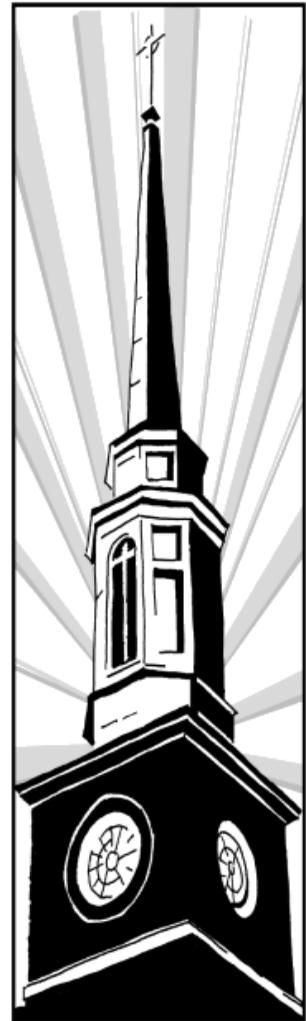


WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

December 30, 2018
The First Sunday after Christmas



*O God in Jesus Christ, grow in us, so we might mature in wisdom, faith
and love of you and neighbor in this new year. Amen.*

PRELUDE

PRELUDE ON "IRBY"
(Robert Farlee)

WELCOME

*HYMN 250 *red book*

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Let all the angels praise the Lord.

**Praise God, sun and moon;
praise God, shining stars;
praise God, highest heavens.**

Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

**God commanded, and the universe
was created, fixed in place forever.**

Praise God,

Kings and all peoples, princes and all other rulers,
girls and young men, old people and children too.

**Let us all praise the name of the Lord,
and worship the Prince of Peace.**

*OPENING PRAYER

(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

**O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus
you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness.**

Grant that in his light we may see light.

**Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people,
so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us,
and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

MOMENT OF TEACHING

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (201 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

LUKE 2:41-52 (59 NT)

SERMON

What Age is Your Faith?

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

*HYMN 241 *red book*

THAT BOY-CHILD OF MARY

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.**

OFFERTORY

ANGEL'S CAROL
(John Rutter)

Susan Daniel, soprano

*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 179 *red book*

O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO
(Norman Dello Joio)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of and gratitude for the life of David Ziskind by Betsy and Family.

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

Wednesday, 1/2

The Church Will Reopen.

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."

Recharge Dinner

Join us on January 9 for 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *meatloaf, whipped potatoes, green beans 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 or by completing a dinner form found at Connection Corner or in the Sanctuary pew racks.

Senior Pastor's Bible Study:

"Fear of the Other"

Beginning Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. and
Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.

This five-week study will use as a guide Bishop Will Willimon's book and DVD presentations, "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love." Is there a distinctively Christian way to engage the "outsider" and "stranger"? "Fear of the Other" is a subject whose time has come given the divided nature of relationships in the church and the surrounding culture today. Study participants will explore who they consider the "Other" to be in their lives and communities and begin regarding the "Other" from a Christian perspective. No pre-registration required.

ReCharge in January

Christianity: The First Four Centuries

Beginning Wednesday, January 9 –
January 30, 6:10 – 7:00 p.m.

The class will follow the history of the early Christian movement from the years 30 AD to roughly 480 AD. Initially, the Christian movement resided within greater Judaism. Conflict arose between the beliefs of mainstream Judaism and this new Jewish Christian sect. This conflict resulted in an eventual parting between two irreconcilable belief systems. Having separated from Judaism, the Christian movement had to define its doctrinal beliefs. This class will cover the early development of the movement that became Christianity. That coverage will be laid against the relevant unfolding political and military events within the Roman Empire. Leader: Ray Morgan. Register online or contact Cindy Banek (229-1771).



Youth

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

Children

Nursery available all
Sunday morning
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags
available outside
Sanctuary doors

Youth Group

Morning: Join us in the
Youth Center at 9:30 a.m.

Tonight: No evening
Youth Group.

LEARN, GROW, MAKE FRIENDS Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

We have classes for preschool through 5th grade.

Room 207-Preschoolers

Room 302-Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Room 301-3rd grade through 5th grade

Worship Place will resume in January

Contact Martha Hernandez, Director of Children's
Ministry (229-1771).

Messy Church in January



Our next Messy Church will be on
Tuesday, January 8 from 5:30 –
7:30 p.m. Our theme is, "Where
Do I Belong?" We will be
exploring a brief glimpse into
Jesus' childhood: a snapshot of
his life between birth and the
beginning of his ministry. What

was Jesus like as a twelve-year-old boy? Did he always obey his parents or did he sometimes cause them concern and worry – much like our own children? At Messy Church, we experience Bible learning through messy crafts, games and other awesome activities. Then we all come together for a meaningful time of Celebration worship followed by a delicious, homemade, family-friendly dinner. Just let us know you will be coming by registering on our church website, and we will save you a place at our table! As always, never a fee to attend. Questions? Contact Cindy Banek (229-1771). Bring your entire family along with friends and neighbors because we want to meet you!

Children

Youth



CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor, helps with funeral receptions or will provide help when you are sick. January coordinators are Barbara Feagin (707-3795) and Connie Magruder (258-3421). If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The first Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be January 9, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Den. All are welcome, from beginners to those with experience in knitting and crocheting.

Silver Saints in January

The Silver Saints will meet on Wednesday January 9, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$1 for the chicken and a side dish or dessert to share. The program, presented by Shirley Leyland, will feature a video on "Rediscovering God in America." Speaker Newt Gingrich will illustrate the importance of our Creator to our nation's founders and their successors. The Silver Saints is a fellowship group for those age 50 plus, and we enthusiastically welcome new members! If you have questions about the Silver Saints, please contact Eloy Villa (564-0083).

Calling Disciples for *Disciple*

It's not too late! Even if you've not registered for *Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*, you can still attend the Orientation Session for this upcoming small group on Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m., in Room352. If you like what you hear about this transformative, 34 session study of the Old and New Testaments led by Helen Casey-Rutland and David Hindman, you'll still be able to register, get a study guide, and begin the biblical journey with other friends in Christ. Please note: there will *not* be a Re-Charge Dinner on this evening, so make your meal plans accordingly. Questions? Contact Helen hcasey-rutland@williamsburgumc.org or David dthindman@aol.com

Book Club

The UMW Book Club will meet Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen McPherson, 3296 Reade's Way. We will be reading and discussing *Small Things With Great Love: Adventures in Loving Your Neighbor*, by Margot Starbuck. This book is in the Nurturing for Community category of the UMW Reading Program. We will also be discussing the book read for December, *One Simple Act*, by Debbie Macomber, in the Social Action category. All are invited. For more information, please contact Carol Brinkley (358-0617) or cpbrinkley@aol.com

Offering Envelopes



Pick up your offering envelopes in the Atrium.

United Methodist Women

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE – January 2, 10:00 a.m. Rm. 309.

OLIVE CASEY CIRCLE – January 7, 9:30 a.m. Den.

CLARKE/HERITAGE CIRCLE - January 8, 9:45 a.m. Den. Program followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE – January 8, 10:30 a.m. Old Library. We will wrap Lenten gifts for the Shepherd’s Fold program. Bring wrapping paper, scissors and tape. Guests welcome.

CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE – January 8, 1:00 p.m. Church Den.

JEAN CRAIG CIRCLE – January 8, 1:30 p.m. Brookdale Activities Room. Program “God using a person to bless others.”

SISTERS-IN-FAITH CIRCLE – January 8, 7:00 p.m. Rm. 309. Program: Susan Sallwasser talks on her recent trip to Guatemala.

WILLIAMSBURG LANDING CIRCLE – January 15, 10:30 a.m., Williamsburg Landing Main Building, 1st Floor next to kitchen.

TODAY’S SERVICE

Clergy: Meghan Roth Clayton, Bill Jones

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Mike Sams **11:00** Karen McPherson

Greeters 8:15: Connie Magruder, Becky Morgan
11:00: Fred and Donna Potts

Ushers 8:15: John Ayscue, Al Horine, Liam Joyner, Dick Morgan, Bill Mershon, Bob Simmons, Carrie van Leliveld **11:00:** Joye Barnes, Lee Barnes, Gene Bruss, Donna Coggins, Richard Coggins, Kay Colton, Wil Colton, Bill Hill, Barbara Monteith, Marty Monteith, Bob Spencer

Sound System 8:15: Lyman Hubbard **11:00:** Bill Herman

Worship Attendance.....589

Banner Entrance Improvement Plans

The banner entrance improvements will begin on January 2. The improvements, designed to make the church more welcoming, will address safety (trip) hazards in the entryway, provide additional needed seating for church members and visitors and improve communications by integrating digital information.

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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

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Thomas Redmond, *Director of Communications and Marketing* (x 353)

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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 2nd 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.

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

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.