



Williamsburg

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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***“I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19***

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 2025**

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Prelude in E flat Major
(Alexandre Guilmant)

Organ

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord has done great things for us!

And we are filled with joy!

Our God has turned our weeping into singing, our tears into songs of joy!

O Messiah, come anew in our hearts this day, and remain in us forever!

* HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

TFWS 2268

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON BY BETH MERRILL NEEL (MODIFIED)

Holy God, Lord of love:

For not singing when we *are* joyful;

For not shouting to the world the good that you do;

For not trusting the love that surrounds us;

For not enacting the justice to which you call us;

For not believing the Good News is meant for all:

**Forgive us. Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us,
that we will magnify you, and rejoice in God our Savior. Amen.**

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

None Other Lamb
(Craig Courtney)

Sanctuary Choir

MOMENT OF TEACHING

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 a.m., Grades K-5 are invited to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall to encounter God in story, song, and play. Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

MESSAGE

"Defiant Joy"

Rev. Meghan Roth-Clayton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LENTEN OFFERING BENEFICIARY *W&M Food for All*

Annamarie Warnke 8:15

Bennett Snyder 11:00am

OFFERTORY

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(Carlo Calegari)

Organ

* DOXOLOGY

UMH 95 (red book)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Sung*) *A Sung Communion Liturgy for The Season of Lent*
(*Tune: RESTORATION*) by Rev. Beth Quick

Lift your hearts to God your maker.
Lift your hearts unto the Lord!
Let us thank God! Let us praise God:
God of mercy, love and power!

**Let us gather at the table
Hearts uplifted, hands outstretched
This, the table of thanksgiving
Cup of blessing, bread of life**

From the dust we were created
God gave us the breath of life
But we wandered from God's Presence
Bound for pain and grief and strife

**Let us gather at the table
Hearts uplifted, hands outstretched
This, the table of thanksgiving
Cup of blessing, bread of life**

God sought us through law and prophet
Called to us throughout the years
We rejected, lost in wilderness
God called us but we would not hear.

**Holy, Holy, God Almighty,
Holy God we sing your praise!
All creation's filled with glory!
Glory in the highest!**

In good time God sent a Savior
God's own son, a gift for all.
For our sake he bore our burdens
Listen, sinner, to the call!

**Let us gather at the table
Hearts repentant, sins confessed
This, the table of forgiveness
Cup of blessing, bread of life**

We recall the sacred supper
Jesus shared with dearest friends
Knowing they'd deny, betray him
Still, he gave this holy gift

**We remember bread that's broken
We remember cup outpoured
Christ has died but Christ is risen
Christ will come to us again!**

On these gifts, pour out Your Spirit
Make these gifts become for us
Body, blood of Christ who loves us
By his life, we are redeemed.

**By Your Spirit we're united,
In this meal we are made one
God, we thank You! God, we praise You!
Cup of blessing, bread of life**

Come, now, sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus gives his life to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

**We will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace us in his arms
At the table of our Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 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**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who prefer to remain in the pew may do so; an usher will bring elements to you when the time comes. Those wishing to come forward may either stand or kneel as they receive bread and juice, pray and then return to their seats by the side aisle. Persons requiring gluten-free elements may obtain these at the rail or from our ushers in the pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (Please join in the singing:)

“Joy in the Morning” 2284
“Taste and See” 2267
“In the Singing” 2255
“Joy Comes with the Dawn” 2210
“Song of Hope” 2186

*PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

God we thank you for the mystery
that you give yourself to us!
We are blessed and we are strengthened
in the name of Jesus Christ.

**We will arise and go to serve you
blessed by what we’ve shared today
at the table of our Savior
God, you’ve given us new life!**

*HYMN

The Trees of the Field
(Nicholas Hanson)

TFWS 2279

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Canzon Ariosa
(Andrea Gabrieli)

Organ

**The greenery in the Chancel is given to the Glory of God by
Dianne Colton in honor of her grandchildren**

**** Congregation invited to stand.***

***Please take the opportunity to meet your neighbors! At the conclusion of our services,
those wishing to hear the Postlude in its entirety are welcome to remain seated.***

***Please stop by our Capital Campaign Table in the Atrium to
RSVP for our Celebration Dinners!***

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



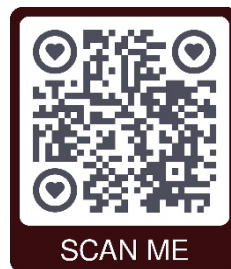
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TEXT YOUR GIFT TO 757-992-9862. You do not need an account to give; simply text your gift amount in any format (\$10, 10, 10.00). Receipts are sent via email.



CASH/ CHECK

Donations can be made via our collection plate on Sundays 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 inspiring stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

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

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

ReNEW Youth Group

Apr 6 @ 12:30pm Youth Room Join us for lunch, faith exploration, and fun from 12:30 – 2:00pm.



Grief Support

Apr 6 @ 3:30pm room 174 Find support fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief.



The Table – Sunday Night Service

Apr 6 @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall A relaxed, welcoming space where we gather as a community to share a meal and explore our faith together through guided conversations.



Elevate Your Fitness

Apr 7 & Apr 9 @ 9:30am in Fellowship Hall Come experience sessions crafted with care, featuring heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening light weight training, and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.



Give Up Complaining for Lent

Apr 7 @ 7:00pm room 206 What if you could give up complaining this Lent and turn that complaining-energy into action?



Messy Church

Apr 8 @ 5:30pm WUMC Atrium, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Join us for a night around the table with family and friends as we encounter Jesus and his disciples while we share a meal.



Pastors' Bible Study

Apr 9 @ 7pm room 103 and Apr 10 at 10:30am via Zoom Join Pastors Dave, Meghan, and Troy in taking up the spiritual practice of encountering, sinking into, and deeply engaging with one psalm each week during Lent and Holy Week.



Fellowship Breakfast

Apr 12 @ 8:00am Fellowship Hall Join us for an enlightening morning of fellowship, food, and conversation at our monthly Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

WELCOME ELLEN BUSHMAN! We are delighted to welcome Ellen Bushman as the new Director of our Respite Care Ministry! Ellen brings compassion, experience, and a heart for serving families and caregivers in our community. We are excited about her vision and dedication to enriching our Respite Care program. Please join us in warmly welcoming Ellen to Williamsburg United Methodist Church!

LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DINNERS: Join us for one of three special "Lighting the Way" dinners as we celebrate our accomplishments and shine a light on our plans for the future.

- Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 25 at 12:00 PM



Scan to RSVP or visit:
tinyurl.com/campaigndinner

EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY DONATION: We invite you to donate candy (any type, but no nuts or peanut butter please!) to fill plastic eggs at our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The Egg Hunt is a great way to celebrate with our community through faith formation and Easter fun for families with young children. Donations can be dropped off in the "Easter Candy" bin in the Collection Closet located next to our Connection Corner desk, by the parking lot entrance, **by April 10th.**

NEW STUDY! Join the Searchers Sunday School in seeking to understand God's desire for our lives by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul. Visit our Classes page (www.williamsburgumc.org/classes) for more info. *6 Sundays beginning April 27, 9:30-10:30am*

CARE COMMITTEE: Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you're sick. Please contact Mary Liz Sadler (757 229-8063) and Fran Hermance (757 229-8857) at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

W&M STUDENTS: If you're a student and interested in reading during our Good Friday 7pm service, please contact Pastor Ryan at rslarock@wm.edu with questions.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4/8

Heritage Circle 9:45am
Sisters in Grace 1:00pm
Carol Scott 1:00pm
Dementia Support Group 3:30pm
Sisters in Mission 6:30pm

Friday, 4/11

Carol Brinkley Book Club 7:00pm

2025 LENTEN OFFERING

Lent is traditionally a time when we focus on committing to spiritual practices to help us grow in faith and love of God and neighbor. An important spiritual practice for the members of WUMC during Lent is living into Jesus' call to give to support those in need (see Matthew 6:2 and 25:31-46). The Local and Global Outreach Committees have selected the following as a means to live into that call:

GLOBAL INITIATIVES

- **Church World Service**

This ministry is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Fourteen denominations (including the UMC) work together through this initiative. Your gift will be sent to support their work in Tanzania supporting families as they create food security and stable incomes.

Learn more: www.cwsglobal.org/our-work/africa/tanzania.

- **Good Shepherd Community School, Zambia**

This community school of in Ng'ombe Compound and surrounding areas in Lusaka, Zambia has been a passion of WUMC's own Jeanne Niebel since 2004. It educates children and supports their spiritual development while providing resources like technology and books.

- **UMCOR Global Initiatives**

UMCOR is a humanitarian organization that provides for the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of people around the world reeling from natural and human-made disasters. This ministry assists the most vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion or status. This year's offering will focus on needs around the world. *Learn more:* www.umcmision.org/umcor.

LOCAL INITIATIVES

- **Housing Partnerships**

Since 1985, this organization has served the Williamsburg community and surrounding neighborhoods to ensure that everyone has a safe, warm, and dry home. To accomplish this goal, they use a volunteer-driven approach to repair the homes of the area's most impoverished residents, especially the elderly and the disabled. *Learn more:* www.housingpartnerships.org.

- **Latisha's House, Virginia**

This organization provides a long-term, transitional housing program for adult, female survivors of sex trafficking and offers individualized support to empower them to build a bridge from their traumatic past to a positive future.

Learn more: www.latishashouse.com.

- **William & Mary Food for All**

This group supports the William & Mary Campus Food Exchange and swipe drives (providing additional meals for students throughout the year. It continues and expands these resources to serve students, faculty, and staff who may face issues of food access. *Learn more:* foodforall.pages.wm.edu.



Give online today
tinyurl.com/2025-lenten-gift

TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Megahn Roth Clayton

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Russ Henke **11:00:** Rachel Fowler

Acolytes 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** JD Tressler

Greeters 8:15: Steve Tingen and Fran Hermance **11:00:** Donna Potts, Jennifer Bradley

Ushers 8:15: Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonnies Hoover, Tom Justice, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Gene & Debbie Bruss, Barbra & Monty Monteith, Nancy Donnelly, Sherry Brubaker and Clark Wallace

Communion Servers 8:15: Bo Bohannon, Gayle Justice, Joy Mair, Terri Morgan **11:00:** Nathalie Bacskay
Linda Baker, Nancy Donnelly, Karen Red

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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March 23 Worship Attendance	Total 385
In Person 11:00am	236
In Person 8:15am	123
Virtual 11:00am	81
The Table	27
Women's Retreat	26

**Deadline for bulletin submissions:
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Barbara Blanton, **Finance Manager** (x106)

Josh Clayton, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

Meghan Roth Clayton, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)

Thomas Marshall, **Organist** (757 713-0584)

Mike Motes, **Provisional Bookkeeper** (x116)

Ellen Bushman, **Director Respite Care** (x118)

Laura Pittman, **Director Kid's Morning Out** (x113)

Nancy Reynolds, **Engagement and Administrative Coordinator** (x104)

Dave Rochford, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

Michelle Roy, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

Troy Sims, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

Lou-Anne Smith, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

Rick Viancour, **Facilities Manager** (x101)

Anthony Williams, **Assoc. Director Worship Arts, Director Early Childhood Music** (x115)

Ryan LaRock, **Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation**



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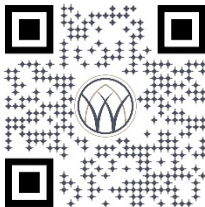
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