

WILLIAMSBURG  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors  
Nurturing Faith  
Transforming Our World

January 13, 2019  
Baptism of the Lord



*Beloved children of God, come to the river of life.  
Hear the loving voice of God: "You are my beloved children."*

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
(Johann Walther)

INTROIT

*THIS IS THE DAY*  
(Gary Alan Smith)

Sanctuary Choir

\*HYMN 139 *red book*

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the river of life.

**Listen for the words of love.**

Come to the waters of grace.

**Receive the gift of acceptance.**

Come to the river of love, **for all are welcome here.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Glorious God, we rejoice in your loving presence on this holy day.**

**Draw us ever closer to you in fellowship and worship.**

**Speak words of life, that we may sense your Spirit  
breathing new life into us each and every day.**

**Speak your words of love, that we may rest in the knowledge  
that we are your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF TEACHING

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*

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22 (60 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 43:1-7 (672 NT)

SERMON

*God Didn't Say That!*

Rev. Bill Jones

\*HYMN 529 *red book*

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*

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

*CARES CHORUS*

(Kelly Willard)

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY

*The Fairest of Ten Thousand*

(arr. David Rasbach)

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ed and Karen Thomas

8:15 a.m.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

\*HYMN 2051 *black book*

*I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN*

(Robert C. Bennett)

Sanctuary Choir

\*POSTLUDE

*MARCH ON FOUNDATION*

(Wilbur Held)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our daughter, Kelly, by Buddy and Brenda Cockrell.

# 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, 1/14

5:15 Orchestra Practice  
6:30 Local Outreach  
7:00 WUMM Book Group  
UMW Book Club

### Tuesday, 1/15

11:00 Bell Choir  
5:30 Worship  
7:00 Welcome & Hospitality

### Wednesday, 1/16

4:00 Respite Committee  
5:30 Recharge  
6:00 Discipleship Classes  
7:00 Sr. Pastor Bible Study

### Thursday, 1/17

10:30 Sr. Pastor Bible Study  
5:30 Bell Choir  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

## 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 16, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *spaghetti casserole with beef, salad 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.

## 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.

## Register Now

Registration is open for United Methodist Day at the General Assembly on Thursday, January 31, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Go to the Virginia UMC website <https://vaumc.org/> and follow the "Conference Calendar" link to January 31 to register. The cost is \$40; *there is no paper registration process*. Questions? Contact Karen McPherson [kamcpherson@cox.net](mailto:kamcpherson@cox.net) or (220-2111). Let Karen know if you want to carpool from church.

## CONNECT 101

January 27, 9:30 a.m. Den  
More information is located on the back page.



# Youth

Children

Nursery available all  
Sunday morning  
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags  
available outside  
Sanctuary doors

## Music

**Joyful Noise Ringers** (grades 2-6)  
Sunday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Bells of Praise** (grade 7-12)  
Sunday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Canticles of Praise** (grade 7-12)  
Sunday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Praise Band** (grade 6-12)  
Sunday, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Wesley Choir** (grades 1-6)  
Thursday, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

*Questions? Contact  
Anthony Williams, Director  
(229-1771)*

## Early Childhood Music School (ECMS)

ECMS will have a winter carnival on Friday, February 1 and will feature food, family fun activities, instrument petting zoo and a silent auction. Stay tuned for more details to come!

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).

## Kids Morning Out

Parents, join us for a question and answer session for the following programs: KMO Summer 2019 and KMO School Year 2019-2020. Identical sessions will be held January 21 at 5:30 p.m. and January 22 at 10:30 a.m. Both will be held in Rm. 309. Questions? Contact Laura Pittman (229-1771).

## Youth Group

**Morning:** Join us in the Youth Center this morning at 9:30 a.m. as we dive into the River of Life with Ezekiel.

**Evening:** Breathe Café opens its doors tonight at 5:30 p.m. to parents and youth. Come see what we do on Sunday evenings. Build your own sub bar, conversation, games, and more.

Children

Youth



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

All are welcome - beginners to experienced. Mark your calendars now and join us in the Den at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 24, February 13 & 28,

March 13 & 28, April 10 & 25, May 8 & 23

We will knit/crochet and pray together. Yarn donations are being collected. Consider picking up some to help support this ministry. Questions? Contact Wendy Geiger.

## **Warm Up Williamsburg**

Join us for “Warm Up Williamsburg (WUW),” a soup tasting dinner and bake shop event. WUW offers some of the best soups, stews and chowders our Williamsburg’s Chefs have to offer. The event will be held Friday, January 25 from 5:15 – 8:00 p.m. at Williamsburg Community Chapel. Live entertainment will be provided by popular local band “Elderberry Jam.” For reservations or if you wish to volunteer, call (903-7031). Help support the Community of Faith Mission Winter Shelter!

## **The Life Journey**

Do you wonder how you can make things easier for your loved ones at the time of your death? Join Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland on Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m. – noon to learn simple steps you can take that will be a lasting gift to those around you. You will leave with a plan, resources, a few stories, and (we hope) a little less fear and anxiety about dealing with the details. Sign up by calling the church office. Questions? Contact Rev. Helen Casey-Rutland (229-1771).

## **From the Endowment Committee**

Did you know you can make a gift to WUMC directly from your IRA and avoid taxes that would be owed on such a distribution? IRA distributions are often taxed at a high rate. You can direct your IRA custodian to make a distribution to Williamsburg United Methodist Church rather than to you. Such a distribution does not count as a charitable gift for income tax purposes, but it does count toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA. This can be a tax -wise way to make a generous gift to the church.

## **Sunday Church Closing Due to Inclement Weather**

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, the Senior Pastor, Trustees, Church Council Chair and Facilities Manager will make the decision to close the church for Sunday morning worship services. The following notifications will be made:

1. The Church office telephone will be reset to announce the closing (229-1771).
2. WUMC Website [www.williamsburgumc.org](http://www.williamsburgumc.org)
3. WUMC Facebook page
4. Area television stations and WMBG radio

## United Methodist Women Circles

WILLIAMSBURG LANDING CIRCLE – January 15, 10:30 a.m., Williamsburg Landing.

### UMW Book Club

We will meet Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen McPherson, 3296 Reade's Way. Questions? Contact Carol Brinkley (358-0617).

## Together: United Methodists of the Temple, Tabernacle and Table

As our denomination prepares for the upcoming special General Conference (February 23-26 in St. Louis, MO) to receive and act on the report from the Commission on the Way Forward, on matters of human sexuality, our pastors would like to invite conversation around the book *Together: United Methodists of the Temple, Tabernacle and Table*, in small groups either at church or in members' homes. Please contact one of the pastors if you are interested in joining the conversation. The book is available through Amazon or can be ordered through WUMC.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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

**Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Readers 8:15:** Warren Harper **11:00:** Terri Morgan

**Greeters 8:15:** Bob and Sue Evans **11:00:** Jerre and Marilyn Johnson

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

**Sound System 8:15:** Lyman Hubbard **11:00:** Roger Helmick

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Worship Attendance .....	531
Sunday School .....	179
Messy Church .....	102

## Williamsburg United Methodist Church

500 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 757-229-1771 [www.williamsburgumc.org](http://www.williamsburgumc.org)

*"Like" us on Facebook*

Bill Jones, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

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

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

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

Andy Glascott, *Youth Director* (x 259)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

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

Carolyn Yowell, *Director Respite Care* (x 354)

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

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

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

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

Nethea Calloway, *Finance Manager* (x 351)

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

Greg Whiteside, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

Laura Pittman, *Director Kids Morning Out* (x208)

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. The next opportunity will be **January 27**. 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.