

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

110 E. Queen Street Hampton VA 23669

October 27, 2019



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

PRELUDE

He Touched Me

The Glory Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP* (Responsively)

Come, people of God. Come together in the presence of our Creator.
We come, hungry for the new covenant God promises to write on our hearts.

Come, people of faith. God is here to fill us with wisdom and patience.
We come, yearning for God's justice and faithful presence in our world.

***HYMN**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

***OPENING PRAYER** (in Unison)

God of discernment and truth, be with us in our time of worship. Open our minds to receive your wisdom. Open our hearts to accept your love. Open our spirits to embrace your ways. Kind and Compassionate God, for all who are ignored and overlooked, not only far away, but right beneath our gaze, we pray. Care for and lift up the downtrodden, and inspire us to get right in there and change the world with you. Be present with us as we seek your guidance, that we may follow in your way of wisdom and truth. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 18:1-8 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to

his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

God of abundant blessing, may our gifts become instruments of your truth and vessels of your love; may our offerings plant seeds of hope wherever they are planted; may these gifts build a world of justice and righteousness for all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 24

The Glory Ringers

Narrator: Vennie Lulofs

***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**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

UMH 480

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Candee Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Candee Martin

THE LORD'S PRAYER [sung]

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

Brick Walls and Persistent Faith

Rev. Candee Martin

***CLOSING HYMN**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

Rev. Candee Martin

***Postlude**



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

LITURGIST: Mike Langford
FINANCE: Carol Gardner
COUNTERS: Donna Robinson
Vince Mundie

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

LITURGIST: Jeremy Hooten
FINANCE: Vesta Wallio
COUNTERS: Lynn Chandler
Sandra Clements
Barbara Farrand

Altar Flowers

***The flowers on the altar this morning given by
Carolyn Knight***

Next week: Beverly Geer

Attendance Last week

Worship: 62 Sunday School: 38

We will celebrate **All Saint's Day on Sunday, November 3**. As is the tradition, we will read the names of our congregation members who have claimed the Life Eternal. If you would like to have a name added to our list, please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate (Please remember to write legibly!) or send an email to office@firstumhampton.org by **Wednesday, October 30**.

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Please add _____

to the list of names read on All Saint's Sunday.

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

2:00 pm Fall Bible Study on Hospitality (CP)
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting (CP)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)
7:00PM Nominations Committee (CP)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 pm Fall Bible Study on Hospitality
(at Rev. Kerry's Home)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

No scheduled activities

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

No scheduled activities

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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



10/27
Sandra Clements
Channon Jermstad

10/29
Ralph White

10/30
Lou Beasley
Vincent Mundie

10/31
Bobby Barfoot

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
CR -Choir Room

HP-Happy People's Class
S-Sanctuary

CFR-Craft Room
CP-Crouse Parlor

Kit-Kitchen



**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:**

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

Adam Shlyk
Hannah Kourtiche
Allen Langford
David Beasley
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

Bill Thomas (Linda Minetree's father)
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 Pogozeleski (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)

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

Members will be listed for
four weeks unless church



Messy Church Is Coming!

Starting in January, First UMC will begin offering a monthly, creative worship celebration for all ages called Messy Church. Dates are still to be determined, but we have a core team of volunteers excited to begin planning, and we would love for you to join the fun!

Saturday, November 9, from 10am to 12pm, we will hold a Messy Church Training for anyone interested in learning more about this new form of church for the changing culture. No experience required or commitment expected; this is a chance for any and all to get a glimpse into how Messy Church brings Jesus, the Bible and the Christian faith to life in new ways. Please contact Rev. Kerry (klgreenhill@gmail.com) to learn more or sign up.

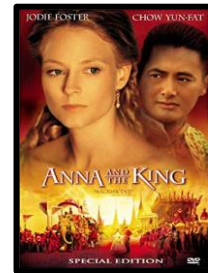


Saturday, November 16

DINNER and FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

First UMC - Hampton
5:30pm Dinner \$6/person
(catered by Boston Market)
Homemade pie bake-off!!

Bring your best!!
6pm Family Movie
"Anna and the King"



Saturday, November 23 CANDY CANE LANE BAZAAR

First UMC – Hampton

9am – 2pm

Crafts, Bake Sale,
Delicious Luncheon,
Brunswick Stew to go,
Indoor Garage Sale,
Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE for these FALL EVENTS

Friday/Saturday, November 1-2

Trinity UMC - Poquoson

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Friday: 5pm – 7pm

UMM Spaghetti Dinner with Vendors

Saturday: 9am – 3pm

Featuring: Country Store, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and Lunch

Saturday, November 2 (8am–2pm)

Williamsburg UMC

WILLIAMSBURG UMW's FALL BAZAAR

Misc. home goods, crafts and jewelry.

Silent Auction from 8:00am – 12:30pm

Lunch served at 11:30 \$8, dessert \$2.

Saturday, November 2 (5pm–7pm)

Phoebus UMC

SOUL ON FIRE TOO

Enjoy an evening of Music, Fellowship, and
the “Fire of Jesus”

*Light Snacks to follow concert

Sunday, NOVEMBER 3 (3:00 pm)

R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home Chapel

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A special service for those that have lost a loved one recently or long ago.

Service will include special readings, music and video presentation with
names and pictures submitted by families.

RSVP & Email Pictures by October 25th

757-723-3191 ~ aftercare.rhsfh@gmail.com

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

What questions is your church trying to answer?

This might sound like an odd thing to ponder. If you haven't considered the question, you're not alone. Many congregations are so busy moving on to the next program or event that's on the calendar. Without an assessment, the programming calendar will continue to be full of things that they are always doing.

Most churches are answering their own question and they go something like this:

How do we get new people in the church (who will honor our traditions)?

How do we address our congregation that has either plateaued or in decline?

How will we survive if we don't have the annual fundraiser?

All the energy focuses on finding immediate answers. Often, these answers need to be quick so that the congregation can turn itself around and continue to do the things that it has always done. But what if the exercise of seeking answers to stop the decline and plateauing is misguided? What if decline and stagnation is a symptom and not the problem? What is needed is a story shift that moves from saving the congregation and its traditions towards a refocus on the church's mission and aligning everything to it.

What questions are people outside your church asking? So, what are the questions that people outside the church are asking? To answer this question, congregations will have to get outside themselves and into the community. While it's clear that a congregation will not know what's being asked without engagement, one thing is certain. They're not asking about how to be justified or to have their sins forgiven. The good news is that people outside the church are asking about life. What it is and how it can be found. We have answers to guide people on this quest! It isn't that justification and forgiveness of sins aren't important, but rather it's that people are not versed in these issues and are not interested. People outside the church (and yes, quite a few insiders too), feel confused and overwhelmed in a consumer world that's increasingly noisy, busy, and constantly changing. Yet they long for a story that helps them to feel at home in a world awash in chaos.

The path of discipleship ~ The church's mission is to make disciples and teach them to obey everything Jesus taught. For most churches, the challenge is how to structure itself to help people embody the promise of life change for community impact that transforms the world. To put it another way, the Bible commands us to make disciples but does not give us a cookie-cutter approach on how to do it. For a congregation to change its trajectory from plateauing and declining, it must have a discipleship strategy that moves away from multiple programs to a pathway of next steps for people to become disciples. The first-century Jewish world of Jesus influences this shift of emphasis from programs to a path. During that time, a disciple followed a rabbi to master the rabbi's teachings and to imitate or practice the way the rabbi lived, prayed,

studied, taught, served, gave, and bore witness to an intimate relationship with God. To be a disciple of a rabbi meant to become like the rabbi. If your congregation is seeking to answer the questions of people outside the walls of your church, then you can have an impact in their lives.~ **Lewis Center for Church Leadership**

United Methodist Student Day

Celebrate United Methodist Student Day Sunday on a date that is convenient for your congregation. **Official date: Nov. 24, 2019.** Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more. But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet. Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. Visit this website for additional information: <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/united-methodist-student-day>.

Unwrap Christmas with communication resources

When it comes to what matters most at Christmas, people say that it's spending time with family and friends. **United Methodist Communications' 2019 Unwrap Christmas** event campaign is designed to help local churches offer meaningful places for people to connect with one another throughout the Advent season. United Methodist Communications is supporting these outreach efforts by offering event grants and other resources to local United Methodist churches. Congregations are encouraged to plan events, such as free cocoa stands in busy shopping areas, toy giveaway or food packaging experiences, holiday music concerts in parks or live Nativity scenes, as a way to connect people with faith communities. Grant recipients will receive promotional items and resources for the events. Congregations that are interested in hosting an Unwrap Christmas event may apply for a limited number of event grants while they are still available. Even without an event grant, churches can host an Unwrap Christmas event using a planning guide developed by United Methodist Communications to make organizing for Advent outreach simple. In addition to the Unwrap Christmas events, United Methodist Communications is offering customizable Advent resources to all churches. A limited number of \$300 grants to offset the costs of the invitational items are available. Learn more at Outreach.com/UMC.

Give to help the Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc on the Bahamas. Recovery will be a long journey. Join with UMCOR by donating to disaster response and recovery funds. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Give to

International Disaster Response and Recovery (Advance # 982450).

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!

How to Reach Us

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