

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

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April 14, 2019 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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PROCESSIONAL *Enter, He Triumphantly* Caroline Montgomery
Descant

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Open the gates of righteousness.

Enter in and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of God.

Enter in and be made whole!

This is the place where God answers.

Enter in; give thanks to the Lord!

The stone the builders rejected is the strongest part of God's house.

Jesus is that stone; give thanks as you enter in.

The stone that was rejected is our Rock and strength.

The Lord has made it so, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We rejoice and are glad in it!

This is the day the Lord has made.

We came to shout about it!

God is our salvation and our success.

We came to shout about it!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God.

We came to shout about it!

The Lord is God and shines on us.

We came to shout about it!

With palm branches in hand and a song in our heart;

We came to shout about it!

We join the festive procession from age to age and place to place.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures
forever and we came to shout about it!**

[You are invited to wave your palm branch as we sing.]

LENTEN JOURNEY FROM LIGHT TO DARKNESS

We are nearing our Lenten journey's end, and the darkness. As followers of our Lord we remember the events of long ago, when the twelve disciples entered Jerusalem with Jesus, but deserted him a few days later. We know that in our own lives, when things go well, we often know God is with us, but when we are afraid, when we are at risk, we may abandon our faith. Help us to remain faithful to you, even in times of deepest doubt. In Christ's name. Amen.

(Extinguish last purple candle)

Let us pray.

Holy One, you have journeyed with us through the valley of the shadows, and you will surely see us through to the other side. Help us to remain faithful to you even in times of deepest doubt and trouble. Help us not to be a floundering witness to Him, but a powerful force that binds us to the simple fact of Jesus' love for all creation, and for us, sinners that we are. We can deny the darkness with Him. In Christ's sacred name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

O God of Glory and Majesty, we have stood with the crowds to sing your praises, and then we have been lured to other devotions. Yet you have with passion and compassion embraced us again and again as your children. We pray that these gifts that we bring and the gifts of our hearts on this special day may be worthy in your sight. We pray with humble hope that we might be your faithful disciples in our homes, our church, our community, our nation, and our world. It is in Jesus' name that we offer our prayer. Amen.

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*HYMN	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	UMH 278
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PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

**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.**

SERMON

When We Feel Unwanted...

Rev. Candee Martin

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

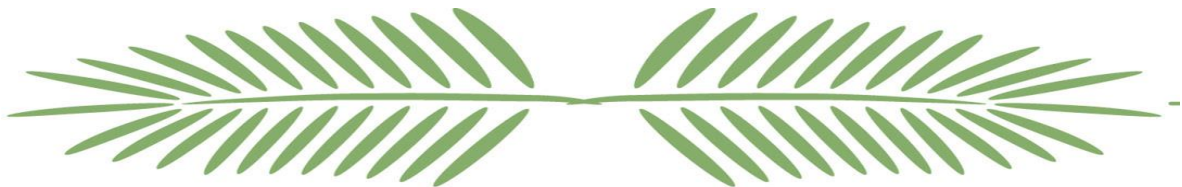
*Enter into the spirit of our faith's Holy Week. Go quietly and confidently
 with the greatest story ever told living in your minds and your hearts
 and your actions. **Amen.***

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277 (Vs 3)

[You are invited to wave your palm branch as we sing]

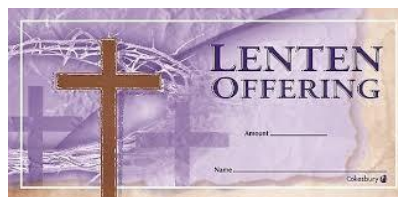
**Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
 Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
 One of his heralds, yes, I would sing
 Loudest hosanna, "Jesus is King!"**

*POSTLUDE



The symbol on the banner in today's service is the Chi-Rho symbol, a Christogram formed from the first two Greek letters of the word "Christ," chi (X) and rho (P). It was first used by the Roman emperor Constantine the Great who ruled from 306AD to 337AD.

This year's Lenten Offering will go to support two of our local missions:
H.E.L.P. and Camp Rainbow Connection.



Attendance Last week

Worship: 66
Sunday School: 44

Thank you to **Carolyn Slye** for writing our liturgy for the Lenten Journey from Light to Darkness.

Altar Flowers

One of the ways the Worship Committee has decided to observe Lent is by not having flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent (March 6-April 20) will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY, SUNDAY APRIL 14

LITURGIST:	Vennie Lulofs
FINANCE:	Wayne Barfoot
BUS DRIVER:	Gary Bergtholdt
COUNTERS:	Bob Allsbrook Ralph White

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21

LITURGIST:	Ann Gordon Evans
FINANCE:	Bill Diggs
BUS DRIVER:	Sam Pollard
COUNTERS:	Brad Allsbrook JoAnn Walberg

Tuesday

Quiet Space



The piano in the parlor has become excess to our needs. If any church group or individual is interested in acquiring this piano, **please call the office (723-6577) by April 15.** Moving and transportations **will not** be provided by the church.



DONATIONS NEEDED:

Individually wrapped candy that will fit into plastic eggs

Need by April 14.

Boxes will be placed in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) and the Kitchen for collections.

Bags of Plastic Eggs

Need by April 14.

Hard Boiled Eggs

Need by Friday, April 19 or before the party April 20.

Put in kitchen refrigerator.

Volunteers to work at the Easter Party.

We will have all of the items needed for each station.

Kitchen-Serving snacks

Games-Handing out prizes

Little Kid Crafts

Big Kid/Adult Crafts

Hiding Eggs

Easter Egg Dying

Cookie Decorating

Contact Nancy Eason to help!

Easter Party

Saturday, April 20

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Holy Week events:

There will be a **Holy Week service on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Join us as we celebrate the last supper and commune together before stripping the chancel and ending with Jesus' crucifixion



There will be **Community Walk with the Cross on Friday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m.** This is an account of Jesus' torture and crucifixion accompanied with prayers and singing of hymns at 10 stations. The walk begins at First Baptist Church (229 N. King Street) and ends at St. John's Church (100 W Queens Way). Queens Way).

Saturday, April 20

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Easter Party

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Enjoy Games, Snacks, Crafts for Children & Adults, and Egg Hunts for All Ages...



Easter Sunday, April 21

10:00 am Worship

**Bring fresh flowers to adorn
our Resurrection Cross!**

We need lots of fresh blooms!

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15

6:00 pm UMW Circle 10 (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 pm Lenten Study – *Simon Peter* (FH)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 am Gentle Yoga (FH)

7:00 pm Worship w/ Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

4:30 pm Setup for Easter Party (FH)
5:00 pm Community Walk with the Cross
(Begins at First Baptist Church
229 N King St)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 am-12:00 pm EASTER PARTY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – EASTER SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15 – OFFICE CLOSED

No scheduled activities



4/14

Colin Deleon

4/15

Alexis Crissman

4/16

Michelle Allsbrook
Emily Bever

4/17

4/18

Sandra Allsbrook
Mike Dorsey, Jr.

4/19

4/20

Silas Newman

4/21

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.

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



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

Lil' Bit Brown
Nell Writtenberry
Jane Roberts
Eleanor Woodward
Ed Kilgore
Allen Langford
Candee Martin and family
Aggie Hogge
Lenny Yarrington
Robin Welch
Marianne Prentiss
Beth Nystrom
Lewis Thurston
Jackie Taylor
Winnie Barnes
Sue Miserentino
Ray Waldon
Barbara Cabbage
Earl Lawson

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

Our friends and family in need of prayer:

Bishop Sharma Lewis

Chad Sayers (Winnie Barnes' grandson)

Jimmy Parker (friend of Carol Gardner)

Maddie Davis (student at Armstrong)

Tim (friend of the Milholens)

Patsy G. Maney (friend of Vince Mundie)

Linda Lowry (Linda Marushi's cousin)

Nancey (friend of Jane Miller)

Vicki Pogozeleski (Judy Rushton's daughter)

Abdul Fattah Kourtiche (father of Sarah
and Hannah Kourtiche)

Ellen Sue Ryan (friend of Meg Moore)

Chris (Audrey Thurston's brother)

Barbara Farrand's daughter-in-law

Gene Ferguson (friend of Vince Mundie)

Bill Milholen (William's father)

Carolyn Schmid (former member & friend
of Shirley McCracken)

Jim McLees

Ken Foley (Rich Foley's brother)

Judy (Richard Slye's sister)

Jenny Crissman's boss

Jones family (friends of Arnetha)

April (Sylvia's Rumsey's niece)

And many others...

SAVE THE DATE

For these events:

Wednesday, May 1 6:30 pm

United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women's Annual joint dinner meeting. **Special guest speaker, Renyatta Banks**, Executive Director of Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth.



Saturday, May 4 7:30 am

United Methodist Men's Breakfast & Study

Join us for a continental breakfast and brief study!

Saturday, May 4

5:30 Dinner-Pizza (\$6.00 per person)

6:00 Movie: Priceless (PG-13)

**** We are not including children at this event.**

The content is for an adult audience. **

Desperately in need of money and in hopes of regaining custody of his daughter, James (Joel Smallbone) embarks on a cross-country delivery for cash -- no questions asked. When he discovers that he is delivering two young women, the questions in his mind begin haunting him mercilessly. When James finds himself falling for one of the women, he becomes an unlikely hero and must fight to save the innocence and lives of both of the ladies.

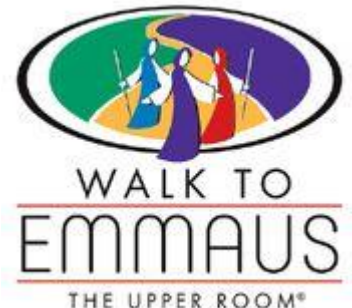


Saturday, May 18 5:30 pm

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Gathering

Our church has been asked to host a gathering of the Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus community. Several people from our congregation have attended an Emmaus Walk and there may be others who have an interest in learning more about the weekend. The

gathering will take place in our fellowship hall on **May 18 and will include a covered dish supper at 5:30. Please contact Ron Rumsey if you would like to attend** or for more information about Emmaus, which is an Upper Room sanctioned ministry.





Insights from search for a new church home

Avid runner and blogger Lynda Hawes and her husband moved a few years ago and made quite a few church visits. Here are some of her observations you may find helpful in encouraging more visitors to become new members:

- **No public humiliation.** Please don't make us stand in a room full of total strangers and introduce ourselves. We want to be anonymous since we're not sure we want to see you again; and, frankly, we're still seeing other churches. It's not you; it's us. We just don't know you very well yet.
- **Acknowledge we exist.** Being anonymous is not the same as being invisible. We're probably going to be a little confused about what to do and where to go, so having someone greet us and ask if we have questions is most appreciated. If you act like we're not there, we start to think we might as well not be there.
- **Put it in writing.** Spell out everything we need to know in the bulletin: when to sit or stand, where to find the words, even if you have one of those groovy new digital displays.
- **No stalking.** Please don't chase us down the street to tell us you were glad to see us. When you act like it's a miracle that you have visitors, it freaks us out.
- **Remember us.** You get a gold star if we come back and you remember our names, but just a friendly "nice to see you again" makes us feel like you noticed we were there.
- **Have a website.** If you don't have a website, we won't be coming to your church. That alone tells us you aren't ready for new people. There is simply no excuse not to have one. When, where, what. There are basically three things we want to know when we come to your website: when your worship services are held, where you are located, and what you believe. And we really like to see all three on the home page, but at least make them SUPER easy to find and no more than one click away.
- **Tell us what you really believe.** Be proud of what you believe and spell it out on your website. Progressive? Great! Theologically conservative? Super! But what do those things mean in the life of your community? Finding a new church home is not always easy, especially if the one you came from was such an important part of your lives. We were very, very close to our previous faith community; and it's hard to think of anywhere else coming close. Any number of the things that might bring us to your doorstep can make it hard to do much more than show up, sit quietly in the back, and sneak out afterward. But that's the beautiful thing about church communities — they bring new people into your life, they can open your heart and mind to new experiences, they can mend those deepest of wounds,

and affirm your relationship with God. With all that on the line, don't let the little things mentioned above get in the way of connecting people to the Good News.

~ **Lewis Center for Church Leadership**

All God's Children Camp in need of drivers ~ All God's Children Camp is in need of drivers who would be willing to transport campers to and from Camp in the Richmond area this summer. Drivers are needed for Jun. 16, Jun. 21, Aug. 11 and Aug. 16. Please contact Camp Director Lori Smith for more information at 571-245-9591 or lttlelori@gmail.com.

Camp Rainbow is seeking summer volunteers ~ Camp Rainbow Connection (CRC) is seeking volunteers to serve adult campers for a week or two this summer. CRC is a week-long respite camp for adults with intellectual disabilities. Volunteers are needed to help serve on the nursing team as well as people to serve in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, conducting arrival interviews with campers and their caregivers, dispensing medications and responding to health needs during the weeks of camp. If you are interested in joining (even if only for part of the camp session), please contact Stacy Roberts at StacyRoberts@vaumc.org. For more information regarding Camp Rainbow, visit the [conference website](#).

Annual Conference 2019 information is available ~ The Virginia Annual Conference will be held in Roanoke in the Berglund Center from Jun. 20-22. More information at <https://vaumc.org/AC2019>.

Information about kit collection at Annual Conference ~ UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is currently focusing its efforts on Cleaning Kits (aka Flood Buckets), Hygiene Kits and School Kits for collection this year. Collection of the kits will begin Wednesday, June 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. and continue Thursday, June 20 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, June 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Kit Collection Coordinator, the Rev. Morris Fleischer (Newport-Mt. Olivet UMC/Roanoke District), at (540) 544-7183 or morrisfleischer@vaumc.org with any questions. A volunteer sign-up page will be available soon. If you prefer to make a financial contribution to enable UMCOR to purchase relief kits, you can contribute \$75 for each cleaning kit; \$12 for each health kit; and \$11 for each school kit. Additionally, UMCOR asks for \$1 per kit (\$1.50 for cleaning buckets) to cover processing and shipping and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit. Please do NOT bring checks to Annual Conference. All checks (for processing and shipping, for toothpaste, and in lieu of providing kits) should be made payable to "Virginia Conference UMC," earmarked for "kits" and mailed to Treasurer, Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA, 23058 any time prior to Annual Conference and no later than August 31. You can find more information about putting these kits together at www.vaumc.org/AC2019.

Easter Flowers



You now have the option of paying for your flowers with a credit/debit card either online through our website, the Give+ app or in the church office. However, we still need this form for the dedication. If you have any questions, contact the church office.



Easter Flowers will be placed in the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 21.**
These flowers can be taken home and planted in your own garden.
The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 15.
Please take your flower(s) home after the service on April 21.

Name: _____

Number of Calla lilies _____ X \$13.00 ea = _____

Number of Hydrangeas **SOLD OUT**

Total _____

- ☐ Payment attached (cash or check)
☐ Paid online

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

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

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