

WILLIAMSBURG
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Welcoming Neighbors
Nurturing Faith
Transforming Our World

October 25, 2020
Reformation Sunday



Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal. Renew in the whole Church that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom which will unite all Christians in one mission to the world. May we all grow up together in him who is our head, the Savior of the world. Amen.

(Olive Wyon, England, 20th Cent., Alt. United Methodist Book of Worship)

GATHERING

A MEDLEY OF CHERISHED HYMNS AND SONGS

WORD OF GREETING

*FROM PSALM 90

Throughout all generations, O God, you have been our dwelling place.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

As those who seek to serve the Lord, may we see you at work in the world.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

May your loving-faithfulness, Holy One, be upon us—
throughout this time of worship and when we leave this place.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

*OPENING PRAYER

O gracious God, we pray for your holy Church universal,
that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it;

where it is in error, direct it;

where in anything it is amiss, reform it;

where it is right, establish it;

where it is in want, provide for it;

where it is divided, reunite it;

for the sake of him who died and rose again,
and ever lives to make intercession for us,

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt. UM Book of Worship)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

RULE OF LIFE

(arr. Cynthia Wilson)

Virtual Choir

MOMENT OF TEACHING

Our young disciples are invited to remain with their families for this time of sharing.

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 22:34-46 (25 NT)

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What do you think of the Christ?"

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

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.**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Doxology

*As the people depart, you are invited to place your offering in the receptacle
beside the chancel exit doors.*

MUSICAL RESPONSE

WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

(William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*)

Virtual Choir

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

EIN' FESTE BURG IST UNSER GOTT

(Jan Bender)

*The congregation is invited to stand, in body or in spirit.

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by
Bob and Susanne Henderson.

We are so grateful for your presence with us!
Much planning and care has gone into our return to in-person worship.
Please make sure to keep your mask over both nose and mouth at all times
while on our campus.

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

THIS WEEK AT WUMC

Today

11:00 Worship Service

Monday, 10/26

7:00 p.m. UMW ZOOM

Tuesday, 10/27

11:00 a.m. Bell Practice

10:00 a.m. Mem. Garden Rm. 174

5:30 p.m. Church Council ZOOM

WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We invite you to participate in all the ministries and activities of the congregation.

Chancel Flowers

The **2021 Flower Calendar** is located outside the Sanctuary on the bulletin board. You may sign up now with any important anniversaries or seasons you would want to commemorate.



CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor, helps with funeral receptions or will provide help when you are sick. Linda Inge (345-6527) and Barbara Glover (229-1198) are the October coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exterior doors will remain locked. Please call the church (229-1771) to be admitted at "the Banner Entrance." Masks and sign-ins will be required, so that we can show care for one another's well-being.

Save the Dates

Virginia Annual Conference session will take place Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Charge Conference for Williamsburg UMC is scheduled for Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link will be available in the enotes.

WAYS TO WORSHIP AT WUMC

Stay connected to God and one another through our weekly Livestream worship, available at our church website:

<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services>

and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/williamsburgumc

each Sunday. Our worship will be livestreamed at 11:00 a.m., and available in recorded format shortly after the service concludes.

Worship By Phone

Worship for those not On-Line: WUMC now offers Worship by Phone. This service enables those who would rather experience worship without the use of a computer simply to call a dedicated number and listen to the service early Sunday afternoon on any phone. It can be accessed 24 hours a day. Call (757) 345-2426 to be connected to worship.

**New Short-Term Study:
Road Trip - Discovering the Routes
(Roots) of Methodism in America**

You are invited on a (virtual) road trip across the United States to discover the many routes (roots) of Methodism in America. Your tour guide is Cindy Banek, and our first stop is Savannah, Georgia. In a September sermon series, Pastor Dave brought us an overview of John Wesley's time in Savannah. Now let us continue that adventure by learning more about Wesley and Savannah of the 1730's. Part travelogue, part history lesson, part Wesleyan theology, you will partner with the Wesley brothers (yes, Charles came along, too!) on their jaunt to the New World. No GPS needed – just your computer in the comfort of your own home! The tour bus leaves on two successive Wednesdays, November 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Registration (tickets!) available soon. This is the first in an occasional series on discovering Methodism in America.



November 1

Stephen Ministry Training Class

With the continuing pandemic, Stephen Ministers are needed now more than ever to provide encouragement and support to those in need. Now is a great time to take Stephen Ministry training via Zoom from the comfort of your own home. If you have felt called to join this ministry, contact Carol Schuster schustercarol922@gmail.com for more information. The class will begin in the new year but, for planning purposes, we need to know of your commitment by November 2.

On-Line Sunday School Classes

The following three Sunday School classes: Searchers, Bishop McKendree and Marvin Willard Bible meet online via Zoom on Sunday mornings. The Searchers are studying "The Color of Compromise." Bishop McKendree is studying "All the Places to Go ...How Will You Know?" by John Ortberg. Both classes begin at 9:00 a.m. Marvin Willard Bible Class is studying Adam Hamilton's, "Moses, in the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet" at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to join any of these classes, contact Cindy Banek, cbanek@williamsburg umc.org

Memorial Garden

Williamsburg United Methodist Church established the Memorial Garden as a site for interment and inurnment of cremains for church members and their immediate families as well as clergy and staff currently employed or retired from WUMC and their immediate families. The Memorial Garden seeks to provide a place to receive the cremains of loved ones while also providing a place to meditate and reflect in peace and tranquility. The Garden is a setting in which cremains are perpetually cared for.

For more information about the Memorial Garden or to arrange a private tour of the Garden, call the Church Office (229-1771).



Winter Coats for Head Start

October 1 – November 1

WUMC designates each October as “Winter Coats for Head Start” month. Williamsburg children in the Head Start program need warm coats to wear to school and to play in the winter. Children in the pre-school program

are 3-5 years old and wear sizes 3, 3T, 4, 4T, 5 and 5T. Coats may also be dropped in the “Collection Closet” in the Church Reception Area any time you are in our church building.

Thanksgiving Morning Ministry

Thanksgiving Day 2020 will be a variation on our annual celebration of preparing meals and useful gifts on Thanksgiving morning.

Meals: Due to the pandemic and the care we are exercising about everyone’s health, we will prepare 200 turkey dinners the day before Thanksgiving, working in conjunction with *Meals on Wheels*. **We will not be collecting canned vegetables this year.** A community charity will deliver the hot meals on Thanksgiving Day.



Activities: Because we can’t gather in large groups this year, toiletry kits, ornaments, blessing bags, fleece pillows and other gifts will be made by families at home. Supplies and instructions will be available in “kits” and completed kits will be collected in time for a winter distribution. Details for obtaining kits will be provided in the Sunday bulletin and E-notes soon.

The shopping list this year is short! Please help by providing \$15.00 to purchase the meal and kit components.

- Make your check out to Williamsburg UMC
- Designate: “Turkey Day” on the memo line
- Mail or deliver to WUMC by November 22.

Extra food will be given to a community food program. Extra money will be used for hands on mission projects.

Thank you! Local Outreach Work Area

WUMC Staff Person Departs

We rejoiced with Carolyn Yowell, our Executive Director of Respite Care Ministries, at the birth of her granddaughter in August. With Blair Avery Yowell's arrival, Carolyn has discerned the need to spend time in care of her and has decided to depart the Respite Care ministry. She is working closely with the Respite Care Board, as well as the Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee, to ensure that a healthy continuity is assured in the transition, which we anticipate next month. Carolyn's ten years with us have seen a profound transformation of the Respite Care ministry, with hundreds of lives touched. We wish her joy with family and renew our commitment to the ministry she has helped to build.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy: Meghan Roth Clayton, Dave Rochford

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Reader: Nathalie Bacskay

Greeters: Debbie Bruss, Nancy Donnelly, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Fran Lane, Linda Upshaw

Ushers: Wil Colton, Bonnie Knitzako, Bud Voorhess, Anne Wilson, Gale Wilson

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Emileigh Radcliff, Anthony Williams

Worship Attendance October 18

Livestream 189

In-Person 46

**The deadline for
This Also Is Our Worship
is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.**

November 3



Important In-Person Worship Information

We are so pleased to resume in-person worship in the Sanctuary! As a reminder, registration for in-person is required; please go to the church website: <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/> and click on the button "In-Sanctuary Worship Registration." Registration for in-sanctuary worship opens each Monday morning and closes on Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. for the following Sunday. Also, if you are participating in the worship service or serving as an usher or greeter, please remember to register.

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Dave Rochford, *Senior Pastor* (x 260)

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

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

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

Nethea Calloway, *Bookkeeper* (x 351)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Greg Whiteside, *Facilities Manager* (x 355)

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

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Associate Pastor* (x261)

Mitzi Cole, *Dir. of Congregational Care* (x 357)

Thomas Marshall, *Organist* (713-0584)

Jim Goldhammer, *Finance Manager* (x 351)

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

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

Emileigh Radcliff, *Worship Technologist*

Max Blalock, *W&M Campus Minister* (229-6832)

Welcome To
WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
We Are Glad You Are Here!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.

Preregistration for In-Person worship is required, so that we can safely accommodate all persons. You may register at www.williamsburgumc.org or by phone (757) 229-1771.

Live streaming of worship

Will be available each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (<https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/livestream-services>), and the recorded service will be on the Worship Page.

Assisted listening devices

are available from the ushers. Those with a "*t-coil*" switch in their hearing aids can simply activate the switch. Please advise an usher if you have this need.

CLASSES, GROUPS, AND BIBLE STUDY...

Continue online! Please see the church website (www.williamsburgumc.org) for a variety of choices. These are by zoom, so it is a great time to stop-in and see if a class suits you!

MESSY CHURCH 2nd TUESDAY EACH MONTH

A fun video devotion especially for families is offered.

FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Children's Ministry activities (primarily virtual) include Sunday School, Newsletter Activities, as well as Children's Choir. If you are interested in participating, please contact Anthony Williams at awilliams@williamsburgumc.org

YOUTH GROUP (grades 6-12)

Meets by Zoom weekly on Fridays at noon and has in-person times of fellowship with safety precautions in place. Contact Pastor Meghan for details mclayton@williamsburgumc.org

INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF WUMC?

Speak with either of our Pastors, Revs. Meghan Roth Clayton or Dave Rochford, after the service, or call (757) 229-1771. They will be delighted to get to know you.

PRAYER

Contact the church office to speak to a pastor or submit a prayer request on the church website. Prayer concerns will be added to the prayer chain as desired or 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.

Emergency Contact Information

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