

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



RESTORE

to me



*the joy
of your salvation*

Psalms 51:12

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

Sermon Series on the Wesleyan Way of Grace: Justifying Grace

PRELUDE

O Jesu, äh de Dina (Around You, O Lord Jesus)
(Stephen Gabrielsen)

INTROIT

Be Joyful in the Lord
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Romans 5

While we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for us, the ungodly.

**God demonstrates his own love toward us,
in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Much more then, having now been justified by his blood, we shall be saved
from the wrath of God through him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled
God through the death of his Son, then much more,

**having been reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
We exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God; according to your steadfast love, blot out my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a right spirit within me.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths shall give forth your praise! Amen.

MOMENT OF TEACHING

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary. At 11:00 a.m.,
Grades K-5 are invited to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall to encounter God in story, song,
and play. Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 5:6-11, John 3:1-6 (155 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Walk Humbly With Your God
(Joel Raney)

Sanctuary Choir

MESSAGE

Frame-off Restoration

Dave Rochford

*HYMN

Living for Jesus

TFWS 2149 (black book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895 (red book)

**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

As the Deer
(arr. Mark Kellner)

Sanctuary Orchestra

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH 365 (red book)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing
(W. Daniel Landes)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing
(G.F. Handel)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of
loving family members by the Harris, Byrd and Smith families

****congregation invited to stand***

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Date: Sunday, November 5

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Chestnut Memorial UMC, 1024 Harpersville Rd., Newport News

THIS ALSO IS OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

If an event or ministry below captures your interest, we would love to know about it.

Please call us at 757 229-1771.

Welcoming Neighbors – Nurturing Faith – Transforming Our World

A Special Welcome to Our Guests

To those visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you worship with us. Please stop by the Hospitality Station in our Atrium after the service, so a team member can provide you with a welcome gift. Come back to be with us again!

In-Person and ZOOM Adult Sunday School Classes

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church or ZOOM from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Aldersgate Fellowship: Wesley Hall – *Galatians* with Helen Casey Rutland

Bishop McKendree: Rm. 102 - will study the *Book of Acts* featuring Mickey Efird

Marvin Willard: Rm. 174 - *Journey Through the Bible: Exodus-Deuteronomy*

Searchers: Rm. 309 and ZOOM - *Shiny Gods: Finding Freedom From Things That Distract Us*
Meeting ID: 879 6350 3829 | Passcode: 595342

Walking the Footsteps: Rm. 160 - A Small Group experience for a deepened understanding of the Christian journey of faith.

Contemporary Christian Life: Rm. 171 - A Small Group experience focused on finding healthy boundaries in life.

Questions? Contact **Deacon Troy Sims** tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771.

October is Fire Prevention Month

Each year in October the nation recognizes the importance of fire safety. Everyone is encouraged to develop or review a fire escape plan for their personal home and at their place of business, and to check their fire/smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly. We here at Williamsburg United Methodist Church support this effort by encouraging everyone to review the fire escape plans posted around the church building and in each pew in our sanctuary. During the month of October we will have an unannounced fire drill. A review of the fire exit plans for the church will help to make sure that the fire drill goes smoothly and accomplishes its intended objective, to alleviate concern and confusion, and assure that everyone will be safe in case of an emergency.

Pastors' Bible Study: Heresy! The Forging of the Christian Faith

Study continues Wednesdays October 25 – November 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Thursday, October 26 – November 16, 10:30-12:00 p.m. via Zoom. To register, contact Rev. Dave Rochford drochford@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771 or visit www.tinyurl.com/wumc-pastors-study.



Almost Pumpkin Time

Join us for the 6th annual Pumpkin Pick-N-Paint to benefit Kid's Morning Out! Open to the community and all ages, come pick a pumpkin and head over to the Decoration Station. We will provide paint, brushes, stickers, etc. to decorate your pumpkin. There will also be a bake sale table with some sweet treats! All proceeds go to benefit WUMC's weekday preschool ministry. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Laura Pittman, Director KMO 757 229-1771.

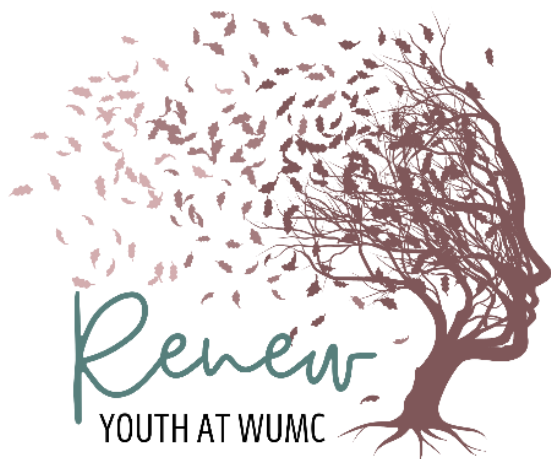
Children and Youth

October 27 – All Ages Game Night

ALL AGES GAME NIGHT!

Friday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. -
Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite board and card games along with some snacks to share so that young and young at heart folks of all ages can enjoy playing games together. We'll even have a Nintendo Switch for some gaming tournaments! Questions? Please contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or Zach Griggs zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org



**Join us each Wednesday at
6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room
For student's 6th to 12th grade.**

October Committees

Oct 23	7:00 p.m..... UWF Committee
Oct 24	7:00 p.m..... Church Council

Understanding Your Grief

Find support, fellowship and hope among others experiencing grief. Using Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book *Understanding Your Grief* and the accompanying journal, Rev. David Hindman and Stephen Ministry Leader Nancy Rivero will guide you through a 5-week series, in Rm. 174 beginning today - November 19, 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration at www.tinyurl.com/wumcgriefgroup Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan at 757-229-1771.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Jan Boykin 757 565-2950 and Elaine Howell 703 463-7013 are the October coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

Winter Coat Drive For Preschoolers

October is Outerwear Month!

Join Local Outreach in reaching the goal of providing at least 125 *new* coats for preschool children: sizes 4-8. The Head Start Preschool enables these little ones to interact with other children and learn basic skills necessary to succeed in school, and the children who attend need warm coats to wear to school and play outside during the winter months. Coats can be dropped off in the Collection Closet located near the Connection Corner Welcome Desk any time during the month of October.



United Women in Faith Event

Get out your recipes, the flour, the sugar and the pie pans. Heritage Circle is sponsoring the Bake Sale Table at the UWF Fall Festival on Saturday, November 4. Please bring your contributions to church on Friday, November 3 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or on Saturday, November 4 at 8:00 a.m. Please bring your baked items packaged and maybe decorated to sell (example: cookies packaged in small amounts in Ziplock bags or decorated plates). Also include a list of the ingredients so people can check for allergens. Proceeds from the Fall Festival go to support local and global missions. Thanks!

Sisters In Spirit Women's Retreat - Ages 13 And Above

When: Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10 – 11

Where: 4-H Center on the James River

Deadline to Register: TODAY

Prepare yourself for an extraordinary, soul-nourishing weekend that promises not just to deepen your faith, but to also forge lasting, meaningful connections with your fellow sisters in Christ. This retreat is more than a getaway; it's a sanctuary for spiritual growth and communal bonding, set against the serene backdrop of the James River. Don't miss this transformative experience that will rejuvenate your spirit, mind, and body. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. <https://tinyurl.com/2023-SiS-Retreat>



About That Time... Thanksgiving Day is only a month away! This year our church will again partner with Meals on Wheels to prepare 125 individual dinners. Some of the meals will go to neighbors in need who live in the Grove community. Others will be delivered to individuals housed in local motels without cooking facilities.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, a team of church volunteers are needed to help package the meals, both at Meals on Wheels and in the Fellowship Hall at WUMC. On Thanksgiving morning a few volunteers are needed to ready the hot meals for delivery. Prior to the holiday, groups within the church will make placemats and Christmas ornaments for our Thanksgiving meals and will assemble toiletry kits to be used for the Winter Shelter Ministry. If you are interested in participating and have not already agreed to assist, contact Melody Nichols at melnichols@comcast.net or 434 996-5516.

We also appreciate donations to help us fund this ministry. It costs approximately \$15 to purchase the components of each meal and the supplies for the gifts we provide to the community. Checks should be made out to Williamsburg UMC, with "Thanksgiving Meals" noted on the memo line. Please mail or deliver your check to the church prior to November 23. Any extra food will be given to a community food program and unused funds will be donated to a local food distribution center.

Today's Service

- Worship Leaders:** Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims
- Director of Worship Arts:** Lou-Anne Smith
- Organist:** Tom Marshall
- Readers 8:15:** Warren Harper
- Acolytes 8:15:** Gwen Hinton **11:00:** Ella Bullock
- Greeters 8:15:** Barbara Neary, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Lee Hauser, Vicki Hauser
- Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, Lily Alexander, Josh Clayton
- Nursery Care Provider:** Kristina Wolf, Alexa Mikeska

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The Deadline for *This Also Is Our Worship*: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. Please submit to Nancy Reynolds.

October 15 Worship Attendance.....	440
In Person 11:00 a.m.	172
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	112
Online.....	76
Messy Church.....	80

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF WUMC?

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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 available at <https://www.williamsburgumc.org/worship/sunday-worship> by mid-afternoon Sunday. Upon entering the Sanctuary, understand that we are posting images to our media platforms. If you are uncomfortable with this, please let the ushers know you need to sit in an area away from camera angles. We are happy to accommodate!

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.

Need a Quiet Place During Worship?

Next to the Chapel, the Den is open as a quiet place during Worship. It's equipped to watch worship livestream, has a partitioned feeding area and a diaper changing station for parents and caregivers.

Nursery

Care is available for Pre-K and younger in the Seedlings Room 207. Our trained and background-checked care providers are ready to welcome your little ones during Worship and Sunday School.

CLASSES, GROUPS, AND BIBLE STUDY...

Please see the church website at www.williamsburgumc.org for a variety of choices. These are conducted both in person and by Zoom. We are always eager to welcome guests and new friends.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church held every second Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 p.m. This is an all-age worship experience that includes crafts, games, Celebration Time and dinner. Questions? Contact Zach Griggs

FAMILY MINISTRIES

We are committed to walking alongside families of all kinds on the lifelong journey of faith. Children are invited to grow in relationship with God and each other through Messy Church, Children's Worship, and fun fellowship events. Youth meet weekly on Wednesdays during the school year to grow as disciples through study and service, and to have fun together. Resources are available for parents and caregivers, and Zach would love to talk with you anytime about the joys and challenges of family life. Contact Zach at zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org to learn more.

Interested in Youth Choir? Contact Anthony Williams awilliams@williamsburgumc.org

PRAYER

Contact the church office to speak to a pastor or submit a prayer request via the church website. Prayer concerns will be added to the prayer chain if desired or shared with the pastors and our intercessory prayer group. Prayer cards are located at Connection Corner and in the Narthex.

SUPPORT AND CARE

We are a Stephen Ministry Church and provide trained, strictly-confidential lay pastoral care for our congregation and community. Contact one of the Pastors for information on how you can be connected to one of our Stephen Ministers 757 229-1771.