

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

110 E Queen Street, Hampton, VA 23669

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September 5, 2021 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 (*).

Our Mission: To Know and Share Jesus Christ

COVID Protocols for Worship: As of August 10, 2021, due to the increase in local cases and the rise of the Delta variant, masks are required indoors for all people over the age of 2. (Individuals leading worship may remove masks temporarily for preaching or singing, but will replace their masks afterwards.) We encourage social distancing indoors, especially while arriving to and departing from worship. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you hum quietly or speak the lyrics rather than singing during hymns. Thank you for doing your part to protect our most vulnerable members and those who cannot get vaccinated yet.

Moments for Preparing Our Hearts

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Dean Shinn

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

Centering Words

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

*Remember God's gracious abundance and give thanks.
Remember Jesus' call upon our lives to be faithful.
Open yourself to the Holy Spirit.
For this is the time to worship.*

Prelude

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*Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Candee Martin

*We gather here to worship God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit,
who encourages us to walk faithfully with Jesus.*

*Praise be to God,
whose goodness and mercy fill our days.
Praise be to God,
whose ways lead to peace and justice.*

*Congregational Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

Dean Shinn

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*Opening Prayer (unison)

Rev. Candee Martin

**God of abundance, you want the best
for your people around the globe.
You bring healing, wholeness and new life
to all your children.
On this day, may our eyes be open
to the presence of Jesus in one another.
May our ears be open to the needs of our community.
May our hands be open to serve the forgotten.
And may our hearts be open to receive your Holy Spirit
along this journey of faith.
In the name of the risen one, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Faith of a Gentile Woman

²⁴Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret. ²⁵Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, ²⁶and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter.

Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, ²⁷Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

²⁸She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates."

²⁹"Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

³¹Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns. ³²A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him.

³³Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. ³⁴Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Be opened!" ³⁵Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!

³⁶Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news. ³⁷They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken in unison)

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Music Meditation

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Sermon

Expanding Our Reach

Rev. Candee Martin

Music Meditation

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Invitation to Holy Communion

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

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 in this humble confession to God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

God of us all, your grace and mercy
fill our lives every day.
We give you our thanks and praise.
Too often, we forget or ignore
your presence in our lives.
Too often, we treat your children unequally,
deeming some more important than others.
Too often, we forget that our daily actions
need to reflect our faith.
Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life
for all of your children.
In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Kerry Greenhill

*Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,
our merciful God lifts our burdens from us,
removes the failures of our past,
and turns us to new life.*

*You are forgiven.
Walk in peace.*

The Great Thanksgiving

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Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Candee Martin

*May the God of Love be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord of Love, Jesus Christ.
Let us give thanks to Love's Holy Spirit.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*God our Creator, by the power of your love
you brought forth a world of life and beauty,
tending your creatures with care
and guiding your people with compassion.
You created humankind in your image,
capable of great love and self-sacrifice,
yet in every age we have sought self-preservation and advantage
at the expense of others.
Because of your steadfast loving-kindness,
you sent messengers and prophets
to point the way back to the path of love,
remaining faithful to your promises even when we broke ours.*

*And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Child, Jesus Christ.
Born and raised in the humblest of circumstances,
he lived out the greatest commandments,
to love you with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength,
and to love one's neighbor as oneself.*

*Surrounding himself with people from the margins,
he practiced compassion and affirmed human dignity,
calling those with status to account
for their abuses of power and privilege.*

*Jesus' love and integrity led him to the table in the upper room,
the garden of Gethsemane, and the cross on Calvary.*

*But your love, O God, triumphed even over death,
and brought him out of the tomb
so that we might know how powerful love can be.*

*On the night in which he confronted the powers of the world,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you,
a gift of love and nourishment for hard times.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out in love for you and for many
who are thirsty for compassion and forgiveness.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in love and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.*

*Make them be for us the body and love of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
transformed by his love.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, all-loving God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

[A Time of Quiet Reflection]

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Rev. Candee Martin

We give thanks, O Gracious God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world
in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Congregational Hymn

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He Touched Me

Dean Shinn

*Benediction

Rev. Candee Martin

As you leave this place,
remember to walk in God's ways.
Remember to dwell in the goodness of God.
Remember to be faithful.
May peace be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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Worship Attendance Last Week

In-Person Worship: 43

Online Worship: 15

Sunday School: 25

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning given by

Vesta Wallio

in celebration of

the wedding anniversary of

Michele Wallio Hooten and Donnie Hooten

Next Week: Sylvia Rumsey



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

Aug 29 – Josh Swann
Aug 30 – Susan Durbin
Aug 30 – Melva Fairchild
Aug 30 – Ray Waldon
Aug 31 – Marilyn Lyles
Sep 03 – George Ware

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.

UMW Meeting

on

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, 2021

in the Fellowship Hall

9:30am Refreshments

10:00am Meeting

We will memorialize Nell Writtenberry,

have Candle Burning Service, and

present budget and proposed slate of officers for 2022.

*Due to space limitation, please RSVP to
Sylvia Rumsey at (757) 951-3858 by Sep 7.*

United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Prayer

Sep 11, 2021

at

8:00 a.m.

in the

Fellowship Hall.



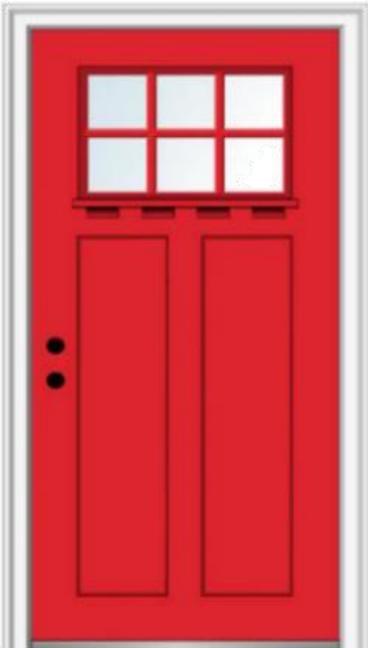
Circle 8 Meeting

on
MONDAY, SEPT. 13, 2021,
at 11:30 am

Hosted by Ann Gordon Evans
at her Buckroe Beach cottage
506 North First Street
Hampton, 23664.

It will be a fun potluck/covered
dish lunch. Ann Gordon to
provide the drinks.

*The Red Room is
open for business
for both Sales and
Quality Donations!!*





The FUMC Post-COVID Reentry Group continues to monitor the local data regarding COVID-19. In-person worship and small group gatherings have resumed, as long as local case numbers do not increase dramatically.

September 2021 Events

Sep 05 – Adult & Children's Sunday School (FH) 9:00 a.m.
Sep 05 – In-Person & Online Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sep 07 – Power of Prayer (CP) 11:00 a.m.
Sep 07 – Fitness Yoga (FH) 6:00 p.m.
Sep 08 – UMW Meeting (FH) 10:00 a.m.
Sep 09 – Gentle Yoga (FH) 10:00 a.m.
Sep 09 – Glory Ringers 6:30 p.m.
Sep 09 – Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.
Sep 11 – UMM Breakfast and Prayer (FH) 8:00 a.m.
Sep 12 – Adult & Children's Sunday School (FH) 9:00 a.m.
Sep 12 – Messengers 9:00 a.m.
Sep 12 – In-Person & Online Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sep 12 – Sine Nominee (S) 7:00 p.m.
Sep 13 – UMW Circle 8 Meeting (Ann Gordon Evan's Buckroe Beach House) 11:30 a.m.
Sep 14 – Nifty Crafters 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sep 14 – Fitness Yoga (FH) 6:00 p.m.
Sep 16 – Gentle Yoga (FH) 10:00 a.m.
Sep 16 – Glory Ringers 6:30 p.m.
Sep 16 – Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.
Sep 19 – Adult & Children's Sunday School (FH) 9:00 a.m.
Sep 19 – Messengers 9:00 a.m.
Sep 19 – In-Person & Online Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sep 19 – Sine Nominee (S) 7:00 p.m.
Sep 21 – Power of Prayer (CP) 11:00 a.m.
Sep 23 – Gentle Yoga (FH) 10:00 a.m.
Sep 23 – Glory Ringers 6:30 p.m.
Sep 23 – Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.
Sep 26 – Messengers 9:00 a.m.
Sep 26 – Adult & Children's Sunday School (FH) 9:00 a.m.
Sep 26 – In-Person & Online Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sep 26 – Sine Nominee (S) 7:00 p.m.
Sep 28 – Nifty Crafters 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sep 28 – Fitness Yoga (FH) 6:00 p.m.
Sep 30 – Gentle Yoga (FH) 10:00 a.m.
Sep 30 – Glory Ringers 6:30 p.m.
Sep 30 – Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

Supporting Disaster Relief & Refugee Assistance

The last few weeks have brought news of several heartbreaking situations around the world: the earthquake in Haiti, the evacuation of Afghan allies to live as refugees in the U.S., wildfires across the West, and flooding in Tennessee, to name a few.

You can read Bishop Sharma Lewis's letter about responding to these humanitarian crises here: <https://vaumc.org/from-the-bishop-responding-to-humanitarian-crises/>.

Of note is an online **Prayer Vigil for Haiti tonight**, August 26, at 7pm. You can tune in from the Conference [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) channel.

You probably know that the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is our denominational agency for humanitarian relief and development. If you have been moved by the stories and images of recent disasters, you can give to UMCOR with confidence that 100% of your gift will go to the programs and resources needed on the ground. Here are a few links if you'd like to make a contribution:

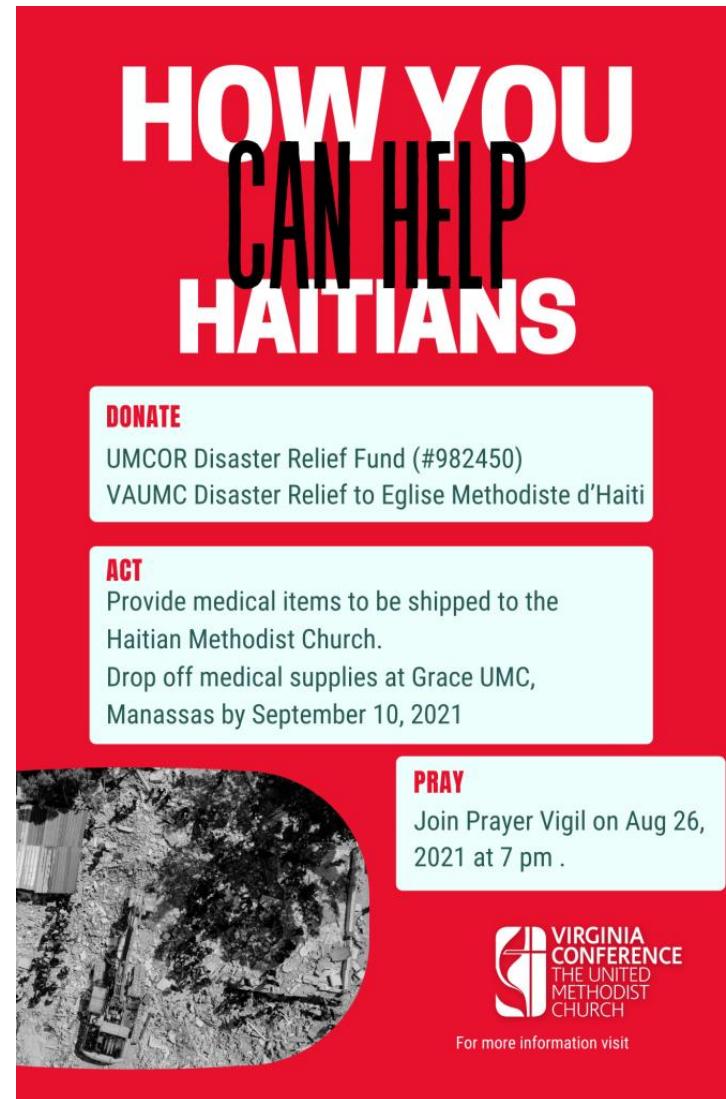
UMCOR has one giving category for all international disaster response (Haiti included): <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450/>.

You'll find links to support US Disaster Response and Global Migration programs at this page: <https://umcmission.org/response-page/>.

Another excellent faith-based organization supporting Afghan refugee resettlement in the US is Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services: <https://www.lirs.org/>.

The Virginia Conference has also compiled some resources to learn more about and offer assistance for Haiti and Afghanistan:

- Haiti: <https://vaumc.org/resources-to-help-haiti-in-its-effort-to-recover/>
- Afghanistan: <https://vaumc.org/resources-to-help-afghan-refugees/>



HOW YOU CAN HELP HAITIANS

DONATE
UMCOR Disaster Relief Fund (#982450)
VAUMC Disaster Relief to Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti

ACT
Provide medical items to be shipped to the
Haitian Methodist Church.
Drop off medical supplies at Grace UMC,
Manassas by September 10, 2021

PRAY
Join Prayer Vigil on Aug 26,
2021 at 7 pm .

 **VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
For more information visit



School Supply Drive for Bassette Elementary

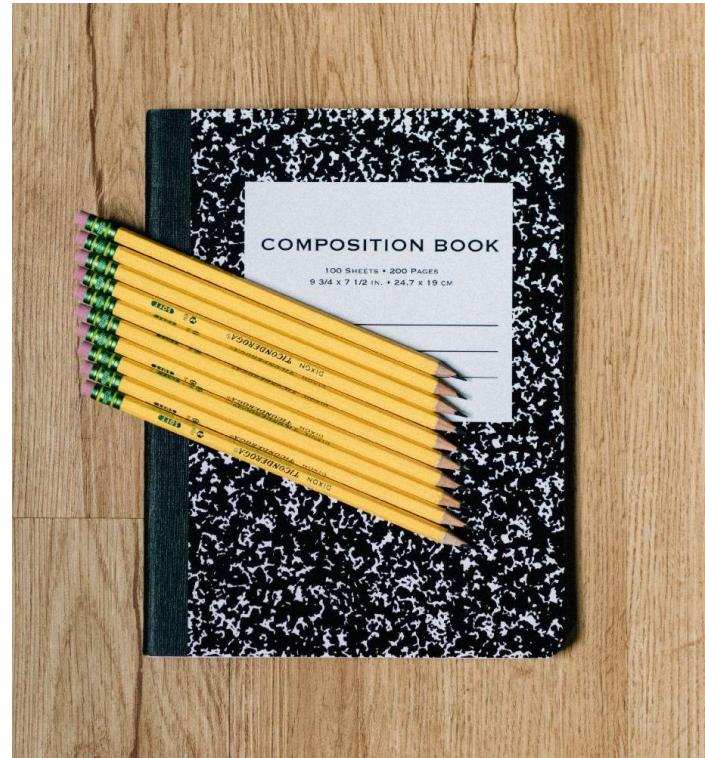
Hampton City Schools begin the new school year on Tuesday, September 7, and once again, FUMC Missions would like to make sure that all students and teachers at A.W.E. Bassette Elementary have the supplies they need!

You can **bring donations to church through Sunday, September 5**, either to the narthex or the office entrance. Mrs. Diane Campbell, Family Engagement Specialist, has indicated that the following supplies are in greatest need:

- crayons
- pencils
- glue sticks
- wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
- composition notebooks
- pocket folders
- dry-erase markers
- tissues
- small or extra-small disposable masks
- bottled water (small bottles preferred)

Donations of uniform clothing items for the clothing closet are also appreciated (solid color polo shirts with no logo/graphics; black/navy/khaki pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers; closed-toe shoes; solid color socks). And if any individual or group would like to sponsor a more substantial need for the school, please contact Rev. Kerry to learn more.

Thank you for your generosity as we seek to bless our neighbors and care for our community!



Please don't hesitate to send in your prayer requests. Also, please let me know when a prayer request may be removed. Thank you. Blessings to All!



Please lift Dennis and Brenda in prayer. Dennis was admitted to the hospital on August 21st. 8/29

Please pray for Ayla as she has been diagnosed with RSV. It is dangerous for little ones her age. It's basically a cold virus with breathing complications. There is no treatment except trying to keep her airways clear. Caroline is giving her saline drops, warm baths in a steamy bathroom and a humidifier at night. Caroline is also sick and it has turned into a sinus infection for her. We are in Kitzmiller, MD for the funeral service for both Ray's mom and stepdad this weekend. Please pass this prayer request on to those who might be able to pray for Ayla's breathing and quick recovery.

8/29

~Becky Montgomery

Please keep Suzann, her family and especially dad, Ray Arp, in your thoughts and prayers.

UPDATE... Kenny has started home dialysis as of August 13. He seems to be doing OK with it. Continued prayers for us please. 8/22

~ Julie & Kenny Crocker

UPDATE: Mark Egerton's brother Glen came through leg amputation surgery well and is now on the long road to recovery. Their family greatly appreciates your continued prayers. Mark shares: "We've had faith in knowing God would protect and provide for him through all of this, but knowing people are continuing to lift him up to the Father is comforting as well! Please pass along our thanks and praise to others!" 8/8

Prayers and good thoughts are welcome for Dennis. Dennis had his surgery today and Brenda reports all went well. Please keep Dennis and Brenda in your prayers. 7/25

Dave Raymond's niece Linda is asking for prayers for her friend Veronica's family who is grieving the death of Veronica's 26-year-old brother. The young man, Anthony, was just married a month ago. The mother and father are named Frank and Susan. 7/4

Please keep Meg Moore in your prayers as she heals from her ankle injury. Praying for a speedy recovery. 6/20

Please pray for Jay Smith. 3/28

Please keep Michele Benson's husband, Harry "Herc" Howell in your prayers. They've been told that his cancer has returned. Please pray for healing and strength through treatment. 10/25

Please continue to pray for all of the families with frontline medical professionals that put their lives at risk daily to help others during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please continue to keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers during these uncertain times.



**“For I will restore
Health to you**
and heal you of your
wounds,” says the Lord.

-Jeremiah 30:17

First UMC Hampton and COVID-19

First UMC Hampton cares about our members and our community. To keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible, we are following state guidelines and the procedures required by the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Worship In-Person with First UMC Hampton

We invite you to join us for in-person worship each Sunday morning at 10am. Wearing of masks is required for all people over the age of 2 while indoors. Thank you for helping to keep each other safe and healthy.

Worship Online with First UMC Hampton

We invite you to [join us for worship online](#) on Sunday morning at 10am as we livestream our in-person worship, or at any time during the week. Check out recent worship videos on our YouTube channel:

[https://bit.ly/FUMCH-videos.](https://bit.ly/FUMCH-videos)

We would love to get to know you and pray for you. If you worship online with us, [please check in](#) to register your attendance and to share any prayer requests.

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 call or email the church office or contact the pastor.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00-9:45 AM

IN-PERSON & ONLINE 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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