

# Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcoming Neighbors - Nurturing Faith - Transforming Our World



Jacob van Campen, "The Anointing of Jesus at Bethany,"  
Copperplate Engraving, Dutch, 1749

*the house was filled  
with the fragrance  
of the perfume*

*John 12:36*

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2024

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Praeludium in E minor*  
(J.S. Bach)

INTROIT

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*  
(Jacques Berthier)

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Philippians 3:10-14

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

**Not that we have already obtained all this,  
or have already arrived at our goal,  
but we press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us.**

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of this.

But one thing I do:

**forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,  
we press on toward the goal to win the prize  
for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

\*HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UMH 400 (red book)

MORNING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you move among us as one acquainted with death.,  
and you have shown us a new way to live.

**Too often have we followed the old ways, the wandering ones,  
intent on what is lacking, on what is upsetting,  
and on the shadow cast by the Tomb.**

Forgive us, Lord, our failure of imagination, of conviction, of vision, and of nerve.

**Hear our silent confessions to you,  
for we do not want to remain all that we are, and do not want to repeat  
all that we have done.**

[a time of silent prayer]

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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 encounter God in story, arts, and song in the Children's Worship Room.

Our Nursery, located in the Education Wing, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services.

READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 12:1-10 (106 NT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM	<i>Out of the Depths</i> (Richard Frost)	Sanctuary Choir, Jeannie Niebel, violin
MESSAGE	<i>Surface Tension</i>	Rev. Dave Rochford
*HYMN	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	UMH 408 (red book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER	UMH 895 (red book)
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**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.**

MISSION MOMENT: Lackey Clinic

OFFERTORY	<i>Largo</i> (Concerto in D minor) (Vivaldi/arr. J. S. Bach)
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\*A LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	TFWS 2197 (black book)
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\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>May the Road Rise to Meet You</i> (H. Hallström)	Sanctuary Choir
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POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro</i> (Concerto in D minor) (Vivaldi/arr. J.S. Bach)
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*At the conclusion of our services, those wishing to hear the Postlude in its entirety are invited to remain seated.  
Please take the opportunity to meet your neighbors.*

***\*congregation invited to stand***

# 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**

### *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

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#### **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 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!

#### **Acolyte Training Today...10:00 a.m. Sanctuary.**

#### **Our Lenten Offering**

Our Lenten Special Offering recipients are prayerfully designated by the WUMC Global Outreach: *UMCOR Sunday, Hope Center of Latvia, Too Young to Wed* and for Local Outreach: *Avalon Center, Lackey Clinic, and Grove Christian Outreach Center.* Please note on your gift that this is for the Lenten Special Offering.

#### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

The following groups are meeting each Sunday at Church from 9:30–10:30 a.m. **Aldersgate Fellowship:** Wesley Hall, **Bishop McKendree:** Rm. 102, **Marvin Willard:** Rm. 174, **Searchers:** Rm. 309, **Walking the Footsteps:** Rm. 160. **Young Adults:** 12:30 Den. Questions relating to Sunday School Classes? Contact Deacon Troy [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss](http://www.tinyurl.com/wumc-adult-ss)

#### **Youth Opportunities**

Join us today, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., for ReNew Youth fellowship. Lunch provided. We hope to see you there!



#### **A Messy Church Easter Egg Hunt!**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will get Messy! Join us March 23, 10:00 a.m. - Noon on the WUMC lawn for play, crafts, Worship Celebration, and a grand egg hunt! We'll have a special time for Pre-K egg hunters and a free pizza lunch for all.



#### **CARE Committee...**

...will provide rides to the doctor or will provide help when you are sick. Mary Liz Sadler 757 229-8063 and Fran Hermance 757 229-8857 are the March coordinators. If you need CARE, please let the coordinators know at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

## **This Week At WUMC**

### **Monday, 3/18**

10:30 CARE Committee

4:30 Stephen Ministry

### **Tuesday, 3/19**

2:00 SPPRC

5:30 Worship Committee

7:00 Global Outreach Committee

Finance Committee

### **Wednesday, 3/20**

9:30 Chair Fitness Exercise Class

3:45 Respite Board

7:00 Pastors' Bible Study

### **Thursday, 3/21**

10:30 Pastors' Bible Study ZOOM

6:00 Trustee Committee

### **Friday, 3/22**

6:00 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Family & Friends

### **Saturday, 3/23**

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

## **Endowment Committee Request for Proposal for Investment Manager**

The WUMC Endowment Committee is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) from investment managers who can manage our funds in accordance with our Investment Policy Statement and the United Methodist Social Principles. It is part of the Committee's fiduciary responsibility to periodically review the investment manager of the Endowment Funds. Any parties interested in submitting a proposal should request a copy of the RFP from Gerald Bullock, Chair of the Endowment Committee, at [gerald.bullock@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.bullock@gmail.com)

## **College Scholarship**

WUMC's Local Outreach Committee is offering \$1,000 college scholarships in memory of a beloved member and educator, Bob Stivender. The scholarship is available to eligible high school seniors enrolled in an accredited community college or university for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. A digital application form is available

by contacting Melody Nichols, Chair of Local Outreach at [melnichols@comcast.net](mailto:melnichols@comcast.net). The deadline for submission of applications is April 30, 2024. Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of Local Outreach, and the selected recipients will be notified in May.

## **Hope In the Mountains Youth Trip...A Way to Live Out Our Mission Covenant**

Hope in the Mountains (HitM), based in Sophia, WV, is one of WUMC's Covenant Outreach Partners. HitM is in the planning stages of bringing teenaged Youth from their area to Williamsburg for a meaningful (yet fun) trip in August. A subcommittee of Global Outreach is inviting folks to think creatively how to make it a life-changing trip for those coming. Your commitment would not go past mid-August. Do you have a heart for teenagers or for WV? Then, this mission outreach is for you. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

## **Grief Group**

The final monthly meeting of the Grief Group will be conducted by Nancy Rivero and David Hindman on April 7, 4:00 p.m. as planned. The weekly Grief Group (set to resume in mid-April) will be pushed back to start August 11 and run August 18, 25, break for Labor Day and resume September 8, 15 and 22. This pause gives some time for the current group to conclude and to build interest among the more recently bereaved.

## A Look Ahead...Adult Sunday Schools

### **JAMES: What You Do Matters**

*Sundays, beginning April 14, 9:30 a.m. Rm. 309*

Join the Searchers Sunday School Class for a study of the book of James to discover the genuine markers of true faith, develop new practices of spiritual maturity, and discover how much God treasures you.

### **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE: Joshua-Judges-Ruth**

*Sundays, beginning April 7, 9:30 a.m. Rm. 174*

Join the Marvin Willard Sunday School for a study of the early years of the Jewish nation after the Exodus. The study will help you get into the Bible by providing historical and cultural context as well as insights into the Hebrew language. It also gives insight into life application as individuals and a community of faith.

### **PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Sundays, beginning April 7, 9:30 a.m. Rm. 171*

Take part in Perspectives, our new adult Sunday School Class, that invites discovery and diversity of thought as we deepen our faith. This group is designed to meet the needs of our growing church with working-age adults with or without family responsibilities, but it is open to all. This class will begin with a study of Leslie Weatherhead's book, *The Will of God*, that digs deep into what is and what ISN'T God's will.

Questions about all of the classes, please contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

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### **Today's Worship Leaders**

**Pastors:** Dave Rochford, Meghan Roth Clayton, Troy Sims

**Director of Worship Arts:** Lou-Anne Smith **Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Acolytes 8:15:** Annamarie Warnke **11:00** Shane Johnson

**Readers 8:15:** Warren Harper **11:00:** Cindy Banek

**Greeters 8:15:** Joy Mair, Cynthia Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00** Gary Drake, Kathy Drake

**Ushers 8:15:** Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne Hoover, Mike Johnson, Tom Justice, Monty Mason **11:00:** Drew Alexander, Valerie Dobson, Van Dobson, Greg Johnson, Bonnie Knizatko, John Tressler, JD Tressler

**Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, Lily Alexander, Josh Clayton

**Nursery Care Provider:** Marcella LeGrand and Aubrey Olsen

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March 10 Worship Attendance.....	518
In Person 11:00 a.m.....	218
In Person 8:15 a.m.....	145
Online.....	74
Messy Church.....	81

# Holy Week & Easter Schedule

## Palm Sunday, March 24

Sanctuary Worship at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Livestream at 11:00 a.m.

## Maundy Thursday, March 28

Potluck Soup & Sandwich; Service at 6:00 p.m.

## Good Friday, March 29

Silence, Holy Listening & Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Worship & Livestream at 7:00 p.m.

## Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on the Lawn

Sanctuary Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Worship at 9:30 a.m. on the Lawn

Sanctuary Worship & Livestream at 11:00 a.m.

(Sunday School will not be held Easter Sunday)

### **WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# *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?** The Den, located behind the Sanctuary, 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 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](http://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 Sundays at 12:30 p.m. to have fun, engage current events theologically, respond creatively to scripture, and imagine how God is calling them to mission. 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](mailto:zgriggs@williamsburgumc.org) to learn more. Interested in Youth Choir? Contact Anthony Williams [awilliams@williamsburgumc.org](mailto: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.