

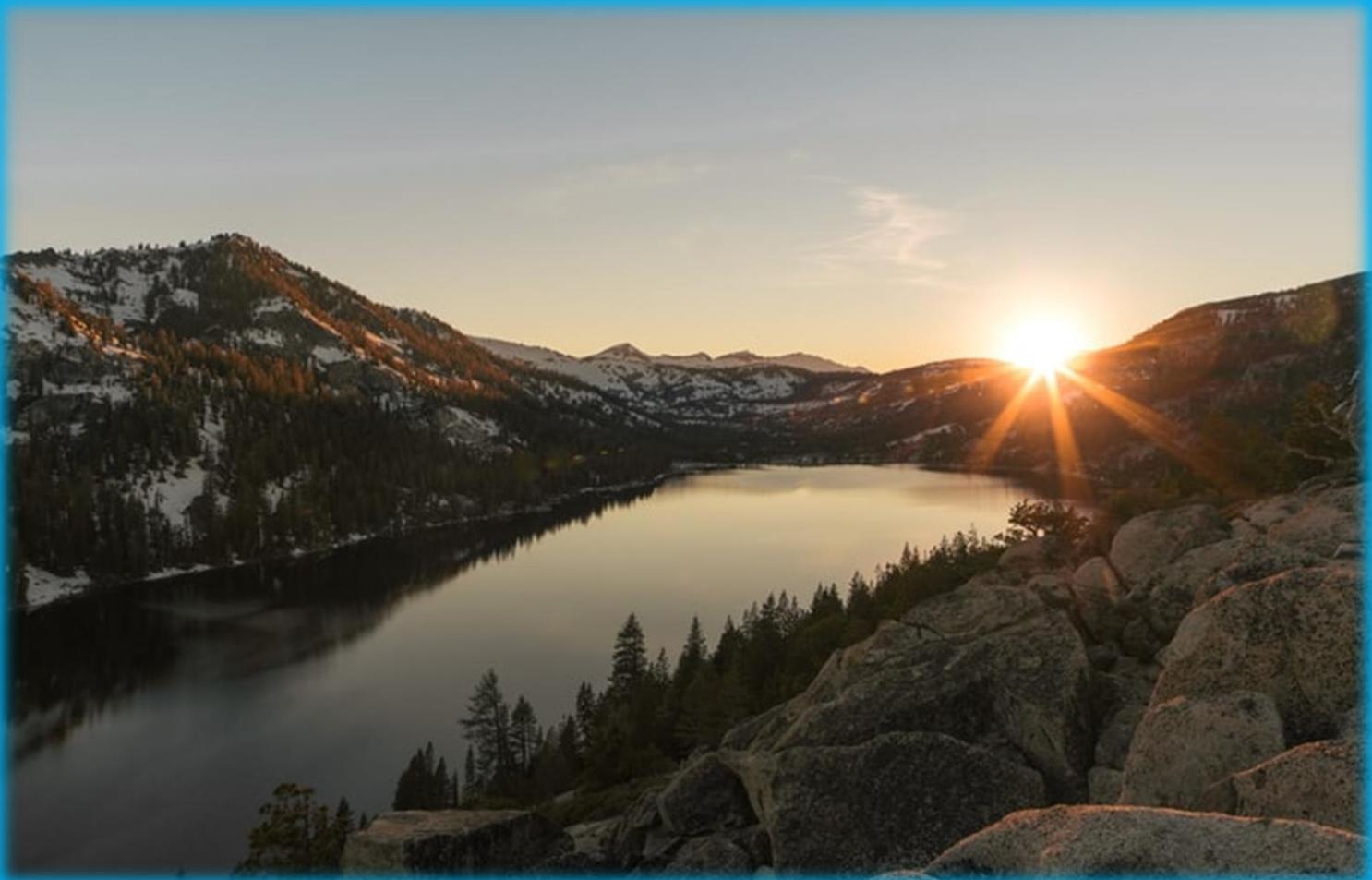
First United Methodist Church of Hampton

110 E Queen St Hampton VA 23669

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January 12, 2020 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Epiphany -- Baptism of the Lord



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)

Our Mission: To Know and Share Jesus Christ

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

*INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Have you heard?

Heard what?

God has called us by name!

Why?

To help us know how much God loves us, how much God wants us to live into our identity as beloved daughters and sons.

Wow! That's amazing!

Amazing, indeed. Let's give praise and thanks to our awesome, loving God.

Let's worship in Spirit and in love.

*HYMN

At the Font We Start Our Journey

TFWS 2114

*OPENING PRAYER

God of love, in this time of worship, help us to hear you claim us as your own as you call us beloved; help us claim our own identity as precious and honored, even in the face of voices that tell us differently. As we remember our baptisms this day, remind us who we are and whose we are. Strengthen us to do your work in this world, transforming our fragmented communities into your Beloved Community—which Jesus preached and lived. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-2, 3a, 4a (NRSV)

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ^{3a}For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior....^{4a}...you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you..."

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. **14**John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” **15**But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. **16**And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17**And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

All-loving and gracious God, you have called us by name and love us with a fierce tenderness. In gratitude and praise, we offer our love in return—love for you and for your people. May our gifts strengthen your work in the world by creating the Beloved Community, right here, right now. Amen.

OFFERTORY

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

**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

You Are Mine

TFWS 2218

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

**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 Just When We Truly Needed Peace Chancel Choir

SERMON We Are...God's Beloved Children...Forever!!!
Rev. Candee Martin

***HYMN** I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry TFWS 2051

[During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to renew your baptismal vows by coming forward to the baptismal font and dipping your hands in the waters of the font. You may also use the water to make a sign of the cross on your forehead or your heart and may kneel in prayer at the communion rail.]

***CLOSING PRAYER (responsive)**

God of water and spirit, it is hard to hear your voice calling us beloved amid the cacophony of voices around us that tell us we are worthless. Even when we hear your voice, it is hard to believe the depth of your love for us amid the messages of the world that tell us we are far from precious.

Open our ears, Beloved One, to hear your voice. Open our eyes to see your amazing presence in this world. Help us feel your strength filling us and empowering us to be and do what you call us to be and do.

Forgive our doubts, our excuses, our inability to hear and see and feel you in our lives and in the world around us. May we claim our true identity as your beloved daughters and sons. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Go now in God's peace with God's blessing on your life
remembering and trusting always that you are the beloved child of
God. **Amen.**

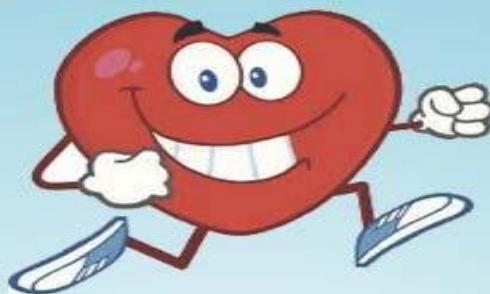
*POSTLUDE

Please join the UMW on Sunday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m.

A salad bar and dessert following church will be provided before the program. We will take a love offering for lunch with all additional money collected to go to school supplies for children at Bassette Elementary.

Everyone should wear casual/workout clothes to church!

SILVER SNEAKERS CIRCUIT WORKOUT



***ACTIVITES TO IMPROVE
DAILY LIVING!**

***EASY TO USE EQUIPMENT!**

***LOW IMPACT!**

***HIGH AMOUNT OF FUN!**

Training will be taught by Andrea Sam sky.
Andrea is a graduate of James Madison University. She has
been the Physical Education/Health teacher at Armstrong
School for the Arts for the past 25 years.

Andrea Sam sky has been awarded:
2010 VAHPERD Teacher of the Year for Elementary PE
2016 VAHPERD Teacher of the Year Health Educator
2017 SHAPE Southern District Teacher of the Year Health
Educator

Andrea currently serves on the
ODU Health and Physical Education Advisory Board,
VAHPERD Executive Board,
Hampton City Schools - School Health Advisory Board.

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 am Fellowship (FH)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (S)
11:00 am UMW Unit Meeting (FH)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

11:30 am Circle 8 (FH)
6:00 pm UMW Circle 10 (FH)
6:00 pm UMW Circle 2 (Melva Fairchild)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 am Nifty Crafters (CFR)
4:00 pm Trustee Meeting (CP)
6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 pm Church Council (FH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 am Gentle Yoga (FH)
5:00 pm Sine Nomine (CR)
6:15 pm Glory Ringers (CR)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (S)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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



1/12

Lynn Chandler
Jean Greer
Ed Guldner
William Kilgore

1/13

Bob Basford
Susan Dieterich
Jo White

1/15

Robin Welch

**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, JANUARY 12

LITURGIST: William Milholen
FINANCE: Wayne Barfoot
COUNTERS: Bob Allsbrook
Ralph White

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

LITURGIST: Jeremy Hooten
FINANCE: Bill Diggs
COUNTERS: Brad Allsbrook
JoAnn Walberg

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning given by

Hal Prentiss

In honor of All of the Sunday School Teachers

Next Week: AVAILABLE

Attendance Last week

Worship: **82** Sunday School: **45**

THANK YOU to all who have so generously donated so that we have had flowers on the chancel in 2019. The 2020 Flower chart is up in the hallway across from the choir room. If you would like to help adorn the chancel with fresh flowers, please reserve a Sunday on the chart or call the church office. The price is still \$50.00 for two arrangements. We have a lot of dates including the following that are available for donation/dedication:

Jan 19 & 26

Feb 2 & 16

If you would like to help adorn the chancel with fresh flowers, please reserve a Sunday on the chart or contact the church.



HEAR MY
PRAYER,
O LORD

Please remember in prayer those from our congregation:

Kathy Minkoff
Greg Wilson
Ann Gordon Evans
Winnie & Gale Barnes
Jackie Taylor
Adam Shlyk
Allen Langford
Lil' Bit Brown
Nell Writtenberry
Barbara Cubbage
Candee Martin and family
Lenny Yarrington
Robin Welch
Marianne Prentiss
Ray and Tricia Waldon

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

First Church has a job opening for a paid
**NURSERY
WORKER**

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:

The family of Tiffany Temple
The family of Donna Deans
Kay Outland (Bob Allsbrook's sister)
Michelle Allsbrook
Chastain Cannon (Pastor Candee's cousin)
Scarlett Lutz Kasperbauer

Our condolences go out to the family of Kathy and Larry Minkoff on the passing of Kathy's mother, Frances M. Parrish on January 4th. Funeral service was held Friday, January 10 at 2:00 at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home. Sending healing prayers and comfort from your Church Family.

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

Do you know someone who is great with kids, reliable, and looking for a part-time job every Sunday morning? Please ask that person to contact the church office at 757-723-6577 or office@firstumchampton.org for information on how to apply. *Position available immediately!*

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EVENTS...



Study Information for:

Making Sense Of The Bible

DATES: Tuesdays, Jan 21, 28 Feb 4, 11
TIME: 1:00pm
PLACE: Crouse Parlor
Hosted By: Brenda Wright

Session Topics:

1. Making Sense of the Old Testament
2. Making Sense of the New Testament
3. Questions about the Nature of Scripture
4. The Bible and Science

Sign up sheet located on wall across from the office.

JANUARY 14th at 6:00 pm

Free Financial Seminar

Sponsored by The Virginia United Methodist Foundation

Taught by Rev. Tommy Herndon
Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church
204 Cook Rd., Yorktown

JANUARY 18th at 7 pm

Trinity UMC

201 Cedar St., Smithfield

Join us for a fun night of clean Comedy featuring 6 local comedians bringing you laughs from all walks of life. Childcare provided. burtonfour@yahoo.com
757.945.8608 (Nancy)
Love Offering will go towards missions

Thank You

A huge **THANK YOU** to our church family for all the prayers and visits. A special thank you goes out to UMW Circle 9 for the beautiful card and encouragement. Please keep the prayers coming as Winnie continues his rehabilitation.

~ Gale Barnes



First Sunday after the Epiphany

New proposal plots course for UMC separation

A diverse group of representatives from United Methodist advocacy groups with contrasting views and bishops from around the world has collaborated on a proposed agreement for the separation of The United Methodist Church (UMC) that has the unanimous support of all the parties involved.

The agreement, the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation, was achieved on December 17, 2019 and announced January 3, 2020.

The action comes amid heightened tensions in the church over conflicting views related to human sexuality after the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference failed to resolve differences among church members.

Legislation to implement the Protocol statement – an eight-page document detailing the terms of a split of the 13+ million-member denomination – is expected to come before the United Methodist General Conference for a vote at their legislative meeting in Minneapolis, Minn. in May 2020.

The 16-member group came together as an outgrowth of a consultation initiated by bishops from Central Conferences located outside the United States.

The parties sought assistance from prominent attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who specializes in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. Feinberg, who served as Special Master of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and administrator of the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Victim Compensation Fund along with a number of other complex matters, agreed to provide his services pro bono.

Meeting over several months, the unofficial group reached an agreement by signatories associated with all of the constituencies within the UMC for a mutually supported pathway for separation, bridging differences among other plans to be considered by the General Conference.

“The undersigned propose restructuring The United Methodist Church by separation as the best means to resolve our differences, allowing each part of the Church to remain true to its theological understanding, while recognizing the dignity, equality, integrity, and respect of every person,” says the protocol statement.

The document’s signers include representatives from Europe, Africa, the Philippines, and the United States, and include persons representing UMCNext; Mainstream UMC; Uniting Methodists; The Confessing Movement; Good News; The Institute on Religion & Democracy; the Wesleyan Covenant Association; Affirmation; Methodist Federation for Social Action; Reconciling Ministries Network; and the United Methodist Queer Clergy Caucus; as well as bishops from the United States and across the world.

The representatives have pledged to work together to support the proposal and develop legislation to implement it.

The Protocol anticipates formation of a new traditionalist Methodist denomination. Once formed, it would receive \$25 million over the next four years and give up further claim to the UMC's assets. An additional \$2 million would be allocated for potential additional new Methodist denominations which may emerge from separation. Acknowledging the historical role of the Methodist movement in systematic racial violence, exploitation and discrimination, the Protocol would allocate \$39 million to ensure there is no disruption in supporting ministries for communities historically marginalized by racism.

Under the protocol, conferences and local congregations could vote to separate from The United Methodist Church to affiliate with new Methodist denominations created under the agreement within a certain time frame. Churches wishing to stay within the UMC would not be required to conduct a vote. Provisions exist for entities that choose to separate to retain their assets and liabilities. All current clergy and lay employees would keep their pensions regardless of the Methodist denomination with which they affiliate. All administrative or judicial processes addressing restrictions in the UM Book of Discipline related to self-avowed practicing homosexuals or same-sex weddings as well as actions to close churches would be held in abeyance until the separation is completed. The protocol also references a plan which calls for a special general conference of the post-separation United Methodist Church. The purpose of the Special Session would be to create regional conferences, remove the current prohibitions against LGBTQ persons, and to repeal the Traditional Plan.

Speaking on behalf of the group, Bishop John Yambasu (Sierra Leone) said, "All of us are servants of the church and realize that we are not the primary decision makers on these matters. Instead, we humbly offer to the delegates of the 2020 General Conference the work which we have accomplished in the hopes that it will help heal the harms and conflicts within the body of Christ and free us to be more effective witnesses to God's Kingdom." (**Additional resources at <https://vaumc.org/SeparationAgreement>**).

Bishop Lewis invites laity to February gathering

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis invites laity to a time of connection on Feb. 8, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Woodlake UMC in Chesterfield and at five satellite locations. "It is my deep desire to reconnect with you in a personal and special way having been away from you for six months on medical leave," Lewis said. "Let us come together both in person and through satellite locations to have a time of worship, fellowship, anointing, sharing our hearts, and reconnecting. I want to hear from you and to share my journey with you." Satellite locations are: Pender UMC, Arlington District; Bridgewater UMC, Harrisonburg District; New Creation UMC, Elizabeth River District; Thrasher Memorial UMC, Roanoke District; Adams-Bloxom Mission Cooperative Parish, Eastern Shore District.

Published weekly, the electronic Sunday Advocate summarizes news events affecting Virginia United Methodists and serves as a link to the in-depth reporting of the Virginia United Methodist Advocate, the official magazine of the Virginia Conference. To subscribe to the monthly Virginia Advocate magazine, call (804) 521-1110 or 1-800-768-6040, ext. 110; or e-mail Advocate@vaumc.org. Unless indicated, all news compiled courtesy of the Virginia Advocate, the weekly e-Advocate or United Methodist News Service.

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/>

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