

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



Our 250th Anniversary

August 20, 2023

**A Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary
of the Arrival of Methodism in Williamsburg
8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary**

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PRELUDE

Bist du Bei Mir
(J.S. Bach/David Marlatt)

Dan Pruett, Ryan Staggs
flugelhorn

INTROIT

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made
(Lucius Chapin)

Summer Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,
looking ahead to discern the path forward.

We remember those who have gone before us,
learning from their successes as well as their failures.

We celebrate who we as a Church have become,
**even as we acknowledge the challenge of what lies ahead,
and the new ministries that demand our becoming something new.**

We gather to worship the God of all generations,
the God of the past, present and future.

Praise be to God!

*HYMN

O For a Heart to Praise My God
(verses 1,3,5)

UMH 417 (red book)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

O Lord God, for the vision of those who planted and watered the tree
of this congregation, and for the courage and faithfulness of these pioneers of our faith,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have served faithfully in leadership positions
as teachers, pastors, preachers, and encouragers,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have been a beloved part of our fellowship for 250 years,
and now serve you in the Church that is triumphant in heaven,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For the ways in which we have learned to care for one another,
and offer strength to one another in trying times,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For baptisms celebrated, professions of faith witnessed,

and calls answered with willing hearts,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For our commitment to remain true to your Word

in a season of loud and conflictual voices,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond our community

to take the Good News to our nation and across oceans,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

For thousands of children and Youth, trained in your ways here,

who now bear witness to your Grace around the world,

we give you thanks, O Lord.

And for the courage to be the Church in such a time and place as this,

that we might go the distance to reach others, as so many have reached out to us,

we give you thanks, O Lord. To you be the Glory! 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

John 1:43-51 (92 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song
(Allen Pote)

Summer Choir

MESSAGE

I Saw Thee

Joseph Pilmore

*HYMN

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87 (red 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.

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN SPIRIT

We are no longer our own, but thine. Put us to what thou wilt,

rank us with whom thou wilt.

Put us to doing,

put us to suffering.

Let us be employed by thee

or laid aside for thee,

exalted for thee

or brought low for thee.

Let us be full,

let us be empty.

Let us have all things,

let us have nothing.

We freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art ours, and we are thine. So be it.

**And the covenant which we have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Andante Pastorale

(Charles Wesley)

*DOXOLOGY AND OF THANKSGIVING

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

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593 (red book)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Concerto in G minor

(Charles Wesley)

** congregation invited to stand*

The Covenant Prayer which concludes our service today is an adaptation of the prayer John Wesley used for covenanting services. Wesley himself attributed it in part to an earlier prayer by the Puritan minister Richard Alleine, published in 1636.

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God by Bob and Nancy Parsons in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

**Join us today at noon for a Potluck Meal
in our Fellowship Hall.**

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.

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 Table in our Atrium after the service, so a team member can provide you with a welcome gift. Come back to be with us again!



*Engraving of Joseph Pilmore
C. W. Peale. American. 1787*

We welcome again today guest preacher Joseph Pilmore, the first official missionary from John Wesley to reach Williamsburg. Mr. Pilmore arrived on Saturday, August 22, 1772 after landing at Jamestown, for the purpose of launching Methodist "Societies" here in America's colonial capital. Considered by many to be one of the most able preachers among John Wesley's representatives to America, Joseph was born in Fadmoor, England in 1739, and educated at Wesley's Kingswood School at Bristol. He served for several years as an itinerant lay preacher in Cornwall, Ireland and Wales before stepping forward to serve in America. (For those interested, a reprint of our August 2022 Messenger, outlining how Pilmore arrived in Williamsburg and how he ministered here, can be found on the table and in the rack by the banner exit door.) We are appreciative of the considerable risks Joseph took to make his first visit to our town, two and a half centuries ago - and for the legacy of faith-pioneers like him!

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 Video featuring Amy-Jill Levine on *Paul, The Epistolary Evangelist*

Bishop McKendree Class: We'll be returning September 10

Marvin Willard: Rm. 174 *Invitation to Genesis* Disciple Bible Study Join us next week for a new Bible study journeying from Exodus through Deuteronomy. Through the dimensions of 1) bringing questions to the biblical text, 2) looking at the historical and cultural setting in the original language, and 3) gaining life application for individuals and communities, participants will gain a full understanding of pivotal points in Scripture to give inspiration for today.

Searchers: Rm. 309 & ZOOM *Invitation to Psalms* Disciple Bible Study ID: 879 6350 3829
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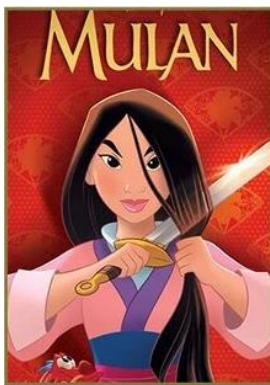
Small Group Walking the Footsteps: Rm. 171 For more info or to get connected to a class, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771.

Fall Study via Zoom with Rev. David Hindman

True Comfort for Life & Death, Body & Soul

6 Wednesdays, starting August 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

People who are skeptical of “formal religion” will sometimes quip: “They can’t even agree among themselves what God is like and how we should live!” That’s a challenge we should and can answer, of course – but if *you* had to share with someone what the essential beliefs of the Church are, what would you share, and how would you frame them? For many Christians the answer to questions like these comes in the form a *catechism*: a carefully-shaped presentation of theological teaching that outlines the essentials of our life together. Today most of us are not familiar with such resources, but stepping into that gap this Fall during the Wednesday Night Pastors’ Bible study is Rev. David Hindman, former Director of the W&M Wesley Foundation, who will guide us through *The Heidelberg Catechism*. He invites you “to discover the lyricism, elegance, simplicity, and beauty of this deeply personal statement of faith that is also a surprisingly wise guide with potential to enrich, broaden, critique, and challenge our faith today.” Register at www.bit.ly/wumc-heidelberg and we’ll send you the Zoom Link. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims 757 229-2771.



Movie Night

August 25; 6:00 p.m.

Families of all ages.

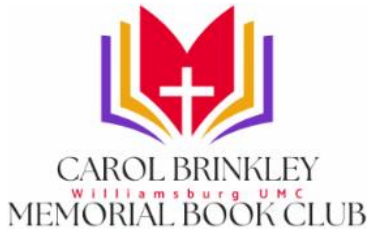
Grab your popcorn

and join us in

Rm. 174

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It

At some point, all of us probably feel like our spiritual energy is low. Do you feel like your faith has ebbed? Do you sense that the Church throughout the world has lost some sense of relevance? Join the Searchers Sunday School Class Rm. 309 beginning September 10, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and consider how John Wesley responded to his own personal low points and how he worked with God to help bring new vitality to the Church. With a book and videos featuring Adam Hamilton, you'll see places Wesley lived and worked and find connections that may enliven your own faith and the life of the church. For more info contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771.



Carol Brinkley Memorial Book Club

Our next gathering will be Monday September 11, 7:00 p.m. The selection for this meeting is **The Sacred Secular - How God is Using the World to Shape the Church** by Dottie Escobedo-Frank and Rob Rynders. Join us at any of our sessions and enjoy some lively conversations about United Women in Faith Reading Program books. We're happy to have anyone from our church family join us, if even

for only one meeting.

Zoom meetings are bi-monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the "odd" months. The UWF Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share, and discuss books.

Help us to be one of the churches in the conference with the "most books read"! Submit your list of all UWF Reading Program books read for the past twelve months **before August 31**. The information can be sent to Connie Bland via email, snail mail, use our online link, or left for Connie in the church office.

Table of 8



Ever wanted to become more acquainted with others at WUMC? Love to eat? Want to do both at the same time? Then make a "reservation" for a "Table of 8!" Sign up to be grouped with about eight other WUMC folks and join them for an occasional meal – at a local restaurant, in a person's home, or at the church. As we'd love your group to meet more than once, you could pick a different location each

time. Each group can choose any frequency or location to share together in food and fellowship. We'll have a *kick-off potluck meal* on **Sunday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** to learn more and organize groups! Register on the church website at www.bit.ly/wumc-table! Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771.

Save the Date

On September 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Global and Local Outreach is Hosting **Rise Against Hunger** meal packaging experience. This is a wonderful mission for the entire family, ages 4 and up, to work together and make an impact on global hunger. Sign up NOW to serve at www.bit.ly/wumc-rah

Looking Ahead

BCARE

Several WUMC folks participated in the BCARE (Biblical Conversations About Race & Ethnicity) intentionally interracial discussion groups earlier this year using the book *One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race* by John M. Perkins. New groups are forming now, and you are invited to register for the 8-week Fall offerings (the DEADLINE to register is September 1). Groups are expected to begin around September 24 and wrap up around November 14. Location and time TBD.

For more information, contact Deacon Troy Sims tsims@williamsburgumc.org or 757-229-1771. Please register at www.bit.ly/wumc-bcare.

Covenant Bible Study Creating, Living, Trusting

Sundays, beginning September 24, 2:30-4:00 p.m. / Location TBD

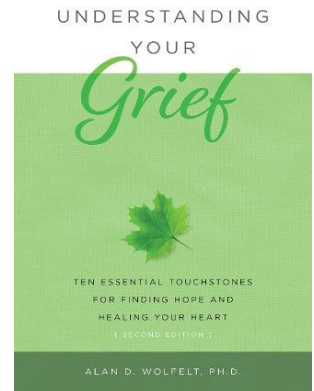
This is a 24-week, in-depth overview of the entire story of the Bible based around the theme of "covenant." Together, we'll learn from our biblical ancestors how to create, live, and trust God's covenant with us, finding ways to live more fully into that Covenant. But more than a Bible study, it's also a time to learn how to do Bible study. No previous study background required. For more info, contact Deacon Troy Sims 757-229-1771, or tsims@williamsburgumc.org who will be leading the study. Register now at www.tinyurl.com/wumc-cbs.

7-Week Study – Eat with Joy

Food is often a source of concern and worry. We can become preoccupied with new diet fads or trendy exercise routines. But what if God intended for us to delight in food? On Sundays, October 1-November 12, Mary Kaiser, former parish nurse, will lead a 7-week study on the text **Eat with Joy** during the Sunday School hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. Contact Deacon Troy or Pastor Meghan with any questions. www.tinyurl.com/wumc-eat

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, retired United Methodist pastor Rev. David Hindman and Stephen Ministry Leader Nancy Rivero will guide you through a 5-week series, beginning on Sunday, October 22 and ending Sunday, November 19. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Contact Pastor Meghan at 757-229-1771 or mclayton@williamsburgumc.org



Looking Ahead... continued

Stroke Prevention Workshop

October 29 is World Stroke Day. Church member Mary Kaiser, who served previously as a neurological registered nurse, will lead a workshop on Stroke Prevention and Resources on Thursday, October 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. She will focus on the most misdiagnosed conditions and keep the information-sharing easy-to-remember. With her parish nurse background, Mary will also give a spiritual framework and encouragement for our health prevention efforts. Light lunch provided; registration required and information forthcoming.

United Women in Faith Fall Festival



Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Fall Festival on November 4, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Get ready to explore an exciting array of booths featuring jewelry, Christmas greens, jams and jellies, quilts, and much more. Indulge in treats from the bake sale, and enjoy a delightful selection of coffee, tea, and cider. Don't forget to strike a pose at the holiday photo booth and grab a delicious lunch!

Fall Festival Collections

Jewelry Donations: Never underestimate the power of a good piece of jewelry! The Ruth Simpson Circle is looking for donations of gently used jewelry. If you have items you're ready to part with, please consider donating them for the festival!

Ready To Revamp Your Holiday Theme?: The Sisters in Mission Circle is excited to offer Christmas Treasures for sale this year. If you have any gently used or "ready to share with others" items that you no longer need, we are ready to give them a new home! We cannot accept garlands, artificial trees, or larger items this year.

Do You Have Pint Jars That Need A New Home?: We have just the place for them. We would love to fill them with delicious homemade Strawberry and Blueberry preserves to be sold during the festival.

Please bring all donations to the closet adjacent to the Connection Corner Desk by October 14. Be sure to label them for the **Fall Festival**.

Care Committee ...

will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Sue Steberl 757 532-7704 and Gloria Daniel 757 253-1107 are the August coordinators. If you need **CARE**, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.



KMO Wish List

Kids Morning Out

The summer is almost over and kids are heading back to school in the next few weeks! Kid's Morning Out, the WUMC preschool program, would love to have your support in this season. Our teachers and staff have put together a wish list of classroom items this year. We are so grateful for any and all (tax-deductible!) donations!

www.tinyurl.com/kmo-wishlist

Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims, Zach Griggs

Director of Worship Arts: Lou-Anne Smith

Organist: Tom Marshall

Readers 8:15: Warren Harper **11:00:** Barbara Monteith

Acolyte 11:00: Grace Bradley

Greeters 8:15: Barbara Neary, Marilyn Riddle **11:00:** Charlotte McCarter, Sylvia Teeuwen

Sound and Livestream: Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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

August 13 Worship Attendance.....	380
In Person 11:00 a.m.	167
In Person 8:15 a.m.	125
On Line.....	88

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OUR CHURCH STAFF

Nethea Calloway, *Full Charge Bookkeeper* (x 351)

Josh Clayton, *Worship Technologist* (x 256)

Meghan Roth Clayton, *Pastor of Congregational Care* (x 261)

Zach Griggs, *Family Ministries Coordinator* (x 251)

Cornelia Jude, *Director Respite Care* (x354)

Thomas Marshall, *Organist* (757 713-0584)

Laura Pittman, *Director Kid's Morning Out* (x208)

Nancy Reynolds, *Administrative Assistant* (x 252)

Dave Rochford, *Lead Pastor* (x 260)

Michelle Roy, *Dir. of Congregation & Community Engagement* (x 250)

Troy Sims, *Minister of Discipleship* (x 258)

Lou-Anne Smith, *Director of Worship Arts* (x 107)

Greg Whiteside, *Business Manager* (x 355)

Anthony Williams, *Assoc. Dir. of Worship Arts, Dir. Early Childhood Music* (x 108)

Kristina Wolf, *Lead Childcare Provider*

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.