

WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

September 2, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



*Lord of mercy and abundant love, move me to see and do today the deeds that honor you
and serve others; and make me glad to do my part; in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

PRELUDE

ALLEGRO (CONCERTO IN D MINOR)
(Antonio Vivaldi; arr. J.S. Bach)

*HYMN 92 *red book*

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives.

*OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, you are the source of summer's splendor — the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

Children may depart for The Worship Place in Rm 207 or return to their seats. 11:00 A.M. ONLY

GOspel LESSON

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (42 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

JAMES 1:17-27 (229 NT)

SERMON

Don't Forget What You Look Like

REV. BILL JONES

PRAYERS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus into the world where he lived among us, died as one of us, and rose from death to life. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM/OFFERTORY

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

(arr. Carlton R. Young)

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!

TAKING 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 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, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

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, amen, amen, amen.

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please join in the singing:

HYMN 405 *red book* *SEEK YE FIRST*

HYMN 408 *red book* *THE GIFT OF LOVE*

HYMN 420 *red book* *BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD*

HYMN 432 *red book* *JESU, JESU*

HYMN 438 *red book* *FORTH IN THY NAME, O LORD*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. 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 402 *red book*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Allegro (Concerto in D minor)
(Antonio Vivaldi; arr. J.S. Bach)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Susan Miller
in loving memory of the July 15, 72nd birthday of Jeffrey Miller.

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, 9/3

Labor Day; Church closed.

Tuesday, 9/4

7:00 Staff Parish Committee

Wednesday, 9/5

4:00 Congregational Care

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 Wednesday

Join us September 5, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *meatloaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, dessert; vegetarian option available, too.* The cost for the meal is only \$6/adult, \$3/child (ages 3-12) with a \$20.00 family maximum. Make a reservation by completing a dinner form found at Connection Corner, or in the Sanctuary pew racks, or you may go on line to the church website <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening> You may also call the Church Office by noon on Tuesday (229-1771).

Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals have begun on Thursday's, 7:00 p.m. in Room 114. There is no audition; all are welcome. If you are out of town, you may join us anytime! If you have any questions or need child care, please contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music Ministries (229-1771).

Respite Benefit Luncheon

catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill
Wednesday, October 3, 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
230 tickets on sale now for \$18/person.
100% of your ticket price will support Respite's engagement club for seniors!
If you can't attend, please consider a donation.
For groups of 8-10, an entire table can be reserved.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

If you are paid staff or a volunteer with children, youth and/or vulnerable adults, you need to attend a Safe Sanctuaries training event. The next training will be held on Friday, September 7 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Please contact Cindy Banek cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or (229-1771) to register your attendance.

Youth

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

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday: Join us this morning 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center for movie clips, talking life and faith with freshly popped popcorn.

Sunday Evening: Last of our Summer Sundaes! Meet at Sweet Frog in New Town – 6:00 p.m. for an hour.

Ministries

Join us September 9 for a brand-new year of Sunday School! The Worship Place for children ages 3 – 5th grade continues to happen during the 11:00 a.m. service, Rm. 161. Questions? Contact Martha Hernandez, Director (229-1771).

Volunteers Needed

If you have an interest in sharing God's love with children, we want you! The children's ministry is seeking leaders and helpers for The Worship Place during 11:00 worship. Safe Sanctuaries training will be provided for those who have not received it. Contact Martha Hernandez (229-1771).

Nursery available all
Sunday morning
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags
available outside
Sanctuary doors

Kids Morning Out

Register your children, ages *12-30 months*
by September 30, 2018 at

<http://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/youth-children>
or you may contact Laura Pittman, Director (229-1771)

Blessing of Kid's Morning Out

September 6, 5:45 p.m.

Join us for a brief ceremony to bless our program, teachers and facilities before we open our doors! All are welcome to attend. We would love your support as we kick off our school year!

For Enrolled Families:

Paperwork Appointments will be held through September 5. If you haven't signed up for a timeslot, please see Laura Pittman.

Music

Joyful Noise Ringers (gr 2-6)

Bells of Praise (gr 7-12)

Canticles of Praise (gr 7-12)

Praise Band (gr 6-12)

Wesley Choir (gr 1-6)

*For fall enrollment, Contact
Anthony Williams, Director
(229-1771)*

Register Now for ECMS!

ECMS Registration is open for the 2018-2019 year. Children should be 2 months – 7+ years by September 30. Multiple levels of group piano and guitar for adults are also available. For more information contact Anthony Williams (229-1771 Ext 108)

Children

Children



ROAD OF DISCIPLESHIP:



Making Disciples through Nurture and Learning

Wednesday ReCharge Activities September – December 2018

Grow 201 (formerly Connect 201)

September 5 – 26; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 171

What do Christians believe and practice? United Methodists share several basic affirmations with other Christian communities. This is a 4-week overview of the foundational understandings of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and why it matters for our lives of faith. Leader: Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton.

Senior Pastor's Midweek Bible Study: Reconciling Evolution & Faith

Begins September 5; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

How do Christians make sense of evolution or the Big Bang next to the claims of Jesus and the creation accounts of Genesis? These questions are much more than merely intellectual; they stretch to the deepest level of Christian faith. We invite you to join in this study lead by Pastor Bill Jones.

Stewardship Study: "Enough" by Adam Hamilton

September 26 – October 24; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 206 Old Library

Enough is a video-based study based on what the Bible teaches us about financial management. The purpose of the book is help people turn away from consumerism and towards the joy and contentment that comes with living a simpler life. Leader: TBA

Grow 301 (Formerly Connect 301)

October 10 – 24; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 352

What do United Methodists believe and practice? The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley and the early Methodists, placed primary emphasis on Christian living—putting faith and love into action. Join us as we learn the hallmarks of United Methodism. Leader: Pastor Meghan Roth Clayton.

Justified Through Genealogy

October 31 – November 14: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 171

Theologians argue over whether a person's salvation is justified through works or through faith. However, the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, frequently labeled "The Genealogy of Jesus," justifies the identification of Jesus as the Messiah by recounting the 42 generations between Abraham and Jesus – in a sense, "justifying" him by connecting him to Abraham through David, as foretold by the prophets. In this three-week course, we will examine how and why people get involved in genealogical research, how the results of such research can impact our image of ourselves or our society, and how to think about both the positive accomplishments of our ancestors and their sins, crimes, and foibles. If you are interested in genealogy but don't know exactly how or where to start, this will give you an opportunity to interact with people who are also on this path. Leader: Karen McPherson

Advent Study – "The Gift of the Nutcracker," by Matt Rawle

November 28 – December 12: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 206 Old Library

"*The Nutcracker*" was first performed in 1892, and quickly became a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In "*The Gift of The Nutcracker*," Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent study, Rawle 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: TBA

Intergenerational Advent Experiences

November 28 – December 12: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 352

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

If you are interested in attending any of these classes, register online www.williamsburgumc.org or contact Cindy Banek by email cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or (229-1771). Watch the church newsletter, Sunday bulletin, and enotes for announcements about new discipleship opportunities!

United Methodist Men

The next UMM breakfast will be Saturday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. at the Church. All are welcome. Contact Bob Spencer (741-2091) for a reservation.

Compassionate Support

The Virginia Annual Conference approved the formation of a work group of up to 8 persons to develop a response for Compassionate Support for Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and Moral Injury. Persons interested in serving on this work group are invited to contact Marc Brown at MarcBrown@vaumc.org. Please list information regarding interest and background. The work group will begin after its membership is approved at the September 20 Common Table meeting.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor, helps with funeral receptions or will provide help when you are sick.

September coordinators are Judi French (565-1138) and Fran Hermance (229-8857). If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Grounds Update

Have you noticed the temporary fencing located in the front yard of the church? In September, we begin Kids Morning Out, a weekday ministry for 12-30-month-old children, their families and care providers. The fencing is in place for their outdoor play and will come down when an age-appropriate play space is completed in a couple weeks. Many thanks to the Trustees and Facilities Manager Greg Whiteside for their hard work. Please join us in prayer and support for this vital ministry with children and their families. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Meghan at mclayton@williamsburgumc.org

Silver Saints in September

Our next Silver Saints luncheon will be held noon Wednesday, September 12 at the home of Eloy and Jewell Villa, 4025 Frances Berkeley in Greenspring's Plantation, Governors Ridge. We will celebrate the beginning of our meeting year with a cook-out. Please bring \$1.00 for the sausage and hot dogs and a side dish to share. This meeting will be a social event, but proposed programs for the year will be discussed. All are welcome to attend! Questions? Contact Eloy (564-0083).

Report on Youth Mission Trips...and Lunch

After 2 successful summer youth mission trips, we invite you to hear all about them. Our middle school team that went to Romney, WV and our high schoolers that went to Hexham, England, will share stories from their trips and how they saw God changing the lives of people here in the US and in England. Join us for a pot-luck lunch on Sunday September 23. No need to bring anything, but if you can, please bring a main/side/dessert dish to share. Drinks provided. Questions? Contact Andy Glascott (229-1771).

Today - Wesley Campus Ministry Cookout!

All new and returning students, join us next door to WUMC at the Wesley House for a welcome back cookout: **S'mores with S'Methodists** at 5:00 p.m. We'll have plenty of food, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options. Come hang out with new and old friends and hear about the awesome year we have planned. Thanks so much! It's going to be a great year!

Opportunity for Remembrance

The Worship Committee has purchased a few new hymnals to replace worn ones and would like to extend to the congregation the opportunity to place one in honor of or in memory of a loved one, family member, etc. Please submit a \$25 check made out to WUMC, with HYMNAL in the memo line. Include this notice with the name or names below as you wish them to appear on the bookplate and return to the church office. No more than three names per hymnal. Questions? Call Nancy Reynolds (229-1771).

If you choose both memory and honor for a hymnal, please annotate by each name you list with either m or h.

This Hymnal Presented to the Glory of God
in memory of and/or in honor of:

By _____

Phone# _____

Servant Leaders For 2019

NOMINATIONS for servant leaders for 2019 will begin in September and will be completed with the election of church leaders at the Fall Charge Conference. Complete an online Servant Leaders Interest Form <http://www.williamsburgumc.org/serve/at-wumc> or complete a form available at the Connections Corner Desk by September 16. Please pray that God can use your availability to serve as a church leader at WUMC in 2019 and beyond.

Church in the World Committee is being formed, under the auspices of the Church Council, to address the missional priorities and justice-related ministries of WUMC by addressing their systemic causes through faithful advocacy, education and action. The committee will be guided by the *Social Principles* of the UMC in the *Book of Discipline*. Please complete a "Servant Leader" form online at our church website (see above) or a printed form available at the Connection Corner.

United Methodist Women

CLARKE/HERITAGE CIRCLE – September 4, 9:45 a.m. Rm. 309.

JEAN CRAIG CIRCLE – September 4, 1:30 p.m., Brookdale Activities Room.

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE – September 5, 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 309.

OLIVE CASEY CIRCLE – September 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Den.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE – September 11, 10:30 a.m. in the Den.

CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE – September 11, 1:00 p.m. in the Den.

SISTERS-IN-FAITH CIRCLE – September 11, 7:00 PM, Rm. 309.

WMSBG LANDING CIRCLE – September 18, 10:30 a.m., Williamsburg Landing Main Building.

The UMW book club will meet Monday, September 10 at the home of Carol Brinkley, 207 Old Cart Road.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Megan Roth Clayton

Communion Servers: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton, Max Blalock, Charles Swadley, Retired Clergy

Assisting with the Communion 8:15: Gwen Hamrick, Russ and Janet Henke, Liam Joyner **11:00:** Fred Dellamura, Marty and Barbara Monteith, Mike Starry

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Liam Joyner **11:00:** David Benedict

Greeters 8:15: Bob and Sue Evans **11:00:** Hasbrouck and Mera Hughes

Ushers 8:15: Richard Ballard, Liam Joyner, Monty Mason, Bill Mershon, Patti Olsson, Carrie van Leliveld, George White **11:00:** Natalie Bacskay, Wil Colton, Debbie Corber, Wayne Durboraw, Lynne Helmick, Bill Hill, Bonnie Knizatko, Jimmy McCarter, Karen McPherson, Jackie Potter, Keith Potter

Sound System: Bud Rhodes

Worship Attendance 501
Sunday School..... 138

Ice Cream Social

Williamsburg United Methodist Women invite all the ladies, especially those with children, to join us for our **Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, September 16, 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Grandchildren, Wesley students and men are welcome, too. Betty Forbes, Trustee of Ferrum College, will speak about the 150th Anniversary of UMW and their amazing legacy, locally, nationally and globally. Child care will be available during Betty Forbes presentation. Please contact Martha Hernandez (229-1771) or mhernandez@williamsburgumc.org if childcare is needed.

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Bill Jones, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

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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)

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.

Children ages 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to **The Worship Place**, in Room 207 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

INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF WUMC?

Periodically we have an introductory meet and greet CONNECT 101 on Sunday morning in the Den, 9:30-10:30 a.m. The next opportunity will be **August 5**. Join us! Simply complete the blue card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate 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.