

Activity Schedule—PLEASE SEE MORE DETAILS IN THE NEWSLETTER

Today	9:30am	Worship Service Coffee Fellowship
9/20	4pm	Church Charge Conference @ Alden UMC

Benediction:
Followers of Christ, go now in the blessing and assurance that you are a forgiven people empowered by grace to forgive and heal the divisions that keep us from truly loving God, self, neighbor, and all creation with the fullness of our beings. Amen.

*In September we are supporting Crossroads Farm, we collected \$22.00 for them last week, thank you! More information can be found on the Missions Board in the Narthex.

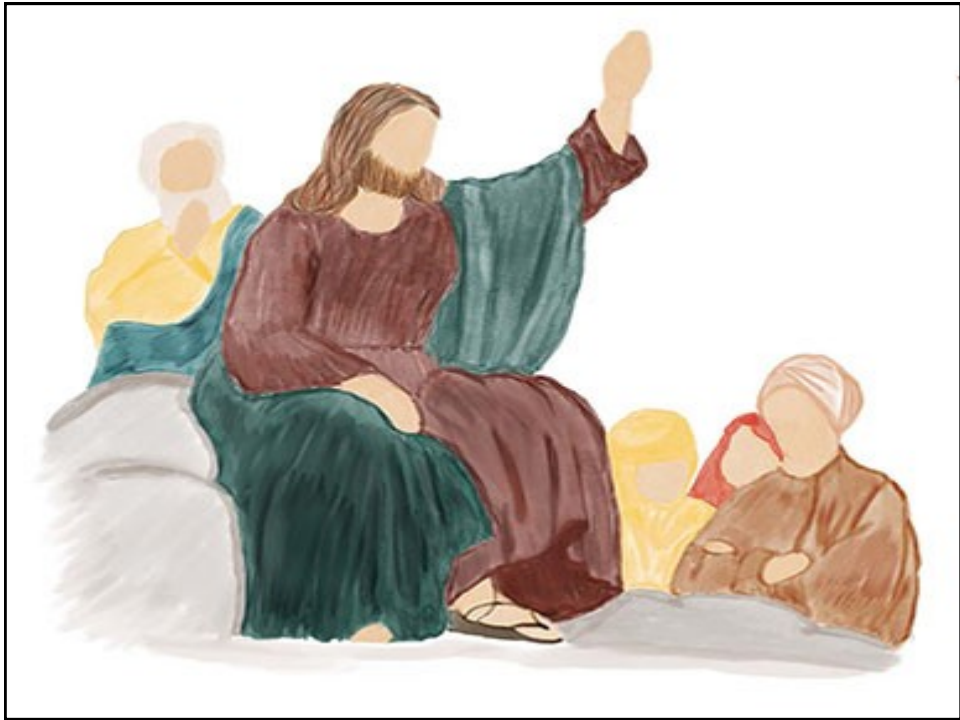
<u>Prayer Requests:</u>	
1st Responders	Abby’s Grandmother (Marilynn)
Clint “Butch” Stites	Abby’s Grandfather (Clayton Davis)
Family of Catherine Bowe	Mary Lizenby
Rebecca Ireland	The Family of Dean Jeanett
Brian Lewis (cancer)	David VanLente (Jerri’s brother-in-law)
Judy’s grandson-in-law Zach	Julian (Jerri’s grandson)
The Family of Conor Cocking	James Underwood
The Family of Nick Latimer	Pastor Matt’s Aunt Nancy
Connie Oberlitner	Pastor Matt’s Cousin Brooke
Joan Kisling (Jean’s sister)	Jo Purdy-Kieft
Jim Berg (Ron’s best buddy)	Joyce Burrows
Pastor Matt’s father Robert	Jackie Axtell
Chuck & Carol Walter	Wanda Provins
Pam (Judy’s friend in Florida)	Heather Hockin (MS)
The Family of Norm Weber	ACTS Ministry & Food Pantry

September Celebrations!

2nd	Stephen Donkers, Jr.	21st	Chelsea Lloyd
13th	Tom Bloxsom	27th	Kim Kuncaitis
17th	Dirk Renzema		



Welcome!
Williamsburg United Methodist Church
September 13, 2026



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Thank you to:
Liturgist: Jean Ridge
Pianist: Sally Eichberger

Coffee Fellowship: Jean Ridge
Usher: Jim Hockin
Attendance for September 6, 2026: 19

Welcome to Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcome & Announcements!

Prelude:

Sally Eichberger

*Opening Hymn:

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Red Hymnal #121

*Call to Worship:

Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

*Opening Prayer:

*Hymn:

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Red Hymnal #114

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114

Church Moment:

Pastor Matt Chapman

Confession and Assurance of Pardon:

O God, we seek your mercy...

yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged. We think it “only fair” and “what is right” when we retaliate and use harsh words and withdraw from relationship. The forgiveness you offer on our account is larger than we can comprehend; still, we withhold forgiveness and carry the grudge over petty items.

We are eager to do your judging. And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts to secure your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.		
Silent prayer of confession		
God’s gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, re-new, and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.		
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.		
*Hymn:	“Help Us Accept Each Other”	Red Hymnal #560
Scripture Reading:	Roman 14:1-12	Pastor Matt Chapman
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 18:21-35	Pastor Matt Chapman
Sermon		
Response to the Word:	“The United Methodist Social Creed”	Insert
Hymn:	“Freely, Freely”	Red Hymnal #389
Praises and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer: Hear Our Prayer:		Media Screen Media Screen
*Closing Hymn:	“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”	TFWS #2171
*Benediction:	back of the bulletin	Pastor Matt Chapman
Response:	“Bind Us Together”	TFWS #2226
Postlude		