



WILLIAMSBURG  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors  
Nurturing Faith  
Transforming Our World

November 18, 2018  
Thanksgiving Sunday

*This morning we enter a time of worship with these words from Paul, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). No matter what circumstances come our way, we have much for which to be thankful. As you prepare your hearts for worship this morning, praise the Lord for who he is and thank God for all his blessings.*

PRELUDE

*We Gather Together*  
(Flor Peeters)

WELCOME

INTROIT

*ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH THANKSGIVING*  
(Robert A. Hobby)

Sanctuary Choir

\*HYMN 694 *red book*

*COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME*

Sanctuary Orchestra

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with hearts overflowing in gratitude.

**God has done great things for us.**

Be glad and rejoice. **We rejoice in God's gifts.**

Sing praises of joy. **Our mouths are filled with laughter.**

Shout with thanksgiving, in sunshine and rain.

**Praise God for our lives, for harvest and food.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Giver of life, for sunshine and showers, we give you thanks; for food and drink, we give you praise; for clothing and shelter, we bestow our gratitude. Gather our worries and our burdens this day, and shelter us from fear and despair. Help us rest assured in your arms, knowing that your loving care is enough. It is enough. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*AND KNOW HE WILL PROVIDE*  
(Anthony Kouri Williams)

Canticles of Praise (8:15)

*I'VE GOT A REASON*

(Anthony Kouri Williams)

Wesley Choir &  
ECMS Students (11:00)

MOMENT OF TEACHING and PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

11:00 a.m.

*Please invite our children forward, singing:*

**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.**

*Children may depart for The Worship Place in Room 161 or return to their seats. 11:00 A.M. ONLY*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7 (208 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:22-30 (76 NT)

SERMON

*The Empty Chair at Thanksgiving*

Rev. Bill Jones

\*HYMN 2036 *black book*

*GIVE THANKS*

Sanctuary Instrumental  
Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

*HEAR US WHEN WE CALL, O LORD*  
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY

*Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord*  
(Robert A. Hobby)

Sanctuary Choir

\*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 uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 89 *red book*

*JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*

Sanctuary Orchestra

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*FORTH IN THE NAME OF CHRIST WE GO*  
(Thomas Keesecker)

Sanctuary Choir

\*POSTLUDE

*VOLUNTARY IN G*  
(John Stanley/arr. Burkhardt)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Bob and Sue Evans in celebration of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

# THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

## THIS WEEK AT WUMC

### Today

8:15 Worship Service  
9:15-11:00 Atrium Refreshments  
9:30 Small Groups, Youth Group,  
Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
The Worship Place

### Monday, 11/19

10:30 Williamsburg Landing Circle  
5:15 Orchestra Practice  
7:00 UMM Book Group, Stephen  
Ministry, UMW Book Club,  
Multifaith Service of  
Thanksgiving at Walsingham

### Tuesday, 11/20

11:00 Bell Choir  
5:30 Worship

### Wednesday, 11/21

Church Closes at Noon through  
Friday.

## WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We invite you to participate in all the ministries and activities of the congregation. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Atrium before and after Sunday School.

**If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to fill out the pink card in the pew rack and take it to the Atrium after worship where you will receive a "Welcome Gift."**

We Give thanks  
for all our blessings

The **harvest display** in the Sanctuary is placed in gratitude for God's bounty, the abundance in our lives and in tribute to our local farmers. A special thanks to Kelrae Farm for their contribution to this year's display. And we thank Ann Brown-Hailey, Debbie Bruss, Judy Halstead and Kelli Mansel Arbuckle for arranging this display.

## Sign Up Now

Advent brings opportunities for you and your family to participate in during worship services Dec. 2 - 24. Whether it's lighting an Advent candle, reading a scripture lesson, or serving Communion, everyone can help celebrate the season. Sign Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board by the Den.

**Today** is the **last day** to bring your canned items and checks to church for Local Outreach Thanksgiving preparation. Thanks!



**Williamsburg  
United Methodist Church  
Williamsburg UMC Sanctuary Choir  
and  
Community Chorus  
The Handel Chamber Orchestra  
and  
Soloists:**

***Branch Fields, bass;  
Ian Lane, tenor;  
Phaedra McNorton, mezzo-soprano;  
Michelle Trovato, soprano***  
**presents  
George Frideric Handel's**

**Messiah**

**Nov. 30, 7:00 p.m. Dec. 1, 5:00 p.m.**



# Youth

Children

Nursery available all  
Sunday morning  
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags  
available outside  
Sanctuary doors

## Messy Church in the Christmas Parade

Messy Church will be in the Christmas Parade on December 1 with our own special float, "Messy Miracles!" Cheer us on beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Richmond Road at Brooks Street through Merchant Square.

## Kids Morning Out Sponsors Parent's Night Out

Our first Parent's Night Out fundraiser will be held Friday, December 7, 5:30-9:00 p.m. Open to the community, children (12 months to 12 yrs.) will enjoy an evening of pizza, games and a movie while you go shopping or have a date night. Proceeds (\$15 for one child; \$10 for each additional child) will go towards scholarships for KMO families and funding for a playground. Register: [KidsMorningOut.org/calendar](http://KidsMorningOut.org/calendar) Cash or check payments accepted.

All Children Are Welcome at WUMC.  
If you are a visitor or guest, we invite you to join in!

## LEARN, GROW, MAKE FRIENDS

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

We have classes for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

*Room 207-Preschoolers*

*Room 302-Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*

*Room 301-3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

We welcome preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us after the Moment of Teaching in our Worship Place Suite Room 161. Age appropriate lessons, games and activities in a fun and safe environment. Come join us! Contact Martha Hernandez, Director of Children's Ministry (229-1771).

## Family Advent Workshop

Join us in Rm. 160 on Sunday, December 2, during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.) to create activities for your family to use throughout Advent. We will make Advent wreaths and Countdown to Christmas chains. All supplies provided, but if you have an Advent wreath candle holder from previous years, please bring that to use. To close our time together, we will enjoy an Advent story and share our favorite Christmas traditions.

## Youth Group

**This Morning:** Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland will share insights into The Way Forward for the UMC, 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center.

**Tonight:** Youth group meets at church.

## Hat, Sock & Glove Tree

Help a child experience the full meaning of Christmas! Do not forget the Hat, Glove, and Sock Christmas Tree located outside the office. This is a great family activity bringing warmth and happiness to children this Christmas season! All donations will be given to local charities. Collection begins December 2 and continues through December 16.

Children

Youth



## ReCharge Wednesday

Our next ReCharge dinner will be November 28, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Join us for a delicious dinner of *meatloaf, whipped potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert*. The cost for the meal is only \$6/adult, \$3/child (ages 3-12) with a \$20.00 family maximum. Please make a reservation online at <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/recharge-wednesday>, call the Church Office by noon on Tuesday (229-1771), by completing a dinner form found at Connection Corner or in the Sanctuary pew racks.

## Alternative Giving Fair

### Invitation to Share God's Abundance

This Christmas season, give a gift that will transform someone's life. Find these gifts at Williamsburg United Methodist Church's Alternative Giving Fair on Sunday, December 2: 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A list of organizations attending the Alternative Giving Fair will be forthcoming. All proceeds go to further the participating nonprofit organizations.

## The Power of Music Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Respite Open House* 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

A dementia-friendly event with a voluntary plate offering to benefit Respite Care, an afternoon social engagement club for dependent seniors since 2001.

## Featuring

The Covenant Ringers, In Nomine Dei Ringers,  
Joyful Noise Ringers, WUMC Sanctuary Choir,

Congregational Carols,

Tom Marshall, Organ and Testimonials from  
Respite Families

*The mission of Respite Care of WUMC is to offer a safe, stimulating and supportive program for seniors with special needs, while providing resources, networking opportunities and a "Gift of Time" for family caregivers.*

## Advent Study

### "The Gift of the Nutcracker," by Matt Rawle November 28 – December 12: 6:10 – 7:00 p.m.

In "The Gift of The Nutcracker," Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic through the lens of faith. He uses the iconic tale to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build. Leader: Cindy Banek. Register your attendance online or contacting Cindy at [cbanek@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:cbanek@williamsburgumc.org)

## Charge Conference

Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

## Intergenerational Advent Experiences

December 5, 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bring your family or just join with others to experience the special joys of the Advent season! Leader: Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton

## Emergency Homeless Shelter

Churches throughout the Williamsburg area will be opening their doors to shelter our homeless neighbors. Our week of shelter is December 9-16. Volunteers are needed for various jobs. If you would like to take part, please call the Church Office (229-1771). They'll make sure that a member of the organizing committee gets back to you.

**Poinsettias...** given in honor or memory of loved ones, are a Christmas tradition at WUMC. This year's poinsettias cost \$20 each or you may make a gift of that amount to the Holiday Flower Fund. Make your check payable to WUMC.

**Note early deadline.  
Wednesday, November 21.**

Please place this \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia or \_\_\_\_\_ Gift

In memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

**TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Clergy:** Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton

**Director of Music Ministries:** Lou-Anne Smith

**Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Readers 8:15:** Lucia Butler **11:00:** Sarah Frary

**Greeters 8:15:** Joy Mair, Wilma Vachal **11:00:** Lee and Joye Barnes

**Ushers 8:15:** Scott Hunter, Mike Johnson, Liam Joyner, Valerie Lamb, Bill Mershon, Carrie van Leliveld **11:00:** Dick Bennett, Rick Cason, Wil Colton, Bill Hill, Mel Jones, Ian Kersey, Ken Lewis, Rhoda-Jo Stress, John Tressler, J.D. Tressler, Ashton Whitaker, Brent Whitaker, Price Whitaker

**Sound System 8:15:** Jimmy McCarter **11:00:** Bud Rhodes

Worship Attendance ..... 547  
Sunday School ..... 184  
Messy Church ..... 100

**SENIOR PASTOR'S  
ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Who were Simeon and Anna? Why did God choose shepherds and angels to announce the birth of the Savior of the world? What do we really know about Mary and Joseph? Join us November 28 through December 13 for this Advent study as we will explore "The Cast of the Christmas Drama."; Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings 10:30 a.m.

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Bill Jones, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

Cindy Banek, *Dir. of Adult Discipleship & Christian Ed.* (x 258)

Lou-Anne Smith, *Dir. of Music Ministries* (x 107)

Andy Glascott, *Youth Director* (x 259)

Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Music for Children and Youth and Dir. Early Childhood Music School* (x 108)

Nethea Calloway, *Finance Manager* (x 351)

Lianne Koch, *Administrative Assistant, Receptionist* (x 250)

Laura Pittman, *Dir. Kids Morning Out* (x208)

Greg Whiteside, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

Helen Casey-Rutland, *Min. of Congregational Care* (x 357)

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

Carolyn Yowell, *Dir. Respite Care* (x 354)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Shari Kelley, *Bookkeeper* (x 350)

Martha Hernandez, *Director of Children's Ministry* (x 359)

Thomas Redmond, *Director of Communications and Marketing* (x 354)

Max Blalock, *W&M Campus Minister* (229-6832)

*Welcome To*  
WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*We Are Glad You Are Here!*

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

*Children* can find soft **activity bags** just outside the Sanctuary.

**Large print bulletins** and **assisted listening devices** are available from the ushers. Those with a "**t-coil**" switch in their hearing aids can simply activate the switch.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES, GROUPS, AND BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES 9:30 a.m.**

Look inside or ask at Connection Corner just inside the parking lot entrance.

***Visitors and guests are always welcome in every class and group!***

**MESSY CHURCH 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH**

**5:30 p.m.**

Come as you are for all ages and families—crafts, games, music, dinner and more!

**CHILDREN** of all ages are always welcome in worship!

**Nursery care** for ages 3 and under is available all Sunday morning in the Nursery, Room 203.

Children ages 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to ***The Worship Place***, in Room 161 after the Moment of Teaching during the 11:00 a.m. service.

**YOUTH GROUP** grades 6-12 meets Sundays 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center, Room 180.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

A Welcome Folder and brochures about church ministries are available at Connection Corner by the parking lot entrance and just inside the Jamestown Road entrance. Our website is filled with detailed information about our church, ministries, people, events and much more. Check us out on [www.williamsburgumc.org](http://www.williamsburgumc.org)

**INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF WUMC?**

Periodically we have an introductory meet and greet CONNECT 101 on Sunday morning in the Parlor, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Watch the church bulletin for the next date, complete the blue card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate, fill out on line or contact the Church Office.

**PRAYER**

Share prayer concerns on prayer cards located at the Jamestown Road entrance, at Connection Corner, in the pew racks, or by submitting the online prayer request on the Church website. Prayer concerns will be added to the prayer chain and shared with the pastors and intercessory prayer group.

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**

We are a Stephen Ministry Church and provide trained, strictly confidential lay pastoral care for our congregation and community. Call one of the Pastors for information on how you can be connected to one of our Stephen Ministers.