

WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Encounters with Christ:
Men and Women of Faith



You are welcome here.

No matter who you are, no matter where you are from, you are welcome to love and grace.

May you find rest and renewal; may you find hope and peace.

This is what God offers to us all.

PRELUDE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

(arr. Dan Miller)

INTROIT

MORNING HAS BROKEN

(Traditional Gaelic Melody)

Sanctuary Choir

*HYMN 73 *red book*

O WORSHIP THE KING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

For God has done wonderful things for us.

God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing songs of great joy to God.

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, with gladness and expectation, we gather in your house today.

For you are the one who makes all things new.

You are the one who satisfies our hunger and restores our soul.

In this holy space, help us to know that you always love us.

**Through our worship today, help us to know that if we stray away
from you, you are always ready to receive us with open arms.**

Prepare our hearts as we worship you

to welcome and embrace all of your children as you do us.

With gladness and expectation we pray, in Jesus' name.

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.**

EPISTLE LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21 (181 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

(arr. Brent Roberts)

Sanctuary Orchestra;
Barbara Stahl, piano

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

RUTH 1:1-18 (241 OT)

SERMON

Lines That Shape Our Lives

Rev. Bill Jones

*HYMN 140 *red book*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

(Michael Joncas)

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

(arr. Robert J. Powell)

Sanctuary Choir;
Sanctuary Brass

*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

*HYMN 384 *red book*

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Sanctuary Orchestra

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

AN IRISH BLESSING

(H. Hallström)

Sanctuary Choir

*POSTLUDE

PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

(David Paxton)

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, 4/1

5:15 Orchestra Practice
7:00 WUMM Book Group

Tuesday, 4/2

11:00 Bell Choir
7:00 Staff Parish Committee

Wednesday, 4/3

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

Thursday, 4/4

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."



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 is today. Join us!

Recharge Dinner

Join us on April 3, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *baked ziti, garlic knot 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

"Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week," continues Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings 10:30 a.m. April 3/4.

Immediate Opening

Volunteer Secretary of Church Council
Meets on the 4th Tuesday, every other month
February through December
Interested? Contact Pastor Bill (229-1771) or
bjones@williamsburgumc.org



Youth

Children

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



Messy Church in April

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Our theme is, “Always with Us,” as we celebrate the good news of Easter! Nothing can ever separate us from the love of God – not even death on a cross. We will enjoy Easter crafts and activities along with Celebration worship time. Our meal together will be a special Easter Ham dinner with all the trimmings! Questions about Messy Church? Contact Cindy Banek (229-1771) or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org

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

Youth Group
Morning: Join us this morning as we welcome back Pastor Helen for the 2nd of her War and Peace sessions; 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center, Rm. 180.
Evening: Join us at 5:30 p.m. at Breathe Café for pizza, conversation, prayer and games. Open to all middle and high schoolers.
Photographers needed! If you have a camera with a good zoom lens, we’d love to have you join us for a game night. Students will attempt to get from WUMC to the end of DoG St. without being photographed! Contact Andy for more information; date to be confirmed.

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!

You are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children birth through 5th grade. We will enjoy crafts, the hunt and our delicious hot dog lunch. Hunting areas are separated by ages so all can enjoy the day! **Donations of wrapped candy are welcomed to be dropped off at the church by April 17.** This event is sponsored by Messy Church. Questions? Contact Cindy Banek (229-1771) or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org



Children

Youth



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

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

Volunteers Needed!

Looking for 1, 2 or 3 people with irons to help with a pre-Easter task the morning of April 15 at church. Interested? Please contact Debbie Bruss (220-9359).

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)

Lily Carriers Needed for Easter Services.

If you would like to participate in the lily procession at the beginning of the Easter morning services, please sign up on the sheets at the Connection Corner desk. There will be three services Easter morning: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.; 15 lily carriers are needed for each service. If you sign up to participate, you must be in the Church Narthex 20 minutes before the start of the service. If you have not participated in the Easter service procession in the past, please plan to attend the brief rehearsal on Saturday morning, April 20, 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist Women

OLIVE CASEY CIRCLE: April 1, 9:30 a.m. Den. Guest speaker will be Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music Ministries, WUMC.

CLARK/HERITAGE CIRCLE: April 2, 9:45 a.m., Den. David Hindman will speak about his experience walking the Camino de Compostello in Spain. Afterwards, lunch at Center Street Grill.

JEAN CRAIG CIRCLE: April 2, 1:30 p.m., Brookdale Retirement Center Activities Room.

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE: April 3, 10:00 a.m., Rm. 309. Guest speaker will be Jeffery Black, Executive Director of Angels of Mercy.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: April 9, 10:30 a.m., Den. Guest speaker will be Cory Trench, President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Williamsburg.

CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE: April 9, 1:00 p.m., Den. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Yowell, Director of Respite Care at WUMC.

SISTERS-IN-FAITH CIRCLE: April 9, 7:00 p.m., Rm. 309. Connie Bland will take us on a tour of the WUMC website to include navigation of the site, functions available and document retrieval. We will also discuss the initiatives of the five- year strategic plan for WUMC.

WILLIAMSBURG LANDING CIRCLE: April 16, 10:30 a.m. Williamsburg Landing, Main Building, 1st floor, next to kitchen.

Spring Cleaning?

Mark your calendars...Williamsburg United Methodist Bazaar will be held this year on November 2. Please save your treasures to be donated. Collections will begin in July. All proceeds go to UMW Missions.

The UMW Book Club will meet Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Brinkley, 207 Old Cart Road, in Powhatan Secondary. We will be reading and discussing *House of Purple Cedar*, by Tim Tingle. This book is in the Nurturing for Community category of the United Methodist Women's Reading Program.

Many of the 2019 books of the Reading Program are on display and available for checking out in the church library. For more information, contact Carol Brinkley (258-0617). All are welcome.

Silver Saints in April

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be Wednesday, April 10 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Our special guest speaker will be Capt. David J. Hardin, Chief Deputy, Williamsburg-James City Sheriff's office. He will speak about the duties and highlight the differences between the Sheriff's Office and the James City County Police Department.

Please bring \$1.00 for the chicken (provided) and a side dish or dessert to share. We enthusiastically welcome all new people to join our group! If you have questions about the Silver Saints, contact Flov Villa (564-0083).

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor, helps with funeral receptions or will provide help when you are sick. Jan Boykin (565-2950) and Sally Burri (565-9893) are the April coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

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>

United Methodist Men

Join us for the next UMM breakfast on Saturday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Jack Wray, a native of Toano, will present his plans for restoring and renovating Toano as a dynamic historic and commercial site. Contact John Tressler for a reservation; cost will be \$10.00.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are a wonderful gift our ministers can give to someone who is sick, lonely, or mourning the loss of a loved one. The hope is that the recipient will feel the warmth of God's loving arms wrapped around them when they wear the shawl and know they are not alone.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on a Wednesday and Thursday each month in the Church Den from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The next meeting dates will be: April 10 & 25, & May 8 & 23.

All are welcome – those who knit or crochet; beginners to experienced. For questions, please contact Wendy Geiger (570-4656) or wendy.geiger@cox.net



Kairos Retreat

“I was in prison and you visited me.”

Matthew 25:36

The spring Kairos Retreat at Greenville Correctional Center is April 25-28. During the weekend 40 inmates will learn of God's love and mercy. Our congregation is asked to participate in 3 ways:

- Prayers are solicited 24 hours a day during the weekend. Please pray for the Kairos team who are dedicated to bringing God's words of love to those in prison and for the men at Greenville seeking hope and direction.
- Spiritual placemats were created last November during our Thanksgiving Morning Ministry.
- Homemade cookies are a vital part of every retreat. Cookie recipes and packaging instructions can be found in the Reception Center. **The cookie delivery deadline: noon, April 24.**

Brochure Updates

Would you like to see your committee brochure in the new turnstile rack located to the left as you enter church from the back-parking lot doors? Committee chairs: pick up an old copy in the Narthex racks, revise and give to Nancy Reynolds in the Church Office to make updates. Thanks! Don't be left out.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sunday Worship

Worship at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19

Worship at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship at 8:00, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

(Sunday School will not be held Easter Sunday)

Childcare is available for all services except Easter sunrise

April Discipleship Calendar: "Bishop's Bible Reading Challenge for 2019"

For 2019, the Bishop's Bible Challenge will be a blended style of reading; a mixture of Old Testament and New Testament readings each day. In this new year, challenge yourself to study the Bible and strengthen your faith in the process.

	1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)
	Proverbs 25-26; Hebrews 3	Proverbs 27-29; Hebrews 4	Proverbs 30-31; Hebrews 5	Leviticus 1-3; Hebrews 6	Leviticus 4-5; Hebrews 7	Leviticus 6-7; Hebrews 8
7)	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)	13)
Leviticus 8-10; Hebrews 9	Leviticus 11-12; Hebrews 10:1-18	Leviticus 13; Hebrews 10:19-39	Leviticus 14; Hebrews 11:1-19	Leviticus 15-16; Hebrews 11:20-40	Leviticus 17-18; Hebrews 12	Leviticus 19-20; Hebrews 13
14)	15)	16)	17)	18)	19)	20)
Leviticus 21-22; Revelation 1	Leviticus 23-24; Revelation 2	Leviticus 25; Revelation 3	Leviticus 26-27; Revelation 4	Daniel 1-2; Revelation 5	Daniel 3-4; Revelation 6	Daniel 5-7; Revelation 7
21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27)
Daniel 8-10; Revelation 8	Daniel 11-12; Revelation 9	Ecclesiastes 1-3; Revelation 10	Ecclesiastes 4-6; Revelation 11	Ecclesiastes 7-9; Revelation 12	Ecclesiastes 10-12; Revelation 13	Numbers 1-2; Revelation 14
28)	29)	30)				
Numbers 3-4; Revelation 15	Numbers 5-6; Revelation 16	Numbers 7-8; Revelation 17				

**Church Year-To-Date Finances
February 28, 2019**

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL		BUDGET
	DOLLARS	PERCENT	PERCENT
Income	280,437	16.6%	16.7%
Expenditures	275,094	16.2%	16.7%
Difference	5,343		

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Helen Casey-Rutland

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Patti Olsson **11:00:** Barbara Monteith

Greeters 8:15: Bob and Nancy Parsons **11:00:** Gary and Kathy Drake

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:** Bud Rhodes

Worship Attendance480

**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 Christian Ed. & Discipleship* (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, Dir. of Children's Ministry
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

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 **today**. Join us! Simply complete the blue card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate, sign up on line at www.williamsburgumc.org/connect/become-a-member 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.