

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

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November 25, 2018 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.**

**The Queen St. sanctuary doors will be unlocked by 9:30 am each Sunday
morning. Thank you for your patience!**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*INTROIT

All Hail King Jesus

The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God's love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God.

Let us worship God, who has spoken, and still speaks, to those who attend to the roar and the whisper of the Holy One.

*HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again into your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with holy imagination, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust so that your church may live according to your will. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living 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)

What can we say, O God, but thank you for the countless gifts and blessings of our lives. We are so rich, in a world that knows such great poverty, that we are compelled to worship you with all we have. In Jesus' name we humbly 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

We Are Called

TFWS 2172

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG IN UNISON

**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

O Worship The King

The Chancel Choir

SERMON

Acquired Taste

Rev. Candee Martin

*CLOSING HYMN

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

TFWS 2237

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*And now, may the God who has love us with a love beyond all imagination, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Go in God's peace with God's blessing on your life.
Amen.*

*POSTLUDE

Imagination Space

**Charge Conference
Thursday, Dec 6
7:00 pm
Wesley UMC**





Starting November 7 through November 30, the United Methodist Women will be **collecting empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes** for a special craft at the Candy Cane Lane Bazaar! We will have a few samples ready and will take orders at the Bazaar. **There will be a box in the back of the sanctuary to collect the tubes.** If you have questions, contact Sylvia Rumsey!

There are ANGELS among us!

FUMC's ANGEL TREE will be with us again during Advent. **Look for the ANGEL TREE starting Sunday, November 25** in the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, or the Choir Room. **Please return** adopted ANGELS taped to a Christmas card (with your name or Christmas greeting) and gift to the Church Office **by Sunday, December 16**. Your Congregational Care Committee will deliver your special gifts in time for Christmas joy! Your love and generosity will be a Christmas blessing to many in our Church Family! Thank you for caring and sharing Christ's love!



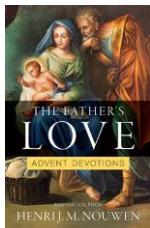
Everyone's invited to our
Annual Toy Drive Breakfast
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men
Saturday, December 8
8:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring unwrapped toys for both a boy and a girl. A love offering will be accepted for the meal. Make an important difference for those in need this Christmas! **Please RSVP to William Milholen (238-3656) by Dec. 5. Bring a guest and be the hands of Christ!**



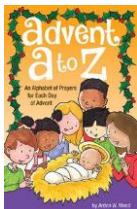
FOOD DRIVE to benefit H.E.L.P. Pantry

Each week we are collecting food items to help build a holiday meal for those in need in our community. Grocery bags with suggested items will be provided for your convenience on November 25 following the worship service. The collection points will be in the narthex (back of the sanctuary) or inside the entrance door leading to the office. **Please make sure all items are turned in by December 16.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



**Advent Devotional books
The Father's Love
are available in the back of the sanctuary
or outside the church office beginning Nov 25.**

The Father's love for each and every one of us is immeasurable. And we are called to prepare to receive that love, to share it and to demonstrate it as best we can. Excerpts of Nouwen's writings, as well as Scripture passages and original reflections and prayers within *The Father's Love*, will strengthen your Advent journey. Be guided through daily prayer and reflection as you gain a better sense of how the Father loves us and why he sent his only Son to dwell among us.



**Advent Devotional books
For children – Advent A to Z
are available in the back of the sanctuary or
outside the church office beginning Nov 25.**

Spend time each day of December praying through the alphabetical Advent poems contained in this thoughtful booklet that helps children connect the sights and sounds of the season to the coming of the Christ Child in a fun and familiar way. From Angels and Eggnog to Stars and Wreaths, these prayers by Arden Mead provide a daily guide for children of all ages as they prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday.



December 2 First Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Advent Candle HOPE

Hanging of the Greens Service

Worship at 10:00 am with communion

Collection of food items for H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Advent Candle LOVE

Worship at 10:00 am with Glory Ringers

Collection of food items for H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Advent Candle JOY

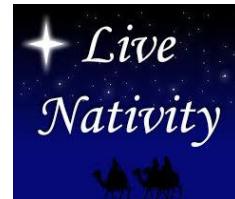
Worship at 10:00 am

Chancel Choir presents the cantata

“Sing Joy to All the World”

Collection of food items for H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

Poinsettias displayed in the Sanctuary



Live Nativity at 6:00 pm

followed by sub sandwich supper.

A love offering will be accepted.

Bring a batch of your favorite cookies,

lawn chair, and flashlight.

(RSVP to the office by 12/15)

December 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Advent Candle PEACE
Worship at 10:00 am Lessons and Carols
Poinsettias displayed in the Sanctuary



December 24
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship Service with Communion
at 7:00 pm
Lighting the Christ Candle

December 30
Worship at 10:00 am

January 6
Epiphany Sunday
Worship at 10:00 am



Poinsettias in honor of or in memory of loved ones and friends will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 16.



If you would like to honor someone by purchasing a poinsettia, please complete the information below and place in the offering plate or send it to the church office. **The cost is \$11.50 per poinsettia and your check should accompany your order.** Please indicate on the check and/or envelope that the money is for “Poinsettias”.

The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 10.

Number of Poinsettias (\$11.50 each) _____

Given by _____

In honor of

In memory of

*We would appreciate it if you could leave your poinsettias until after
the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service on December 24..
Thank you.*

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



Sun Nov 25

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



11/25

Jean Smith
Nash Swann

Mon Nov 26

6:00 pm SPRC (P)

11/26

Mike Lulofs

Tue Nov 27

6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)

11/27

Steve Brown

Wed Nov 28

No scheduled activities

11/28

Thu Nov 29

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

11/29

Mike Link

11/30

Avery Benton

Fri Nov 30

No scheduled activities

12/1

Donna Robinson
Sylvia Rumsey

Sat Dec 1

No scheduled activities

12/2

Jimmy Link

Sun Dec 2

Hanging of the Greens
8:30 am Fellowship (FH)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Hanging of the Greens
Worship Service

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

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY, SUNDAY, NOV 25

LITURGIST: Meg Moore
FINANCE: Carol Gardner
BUS DRIVERS: Sam Pollard
COUNTERS: Donna Robinson
Vince Mundie

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 2

LITURGIST: William Milholen
FINANCE: Vesta Wallio
BUS DRIVERS: Judy Rushton
COUNTERS: Jackie Taylor
Ann Gordon Evans

Chancel Flowers

*The flowers on the chancel were given by
Meg & Brian Kuhagen in celebration of Mike Lulofs' birthday!*

Next week:
Rusty Evans

Stewardship Corner – Nov 18

Attendance: Worship Total: 73 Sunday school: 46

Offering Received last week:

General Fund	3,393.00
Designated Funds	3,134.00

2018 Budget Status

Total Budget: \$348,175

Date	Offering	Need each week	Amt Ovr/(Udr)	Given to date	Needed to date	Amt Ovr/(Udr)
11-Nov	4,257.00	9,077.62	(4,820.62)	29,645.50	54,465.72	(24,820.22)
18-Nov	3,393.00	9,077.62	(5,684.62)	33,038.50	63,543.34	(30,504.84)



Please remember in prayer those from our congregation:

Lil' Bit Brown
Nell Writtenberry
Jane Roberts
Eleanor Woodward
Ed Kilgore
Allen Langford
Barbara Cubbage
Marty Baker
Candee Martin and family
Aggie Hogge
Lenny Yarrington
Robin Welch
Marianne Prentiss
Beth Nystrom
Tami Langford
Adam Shlyk
Ray Waldon
Earl Lawson
Tami Pollard
Sarah Kilgore & Family

Sympathies to Mike Lulofs and family on the passing of his mother.

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

Our friends and family in need of prayer:

Lyle (Wilson's grandson);
Lenny (Carol Gardner's friend);
Clyde Castle;
Chad Sayers (Winnie Barnes' grandson);
Jimmy Parker (friend of Carol Gardner);
Deborah Hudson (friend of Vince Mundie);
Gerald E. Burks (friend of Vince Mundie);
Maddie Davis (student at Armstrong);
Howard family;
Vernon Kruger (friend of the Rumsey's);
Tim (friend of the Milholen's)
Ralph White's sister;
Dick Baughan (friend of Vince Mundie);
Patsy G. Maney (friend of Vince Mundie);
Linda Lowry (Linda Marushi's cousin);
Deidre Sharp (friend of Ruth Koutiche);
Nancey (friend of Jane Miller)
Earl Gibson (friend of Buddy Marushi)
Aunt Carrie (Bernice Wiggins' aunt)
Rami Hanna (Hannah Kourtiche's fiancé)
Peggy McLean (friend of Linda Minetree)
Aaron 'Bird' Martin (friend of Rich Foley)
Family of Roger Phelps (friend of Tricia Waldon)
Dan Snuffer (Rick Allison's nephew)
Vicki Pogozelski (Judy Rushton's daughter)
And many others...



Making spirits bright: seeker-friendly Christmas outreach

Playing host to an event for people from outside your congregation doesn't have to be complicated or intimidating. Your church, whether there are 20 or 20,000 of you, can host a simple, festive and successful seeker event. Breaking this idea down will help your church execute a successful event and make spirits bright for all who come your way.

Where? Choose a very visible area for your event, such as a booth in a community holiday festival, Christmas market, outdoor ice-skating rink or along a holiday parade route. (You may need a permit or permission to be at specific locations, so be sure to research this in advance.) Seek places that attract high foot traffic and passersby.

When? Nights and weekends are best (obviously) because that's when most people are free from the obligations of work or school, which means they may be more willing to stop and chat. Plan for your volunteers to stay on-site for at least a few hours to visit with as many people as possible.

Who? Any of your church congregants can participate, regardless of age. A kind and welcoming attitude is all that's needed to greet passersby (especially families). Your greeters can wear shirts or buttons featuring your church's name.

What? Extend an offer to those you greet, whether it's a free cup of hot cocoa, an invitation card to your Christmas services or Christmas stickers for kids. Extra tips: Make sure to have an insulated dispenser to keep cocoa hot! Set up a table and a few chairs, so visitors (and volunteers) can take a break. Don't be offended if not everyone wants to chat. They aren't expecting to run into you, although you're anticipating them. Relevant but neutral conversation ideas: What Christmas means to them or what Christmas plans they have.

Why? So people in your community will see the church as part of the community, not as a separate entity that ignores people outside its doors. If your faces and logo are seen outside your church property frequently, people are more likely to look you up online and consider getting to know you better.

How? As in...how can you call this event successful? It's a great idea to count the number of invitations or cups of cocoa you've given out. That way you know how many people have received your marketing message. You could also provide prayer cards for passersby to complete, asking for their name, contact info (phone number or email) and how your church can pray for them. Two or three days after your event,

contact these people to say something like, "Hey John, it was nice to meet you at the Holiday Market on Saturday. I've been praying for your big presentation at work. How did it go?" or "Hi Jane, thanks for chatting with me at the Christmas parade last week. My church is praying for your health to improve. How are you doing?"

~ United Methodist Communications

Advance hope on Giving Tuesday ~ United Methodists will come together to support vital ministry projects and missionaries around the world on GivingTuesday, **Nov. 27**, as they give generously and use the hashtag #GiveUMC across social media platforms.

Giving through The Advance empowers hundreds of dedicated project leaders and missionaries to share the love of Christ in meaningful, life-saving ways. As always, 100% of all giving will support the designated Advance ministry! How will you #GiveUMC? Resources are available to build awareness of this day of generosity, such as social media graphics and a toolkit full of communication tips and fundraising ideas. Explore Advance ministries by visiting: www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Advance-Project-Search.

Video series aims to help guide healthy discussions ~ Given the current, politically divided atmosphere, many people are calling for a return to civility. But what does it mean to have honest, respectful conversations with people with whom we disagree? What does that look like?

The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race hopes to offer a model in a newly released study program entitled "Vital Conversations 4: Race, Culture, The Church, and Human Sexuality." The program features short videos of theologians, pastors, worship leaders, lay leaders, Biblical scholars and community activists — many of them people of color — discussing the Christian church's stance on human sexuality. Designed for use by small groups in congregations, campus ministries and church leadership teams, each video segment presents a 10 to 12-minute conversation between two people. Each pair has some relationship — they're friends, classmates, or colleagues — but they also have differing perspectives in the ongoing debate over the status, role and rights of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning in the church. You may find the videos by visiting: www.gcorr.org/vital-conversations-4-race-culture-the-church-and-human-sexuality/.

FYI: Conference center holiday closings ~ The Virginia United Methodist conference center will be closed for Thanksgiving observance starting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, **Nov. 21**, and remaining closed through Friday, **Nov. 23**. The center will be closed for Christmas observance **Dec. 21-26**. It will also be closed on New Year's Day, **Jan. 1, 2019**.

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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