

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World

We were made



for the ROAD

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Sermon Series on the Wesleyan Way of Grace: Sanctifying Grace

PRELUDE

Morning Prelude
(Jerry Westenkuehler)

Covenant Ringers

INTROIT

Be Joyful in the Lord
(Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Micah 6

With what shall I come before the Lord?

How will we bow down before the exalted God?

God has showed you, O people, what is good. What does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(verses 1-3)

UMH 384 (red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, only you are good; our righteousness comes from your Son alone.

**Only you can save us from self-deception,
from the desiccating draft of indifferent religion
that drains your Word of its power to disrupt and to save.**

We are in need of the God who demands that our actions accord with our words.

**We confess to you that at times
we have concealed our identity as your people.
Too often have we hesitated to speak for Christ
and failed to act with mercy and justice.**

**At such times we have withheld from our neighbors the Good News.
Forgive us our halting witness, our passionless discipleship,
and our propensity to hoard Grace for ourselves.**

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and place in our hearts an awareness
that the grace your Son imparts to us is all we have, and all we need.

[a time of silent confession]

Awaken in us, this yet-unlived day, the transforming Grace
that makes abundant life worth sharing.

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

Ephesians 2:1, 4-10 (192 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God Alone Be Praised/AD LUCEM
(Zebulon M. Highben)

Sanctuary Choir
Myfanwy Morgan, violin

MESSAGE

Wanted: Daily Drivers

Dave Rochford

*HYMN

Grace Alone

TFWS 2162 (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

Amazing Grace
(arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

Bell Duet

*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

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

TFWS 2237 (black book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata con Fuga
(J.S. Bach)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in memory of
Valerie Phillips Hillyer by Richard Hillyer

****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 Troy Sims

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.

United Women in Faith Fall Festival – It's This Week!



It's almost time to shop at the UWF Fall Festival. There will be Christmas Décor, Jams, Jelly, Jewelry and more. Final Call - 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!

2024 Flower Calendar...

...is located outside the Sanctuary on the bulletin board. The cost for next year will be \$80.00 Sign up now!

More United Methodist Women Events

Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club

Read any good books lately? That's what we're all about – discussing good books! Drop in to any of our sessions and enjoy some lively conversations. We're happy to have anyone from our church family join us; if even for only one meeting. Put on some comfy clothes, grab your favorite beverage, and join us via Zoom. Meetings are bi-monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the “odd” months.

Our next gathering will be held on **Monday November 13, at 7:00 p.m.** We will be discussing **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique W. Morris. This selection is available in several formats – video, audio book, TED Talks, print; many of which are available in our Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL). The movie can be streamed for free via TUBI TV; or downloaded for free from our WRL using their Kanopy app; or rented from Amazon Prime Video.

Circle Meetings

Ruth Simpson Circle will meet November 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 174. Our speaker will be Zach Griggs, WUMC Family Ministry Coordinator.

Heritage Circle will meet November 7, 9:45 a.m. in Room 309. Carolyn Monroe will present a program on lace making. Following the meeting the ladies will have lunch at a local restaurant.

Friendship Circle will meet November 14, 10:00 a.m. in Room 174. Josh Clayton will speak and share publicity videos made this year. The group will then assemble Thanksgiving baskets.

Sisters in Grace will meet November 14, at 1:00 p.m. to make unique containers to use for the 2024 World Thank Offering. We will also play “Quote This”, Bible Women Trivia knowledge, and get to know one another better while playing “Gratitude Guess Who.”

Carol Scott Circle will meet November 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Resource Room. Doris McElfresh is in charge of the program.

Sisters in Mission will meet November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309. The program will celebrate the Fall Festival and our Thanksgiving holiday. We will make and sign holiday cards to take to Edgeworth and Patriots Colony memory care units.

CARE Committee...

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Carol Schuster 757 603-2574 and Karen Red 757 532-6893 are the November coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

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 continues through November 19, 4:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan at 757-229-1771.

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

Study continues Wednesdays November 1 – November 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Thursday, November 2 – 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.

October 23 Fire Drill Grade C-

The WUMC Trustees would like to thank everyone who participated in the October 23rd fire drill. For the most part the fire drill was successful and fire department personnel present were impressed with the organization and speed which the Sanctuary was evacuated. However, they noticed a few individuals in each service ignored the fire evacuation plan and when reminded by ushers intentionally refused to follow the planned escape route. Several church members setting up for Sunday School in the basement ignored the fire alarm and stayed in the building. We hold fire drills only once or twice a year to practice what will be done should a real emergency occur. Individuals who don't follow the plan in a real emergency place themselves, their fellow church members, and fire fighters at risk. It is important that we all take them seriously – fire department personnel certainly do.

Looking Ahead

Have you ever wondered how our church gets adorned with poinsettias at Christmas and palms and lilies during Lent and Easter? It happens with our church volunteers coming in and positioning these and making sure everything is set for the worship service. You can be a part of this ministry. Contact Rita Welty at rswelty@cox.net

Are you looking for a way to volunteer for our worship services? If you are one who prefers to work behind the scenes, we have an opportunity for you. The communion elements need to be prepared and cleaned up before and after services when we serve communion. Please contact Rita Welty at rswelty@cox.net

Save the Date... United Methodist Men Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast November 18. See *The Messenger* for more info or make a reservation at www.tinyurl.com/wumc-umm-breakfast.

November Committees

Nov 2	7:00 p.m.	.....	Endowment Committee
Nov 8	5:30 p.m.	.....	Welcome & Hospitality
Nov 13	5:30 p.m.	.....	KMO Board
	6:30 p.m.	.....	Local Outreach
Nov 14	5:30 p.m.	.....	Messy Church
Nov 16	6:00 p.m.	.....	Trustee Committee
Nov 20	4:30 p.m.	.....	Stephen Ministry
Nov 27	7:00 p.m.	.....	UMW Committee
Nov 28	7:00 p.m.	.....	Church Council



WUMC Youth

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

Thanksgiving Ministry

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: Mike Starry **11:00:** Melissa Johnson

Acolytes 8:15: Linda Upshaw **11:00:** Shane Johnson

Greeters 8:15: Joy Mair, Steve Tingen **11:00:** Jessie Boudreaux, Lainey Boudreaux, Nancy Donnelly

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Josh Clayton

Nursery Care Provider: Kristina Wolf, Marcella LeGrand

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

October 22 Worship Attendance	424
In Person 11:00 a.m.	201
In Person 8:15 a.m.	135
Online	88

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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.