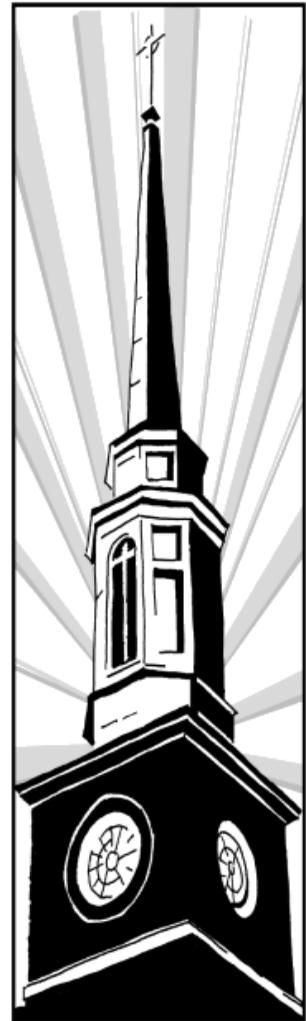


WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
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CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

March 3, 2019
Transfiguration Sunday



*Lord, it is good to be here—to hear your word, to share your story.
Help us see your Son for who he really is.
Help us listen to him, receive his forgiveness, and walk in his light. Amen.*

PRELUDE

COMMUNION
(Louis Vierne)

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

*HYMN 185 *red book*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy and awesome is the Lord!

Let us praise God's great and wondrous name!

The Lord's brightness shines upon us.

We will pray and sing in glad thanksgiving to God.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of the high and low, we come before you this day seeking your Holy presence. We come to sing praises, pray petitions, and listen to the Word at your holy mountain. We come to experience metamorphosis, to be changed into your people.

Change us in this hour so we might speak your Spirit of hope and grace to the world in unimaginable ways.

We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

8:15 a.m.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23 (192 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28-36 (69 NT)

SERMON

To Dream the Unimaginable

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

A COVENANT PRAYER

(Dan Forrest)

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 2164 *black book* SANCTUARY
HYMN 2171 *black book* MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE
HYMN 2173 *black book* SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
HYMN 2272 *black book* HOLY GROUND
HYMN 2273 *black book* JESUS, WE ARE HERE

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 404 *red book*

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT
(Adolphus Hailstork)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Don and Carol Nelson in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 31.

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, 3/4

7:00 WUMM Book Group

Tuesday, 3/5

7:00 Staff Parish

Wednesday, 3/6

12:15 Ash Wednesday Service
5:30 Recharge Dinner
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, 3/7

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 6, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for our annual *Pancake Dinner* served with *bacon, sausage and fresh fruit*. 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](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. Kitchen Team: Boy Scouts.

Follow-Up to General Conference Dealing with Sexuality Issues

Join us today, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to hear Bishop Peter Weaver and Lay Delegate Warren Harper answer questions, share their reflections and experiences at General Conference.

New ReCharge Class: Spiritual Disciplines

On Wednesdays, March 13, 20 and 27, Pastor Meghan will lead a course on spiritual disciplines to be held in the Williamsburg UMC Chapel, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Participants will be introduced to the concept of spiritual disciplines and practice three concrete forms of prayer that lead people toward God, inward and outward. A resource list of other spiritual disciplines will be provided to use during the season of Lent and beyond. Please RSVP to Meghan (229-1771).

"State of the Church" Address

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis will hold an address "State of the Church: Where Do We Go from Here?" and time for questions and answers following the Special Session of General Conference on Monday, March 4. The event will be livestreamed at www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Williamsburg UMC will also livestream the address in Fellowship Hall and all are invited to attend. Questions for this Q & A period may be sent to wayforward@vaumc.org prior to and during the event. Questions from Williamsburg UMC? Please contact Cindy Banek (229-1771).



Children

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

Youth Group

Morning: Join us in Fellowship Hall 9:30 a.m. to hear back from General Conference and the outcome on conversations around human sexuality.

Evening: Breathe Café – join us at 5:30 p.m. for a build-your-own-sub bar, games, holy conversation and most likely a bit of silliness.

Please hold in your prayers the group travelling to the York River District youth retreat March 8-10.

Sunday March 17: St Patrick themed evening.

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)*

Messy Church in March



Our next Messy Church will be Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Our theme for March is “Dusty Drawing, based on a story found in John 8:1-11 about forgiveness, kindness and friendship. Who is the kindest person you know? How can we follow the example of Jesus and reach out to others who are in need of a kind word or a friendly hand? And why was Jesus writing words in the sand? Come to Messy Church, and we will learn more about this story through Messy crafts (using items from the trash!), Messy games (throwing wet sponges!) and of course, playing with sand! We will also enjoy our usual delicious dinner and always unpredictable “Celebration Time.” Messy Church is free and open to anyone! Any questions about Messy Church, please contact Cindy Banek (229-1771).

Youth



Youth

United Methodist Women

Circles

OLIVE CASEY CIRCLE: March 4, 9:30 a.m. at The Respite Care Center. Members will help clean and sort activity materials.

CLARK/HERITAGE CIRCLE: March 5, 9:45 a.m. Den. Linda Upshaw and Gwen Hamrick will present a program titled "Gadgets in Your Life".

JEAN CRAIG CIRCLE: March 5, 1:30 p.m. Brookdale Retirement Center Activities Room.

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE: March 6, 10:00 a.m. Rm 309. Our speaker will be David Hindman.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: March 12, 10:30 a.m. Den. Ray Morgan will share the story of the Ossuary of Saint James.

CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE: March 12, 1:00 p.m. Den. Program speaker will be Mary Spence.

SISTERS-IN-FAITH CIRCLE: March 12, 7:00 p.m. Rm 309. We will be assembling kits for UMCOR and planning Easter Dinner for Wesley Students.

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

United Methodist Women's Sunday

Please plan to participate with us for our annual Williamsburg United Methodist Women's Sunday on March 24. We are proud to 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 is hosting 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!

Book Club

The UMW Book Club will meet on Monday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Griffin, 116 Heathy, in Ford's Colony. We will be reading and discussing from the Leadership Development category *Because I am a Girl, I can Change the World*, by Rosemary McCarney with Jen Albaugh and Plan International. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Carol Brinkley (258-0617) or cpbrinkley@aol.com



Ash Wednesday Services

March 6, 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary.

Silver Saints in March

The next meeting of the Silver Saints will be on Wednesday, March 13, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$1.00 for the fried chicken, a side dish or dessert to share and donations for FISH, our local food pantry. The program will feature Scott Brubaker, from Apex Physical Therapy, who will discuss problems with balance that can be helped with physical therapy. He will also discuss problems with dementia such as Alzheimer's Disease. There will be plenty of time for questions after the presentation. Silver Saints is a fellowship group for those 50 plus years-old, and we enthusiastically welcome new people! If you have questions, please call Eloy Villa (564-0083).

The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land

Wonder how the continuing occupation of the Palestinian territories has harmed both Israeli and Palestinian societies and what are the realities of the contemporary human rights concerns in the occupied Palestinian territories? Learn about this and more, through *The Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land*, a five-week small group created by Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP). Led by David Hindman and David Benedict, this class will be offered each Wednesday in Lent, March 13-April 17, 6:45 -8:30 p.m. Register now; contact Cindy Banek cbanek@williamsburgumc.org or (229-1771).

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

All are welcome – those who knit or crochet; beginners to experienced. Join us in the Den where we will knit/crochet and pray together. Yarn donations are being collected. Consider picking up a ball or two to help support this ministry. For questions, please contact Wendy Geiger (570-4656) or wendy.geiger@cox.net

2019 Confirmation Class

Pastor Meghan and Youth Director Andy invite youth in the 8th grade to participate in our 2019 Confirmation class. Grades 9th - 12th who have not been confirmed are welcome, too. In the United Methodist Church, Confirmation is 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, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 17 in Room 161. Confirmation sessions will be held May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center Rm. 180-182. Recharge dinner will be provided at no cost to the participants.** Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Meghan at mclayton@williamsburgumc.org or Youth Director Andy Glascott at aglascott@williamsburgumc.org

Meeting Update

The Bereavement Support Group has been moved from Wednesday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 13. The meeting is held from 12-1:00 p.m. in the Den.

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 March coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton

Communion Servers: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton, Helen Casey-Rutland (**8:15**): Retired Clergy (**11:00**): David Benedict

Assisting with Communion 8:15: Joy Mair, Becky Morgan, Dick Morgan, Bud Voorhess **11:00:** Carol Brinkley, Kent Brinkley, Mary Liz Sadler, Sam Sadler

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Mike Sams **11:00:** David Benedict

Greeters 8:15: Russ and Janet Henke **11:00:** Dick and Mary Jo Bennett

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, 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 Attendance..... 559
Sunday School..... 178

The deadline for

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

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

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Greg Whiteside, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

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Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

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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.

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 **March 31**. 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.