



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Stuff Jesus **Never Said**

"Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"

September 13, 2026

8:15 and 11:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude
(Harald Rohlig)

Organ

INTROIT

Joyfully Sing to God Forever
(arr. Patrick M. Liebergen)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

Blessed are those who the Lord holds blameless.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away

My strength was drained as if by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, O God.

I stopped hiding from you, O Lord, and I confessed my sin.

God, you are faithful to forgive.

You welcome us home with open arms.

Let us offer prayers to God in our times of distress,

And then the rush of mighty waters will not overwhelm us.

God is our hiding place.

God preserves us from trouble and surrounds us with shouts of deliverance.

God will teach us the way we should go.

God invites us to follow in the way of mercy and love.

The steadfast love of the Lord surrounds us and invites us to walk in faith.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice! Shout for joy, all who are upright in heart!

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you are the source of grace and mercy, you are the Lord of resurrection and new beginnings. Forgive us when we have turned our backs on you and on our neighbors. Teach us to offer forgiveness to others as readily as you offer it to us. Enable us to see with your eyes, to understand with your mind, and to walk in your ways of mercy, justice, peace, and love. As we gather for worship, use this time to draw us closer to you and to each other, so that we might go out into the world to live boldly for others. We pray this all in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, Eternal Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
(Maurice Bevan)

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 7:1-5 (6 NT)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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 Play Room (215) to encounter God in story, song, and creativity.

Our Nursery, located in Rm. 203, is open for Kids 6wks – 4yrs. during both services and Sunday School.

SECOND READING

Luke 7:36-50 (66 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Jesus Never Said: Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"

Rev. Brian Johnson

*HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223

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.**

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chris and Annemarie Weitzel

(11:00)

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

Voluntary
(Harald Rohlig)

Organ

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

UMH 390

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Postlude
(Harald Rohlig)

Organ

The flowers are given by Donna Potts in loving memory of Fred Potts and...
in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Monty and Pamela Mason on September 15, 2001.

SERMON NOTES FOR THIS WEEK, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SERMON SERIES: *Stuff Jesus Never Said*

MESSAGE: *"Jesus Never Said: Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"*

Matthew 7:1-5 • Luke 7:36-50

KEY IDEA: Jesus never said, "Love the sinner, hate the sin." Instead, Jesus calls us to look honestly at our own lives, receive mercy, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

KEY POINTS

- In Luke 7, Simon sees the woman only as "a sinner," but Jesus sees her as a beloved person in need of mercy, healing, and peace.
- Sin is real, but Jesus teaches us to look first at the "log" in our own eye before focusing on someone else's life.
- "Love the sinner, hate the sin" can reduce a person to what we judge about them, rather than seeing them as fully loved by God.
- The Good News is this: Jesus Christ is in the business of saving sinners — including us.
- We are called to see ourselves as forgiven sinners and others as neighbors to love.

QUOTATION TO REMEMBER

"The one who is forgiven little loves little." — Luke 7:47

"First take the log out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly..." — Matthew 7:5

"Jesus never said, 'Love the sinner, hate the sin.' Instead, he said, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. When am I tempted to define someone by what I think is wrong with them?
2. What "log" in my own eye might Jesus be inviting me to notice and surrender?
3. How would my relationships change if I saw others first as beloved neighbors?
4. Where do I need to receive the mercy of Jesus this week?
5. How can I offer that same mercy to someone else?

WELCOME TO WUMC



We're delighted to have you with us! Between services, follow the signs to our Atrium 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.

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 ensures we have 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.

MINISTRIES

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS Sunday September 20, 12:15-2:00pm | Rm 303;
followed by an optional building tour. Register tinyurl.com/pizza-pastor
Come meet our pastors, connect with others, ask questions about life at WUMC.

DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS - Pastors' Bible Study

Wednesdays, September 23-October 7, 7:00-8:30pm | Rm 171

Thursdays, September 24-October 8, 10:30-Noon | Zoom

Pastor Brian invites you to a 3-week Bible study to look at a number of Jesus' most difficult sayings to hear, including: hate your father and mother; become a slave to all; you'll be cast into the outer darkness. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org
Register at: tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study

SISTERS IN MISSION CIRCLE September 15, 5:00pm | Rm 309. Sara Lewis from Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center will share their work in the community.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH DINING FOR MISSIONS

Thursday, September 17, 2pm – 9:00pm

Enjoy a delicious meal at **Sal's by Victor** or takeout. Tell your server that you are with the church. A percentage of your bill is donated to WUMC United Women in Faith, for missions.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CANDLE BURNING EVENT



Saturday, October 10, 10:00am | WUMC Memorial Garden

Memorialize loved ones that have passed and honor living friends/family by lighting a candle, reading their names and displaying their picture. For each \$0.60 donated, the candle will burn for one second; donations will go toward missions. Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland will be our guest speaker; worship, music and light refreshments included. You do not have to attend to participate, however, if you do attend, please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, we will relocate to the Wesley Hall. Forms are available on the Welcome Desk or you may use the QR code.

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF: Called, Equipped, Sent

8 Wednesdays beginning September 16, 6:30-8:00pm | Rm 303

Register: tinyurl.com/wumc-neighbor

THE BIBLE WITH AND WITHOUT JESUS - Bishop McKendree Sunday School

6 Sundays beginning September 20-October 25, 9:30 - 10:30am | Rm 102

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY – Creating, Living, Trusting

Thursdays, beginning October 8, 7:00 – 8:30pm | Rm 171

This is a 24-week study of the entire story of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." Study Guide is needed. Register: tinyurl.com/covenant-study

Questions about any of the classes, contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org

"BE THE CHURCH" Saturday, September 26, 8:30am | WUMC

People of all ages and skills are invited to this hands-on mission opportunity to serve others. We will be making cookies and deliver to the local Fire Department, writing cards of love and encouragement and assembling care bags for people in need in our community. Ideas include opportunities for yard work, home repairs and something for a local nursing home. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org



PARTY OF EIGHT September 27, 6:00pm | WUMC

Potluck dessert and organize groups. Register online tinyurl.com/wumc-party even if you can't make this kickoff event. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy tsims@williamsburgumc.org

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



A short outdoor service with individual blessings and treats for each pet. This event is a celebration of the unconditional love and companionship our pets give us every day. All are welcome—members, friends, neighbors, and anyone who loves animals.

LOCAL OUTREACH KAIROS EVENT Dillwyn Correctional Ctr. October 8 – October 11

Sign up September 20 and 27 in the Atrium to make cookies and pick up a bag containing instructions/recipes. Please deliver to church October 4, 5 or 6 before 4:00pm.



CREATION CARE TEAM

September and October are peak migration season for many birds. **Help the birds out** by minimizing outdoor flood lights and seasonal light displays.

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 September Coordinators are Fran Hermance (757) 229-8857 and Judi French (757) 810-2925. Call at least 2 days in advance for assistance. Questions? Contact Pastor Madison mailinger@williamsburgumc.org

MUSIC REHEARSALS RETURN -ALL ARE WELCOME-W&M STUDENTS, TOO.

SANCTUARY CHOIR Thursday 7:00pm Choir Room; **KOINONIA BELLS** - Tuesday 11:00am Bell Room; **COVENANT RINGERS** - Thursday 5:30pm in the Bell Room
SANCTUARY ORCHESTRA - Monday, September 14, 5:30pm Atrium.

Questions? Contact Lou-Anne Smith lsmith@williamsburgumc.org
Register now at williamsburgumc.org/music-ministries/

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. Questions? Contact Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org

- **Children (K–5th Grade):** Faith formation through worship, Godly Play Children's Worship, Messy Church, Tweens Outings, music programs, and more.
- **Youth (6th–12th Grade):** Holistic faith formation through Bible study, spiritual practices, creative expression, and mission opportunities.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM - WUMC Youth Rm

SEPTEMBER 6 ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance Total	583
In Person 11:00am	178
Modern Worship 9:30am	116
In Person 8:15am	145
Online	84
Messy Church	60

Deadline for Bulletin 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



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"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). Several convenient giving options are available: debit or credit card, ACH — direct from your bank account and

Google Pay (new!) 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 williamsburgumc.org/articles to read stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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