

WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

St. Patrick's Day

Encounters with Christ:
Men and Women of Faith

*May the strength of God pilot us, May the wisdom of God instruct us,
May the hand of God protect us, May the word of God direct us.
Be always ours this day and for evermore.*



— Irish Blessing

PRELUDE

PRELUDE ON "SLANE"
(Trad. Irish; arr. Alexandra Molnar-Suhajda)

Margaret Carlson; Kelly Organski, flute

INTROIT

MORNING HAS BROKEN
(Traditional Gaelic Melody)

Sanctuary Choir

*HYMN 147 *red book*

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ be with me, Christ before me, **Christ behind me, Christ within me,**
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, **Christ at my right, Christ at my left,**
Christ in every eye that sees me, **Christ in every ear that hears me.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather as strangers and friends, searching for new ways to live and follow you. Savior Christ, come and live among us, that we might imitate you, using our hands to heal and our minds to create your will. May our worship be filled with your Holy Spirit, transforming us into brothers and sisters, conforming us to your glorious purpose. 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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

BE THOU MY VISION
(arr. Anthony Williams)

Anthony Williams, guitar

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:17- 4:1 (198 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 16:9-15 (136 NT)

SERMON

A Wee Bit of St. Patrick in All of Us

Rev. Bill Jones

*HYMN 2166 *black book*

CHRIST BESIDE ME

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

(Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend)

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY

I LIFT UP MINE EYES

(Allen Pote)

Sanctuary Choir, Margaret
Carlson; Kelly Organski, flute

*DOXOLOGY 95 *red book*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

James and Jennifer Bradley
Dennis and Nancy Cogswell

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 451 *red book*

BE THOU MY VISION

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

AN IRISH BLESSING

(H. Hallström)

Sanctuary Choir

*POSTLUDE

RECESSIONAL ON "ROYAL OAK"
(Keith Kolander)

The cross celebrates the March 11 birth of Samuel Thomas Cramer,
son of Scottie and Hannah Strange Cramer; grandson of Roger and Elane Strange.

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

Monday, 3/18

5:15 Orchestra Practice
6:30 Communications
7:00 Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, 3/19

11:00 Bell Choir
5:30 Worship Committee
7:00 Finance Committee
Welcome and Hospitality

Wednesday, 3/20

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

Thursday, 3/21

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 March 13, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *one pan ranch pork cutlets, roasted potatoes, vegetable 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.



Periodically we have an introductory meet and greet, CONNECT 101, on Sunday morning in the Parlor from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The next opportunity will be Sunday, March 31. Join us! Simply complete the blue card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate or contact the Church Office (229-1771).

Looking For Volunteers

Interested in exploring new technologies? Want to put your technical and photographic skills to good use? Come join in as we explore the world of video and live-stream worship for the church. Your expertise is welcomed. Contact the church office (229-1771) or sign-up online in SPECIAL EVENTS at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/whats-happening>



Youth

Children

Nursery available all Sunday morning
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags available outside Sanctuary doors

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

You Are Invited

Parents of Little Ones (POLOs) will host a group discussion Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Den. We will talk about potty training (tips for success, hearing from other parents, and sharing what worked for you) and introducing a new sibling! These two areas can be challenging for families and we want to help. This is open to ANY parent or caregiver in the community. Join us.

Youth Group

Morning: Join us this morning, 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center, Rm. 180. We will explore war and peace with Pastor Helen.

Evening: Let's celebrate all things Irish and St. Patrick! Join us at 5:00 p.m. for games, Irish silliness and... let's bake some soda bread together. Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DAEA92FABFB6-paddys>

Confirmation Class Interest Meeting

Pastor Meghan and Youth Director Andy invite youth in the 8th grade, and 9th-12th who have not been confirmed, to participate in our 2019 Confirmation Class. This class offers an opportunity for people to recognize God's work of grace in their lives and embrace being disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Meghan will hold an interest meeting during the Sunday School hour, today, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Room 161. Confirmation sessions will be held May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Room 180-182. Recharge dinner will be provided at no cost to the participants. Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

Mark Your Calendars-Save the Date!

Annual Messy Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Featuring our World-Famous Hot Dog Lunch!



Children

Youth



United Methodist Women

WILLIAMSBURG LANDING CIRCLE: March 19, 10:30 a.m. Williamsburg Landing, Main Building, 1st floor, next to kitchen.

UMW Sunday

On Sunday, March 24, we will welcome Rev. Nancy Robinson as our guest speaker for a service focused on the legacy of the United Methodist Women's 150-year history. Join us for a birthday celebration in the Atrium after each service for coffee and birthday cake – we're 150 years old this year and proud of it!

United Methodist Women's Service Project – Blood Drive

In commemoration of the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women, our Williamsburg UMW unit will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. You may secure an appointment for your donation by registering online at redcrossblood.org Sponsor Code: Williamsburg UMC or by signing up at the Crossroads Table between services on Sunday March 24. Our goal is 30 pints of blood. Your single donation can save up to 3 lives. Help us to reach our goal and be in service to our community!

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor, helps with funeral receptions or will provide help when you are sick. Mary Liz Sadler (229-8063) and Fran Hermance (229--8857) are the March coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Our Lenten Offering

Each year members and friends of Williamsburg United Methodist Church make a special offering during the season of Lent. This year's recipients from **Global Outreach** are:

- UMCOR Sunday
- Abukloi - We Can!
- Methodist Border Friendship Commission

From Local Outreach are:

- The Williamsburg House of Mercy
- Literacy for Life
- Summer Meals for Kids

Please refer to the March issue of *The Messenger*.

Easter Lilies

You're invited to provide one or more Easter lilies in honor or in memory of a loved one. **Return this form by March 31** with a check for \$20 payable to WUMC and write "Easter Lilies" on the memo line. Place my gift of Easter Lilies...

In memory of (print)

In honor of (print)

Given by (print)

Phone (print)

Adult Sunday School

Several of our Adult Sunday School classes are studying, "Simon Peter," by Adam Hamilton for Lent. If you do not currently attend an adult class, now is a great time to try one out! Choose from one of the following and you will be welcomed with joyful hospitality:

Aldersgate: Wesley Hall

Bishop McKendree: Rm. 102

World Religions: Rm. 101

Searchers': Rm. 171

Marvin Willard Bible Class: Rm. 174

Christian-Life Connections: Rm. 309

Fellowship Class: Rm. 103

International Lesson Series, "Calling the Lost," (Luke 15:11-24) lead by Bud Voorhess

Got Pictures?

As part of our effort to communicate the good work being done by the Local Outreach Committee, we are seeking pictures of the Thanksgiving Day Meal Program activities that members of the congregation may have taken on their cell phones. If you have pictures, please send them electronically to Tom Redmond tredmond@williamsburgumc.org Tom is helping prepare materials that we can use in the future to "tell our story." Thanks!

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Assoc. Dir. of Music for Children and Youth: Anthony Williams

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Richard Ballard **11:00:** Gerald Bullock

Greeters 8:15: Bob and Susanne Henderson **11:00:** Bill and Myrna Druschel

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

Sound System 8:15: Jimmy McCarter **11:00:** Bill Herman

Worship Attendance.....	564
Sunday School	163
Messy Church	131

The deadline for

This Also Is Our Worship is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

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Bill Jones, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

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

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

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

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

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

Andy Glascott, *Youth Director* (x 259)

Nethea Calloway, *Finance Manager* (x 351)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

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

Greg Whiteside, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

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

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

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

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. Please sit in the outer edges of pews located on the floor facing the Chancel.

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

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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.