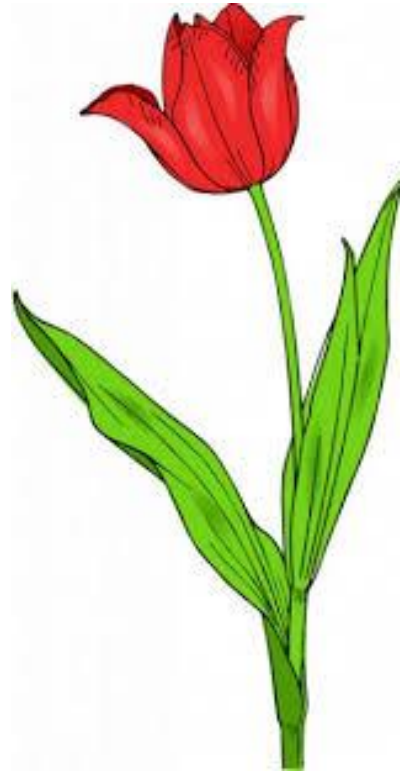


WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
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CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter



Even when we were dead, Paul writes. Even when we turned away from the One who had created us. Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God. Even when we were oblivious. Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing but our own desires. Even when we wandered far and willfully away. Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see the wonders not of our making. Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks, to lean into the love that had waited long for us. Even when, Paul writes. Even when, even then: grace.

PRELUDE

RHYTHMIC RONDELLE
(Cynthia Dobrinski)

Covenant Ringers

*HYMN 2116 *black book*

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—

**We are members of God's family,
and brothers and sisters to one another.**

There are no outsiders here among us,
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

**For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.
Let's join together in worship!**

*OPENING PRAYER

**New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long
you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us a desire
to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and to devote
this day to your Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Charles Wesley Graves (11:00)
Born September 14, 2018
Son of Scott and Crystal Graves

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Charles whom we this day recognize as a members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that this child may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that Charles, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

*HYMN 2249 *black book*

GOD CLAIMS YOU
(Please insert "Charles" for child's 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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SPIRITED BELL BOOGIE

(James C. Smith)

Covenant Ringers, 11:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

EPHESIANS 2:1-22 (192 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE BLESSING

(Paul McKlveen)

In Nomine Dei Ringers

SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 20:19-31 (115 NT)

SERMON

The Good—and Troubling —News of Easter

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

*HYMN

CHRIST HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL

Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are.

Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears, cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.

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.

OFFERTORY

LORD OF THE DANCE

(Mark Hayes)

Holley Walling, soprano

*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

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Travis Tooley

8:15 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Travis Tooley, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that Travis may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Travis, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Travis Tooley

8:15 a.m.

Mark and Maria Smith

11:00 a.m.

Thomas Hale

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 307 *red book*

CHRIST IS RISEN

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

TOCCATA IN E MINOR

(Vincent Lubeck)

Andrew Warrick,
W&M organ student

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Linda Hansell in remembrance of all beloved family members on the 100th anniversary of my mother's birthday.

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, 4/29

5:15 Orchestra Practice
7:00 WUMM Book Group

Wednesday, 5/1

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

Thursday, 5/2

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

Senior Pastor's Bible Study

*What Miracles Are Made Of:
The Power of Jesus' Miracles for
Today*

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.;
repeated Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
concluding June 12/13.

Then we take a break for the
summer.

All are welcome.

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."

You Are Invited

W&M organ students will play their end-of-semester performance in the Sanctuary tomorrow, April 29, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop in and listen! All are welcome!

Recharge Dinner

Join us on May 1, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a delicious dinner of *meatloaf, whipped 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

Plant Exchange

The Green Committee will sponsor a plant giveaway on Sunday, May 5. We hope you will bring excess plants from your gardens to share with others and find something new to add to your own garden.



Youth

Children

Nursery available all
Sunday morning
Room 203

Worship Activity Bags
available outside
Sanctuary doors

Kid's Morning Out (KMO)

Join us Friday, May 3, 5 -7:00 p.m. at Blaze Pizza, 5134 Main Street in New Town for a KMO fundraiser; 20% of the sales will be donated to KMO. Interested? Pick up a flyer from Director Laura Pittman or visit the church website: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/let-us-help/kids-morning-out> You must show flyer BEFORE you checkout.

Vacation Bible School Registration

2019 Vacation Bible School will be hosted the week of July 15 - 19. VBS will meet from 9:00-12:00 p.m. every morning that week. Friday will feature our end of the week closing program followed by lunch! If you are interested in registering your child or signing up for volunteering, please contact Anthony Williams at awilliams@williamsburgumc.org or (229-1771) ext. 108.

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 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center, Rm. 180.

Evening: Join us at 5:30 p.m. at Breathe Café for food, conversation, prayer and games. Open to all middle and high schoolers.

Messy Church in May

Our next Messy Church will be Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Our theme is, “Pray, Pray, Pray,” and we will be talking about prayer based on Luke 18:1-8. How is your prayer life? Are you persistent in prayer or too busy for a conversation with God? And what about God? Does He really want to talk with me? Maybe if God had email, prayer would be easier! God cares about His people. What are some injustices that you see in the world? Hunger, poverty, sickness, inequality are just a few of the injustices we see among people. Come to Messy Church and discover the importance of praying for all through age-appropriate crafts, games and Messy Celebration Time. Enjoy a delicious family dinner, too. For further information about Messy Church, contact Cindy Banek (229-1771).

Youth

Children



United Methodist Women

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE: May 1, 10:00 a.m., Rm. 309.

OLIVE CASEY CIRCLE: May 6, 9:30 a.m. Den. Guest speaker: Joyce Stedelbauer.

CLARK/HERITAGE CIRCLE: May 7, 9:45 a.m., Den. Guest speaker: Cindy Freeman.

JEAN CRAIG CIRCLE: May 7, 1:30 p.m., Brookdale Retirement Center Activities Room. Speaker: Pam McGregor.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: May 14, 10:30 a.m., Den. Guest speaker: Mary Jo Bennett.

CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE: May 14, 1:00 p.m., Den. Guest speaker: Carol Schuster.

SISTERS-IN-FAITH CIRCLE: May 14, 7:00 p.m., Rm. 309. Guest speaker: Pam McGregor.

WILLIAMSBURG LANDING CIRCLE: May 21, 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.

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 Sandy Crawford (229-0860) are the May coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

The UMW Book Club will meet Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Kline, 118 Ware Rd. We will be reading from the Leadership Development category *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography*, by Harold Ivan Smith. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Carol Brinkley (258-0617) or cpbrinkley@aol.com

United Methodist Men

Rev. Hyo-Won Park, a Methodist minister from Korea, serving as a new church planter in St. Petersburg, Russia, is the speaker for the next UMM Breakfast. Join us for a full breakfast Saturday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. A full breakfast will be served; \$10.00 each. Contact John Tressler for a reservation.

Sanctuary Volunteers

Looking for folks to join us for a couple hours of tidying up the Sanctuary on Friday mornings. Choose a Friday and work with us on a consistent schedule each month. Job includes straightening up the pew racks for Sunday worship. If interested, please call Sandy Simmons (564-6885).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet May 8 and 23, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Den. All are welcome – Questions? Contact Wendy Geiger (570-4656).

Adult Sunday School

Several of our Adult Sunday School classes are beginning new studies on Sunday, April 28. Now is a good time to join a class:

Aldersgate: *Creed* by Adam Hamilton, Wesley Hall

Bishop McKendree: *Christianity's Family Tree*, by Adam Hamilton, Rm. 102

World Religions: *Christianity & World Religions*, by Adam Hamilton, Rm. 101

Searchers': *All the Places to Go*, by John Ortberg, Rm. 171

Growing Families (formerly Young Adults): *Lenten Study* by Shane Stanford, Den

Marvin Willard Bible Class: *Celebrate Colossians*, by John Loy, Rm. 174

Christian-Life Connections: Rm. 309

Fellowship Class: *International Lesson Series Call and Commissioning* (Matthew 28:16-20), Rm. 103

Music News

Summer Choir begins June 2. Come, lift up your voice with our faithful choir members, without an extra time commitment! Rehearsals are 30 minutes before each service (7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). For more information, contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music Ministries, lsmith@williamsburgumc.org

Youth Collecting Food

FISH, Inc. of Williamsburg, is an all-volunteer not-for-profit agency helping residents of the Williamsburg community with food, clothing, volunteers and financial donations. In 2018, FISH provided food equivalent to over 171,000 meals to 548 homes. Sunday, May 19, our youth will stock the shelves at FISH. Please consider making a special donation on May 19 and help "Can Hunger". All types of non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested items include:

- spaghetti & spaghetti sauce
- beans (Great Northern, baked)
- canned chicken, tuna, Spam/Treet
- rice, instant mashed potatoes
- oatmeal and cereals
- peanut butter
- boxed macaroni & cheese
- grape jelly
- saltine crackers
- canned soups and stews
- applesauce & canned fruits
- canned vegetables
- powdered milk

Toiletries and cleaning products are also welcome, including:

- shampoo, bath soap
- laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid
- toothbrushes, toothpaste - razors, toilet paper



Looking for Help

ReCharge Dinner is looking for volunteers. Can you spare an hour to help with clean-up on a Wednesday night from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.? Can you do easy tasks like drying dishes? You will receive special consideration if you would like to learn how to operate the dishwasher! No experience needed – we provide all training, dishrags and aprons. To apply for one of these coveted positions, contact Cindy Banek (229-1771) or cbanek@williamsburgumc.org. Positions open now through June 12.



Magnificent Melodies

Today, The Early Childhood Music School will be hosting its Spring Magnificent Melodies concert. The concert will feature children and youth choirs from Williamsburg United Methodist Church, Williamsburg First Presbyterian Church and the Williamsburg Community Chapel. This event is a wonderful children's concert that will also include a children's program to help enhance the program for the young ones. The concert starts at 3:00 p.m. and there is a reception that follows. Admission is free, but donations towards Elliot's Song are appreciated!

Words from the Bishop

Bishop Pete Weaver, the Interim Bishop of the Virginia Conference, is inviting clergy and laity to join him for a time of worship and conversation. Our District will gather with the James River District on Saturday, May 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Williamsburg UMC. "Our United Methodist Church around the world has been on a 'Way Forward' journey from the 2016 General Conference through the 2019 Special General Conference in February. Another step along the way will come at the end of April with the decisions that our Judicial Council (Supreme Court) will make concerning the legislation that was passed at the 2019 General Conference. We will share in Communion, seek to care for one another, and look at the meaning of the Judicial Council decisions and their implications as your Bishop and Cabinet seek to follow the *Book of Discipline* which governs our church." All members of our congregation are invited to join in this conversation on May 18.

Thanks so much for all who participated behind the scenes, and those who participated in all services during Lent and Easter Sunday. It's such a blessing to have volunteers!

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

For 2019, the Bishop's Bible Challenge is a blended style of reading; a mixture of Old Testament and New Testament readings each day. Start today and schedule a time each day to read the Bible!

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5)	Numbers 20-22; Revelation 22			Numbers 9-11; Revelation 18	Numbers 12-14; Revelation 19	Numbers 15-16; Revelation 20	Numbers 17-19; Revelation 21
	6)	Numbers 23-25; Matthew 1	7)	8)	9)	10)	11)
12)	1 Kings 1-2; Matthew 6:1-18	Numbers 26-28; Matthew 2	Numbers 29-31; Matthew 3	Numbers 32-34; Matthew 4	Numbers 35-36; Matthew 5:1-26	Jonah 1-4; Matthew 5:27-48	
	13)	1 Kings 3-5; Matthew 6:19-34	14)	15)	16)	17)	18)
19)	1 Kings 16-18; Matthew 10:1-20	Matthew 6:19-34	1 Kings 6-7; Matthew 7	1 Kings 8-9; Matthew 8:1-17	1 Kings 10-11; Matthew 8:18-34	1 Kings 12-13; Matthew 9:1-17	1 Kings 14-15; Matthew 9:18-38
	20)	1 Kings 19-20; Matthew 10:21-42	21)	22)	23)	24)	25)
26)	2 Kings 13-14; Matthew 14:1-21	Matthew 10:21-42	1 Kings 21-22; Matthew 11	2 Kings 1-3; Matthew 12:1-23	2 Kings 4-6; Matthew 12:24-50	2 Kings 7-9; Matthew 13:1-30	2 Kings 10-12; Matthew 13:31-58
	27)	2 Kings 15-16; Matthew 14:22-36	28)	29)	30)	31)	
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Church Year-To-Date Finances March 31, 2019

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL		BUDGET
	DOLLARS	PERCENT	PERCENT
Income	395,222	23.3%	25.0%
Expenditures	419,836	24.8%	25.0%
Difference	<24,614>		

Sign Up For E-notes

Sign up for weekly E-Notes and receive the latest photos and information on WUMC and meet members in our member spotlight section. Email Thomas Redmond tredmond@williamsburgumc.org

You may also share your email with the church office (229-1771) to receive the WUMC newsletter *The Messenger*, and also receive information on memorial services and notices pertaining to inclement weather. You don't have to be a member to stay in touch.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Meghan Roth Clayton, Bill Jones

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Guest Organist: Barbara Stahl

Readers 8:15: Terri Morgan **11:00:** David Benedict

Greeters 8:15: Gordon and Judy Angles **11:00:** Lee and Vicki Hauser

Ushers 8:15: John Ayscue, Al Horine, Bill Mershon, Dick Morgan, Bob Simmons, Carrie van Leliveld **11:00:** Joye Barnes, Lee Barnes, Kent Brinkley, John Brubaker, Sherry Brubaker, Gene Bruss, Kay Colton, Wil Colton, Bill Hill, Barbara Monteith, Marty Monteith, Roger Ricks, Bob Spencer

Sound System: Bud Rhodes

Hymn: *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*, used by permission © Choristers Guild.

Easter Worship Attendance 1161

*For those who use offering envelopes, please print your name. Makes it a little easier to read.
Thanks.*

The deadline for

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

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Bill Jones, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

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

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Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Music for Children and Youth, Dir. of Children's Ministry*

and Dir. Early Childhood Music School (x 108)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

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

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

Nethea Calloway, *Bookkeeper* (x 351)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Andy Glascott, *Youth Director* (x 259)

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

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

Jim Goldhammer, *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. 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 **May 19**. 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.