

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

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December 1, 2019 10:00 a.m.
1st Sunday of Advent



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.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Riu, Riu, Chiu

Handbell Ensemble

INTROIT

O Come to Us, Emmanuel

The Messengers

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Cheryl Williams

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be healed and made whole.

Glory to God in the highest!

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Vs 1-4)

UMH 211

The Greens and the Holly

A.J. Greenhill-Raymond & Nancy Eason

The use of greenery to decorate the church during Christmastime has its origins in other cultures. Their use was brought to us by those who saw in them a deeper, richer meaning for the church. Just as evergreens are always green, so our hope for eternity is always secure because it is centered on Christ. Early Christians used holly as gifts, but fashioned it into wreaths, its prickly leaves symbolizing the crown of thorns, the red berries symbolic of drops of Christ's blood.

Carol

The Holly and the Ivy

**The Holly and the Ivy, when they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the Holly bears the crown.
O the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.**

The Advent Wreath

Cheryl Williams

Our Advent Wreath of evergreen is a circle which has no end, reminding us of the eternal reign of Jesus, the Christ. Advent is a season of humility and repentance symbolized by the color purple. Three candles on our Advent Wreath are purple, and represent hope, love, and peace. One candle is the color rose. On the third Sunday of Advent, our mood lifts as the Church begins to look forward to the coming of the Christ Child. This joyful waiting is symbolized by the lighter shade of the rose candle, the candle of Joy. Finally, on Christmas Eve, we will light the center candle of white to celebrate the arrival of Jesus – the Light of the World!

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – HOPE

Jo Ann and Gerald Walberg

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. Isaiah 9: 6-7a

Today we light the purple candle of HOPE, the Prophecy Candle to celebrate the coming of Christ who is our gift, our salvation in life. Praise be for His blessings on us.

(Light the First Advent Candle)

Let us pray (In Unison)

May we be Your willing servants as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. We thank you for Your illuminating light that fills our hearts with love and gives us hope. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us, so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto You - both now - and forevermore. Amen.

HYMN

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Giver of all good things, as we offer these gifts to you, open our eyes to see more clearly all that we have been given and all that we have to give. Stretch our capacity to give of ourselves: our love, our companionship, and our material resources, wherever they are needed. Amen.

OFFERTORY

A Light Shall Shine

Chancel Choir

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

In the Bleak Midwinter (V 4)

UMH 221

What can I give him, poor as I am?

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him: give my heart.**

The Poinsettia

Gladys Pratt

The poinsettia has become the most popular flower of the Christmas season. In Mexico, the plant is called the flower of the Holy Night. The flowers are small yellow clusters in the center of red leaves. Their star-shaped formation reminds us of the star which came to shine over the birthplace of Jesus and the red leaves remind us of the blood of Jesus shed for us.

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

UMH 216

The Christmas Tree

Azyah Jackson & Miyah Britt

The Christmas tree, as we know it, originated in the 16th century when devout Christians in Germany brought decorated fir trees into their homes. The tradition continued in America and England, and in the mid-1800s its popularity increased. Today, our trees are often topped with a star, commemorating the Bethlehem Star, or with an angel, heralding the birth of the Christ Child. Christmas trees bring warmth and beauty to our Christmas season.

Carol

O Christmas Tree
O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
Thy lights are shining brightly.
Through dark of night and winter's chill
in radiance you warm us still.
O Star of David, shine for me
and light the Savior's path to me.
O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
Salvation shines in Thee.

The Christmas Bells

Amanda Hooten & Cheryl Baker

Ringing of Bells has long been a symbol of the joy and harmony between earth and heaven. In early times steeple bells were a kind of invitation from the church to the people, telling them all to come to the House of the Lord. God's greatest gift was when He became a child, born to redeem us. So, let all the Christmas bells ring in celebration! Rejoice!

HYMN

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And wide and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

The Chrismons

Madelyn Phipps & Shandon Martin

The Chrismon tree has its origin in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, VA. The word "Chrismon" is derived by combining the words Christ and monogram. A Chrismon is a monogram for Christ, a symbol representing the One whose birth we celebrate. Decorating a tree in this manner emphasizes the true nature of this most holy season. Each ornament tells part of the story of God's plan for salvation. Each Chrismon is white and gold. White symbolizes the Lord's purity and perfection, and gold symbolizes the glory and majesty of the Son of God.

The HARP is the symbol for music, especially that used in praise of God. The DOVE represents peace. It signifies the Holy Spirit and the presence of God hovering over the water at creation and above Jesus at his baptism.

The MANGER in a stable was the lowly bed in which Mary first placed the baby Jesus.

The CROWN symbolizes the Kingship of Christ and His victory over sin and death, our King Eternal.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREES (In Unison)

Rev. Candee Martin

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from darkness of sin by making His cross a tree of life and light. May these trees arrayed in splendor remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ. May we always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

The Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome to this sacred place we call sanctuary and to the table of Jesus Christ. In the United Methodist tradition, we believe in an open communion where all are welcome. We place our trust in the unconditional love of God and the unlimited welcome of Jesus Christ. I invite you to join with me as we lift our voices responsively in this humble confession to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)

You give the gift of hope, O God.

**In the pattern of faithful life which brings us pain,
we need your hope.**

You are the inspirer of hope, O God.

**In the striving of our faith community to serve this neighborhood,
we need your hope.**

You are the pattern of hope, O God.

**In those times when apathy or despair bring us low,
we need your hope.**

You are the source of hope, O God.

**In those situations when we struggle to forgive,
we need your hope.**

[Time for silent reflection]

Hope makes the breakthrough,

**As new paths are explored, and as new opportunities are
grasped.**

Hope makes the breakthrough,

**As old rivalries are put aside, and as fresh visions are
discovered.**

In the hopeful freedom of the Spirit, we are renewed people.

Pardon and peace are ours. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT

UMH 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

[Gluten-free communion elements are available. Please ask Rev. Kerry.]

*[As you come to the communion rail,
you may leave an offering for those in need in the basket.]*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (In Unison)

God of Love, do not let us grow weary of living our lives according to the example of your child, Jesus. Loving one another is a great challenge and a high calling. We do not want to fail our friend and brother. Pour out upon us your Spirit who reminds us that we bear Jesus' love and life within our very being—a powerful gift for our world. Out of this gift, may we bear the fruit of love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

*Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.*

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this:

Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.

We will go forth from this place in hope.

***POSTLUDE**





Poinsettias in honor of or in memory of loved ones and friends will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 15.



If you would like to honor someone by purchasing a poinsettia, please complete the information below and place in the offering plate or send it to the church office. **The cost is \$12.00 per poinsettia and your check should accompany your order.** Please indicate on the check and/or envelope that the money is for “Poinsettias”.

The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 9.

Number of Poinsettias (\$12.00 each) _____

Given by _____

In honor of

In memory of

*We would appreciate it if you could leave your poinsettias until after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service on December 24.
Thank you.*

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 8:30 am Morning Coffee (FH)
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Messengers (CR)
- 10:00 am Worship (S)
- 11:00 am Fellowship (FH)
- 11:30 am Messy Church Planning (FH)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 6:00 pm UMW Circle 10 (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 6:00 pm **NO FITNESS YOGA TODAY**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 9:30 am UMW Unit Meeting (FH)
- 11:30 am UMW Circle 6 (FH)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 10:00 am **NO GENTLE YOGA TODAY**
- 5:00 pm Sine Nomine (CR)
- 6:15 pm Glory Ringers (CR)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9:30 am UMW Advent Prayer Breakfast (Wesley UMC)
- 2:00 pm Charge Conference (Wesley UMC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:30 am Morning Coffee (FH)
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Messengers (CR)
- 10:00 am Worship (S)
- 11:00 am Fellowship (FH)



12/2

Jimmy Link

12/3

Frances Dillion

12/6

Ann Gordon Evans
Anne Ferguson

12/8

Amy Myrom
Anna Lee Evans

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

If your birthday is not listed or listed
incorrectly, please accept our
apologies and let us know in the
office so we can correct our
records. Thank you.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

LITURGIST: Cheryl Williams
FINANCE: Vesta Wallio
COUNTERS: Vesta Wallio
Ann Gordon Evans

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

LITURGIST: Jay Smith
FINANCE: Wayne Barfoot
COUNTERS: Bob Allsbrook
Ralph White

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning given by

Rusty Evans

In celebration of Ann Gordon Evans' birthday, December 6th

Next week: Rusty Evans

Attendance Last week

Worship: **73** Sunday School: **44**

CHARGE CONFERENCE

at Wesley UMC

Saturday, December 7, 2019

2:00 p.m.

UMW Advent Prayer Breakfast

takes place that same morning at **9:30 a.m.**

The cost is \$10 per person.

Please **RSVP by Sunday, Nov 24**
to **Carolyn Knight (757) 851-6758**





Please remember in prayer those from our congregation:

Jackie Taylor
Linda Minetree
Lou Beasley
Adam Shlyk
Hannah Kourtiche
Allen Langford
Lil' Bit Brown
Nell Writtenberry
Jane Roberts
Barbara Cubbage
Candee Martin and family
Lenny Yarrington
Robin Welch
Marianne Prentiss
Beth Nystrom
Lewis & Audrey Thurston
Jackie Taylor
Winnie & Gale Barnes
Ray and Tricia Waldon
Dean Shinn

Members will be listed for four weeks unless church office is notified.

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

Our friends and family members in need of prayer:

Cindi Jenkins (friends of Greg & Mori)
Herman Baker (friend of Thurstons)
Bishop Lewis
Lyle (Wilson's grandson)
Chad Sayers (Winnie Barnes' grandson)
Maddie Davis (student at Armstrong)
Tim (friend of the Milholens)
Patsy G. Maney (friend of Vince Mundie)
Linda Lowry (Linda Marushi's cousin)
Vicki Pogozelski (Judy Rushton's daughter)
Chris (Audrey Thurston's brother)
Barbara Farrand's daughter-in-law
Gene Ferguson (friend of Vince Mundie)
Jim McLees
Dalton Furbee
Josh Swann's grandfather
Charlotte Doran (7 yr old, by Sandra Allsbrook)
Ann Bowie & family (friend of Writtenberry & Kourtiche families)
Joseph Matousek (Susan Neal's son)
Michelle Allsbrook
Kay Allsbrook Outland (Bob Allsbrook's Sister)
Ken Goddard (Beth Nystrom's brother)
Chastain Cannon (Pastor Candee's cousin)
Scarlett Lutz Kasperbauer

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*The beautiful wreaths that adorn our doors
were generously donated by
the Crouse, Fisher and Disciple Sunday school classes.*

*The large balcony wreath
was placed by Lynn Chandler
in loving memory of her mother, Ruby K. Wiles.*

*The chancel wreaths
were placed by Carolyn and Richard Slye
in memory and in honor of their children and families.*

UMW Unit Christmas Meeting

is Wednesday, Dec. 4 at
9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Installation of 2020 officers will
be by York River District,
Membership, Nurture and
Outreach Officer, Pat Fitzgerald
of Wesley UMC. Refreshments -
everyone bring a Christmas
'goodie' to share.

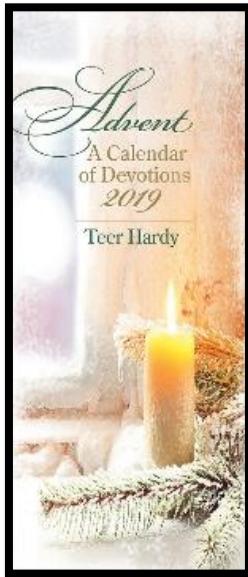


You're invited to
a creative celebration for all ages
Starting January 8, 2020

You are invited to a new monthly faith gathering for all ages. Relax, meet new people, take part in crafts, games, casual worship, and a family-style meal. Whoever you are, wherever you're from, whatever you believe (or doubt), come as you are. We are excited to welcome you!

*Sometimes life is messy.
God can meet us there!*

Please contact Rev. Kerry to learn more
or sign up at klgreenhill@gmail.com



Advent Devotional books
Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2019
By Teer Hardy

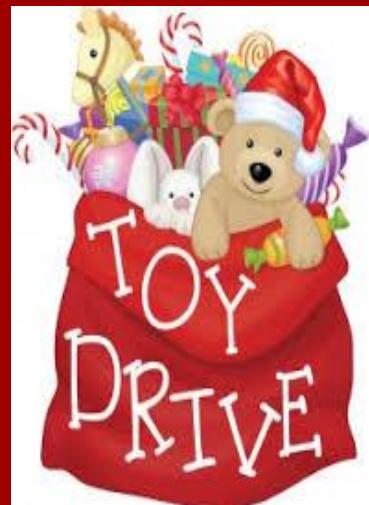
are available in the back of the sanctuary
or outside the church office beginning December 1.

In a thoughtful and informative style, Teer Hardy leads us through the busy preparations of Advent, reflecting upon God's promises and love for the world while also looking forward to the immense change that will be brought forth by the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. This calendar of daily devotions helps readers focus on what matters most throughout the hustle and bustle of the season.

Everyone's invited to our
Annual Toy Drive Breakfast
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men
Saturday, December 14
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!

Bring a guest and be the hands of Christ!
Please RSVP to the church office by Dec. 11th



Live Nativity

Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.



If your child(ren) would like to participate in
this glorious event, please contact the
church office at (757) 723-6577 or email:
office@FirstUMCHampton.org

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 15. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

During the
Sundays of Advent
You are invited to the
Fellowship Hall
for
Coffee at 8:00
with
Fellowship at 11:00
following
morning service.

UMW have had a plea from the **Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic** for help on **December 28**. On that date we will be taking lunch and supplies to the upper Mattaponi Clinic. There is a box in the Narthex for donated supplies.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR MATTAPONI HEALING EAGLE CLINIC

- Multivitamins (child and adult)
- Vitamin E
- Tylenol
- Baby Aspirin
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Band-Aids
- #10 Envelopes
- Stamps
- Ensure
- Depends Underwear
- Cans of Ensure (all flavors)
- Cans of Boost for diabetics
- Neosporin Cream
- Antibiotic First Aid Cream and Sprays
- Betadine and Lotion Creams
- 4"x4" and 2"x2" Gauze Pads
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Disposable Protective Bed Pads
- Coffee
- Creamer
- Small Individual Bottled Water
- Copier Paper
- AA and AAA Batteries
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Cleaning Supplies



December 1 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 8 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



Live Nativity at 6:00 pm
followed by sub sandwich supper.
A love offering will be accepted.
Bring a batch of your favorite cookies,
lawn chair, and flashlight.
(RSVP to the office by 12/6)

December 15 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

December 22
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 29
Worship at 10:00 am

January 5
Epiphany Sunday
Worship at 10:00 am





First Sunday of Advent

Cultivating a heart of gratitude

Giving thanks to God is the fundamental way we praise and worship God. Cultivating our sense of gratitude deepens our love of God. And acknowledging our gratitude is also the wellspring of Christian generosity since our most basic reason for giving is in response to what God has given us. Gratitude and generosity are so closely related theologically that they are two sides of the same coin.

Psychological research documents that people who regularly practice gratitude by taking notice and reflecting on things they're thankful for are happier and healthier and they engage others in more compassionate ways. In this season of gratitude and generosity, what can your church do to cultivate an attitude of gratitude — a mindset that will make people not only happier and more content, but also more generous with the church and others?

Exercise the vocabulary of gratitude ~ Congregations have the chance weekly to instill a mindset of gratitude by saturating their prayers, preaching, and worship with references to God's generosity and our posture of thankfulness. Help congregants understand the connection between faith and gratitude by consistently using a vocabulary of gratitude, not just during the offering or on Sunday mornings but in framing every aspect of congregational life.

Adopt simple spiritual practices ~ Asking people to reflect and name what they are grateful for enhances mindfulness and cultivates a heart of thanksgiving. One simple practice is to ask each person gathered at the family dinner table or in church meeting rooms to share briefly something they are grateful for. Another is to keep a gratitude journal or consistently place thanksgiving at the start of personal and corporate prayer. Churches should encourage individuals and groups to adopt these simple practices.

Say thank you ~ Gratitude is contagious! When we regularly express our thanks to others, it not only makes us more mindful of our own gratitude, it also models for them a mindset of gratefulness. Gratitude and generosity are mutually reinforcing. Unfortunately, it is all too common for churches to exhort people to give while never appropriately thanking those who contribute and serve. Churches with strong cultures of gratitude are intentional about saying thank you at every conceivable juncture.

Put your gratitude on display ~ For example, create a "gratitude tree" and invite people of all ages to pin up leaves with notes expressing what they are grateful for. And reading the gratitude leaf collection is a powerful, humbling reminder of how we touch the lives of others. Worship testimonies and social media posts are other ways people can share their gratitude.

Giving thanks places us in proper relationship with God. It reminds us of God's abundant generosity and grace and shapes our hearts for generosity. Cultivating gratitude is at the heart of our mission as the people of God.

~ Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Delegation endorses Tom Berlin as bishop candidate

The Virginia Conference delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences voted to endorse Berlin, senior pastor of Floris UMC in Herndon, as a candidate for bishop during a delegation meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16. The election of bishops will take place July 15-17 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in western North Carolina. It is expected that five bishops will be elected to the 2020 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Berlin accepted this endorsement saying "United Methodists are in a turbulent and important season, and I am grateful to be considered as one who could provide leadership to the church."

Bishops support proposal for U.S. Regional Conference

At last month's Council of Bishops Meeting, the United Methodist Central Conference College of Bishops stated that they will promote and solidly support the Connectional Table's (CT's) legislation to General Conference 2020 that will create a new structure for churches in the United States, which will be called the United States Regional Conference. The central conference bishops made this decision at their November 1 meeting, then shared the decision with the entire Council of Bishops on November 6 following the CT's presentation to the full council. The full council had previously affirmed the CT proposal. "I am grateful for the strong support of the Central Conference bishops for the proposal for the U.S. as a regional conference," said Bishop Christian Alsted, Chair of the CT and bishop of the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal area. "I believe this proposal will enable us to live more fully as a worldwide church. It will give the U.S. church a structure to deal with its unique missional challenges and to do its visionary, strategic and administrative work. The Central Conference bishops know the value of being able to make adaptations and to supplement the general Book of Discipline, and I believe they wish to extend this privilege to the entire church. Furthermore, this will free the general conference to focus its work on worldwide concerns and to become a forum that leads the church forward in God's mission."

Give Love: Global Ministries Giving Campaign

Global Ministries invites you to give love, joy, hope and peace through the agency's year-end giving campaign. Between now and December 31, the organization will be sharing stories of the ways gifts to Global Ministries and UMCOR have transformed the lives of people around the world. Take time to browse the digital Advance catalog and take advantage of the opportunity to become a champion for your favorite Global Ministries cause through the peer-to-peer fundraising program. Please prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to your favorite mission project at UMCMission.org/Givelove and share this opportunity with friends via email and social media.

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 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!

Website: <http://firstumchampton.org/>

How to Reach Us

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