Ph.D. as an outreach of WUMC's Stephen Ministry on September 14, 21, 28, October 19, 26, and November 2. Divorce Care seeks to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Participants will consider situations such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, as well as dating and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those still struggling with issues many years later. Register now at [tinyurl.com/wumc-div-care](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-div-care). Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims.



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SWEATER DRIVE

Now through September 30, **Heritage Circle** will collect children, youth and adult new or gently used sweaters, hoodies or fleeces for people in our community. Place items in the Collection Closet marked *Sweater Drive*. Items will be donated to FISH.

## GRATITUDE WALKING GROUP

**Beginning Wednesdays, September 17, 5:30pm**

Mark your calendars. Let's get back to our Wednesday evening strolls to Colonial Williamsburg. More information coming soon.

## SIGN UP TO:

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

## WE BELIEVE: HOW THE NICENE CREED CAN DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

6 Mondays starting September 15, 7:00-8:30pm via Zoom



Would you believe the Nicene Creed is 1,700 years old as of 2025? We invite you to celebrate with Rev. David Hindman, by exploring how the Nicene Creed could transform your spiritual journey. Together you'll work through the ancient creed, unpacking the essence of it to enrich your faith and deepen your understanding of Christian beliefs. Register NOW at [tinyurl.com/wumc-nicene](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-nicene). Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or (757) 229-1771.



## JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you have a heart for worship and a gift for music? Whether you sing or play an instrument, we invite you to be part of our Music Ministry! This is a meaningful way to use your talents to glorify God and serve our church. -

### MESSIAH CONCERT IS COMING

Chorus rehearsals November 16, 23, 30 and Thursday, December 4 (dress rehearsal with soloists and orchestra) REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! Space is limited! Free and open to the public. A love offering will be accepted.

Performances: Friday, December 5 at 7:00pm  
Saturday, December 6 at 5:00pm

Soloists: Michelle Trovato, soprano  
Cecelia McKinley, contralto  
Ian Lane, tenor  
Branch Fields, bass

**Sign up today:** Scan the QR Code above.

This is a meaningful way to share your talents and maybe even step out of your comfort zone. Let's make a joyful noise—together!

### CHOIR REHEARSALS

**Thursdays 7:00pm**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals begin this Thursday, Rm. 173. All are welcome! For more information, contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music and Worship Arts at [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org)

## EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



### MEN'S MINISTRY [williamsburgumc.org/adults/men](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://williamsburgumc.org/connect/care-support)

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](http://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](http://williamsburgumc.org/classes) and [williamsburgumc.org/small-groups](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

**Director of Worship Arts:** Lou-Anne Smith

**Men's Quartet:** Bo Bohannon, Lynn Howell, Ryan Staggs, Richard Thompson

**Readers 8:15:** Warren Harper **11:00:** Barbara Monteith

**Acolyte 8:15:** Eira Johnson **11:00:** Brody Brock, Camden Brock

**Greeters 8:15:** Judi French, Fran Hermance **11:00:** Gary Drake, Kathy Drake

**Ushers 8:15:** Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalannes Hoover, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Sherry Brubaker, Debbie Bruss, Gene Bruss, Nancy Donnelly, Barbara Monteith, Marty Monteith, Clark Wallace

**Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, Josh Clayton

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<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>
<b>In Person 11:00am</b>			<b>202</b>
<b>In Person 8:15am</b>			<b>152</b>
<b>Virtual</b>			<b>74</b>
<b>The Table</b>			<b>21</b>

**Deadline for Bulletin Submissions:**  
**MONDAY, 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Madison Ailing, **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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