

# *Williamsburg United Methodist Church*

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



*"Christ the Vine,"* Angelos Akotantos,  
Greek Orthodox Icon, c.1450

*If you remain in me*

*and / in you*

*you will bear much fruit*

*apart from me you can do nothing*

*John 15:5b*

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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024  
8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
(Kenneth Leighton)

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98, Titus 3

Sing to the Lord a new song, for our God has done marvelous things!

**At one time we lived in malice and envy,  
being hated and hating one another.**

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,  
not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

**Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Break into joyful song!**

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
so that, having been justified by his grace,  
we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**Let the seas resound, and the rivers clap their hands.**

For God is coming to judge the world  
with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**Sing to God a new song!**

\*HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*  
(verses 1-3)

UMH 529 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

adapted from John Birch

Lord, we would grow with you, new shoots reaching out,  
stretching upward like leaves newly formed, soaking up your light and warmth.

**Lord, we would grow with you.**

Lord, we would grow with you, in sunshine and rain,  
in darkness and light, on cold days and summer days.

**Lord, we would grow with you.**

Lord, we would grow with you, and bring forth fruit  
that is pleasing to you, fed by your living water,  
giving sustenance to others.

**You have connected us to your vine, that we may bear fruit.**

Your Spirit nurtures us from within, as you have nurtured all life.

We open ourselves to your life and your nourishment.

**Feed us with your grace and steadfast love.**

We give you thanks for the fruit that you have borne in our lives,  
the blessing that we have love and can share love.

**We confess that sometimes our limbs are bent, our branches broken,  
our leaves withered on the vine.**

At times we have blockages, hindering the flow of your life within us,  
making us weak, bearing little fruit, becoming a tangle and trouble to others,  
and to ourselves. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Nourish us with your grace and goodness.

*[A time of silent prayer]*

Hear our prayer, and flow through us again, Lord Christ. Amen.

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 encounter God in story, arts, and song in the Children's Worship Room.  
Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services.

READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 15:1-5, 8-9, 12, 16-17 (109 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*  
(Timothy Shaw)

Sanctuary Choir

MESSAGE

*Salvation Is a Vocation*

Rev. Dave Rochford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*  
(Albert Hay Malotte)

Ian Lane, tenor

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 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!**

PRESENTING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*[The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:]*

And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy*  
(UMH 21 red book)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*[The minister continues the prayer, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:]*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died*  
(UMH 22 red book)

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*[The minister continues with the invocation of the Holy Spirit.]*

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

*Amen*  
(UMH 22 red book)

**Amen, amen, amen, amen.**

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. Finally, persons requiring gluten-free elements may obtain these both at the rail or from our ushers in the pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *(Please join in the singing:)*

HYMN 2076 *black book* verses 1-3    *O Blessed Spring*

HYMN 2260 *black book*    *Let Us Be Bread*

HYMN 2263 *black book*    *Broken for Me*

HYMN 2264 *black book*    *Come to the Table*

HYMN 2265 *black book*    *Time Now to Gather*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we thank you for nourishing us, and joining us as family  
in communion with one another. Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Go, Make of All Disciples*

UMH 571 (red book)

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Holy Manna*  
(Dale Wood)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God  
in memory of our parents, Stanley and Mildred Wood on their 88<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
(May 2<sup>nd</sup>) given by their daughters Carol Maviglia and Kathy Kohler.

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

***\*congregation invited to stand***

# THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

## *Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church*

If an event or ministry below captures your interest, we would love to know about it. Please call us at 757 229-1771.

### **Welcoming Neighbors – Nurturing Faith – Transforming Our World**

#### **A Special Welcome to Our Guests**

To those visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you worship with us. Please stop by the Hospitality Table in the Connection Corner area after the service, so a team member can provide you with a welcome gift. Come back to be with us again!

#### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

**Aldersgate Fellowship:** Wesley Hall, **Bishop McKendree:** Rm. 102, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, **Searchers:** Rm. 303, **Walking the Footsteps:** Rm. 160, **Perspectives:** Rm. 171, **Young Adults:** 12:30 Den.

Starting May 12, join the **Perspectives** to consider some common phrases that may have a kernel of truth but are really clichés that are often more harmful than good. They'll be using Adam Hamilton's book, *Half Truths: Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. Perspectives Class is designed to meet the needs of working-age adults with or without family responsibilities, but it is open to all.

Starting May 19, join the **Searchers** for a new study *Vanishing Grace: Whatever Happened to the Good News*. In a time of division and discord, Christians have come to be seen not as bearers of good news and love but of judgement and intolerance. How did we get here? And what can we do about it? Join the Searchers Sunday School for Philip Yancey's study, *Vanishing Grace*, as they explore how we can respond with both grace and truth. Questions relating to Sunday School Classes? Contact Deacon Troy [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss](http://www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss)

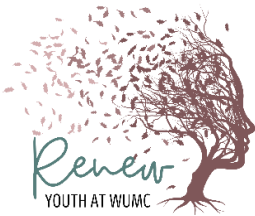
#### **Youth Opportunities**

Join us **today** at 12:30 p.m., for an important gathering of parents and Youth, to discuss our plans for *summer programming*. We'll be hosting a delightful Make-Your-Own taco bar, complete with chips, salsa, delectable desserts, and a lively game to keep spirits high. Your insights are crucial in shaping our summer activities. Let's collaborate to ensure a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved!

ReNEW Youth will be going to Busch Gardens on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Students in grades 6-12 are invited for a fun day of rides, shows, and growing in relationship. If you don't already have a ticket, we can help get one at a discounted price. Visit the link to register: <https://williamsburg-umc.cls.co/vbwh>

#### **Flood Buckets Are Coming**

Please join us May 9, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall to assemble 100 Flood Relief Cleaning Kits consisting of over 11,000 individual items. The assembled buckets will be delivered to UMCOR and ultimately provide relief to people suffering the ravages of floods and storms. We will, of course, continue the tradition of providing pizza. Bring your family, too!



## **Pastors' Bible Study - 1 Corinthians: Faithful Living in Divisive Times**

*Wednesdays, beginning May 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Rm 103*

*Thursdays, beginning May 9, 10:30-12:00 p.m. via Zoom*

Join Pastor Dave [drochford@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:drochford@williamsburgumc.org) and Deacon Troy [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) **this week** for this latest edition of the Pastors' Bible Study using Jaime Clark-Soles' book, **1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God**. We encourage you to read the Introduction and Chapter 1 before the first session. Learn more or register at [tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study).

## **United Women in Faith Circle Meetings**

*Heritage Circle* will meet May 7, 9:45 a.m. in Room 303. Following the meeting, we will go to lunch at a local restaurant.

*Friendship Circle* will meet May 14, 10:00 a.m. in Room 174. Connie Bland will speak on the history of UWF.

*Sisters in Grace* will meet May 14, 1:00 p.m. in Room 303. Susan Miller will share about her involvement with Colonial CASA.

*Carol Scott Circle* will meet May 14, 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room. Ginger Palmore, guest speaker.

*Sisters in Mission* will meet May 14, 6:30 p.m. in Room 309. Pastor Dave will be our guest speaker.

## **UMCOR Hygiene Kit Collection**

*It's time to start the UMCOR Hygiene Kit Project and our 2024 Goal is 500 kits!*

NEW THIS YEAR: to ensure compliance with strict requirements, we will not be accepting individual items. Instead, we invite you to contribute towards covering the cost of the items for the kits. Each kit amounts to \$16, but any donation, big or small, is valued and deeply appreciated. Your generosity will make a significant impact and help us continue providing essential support to those in need. Financial donations should be made out to "WUMC" and must be marked "UMCOR Hygiene Kits." Be looking for a day and time to pack the kits.

*~Global Outreach Team*

## **Teddy Bear Tea Party**

Join us at WUMC May 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. for a Teddy Bear Tea Party to benefit Kid's Morning Out! This event is open to the public for any age. Wear your "Sunday best" and bring a fluffy friend--we will serve high tea delights, participate in crafts and activities, and enjoy the time with friends and loved ones. Unable to attend, but would like to support Kid's Morning Out? Purchase a "Non-Attending" ticket that can be donated to someone that would like to attend. Tickets are \$15 each and are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/TeddyBearTea2024>. Thanks for your support.

## **Gratitude Walking Group**

Join us at **5:00 p.m.** each Wednesday at the back parking lot entrance of WUMC for delightful strolls down Duke of Gloucester Street in Colonial Williamsburg. We'll kick off our walks with brief moments of gratitude and enjoy being in each other's company!

## **Early Childhood Music School**

Enrollment is open for our Early Childhood Music School! ECMS is a weekday ministry offered at Williamsburg United Methodist Church to members and the community-at-large. Weekly classes in music-and-movement (taught by internationally certified early childhood music specialists) are available for children as early as 2 months through adulthood!

### Graduate Recognition Date Coming Soon

Let us know if your child is graduating from high school or college. Please fill in the form below and return to the Church Office.

#### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE:

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College

#### COLLEGE GRADUATE:

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Name

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Name of College

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Degree or Major

### Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club

The Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club will meet on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing, "Finding Jesus at the Border," by Julia Lambert Fogg, and **we hope to have Dr. Fogg join us to provide interesting insights about her book.** Immigration is a "hot-button" topic in our country with everyone having their own distinctive views on the subject. But, as Christians, how are we expected to respond? Join our book group for a time of honest discussion as we seek to discern and ask, "What if we really did find Jesus at the border? What would he say and do about our immigration issues?" For the Zoom link, contact Cindy Banek, [banek1@cox.net](mailto:banek1@cox.net).

### Dementia Support Group

For caregivers taking care of loved ones with various forms of dementia. Please join us for information and support. Contact Conny Jude [cjude@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cjude@williamsburgumc.org) for more information.

### Elevate your Health at WUMC

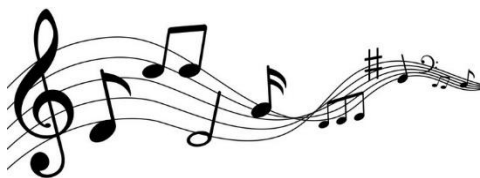
**NEW DAY ADDED!** Join us Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall for heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening lightweight training and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.

### Sanctuary Prep Teams

A few more volunteers needed for one Friday morning a month to tidy up the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship. Contact Kim Johnson [kimj61@cox.net](mailto:kimj61@cox.net) Thanks!

### Music Notes

**Summer Choir** is almost here: June 4-August 27. Rehearsals are 30 minutes prior to the service and will be easy-to-sing anthems, hymns and praise songs. Questions? Contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Worship Arts [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org)



### This Week At WUMC

**Wednesday, 5/8**

5:00 Welcome & Hospitality  
KMO Board Meeting

7:00 Pastors' Bible Study

**Thursday, 5/9**

10:30 Pastors' Bible Study ZOOM

6:30 Global Outreach

7:00 Endowment Committee

**Monday, 5/13**

6:30 Local Outreach Committee

### Messy Church

Join us for Messy Church May 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome for a time of play, worship celebration, and dinner fellowship. We hope to see you there!



### Today's Worship Leaders

**Worship Leaders:** Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

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

**Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Acolyte 11:00:** Grace Bradley

**Readers 8:15:** Russ Henke

**Assisting with Communion 8:15:** Linda Baker, Ginger Barr, Marjorie Croswell, Gayle Justice

**11:00:** Natalie Bacskey, Nancy Donnelly, Susan Jones, Karen Red

**Greeters: 11:00:** Mary Jane Harper, Sylvia Teeuwen

**Ushers 8:15:** Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonnies Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason

**11:00:** Grace Bradley, Jen Bradley, Jim Bradley, Bonnie Knizatko, Laura Viancour, Rick Viancour

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

**Nursery Care Team:** Marcella LeGrand, Alexa Mikeska and Aubrey Olsen

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The Deadline for *This Also Is Our Worship*: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. Please submit to Nancy Reynolds.

April 28 Worship Attendance .....	449
In Person 11:00 a.m. ....	247
In Person 8:15 a.m. ....	137
Online.....	65

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