

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

110 E. Queen Street Hampton VA 23669

November 17, 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

*INTROIT

Glorify Thy Name

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

This is a place to pause from the hustle and bustle of our days. This is a time to listen to the spoken word, enjoy the notes of a song, find joy in the face of our neighbor, and dwell in the Spirit of God. Come, all who are burdened with many tasks.

God provides a space for rest and renewal.

Come, all who have turned away from God.

God welcomes us with healing and forgiveness.

Come, all who desire to know Jesus the Christ.

Here we find unexpected grace and unconditional love. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

*OPENING PRAYER (in Unison)

Creator of all, we come from many places. Some of us come with heavy hearts. Some of us come with questions and few answers. Some of us come with joys bursting from our souls. Some of us come with long “to do” lists. Help us lay aside all that we carry with us and focus on you -- the Source of our lives, the One who fills our days with joy and love, the One who moves us to use our questions as a tool to dive more deeply into our relationship with you, with ourselves and with others. God of All Wisdom and Compassion, we come this day to turn our minds and hearts toward you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:38-42 (CEB)

Jesus visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. ⁴⁰ By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me.”

⁴¹ The Lord answered, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. ⁴² One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won’t be taken away from her.”

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14 (THE MESSAGE)

1 ¹⁻² I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God’s plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

To Be Bold with God’s Gifts

³⁻⁴ Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion.

⁵⁻⁷ That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith—and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you! And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn’t want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

⁸⁻¹⁰ So don’t be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all his idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus.

¹¹⁻¹² This is the Message I’ve been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It’s also the cause of all this trouble I’m in. But I have no regrets. I couldn’t be more sure of my ground—the One I’ve trusted in can take care of what he’s trusted me to do right to the end.

¹³⁻¹⁴ So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It’s as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Source of all that is, we offer these gifts to you. We give what we can and ask that you bless and multiply our offering so that our brothers and sisters near and far may know your abundant love and your tender mercy. We also offer you our very selves. Through our lives, may people everywhere come to know the love, wisdom and companionship we have found in you through Christ Jesus in whose holy 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

In the Garden

UMH 314

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Candee Martin

SILENT AND 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.

ANTHEM

Come Build A Church

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Holy Ground Moments: Intimacy with God

Rev. Candee Martin

*CLOSING HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Rev. Candee Martin

*Postlude

Speaker, if any.....

Place..... *Date*.....

Title.....

Scripture references.....

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Please remember in prayer those from our congregation:

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

**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:

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 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

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

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

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

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar this morning given by
Mike and Vennie Lulofs
in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary*

Next week: Thanksgiving

Attendance Last week

Worship: **76** Sunday School: **47**

CHARGE CONFERENCE

at Wesley UMC
Saturday, December 7, 2019
2:00 p.m.

UMW Advent Breakfast

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

The cost is \$10 per person.

Please **RSVP** by Nov 22 to **Carolyn Knight (757) 851-6758**

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 8:30 am Fellowship (FH)
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Messengers (CR)
- 10:00 am Worship (S)
- 11:00 am Youth Family Gathering (FH)
- 5:00 pm Christian Spiritual Formation Committee

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 2:00 pm Fall Bible Study on Hospitality (CP)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (CP)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:00 pm Fall Bible Study on Hospitality
(at Rev. Kerry's Home)
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (FH)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Set up for Candy Cane Lane Bazaar (FH)

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Set up for Candy Cane Lane Bazaar (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 9:00 am Candy Cane Lane Bazaar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 8:30 am Fellowship (FH)
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Messengers (CR)
- 10:00 am Worship (S)
- Riu, Riu, Chiu Ringers rehearsal following service



11/19
Gladys Pratt

11/20
Sharon Lewis
Sue Miserentino

11/21
Doris Diggs

11/22
Audrey Thurston

11/23
Gary Bergtholdt

11/24
Elaine Foley

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.



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

**The Family of David Beasley
would like to thank their FUMC family
for the love, concern, and help shown them
during David's recent illness and passing.
We love you.
May God's blessings be with you always!**

UMW will not be taking preorders for the Bazaar Brunswick Stew. Because of the popularity of this wonderful stew it is necessary for the UMW to limit the purchase of stew to 4 quarts per family. You must come to the window to purchase the Brunswick Stew or Ham Biscuits. Thank you for your support!!

Brunswick Stew \$8.00/quart

Ham Biscuits \$1.75/each

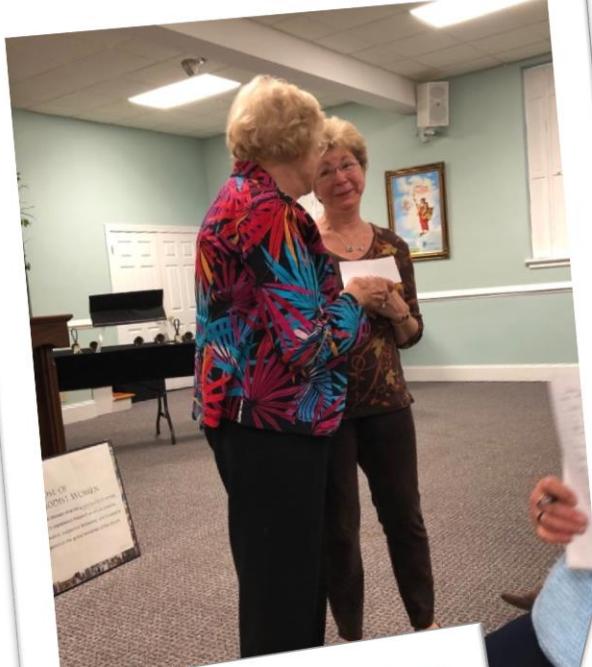
Biscuits Only \$4.00/14 biscuits

*Thank you for all the flowers, cards,
calls, visits, and prayers following my
recent surgery. They have lifted my
spirits and given me strength.*

*I miss you all and
hope to be back soon!*

*Blessings,
Linda Minetree*

United Methodist Women



Sarah Kilgore completely caught Lynn Chandler by surprise when honoring her with a Special Mission Recognition pin at a recent UMW meeting. Congratulations, Lynn!!

Also enjoyed was the bell playing of Sine Nomine.
Here they are with relief on their faces; they just finished playing.

SAVE THE DATE for these FALL EVENTS

Sunday, NOVEMBER 17 (7:00 pm)

Trinity UMC Poquoson

THE DUNNS GOSPEL CONCERT

Come out join us for an evening of music.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 23 (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)

FUMC Hampton

CANDY CANE LANE BAZAAR

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

Sunday, DECEMBER 1, 2019 (2:00 pm)

Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home and Memorial Park

HOLIDAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Refreshments to be served following service

Toy donations being accepted for Sentara Children's Hospice
Free ornament provided in honor of your loved one

Sunday, DECEMBER 8 (6:00 pm)

LIVE NATIVITY

FUMC Hampton

Join us on the lawn in front of the fellowship hall as
actors and live animals retell the story of Jesus' birth.

Bring your lawn chair, a flashlight and your favorite cookies to share.

A Sub sandwich supper will follow inside the fellowship hall.

Please RSVP to the church office by DEC 6.

Saturday, DECEMBER 14 (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)

COOKIE BAZAAR

Phoebus UMC

Homemade cookies sold for \$7/lb. (cookie containers provided),
whole cakes and pies, Brunswick stew, gift items and crafts

COUNTDOWN TO THE BAZAAR: November 23, 2019

Stew Makers Needed

Brunswick stew will be prepared on **Nov 20 and 21**. Contact **Sylvia Rumsey (951-3858)**. Monetary donation to defray the expense of stew ingredients, please give money or checks made out to "FUMC" to Suzann Messick in the office.

Bake Sale Items and Canned Goods Needed

Please consider what you can donate and bring your goodies in a day or two ahead to the kitchen, with a notation, or from **3:00-6:00 p.m., Friday, Nov 22**. If you are willing to work the tables, please contact **Marsha Rew (369-2300)**. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Silent Auction could use some "Treasures"

We need items that would be SO appealing to the public that they would want to outbid one another. Let your imagination be your guide and then call **Vennie Lulofs (223-4050)** and chat about your idea.

Keep Gathering up your Gently Used Clothing

Melva Fairchild will accept items on Sundays prior to Sunday School in the Happy People's classroom or place bags/boxes of clothing in the room any day until **Friday noon, November 22**. Contact **Melva (850-4424)** with questions.



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**



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

No Such Thing as Church Revitalization

Churches in decline or in need of renewal often seek “revitalization” in an attempt to return to their former glory. But many things that initially contributed to growth, including cultural norms, socio-economic conditions, and the population in the neighborhood, no longer exist. Real renewal comes from rediscovering their mission, reengaging their mission field, and refocusing their resources to support the mission, not from trying to revive the past. Rediscovering, reengaging, and refocusing a congregation is equivalent to rewriting the DNA of the congregation. These steps are essential:

Acknowledge the loss ~ When a church has been in decline for several years, the congregation must complete all stages of grief before beginning a plan to engage the future. Wanting to again experience a vibrant and healthy church and wondering each week who will show up takes a significant emotional toll on a congregation. Allow the church to grieve. It will save a lot of frustration.

Adopt a missionary mindset ~ The people groups in our neighborhoods have significantly changed in past decades. There is no longer one dominant culture that pervades most of our urban and suburban neighborhoods. To reach people who are far from God and who now live in our neighborhoods will require a missionary mindset, beginning with intercultural competency.

Build a team ~ Leading a congregation through the process of rediscovering, reengaging, and refocusing should not be influenced by the pastor alone. The expectation that a new pastor with new ideas for church revitalization is the solution for a congregation is unrealistic. A church needs 5-7 influential and confident women and men who can look at ministry context and a ministry action plan and who can implement changes strategically as a team.

Pray ~ Prayer is the most critical component of a church rediscovering, reengaging, and refocusing on their mission. Do not trust that a golden nugget such as a great book on strategy, church consultant, ministry coach, webinar, podcast, or conference will get the church unstuck, renewed, revitalized, and healthy. Unless there is prayer movement within the church, no strategy, consultant, coach, book, or podcast will do much good.

Consider new possibilities ~ Some congregations will need to consider these possibilities to offer new life in new forms.

Adoption: This is when the existing church and a new church partner to take on the identity of the new church over time. There is a time of shared leadership and a predetermined time to hand over the leadership and branding to the new congregation. **Vital Merger:** This is when two

churches agree that their missions align with each other and that both will eventually close without significant change. Both churches sell their properties, release their pastors, and agree on a new pastor to lead them into a new ministry context.

~ **Lewis Center for Church Leadership**

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. By leveraging the power of social media and email you can share your passion for mission with family and friends and extend your support of a particular missionary or mission project. Please prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to your favorite mission project at UMCMission.org/Givelove.

Bishops briefed on funding crisis

United Methodist bishops received a sobering message during their autumn meeting. Without any changes, the fund that supports their work will run out of money in five years. "Something else is going to have to happen for us to be able to balance the budget," said Rick King, chief financial officer of the denomination's General Council on Finance and Administration. "The reserves, at the current collection rate, are essentially gone by the end of 2024." The United Methodist Church currently has 66 active bishops supported by the denomination's Episcopal Fund. Giving to the general church, King said, is down across the board. The denomination's annual conferences — church regional bodies — are each asked to pay apportionments that support the ministries of the general church. The conferences in turn ask for apportionments from local churches. General church apportionments go to seven funds that support bishops, ministerial education, most general agencies, general administration, and denomination-wide efforts such as the Black College Fund and Africa University in Zimbabwe. Overall, the seven general funds have received about \$7.8 million less through October than they had at the same point in 2018. The Episcopal Fund alone is down about \$1.1 million compared to the same time last year, he said. ~ **UM News Service**

2020 Cambodia Initiatives of Hope Journey

Travel with the Rev. Glenn Rowley, director of the conference Center for Justice and Missional Excellence, to visit the rapidly-growing Methodist Church of Cambodia (MCC) from Jan. 25- Feb. 8, 2020. You will have opportunities to share your faith, learn about the strength of a mission partnership and experience the beauty of this ancient culture tempered by a history affected by war and genocide. Cost is \$1,850 which includes airfare, hotel rooms, round transportation, meals and emergency health/accident insurance. Ten spots available. For details: glenrownley@vaumc.org or 804-521-1143.

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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