

WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord



*Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year
find you a better [person]. — Benjamin Franklin*

PRELUDE

The Shepherds Farewell
(Hector Berlioz)

*HYMN 245 *red book*

THE FIRST NOEL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise and shine, for your light has come.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

Praise the God of promise and light and love.

Praise the God of the guiding star.

*OPENING PRAYER

**God of all glory, by the guidance of a star you led the Wise Men
to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith lead us to your glory
in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

EPISTLE LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14 (198 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-12 (2 NT)

SERMON

A New Direction in a New Year

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

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

(Harm. By J.S. Bach)

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 224 <i>red book</i>	<i>GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE</i>
HYMN 248 <i>red book</i>	<i>ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING</i>
HYMN 249 <i>red book</i>	<i>THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR</i>
HYMN 2098 <i>red book</i>	<i>THE VIRGIN MARY HAD A BABY BOY</i>
HYMN 2099 <i>black book</i>	<i>JOSEPH DEAREST, JOSEPH MINE</i>

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Ronnie Robinson and Beatrice Dennis 11:00 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 254 *red book*

WE THREE KINGS

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

THERE'S A STAR IN THE EAST
(Karl Osterland)

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, 1/7

7:00 WUMM Book Group

Tuesday, 1/8

5:30 Messy Church
7:00 Staff Parish

Wednesday, 1/9

5:30 Recharge
6:15 Discipleship Classes
7:00 Sr. Pastor Bible Study

Thursday, 1/10

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

ReCharge Studies

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.
Fellowship Hall

"Christianity: The First Four
Centuries"

Beginning Wednesday, January 9
– January 30, 6:10 – 7:00 p.m.
Rm. 114

"Disciple: Becoming Disciples
Through Bible Study"

Beginning Wednesday January 9,
6:30 p.m. Rm. 174

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, 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.

Silver Saints in January

The Silver Saints will meet noon on Wednesday, January 9, in Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$1 for the chicken and a side dish or dessert to share. The program will feature a video on "Rediscovering God in America." Questions? Contact Eloy Villa (564-0083).

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.

And This... Thanks so much for the prayers, cards, rides to surgery and to Dr. appointments and text/called me over the past month while I was out for two surgeries. All's well and back to work. Nancy Reynolds



Children

Children

Nursery available all Sunday morning
Room 203
Worship Activity Bags available outside Sanctuary doors

Youth Group
Morning: Join us in the Youth Center this morning as we Breathe Deeper and connect with God as we explore the Valley of Dry Bones and he Breathes life into us. Snacks, refreshments, conversation and more; 9:30 a.m.
Evening: Breathe Café opens its doors tonight at 5:30 p.m. for games, snack supper, questions (and some answers) and more. Bring a friend.

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).

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 5th grade.
Room 207-Preschoolers
Room 302-Kindergarten through 2nd grade
Room 301-3rd grade through 5th grade
We welcome preschoolers through 5th grade to join us after the Moment of Teaching in Room 161. Age appropriate lessons, games and activities in a fun and safe environment. Come join us! Questions? Contact Martha Hernandez, Director of Children’s Ministry (229-1771).

Messy Church in January
Our next Messy Church will be Tuesday, January 8, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Our theme is, “Where Do I Belong?” We will explore 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!

United Methodist Women Circles

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

CLARKE/HERITAGE - January 8, 9:45 a.m. Den.

FRIENDSHIP – January 8, 10:30 a.m. Old Library.

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

JEAN CRAIG – January 8, 1:30 p.m. Brookdale.

SISTERS-IN-FAITH – January 8, 7:00 p.m. Rm. 309.

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).

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 or (220-2111). Let Karen know if you want to carpool from church.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Helen Casey-Rutland

Communion Servers: Bill Jones, Helen Casey-Rutland
Retired Clergy

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Vivian Golding, Sara Johnson, Patti Olsson, Bud Voorhess **11:00:** Rick Cason, Fred Dellamura, David and Terri Hindman

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Gwen Hamrick **11:00:** Keith Potter

Greeters 8:15: Tom and Valerie Lamb **11:00:** Bud and Linda Rhodes

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, Bonnie Knizatko, Lynne Helmick, Bill Hill, Jimmy McCarter, Karen McPherson, Jackie Potter, Keith Potter

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

Worship Attendance.....440
Sunday School.....104

Renovations Have Started

Did you notice something different when you entered church today? Closet renovations began last Thursday...all performed by the following members (*brought their own tools, too!*) Dick Bennett, Bill Satterfield, Bob Simmons, George White and Greg Whiteside, Facilities Manager. Thanks, guys!!

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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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 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 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

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.