



# **First United Methodist Church of Hampton**

**110 E Queen St Hampton VA 23669 (757) 723-6577**

**November 18, 2018 10:00 a.m.**

**In the name of Christ WELCOME!**

**Although you may be a stranger to us, you are no stranger to God,  
who knows you and loves you, and whose heart is glad at your presence here.  
We sincerely hope this time of worship will bless your life.**

**As you are able, please stand for acts of worship indicated by an asterisk (\*).**

**UMH indicates The United Methodist Hymnal (red book in pew rack)  
TFWS indicates The Faith We Sing (thin black book in pew rack)**

**Help us sustain God's creation by placing used worship bulletins  
in the basket on the credenza in the back of the sanctuary for recycling.**

**The Queen St. sanctuary doors will be unlocked by 9:30 am each Sunday  
morning. Thank you for your patience!**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*INTROIT

*Glory to God*

The Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

*From the depths of our being, a song of thankfulness arises, as we  
pour out our praise for all of God's gifts:*

**Bread to empower our bodies,**

*Beauty to quicken our pulse,*

**Hope to enlarge our vision,**

*Love to link our lives,*

**Laughter to soften our wounds,**

*Passion to shape our maybes,*

**Community to face our fears.**

*We gather this morning seeking to be a thankful people.*

**May this awesome moment be filled with joy and touched by  
grace.**

\*HYMN

*We Gather Together*

UMH 131

\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**Extravagant God, we come into your presence with joyful hearts, as  
we reflect on the abundance of your love and the sustaining power of  
your grace. As we celebrate and rejoice, we remember the things we  
have learned and the gifts we have received from your hand. Plant  
these lessons in our lives that we may be a people of gratitude,  
abounding in love for a world hungry for compassion. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

*Ephesians 4:5-20 (Common English Bible)*

*<sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>and one God and Father  
of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.*

*<sup>7</sup>God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift  
that is given by Christ. <sup>8</sup>That's why scripture says, When he climbed up  
to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people.*



<sup>9</sup> What does the phrase “he climbed up” mean if it doesn't mean that he had first gone down into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> The one who went down is the same one who climbed up above all the heavens so that he might fill everything.

<sup>11</sup> He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ <sup>13</sup> until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. <sup>15</sup> Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, <sup>16</sup> who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.

<sup>17</sup> So I'm telling you this, and I insist on it in the Lord: you shouldn't live your life like the Gentiles anymore. They base their lives on pointless thinking, <sup>18</sup> and they are in the dark in their reasoning. They are disconnected from God's life because of their ignorance and their closed hearts. <sup>19</sup> They are people who lack all sense of right and wrong, and who have turned themselves over to doing whatever feels good and to practicing every sort of corruption along with greed.

<sup>20</sup> But you didn't learn that sort of thing from Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Loving God, our eyes sparkle with thanksgiving for the beauty that surrounds us. Our voices resound with thanksgiving for friends and family who are well-loved by us. Our living proclaims with enthusiasm the way Jesus has made clear to us. Our giving is a joyful response to you, our abundantly gracious God. We will not keep it “in the family,” but will reach out with our offerings of gratitude to touch the needy ones of our world for good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**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 uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694

\*A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH UMH 884

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER SUNG IN UNISON

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM *I Will Give Jubilant Thanks* The Chancel Choir

SERMON *In All Things Be Thankful* Rev. Candee Martin

\*CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

*[You are invited to bring your pledge cards to the chancel rail  
and place them in the basket.]*

\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*You and I have much for which to be grateful. You and I are precious  
in God's eyes. You and I are God's wonder and delight. May you and  
I carry God's love gently and firmly to all we meet. May the God who  
meets us in Jesus walk closely beside us so we may scatter seeds of  
love, sing songs of joy, shape communities of peace and build bridges  
of hope.*

*As we move into this week may we be ever mindful that Thanksgiving is more than just a day. Thankfulness and generosity is a way of living our lives.*

**Christ is more than just our guide. Christ is the bread that nourishes our lives.**

*As we gather 'round the Thanksgiving table this week, may we find joy and gratitude in the wonder of God's extravagant love and generosity.*

**We will rejoice this day and every day in the wonders and blessings of God!**

\*POSTLUDE

**A special thank you to Ann Gordon Evans for serving as our Stewardship Chair this year. Your willing dedication is appreciated more than you know.**

### **Stewardship Journey-Renewing Our Covenant**

As we celebrate *Consecration Sunday* on November 18, let us be reminded that our Stewardship Journey has focused on renewing the covenant that we pledged when joining the United Methodist Church, **“that we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.”**

We offer our financial gifts and our pledges with a spirit of joy and gratitude, remembering that God's generosity is demonstrated by his love to us in Jesus Christ. May our beloved church be blessed in 2019 by our generosity.

Ann Gordon Evans  
Stewardship Chairman

# Imagination Space



**Community Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, November 18**  
**7:00 pm**

**Phoebus United Methodist Church**

300 E Mellen St, Hampton VA 23663

Each church is being asked to bring 4 or 5 pies.



**Starting November 7 through November 30**, the United Methodist Women will be **collecting empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes** for a special craft at the Candy Cane Lane Bazaar! We will have a few samples ready and will take orders at the Bazaar. **There will be a box in the back of the sanctuary to collect the tubes.** If you have questions, contact Sylvia Rumsey!



Everyone's invited to our  
**Annual Toy Drive Breakfast**  
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men  
**Saturday, December 8**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

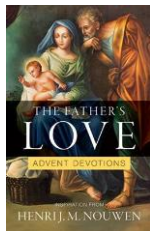
Please bring unwrapped toys for both a boy and a girl. A love offering will be accepted for the meal. Make an important difference for those in need this Christmas! **Please RSVP to William Milholen (238-3656) by Dec. 5. Bring a guest and be the hands of Christ!**





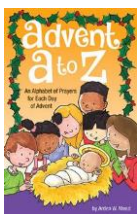
## FOOD DRIVE to benefit H.E.L.P. Pantry

Each week we are collecting food items to help build a holiday meal for those in need in our community. Grocery bags with suggested items will be provided for your convenience on November 25 following the worship service. The collection points will be in the narthex (back of the sanctuary) or inside the entrance door leading to the office. **Please make sure all items are turned in by December 16.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



## Advent Devotional books *The Father's Love* are available in the back of the sanctuary or outside the church office beginning Nov 25.

The Father's love for each and every one of us is immeasurable. And we are called to prepare to receive that love, to share it and to demonstrate it as best we can. Excerpts of Nouwen's writings, as well as Scripture passages and original reflections and prayers within *The Father's Love*, will strengthen your Advent journey. Be guided through daily prayer and reflection as you gain a better sense of how the Father loves us and why he sent his only Son to dwell among us.



## Advent Devotional books *For children – Advent A to Z* are available in the back of the sanctuary or outside the church office beginning Nov 25.

Spend time each day of December praying through the alphabetical Advent poems contained in this thoughtful booklet that helps children connect the sights and sounds of the season to the coming of the Christ Child in a fun and familiar way. From Angels and Eggnog to Stars and Wreaths, these prayers by Arden Mead provide a daily guide for children of all ages as they prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday.





**December 2**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Lighting the Advent Candle HOPE

Hanging of the Greens Service

**Worship at 10:00 am with communion**

Collection of food items for H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

**December 9**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Lighting the Advent candle LOVE

**Worship at 10:00 am with Glory Ringers**

Collection of food items for H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

**December 16**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Lighting the Advent candle JOY

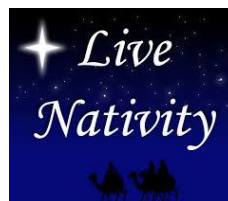
**Worship at 10:00 am**

**Chancel Choir presents the cantata**

***"Sing Joy to All the World"***

Collection of food items for H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

Poinsettias displayed in the Sanctuary



**Live Nativity at 6:00 pm**

followed by sub sandwich supper.

Bring a batch of your favorite cookies,

lawn chair, and flashlight.

**(RSVP to the office by 12/15)**



**December 23**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Lighting the Advent candle PEACE

**Worship at 10:00 am Lessons and Carols**

Poinsettias displayed in the Sanctuary



**December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

**Candlelight Worship Service with Communion**

**at 7:00 pm**

Lighting the Christ Candle

**December 30**

**Worship at 10:00 am**

**January 6**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**Worship at 10:00 am**

# Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



## Sun Nov 18 – Consecration Sunday

8:30 am Fellowship (FH)  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship (S)  
2:00 pm Robert Kilgore Memorial Service



11/18

## Mon Nov 19

6:00 pm SPRC (P)

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Gladys Pratt

## Tue Nov 20

10:00 am Nifty Crafters (CFR)  
6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)

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Sharon Lewis  
Sue Miserentino

## Wed Nov 21

No scheduled activities

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Doris Diggs

## Thu Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

2:00 pm Thanksgiving Meal (FH)

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Audrey Thurston

## Fri Nov 23 Office Closed

No scheduled activities

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Gary Bergtholdt

## Sat Nov 24

No scheduled activities

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Elaine Foley

## Sun

## Nov 25

8:30 am Fellowship (FH)  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship (S)

11/25

Jean Smith  
Nash Swann

## Mon Nov 26

6:00 pm SPRC (P)

The Pastor and staff  
wish everyone a happy  
birthday and pray God's  
blessings upon you.

## Tue Nov 27

6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)

FH-Fellowship Hall	HP-Happy People's Class
CR –Choir Room	S-Sanctuary
CFR-Craft Room	Kit-Kitchen
C-Crouse Room	P-Parlor



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY, SUNDAY, NOV 18

LITURGIST:                    Jeremy Hooten

FINANCE:                     Bill Diggs

BUS DRIVERS:     Ron & Sylvia Rumsey

COUNTERS:                 Brad Allsbrook  
                                     JoAnn Walberg

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 25

LITURGIST:                    Meg Moore

FINANCE:                     Carol Gardner

BUS DRIVERS:                 Sam Pollard

COUNTERS:                 Donna Robinson  
                                     Vince Mundie

## Chancel Flowers

*The flowers on the chancel were given by  
The Kilgore family in memory of Robert Kilgore.*

Next week:  
Meg Kuhagen

## Stewardship Corner – Nov 11

**Attendance:**    Worship Total: 79    Sunday school: 49

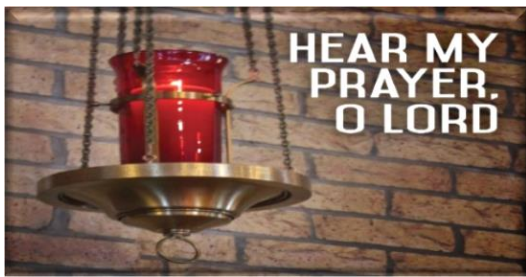
### **Offering Received last week:**

General Fund	4,257.00
Designated Funds	1,051.50

### **2018 Budget Status**

Total Budget: \$348,175

Date	Offering	Need each week	Amt Ovr/(Udr)	Given to date	Needed to date	Amt Ovr/(Udr)
04-Nov	4,122.00	9,077.62	(4,955.62)	25,388.50	45,388.10	(19,999.60)
11-Nov	4,257.00	9,077.62	(4,820.62)	29,645.50	54,465.72	(24,820.22)



**Please remember in prayer those from our congregation:**

Lil' Bit Brown  
Nell Wittenberry  
Jane Roberts  
Eleanor Woodward  
Ed Kilgore  
Allen Langford  
Barbara Cubbage  
Marty Baker  
Candee Martin and family  
Aggie Hogge  
Lenny Yarrington  
Robin Welch  
Marianne Prentiss  
Beth Nystrom  
Tami Langford  
Adam Shlyk  
Ray Waldon  
Earl Lawson  
Tami Pollard

**Sympathies to Sarah Kilgore and family on the passing of her husband, Robert.**

There will be a memorial service, Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 pm here at the church with a reception to follow.

**Is there someone for whom you would like us to pray?  
Please contact the church office.**

**Our friends and family in need of prayer:**

**Lyle** (Wilson's grandson);  
**Courtney** (friend of Amanda Hooten);  
**Lenny** (Carol Gardner's friend);  
**Mark McDaniel** (friend of Milholen's);  
**Clyde Castle**;  
**Chad Sayers** (Winnie Barnes' grandson);  
**Jimmy Parker** (friend of Carol Gardner);  
**Deborah Hudson** (friend of Vince Mundie);  
**Gerald E. Burks** (friend of Vince Mundie);  
**Nicholson family** (friends of Gladys);  
**Maddie Davis** (student at Armstrong);  
**Howard family**;  
**Sonya** (friend of Gladys);  
**Beverly Geer** (Kristen Milholen's mom);  
**Bill Milholen** (William Milholen's father);  
**Vernon Kruger** (friend of the Rumsey's);  
**Marguerite** (friend of Kristen Milholen);  
**Tim** (friend of the Milholen's);  
**Carol Gardner's mother**;  
**Ralph White's sister**;  
**Dick Baughan** (friend of Vince Mundie);  
**Patsy G. Maney** (friend of Vince Mundie);  
**Linda Lowry** (Linda Marushi's cousin);  
**Deidre Sharp** (friend of Ruth Koutiche);  
**Nancey** (friend of Jane Miller)  
**Earl Gibson** (friend of Buddy Marushi)  
**Aunt Carrie** (Bernice Wiggins' aunt)  
**Rami Hanna** (Hannah Kourtiche's fiancé)  
**Betty Goodson** (former pastor's wife)  
**Peggy McLean** (friend of Linda Minetree)  
**Aaron 'Bird' Martin** (friend of Rich Foley)  
**Family of Roger Phelps** (friend of Tricia Waldon)  
**Dan Snuffer** (Rick Allison's nephew)  
**Vicki Pogozeleski** (Judy Rushton's daughter)  
**And many others...**



## **Making spirits bright: seeker-friendly Christmas outreach**

Playing host to an event for people from outside your congregation doesn't have to be complicated or intimidating. Your church, whether there are 20 or 20,000 of you, can host a simple, festive and successful seeker event. Breaking this idea down will help your church execute a successful event and make spirits bright for all who come your way.

**Where?** Choose a very visible area for your event, such as a booth in a community holiday festival, Christmas market, outdoor ice-skating rink or along a holiday parade route. (You may need a permit or permission to be at specific locations, so be sure to research this in advance.) Seek places that attract high foot traffic and passersby.

**When?** Nights and weekends are best (obviously) because that's when most people are free from the obligations of work or school, which means they may be more willing to stop and chat. Plan for your volunteers to stay on-site for at least a few hours to visit with as many people as possible.

**Who?** Any of your church congregants can participate, regardless of age. A kind and welcoming attitude is all that's needed to greet passersby (especially families). Your greeters can wear shirts or buttons featuring your church's name.

**What?** Extend an offer to those you greet, whether it's a free cup of hot cocoa, an invitation card to your Christmas services or Christmas stickers for kids. Extra tips: Make sure to have an insulated dispenser to keep cocoa hot! Set up a table and a few chairs, so visitors (and volunteers) can take a break. Don't be offended if not everyone wants to chat. They aren't expecting to run into you, although you're anticipating them. Relevant but neutral conversation ideas: What Christmas means to them or what Christmas plans they have.

**Why?** So people in your community will see the church as part of the community, not as a separate entity that ignores people outside its doors. If your faces and logo are seen outside your church property frequently, people are more likely to look you up online and consider getting to know you better.

**How?** As in...how can you call this event successful? It's a great idea to count the number of invitations or cups of cocoa you've given out. That way you know how many people have received your marketing message. You could also provide prayer cards for passersby to complete, asking for their name, contact info (phone number or email) and how your church can pray for them. Two or three days after your event,



contact these people to say something like, “Hey John, it was nice to meet you at the Holiday Market on Saturday. I’ve been praying for your big presentation at work. How did it go?” or “Hi Jane, thanks for chatting with me at the Christmas parade last week. My church is praying for your health to improve. How are you doing?”

~ United Methodist Communications

**Advance hope on Giving Tuesday** ~ United Methodists will come together to support vital ministry projects and missionaries around the world on GivingTuesday, **Nov. 27**, as they give generously and use the hashtag #GiveUMC across social media platforms.

Giving through The Advance empowers hundreds of dedicated project leaders and missionaries to share the love of Christ in meaningful, life-saving ways. As always, 100% of all giving will support the designated Advance ministry! How will you #GiveUMC? Resources are available to build awareness of this day of generosity, such as social media graphics and a toolkit full of communication tips and fundraising ideas. Explore Advance ministries by visiting: [www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Advance-Project-Search](http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Advance-Project-Search).

**Video series aims to help guide healthy discussions** ~ Given the current, politically divided atmosphere, many people are calling for a return to civility. But what does it mean to have honest, respectful conversations with people with whom we disagree? What does that look like?

The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race hopes to offer a model in a newly released study program entitled “Vital Conversations 4: Race, Culture, The Church, and Human Sexuality.” The program features short videos of theologians, pastors, worship leaders, lay leaders, Biblical scholars and community activists — many of them people of color — discussing the Christian church’s stance on human sexuality. Designed for use by small groups in congregations, campus ministries and church leadership teams, each video segment presents a 10 to 12-minute conversation between two people. Each pair has some relationship — they’re friends, classmates, or colleagues — but they also have differing perspectives in the ongoing debate over the status, role and rights of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning in the church. You may find the videos by visiting: [www.gcorr.org/vital-conversations-4-race-culture-the-church-and-human-sexuality/](http://www.gcorr.org/vital-conversations-4-race-culture-the-church-and-human-sexuality/).

**FYI: Conference center holiday closings** ~ The Virginia United Methodist conference center will be closed for Thanksgiving observance starting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, **Nov. 21**, and remaining closed through Friday, **Nov. 23**. The center will be closed for Christmas observance **Dec. 21-26**. It will also be closed on New Year’s Day, **Jan. 1, 2019**.

## Visitor Center

### **TO REACH THE REST ROOMS OR THE NURSERY:**

Enter through the canopied entrance on the side of the building. Rest rooms are down the hall to the left. The Nursery is up the steps and down the hall to the right. Greeters and ushers are available to guide you.

**REGISTRATION PADS** are located in each pew near the center aisle. Please use these to record your presence, and to pass along information for the pastor or the church office.

**PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are available in the pews and in the foyer atop the Prayer Box. Deposit them in the box or drop them in the offering plates.

**WE PRACTICE "OPEN" COMMUNION.** We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, and at other special times. All are welcome at the table of the Lord, regardless of church membership, age, or feelings of worthiness. If you wish to come into relationship with Christ, deepen or renew that relationship, there is a place for you here.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF FIRST UMC,** please indicate so on the registration pad, or contact the pastor.

### **OUR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

FELLOWSHIP 8:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM  
WORSHIP: 10:00 AM

There is a place for you and your family on Sunday mornings here at First UMC Hampton

## How to Reach Us

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