

First United Methodist Church of Hampton
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May 12, 2019 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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*INTROIT *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* *The Chancel Choir*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) [by The Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn]
Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all the women who have loved us.

**Thank you, God, for giving us women
who have been mothers to us.**

We remember with deep gratitude
all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

**Sometimes we did not understand them,
but we know that God understood.**

We take time to remember those who have mothered us
because a mother's love is so like God's love.

**For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing
trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.**

*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

*OPENING PRAYER (Responsively) [Mother's Day Prayer by Larry S. Chengges]
God our Creator, we pray:
for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental,
or emotional disabilities;

for those who have children they do not want;

for those who are not prepared to raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 21: 1-19 (NRSV)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE (Responsively) Psalm 131 (The Message)

¹God, I'm not trying to rule the roost,
I don't want to be king of the mountain.
I haven't meddled where I have no business
or fantasized grandiose plans.

² I've kept my feet on the ground,
I've cultivated a quiet heart.
Like a baby content in its mother's arms,
my soul is a baby content.

³ Wait, Israel, for God. Wait with hope.
Hope now; hope always!

SUNG RESPONSE Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above UMH 126 (V 2)

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Mothering God, we love because you first loved us. We give, because we have been given so much. We share, because you have shared with us the awe-inspiring landscape that was always yours, but is entrusted to us for a season. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

TFWS 2050

PRAYERS 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

Gloryland Way

The Chancel Choir

SERMON

Do You Love Me?

Rev. Candee Martin

*HYMN

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING (Responsively)

Love is all we need! Love is all that matters!

**The love of a potter for her craft,
the love of a sailor for the open water,**

**the love of a mother for her child,
the love of a child for a puppy,
the love of a teacher for his class,
the love of a nurse for her patients,
the love of a grandpa for his grandchildren,
the love of Jesus for his disciples,
the Love of God for all of us, God's children.**

Love is all we need! Love is all that matters! May God's mothering love go before you, Christ's gentle-spirited blessing be upon you and the Spirit's nurturing joy be within you. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

**Wednesday, May 15 7:00 pm
Church Council (FH)**

**Agnes "Aggie" Stutt Hogge
(1920-2019)**



Visitation

Saturday, May 18

5:00 – 6:30 pm

R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home
(245 S. Armistead Ave in Hampton)

Memorial Service

Sunday, May 19

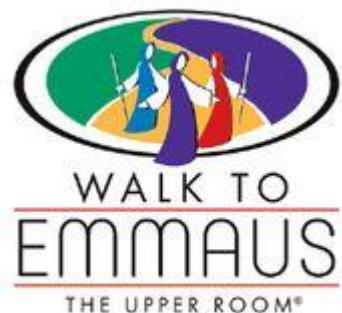
2:00 pm

R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home
Reception to follow at First United
Methodist Church Hampton.

Saturday, May 18 5:30 pm

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Gathering

Our church has been asked to host a gathering of the Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus community. Several people from our congregation have attended an Emmaus Walk and there may be others who have an interest in learning more about the weekend. The gathering will take place in our fellowship hall on **May 18** and will include a covered dish supper at 5:30. Please contact Ron Rumsey if you would like to attend or for more information about Emmaus, which is an Upper Room sanctioned ministry.



Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



SUNDAY, MAY 12

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



Earl Baker

MONDAY, MAY 13

6:00 pm UMW Circle 2 (Carolyn Knight's home)

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Penny Blalock

TUESDAY, MAY 14

10:00 am Nifty Crafters (CFR)
1:00 pm Small Group (HP)
5:00 pm Sine Nomine Ringers (CR)
6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)
6:15 pm Glory Ringers (CR)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (S)

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Maddie Phipps
Mary Lou Whitaker

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7:00 pm Church Council (FH)

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Jenny Crissman
Tami Langford
Gabrielle Palomo

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Bus Reserved for Choir
10:00 am Gentle Yoga (FH)

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Ross Mugler

FRIDAY, MAY 17

No scheduled activities

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Kathy Kilgore
Hannah Paulin

SATURDAY, MAY 18

2:00 pm District Meeting with Bishop Weaver
Williamsburg UMC
5:00 pm Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus
Gathering (FH)

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Robert Lawson

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30 am Fellowship (FH)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (S)
2:00 pm Aggie Hogge Memorial Service
(R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home)
2:45 pm Aggie Hogge Funeral Reception (FH)

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



Please remember in prayer
those from our congregation:

Lil' Bit Brown
Nell Writtenberry
Jane Roberts
Ed Kilgore
Allen Langford
Barbara Cubbage
Candee Martin and family
Lenny Yarrington
Robin Welch
Marianne Prentiss
Beth Nystrom
Lewis Thurston
Jackie Taylor
Winnie & Gale Barnes
Sue Miserentino
Wayne Barfoot
Ray Waldon

Sympathies to Greg Wilson
and family on the passing
of his uncle.

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

Our friends and family in need of prayer:

Bishop Lewis
Lyle (Wilson's grandson)
Chad Sayers (Winnie Barnes' grandson)
Jimmy Parker (on hospice, friend of Carol Gardner)
Maddie Davis (student at Armstrong)
Tim (friend of the Milholens)
Patsy G. Maney (friend of Vince Mundie)
Linda Lowry (Linda Marushi's cousin)
Nancey (friend of Jane Miller)
Vicki Pogozelski (Judy Rushton's daughter)
Chris (Audrey Thurston's brother)
Barbara Farrand's daughter-in-law
Gene Ferguson (friend of Vince Mundie)
Carolyn Schmid (friend of Shirley McCracken)
Jim McLees
Mike Lulofs' dad
Judy (Richard Slye's sister)
Dalton Furbée
Josh Swann's grandfather
Peggy McLean (friend of Linda Minetree)
Billy Stooks (friend of Rich Foley)
Charlotte Doran (7 yr old, by Sandra Allsbrook)
Art Layne (friend of Milholen's passed away)
And many others...



Engaging people the Jesus way

Jesus put energy into connecting people and pulling individuals together for the common good. He did so persistently, intently, and sometimes effortlessly even when he was in the presence of those he didn't know very well or who didn't like him very much. Jesus organized people so simply and succinctly around five basic practices to deepen commitment.

Jesus spoke to people's hearts. ~ Jesus observed people and listened to people so intimately that it did not take long for him to discern what really mattered to someone. From discerning Simon Peter's deep frustration from the empty nets of a failed night's fishing expedition to a foreign woman's embarrassment and shame at a well because she somehow couldn't shake the problems or pain of her past, Jesus could connect with the heart of anyone and then heal that heart with a simple word or command. Jesus shows us that when we get to know someone's heart, we can invite them to organize around great purposes.

Jesus called and equipped people, then modeled for them what he wanted to see in the world. ~ Once he spoke to their hearts, he often called them to something profound. After a miraculous catch on the lake following an empty fishing expedition, Jesus called fishermen to a greater vision, to catch people with the message that broken lives can become whole again. Then he spent three years in an intimate relationship with them, encouraging them to follow him everywhere he went and modeling for them how to heal people, cure people, save people, lead people, and connect people for a change. (He even modeled the importance of spiritual disciplines as a critical part of organizing.) The church needs to get back to the basics of calling, equipping, and modeling.

Jesus organized people through caring for people's individual needs. A tax collector named Zacchaeus who was shamed because of his career found Jesus removing his shame, liberating his home, and compelling his heart to go out into the community and restore fortunes to people he'd previously taken advantage of. A demoniac with mental and emotional issues found himself clothed and in his right mind because of an encounter with the Master. Soon thereafter, Jesus told him not to travel with him but to stay in his community to organize the people around the good news — the message of healing and wholeness. When we focus attention on caring for people's individual needs, we can mobilize and connect people for change.

Jesus called people something greater than themselves. ~ Sometimes he did that one-on-one, and sometimes in crowds, as in the Sermon on the Mount. He began by laying

out a way of living that leads to a blessed life. Then he exhorted the crowd to understand their divine role — why we are here. Then he talked about why he was there and centered the crowd in the foundation of the good news: love that finds us in our brokenness and leads us to wholeness. After soaking them in this rich communication, he began teaching how wholeness can play out in their everyday lives, using real-life scenarios about character building, forgiveness, adultery, divorce, and loving one's enemies — life experiences that many people face. Finally, he organized people by communicating a better and greater way of life that exceeded what they assumed they could ever attain.

Jesus coordinated systems to have full organizing impact. ~ One of the best examples of this is found in Luke 10 as he organized the seventy-two. He sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals and do not greet anyone on the road."

He then went on to lay out a specific strategy for what they were going to do and how they were to behave in ways that allowed them to discover that they, too, had the power to heal, the power to cast out demons, and the ability to withstand all types of trial. He transformed those with low self-esteem to experience divine confidence, and he positioned them to evangelize cities with the gospel and to expose neighborhoods to his good news through some of the most unlikely vessels.

The church today can learn a great deal from Jesus about deepening commitment to organize people for the holistic common good. When we commit to speaking to people's hearts, calling and equipping them to model the holistic life that the world yearns for, caring for people's needs, communicating to people something greater than themselves within systems that can transform, the church will truly be the catalyst that makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. ~**Lewis Center for Church Leadership**

All God's Children Camp in need of mentors ~ All God's Children Camp is just a few weeks away from giving children, ages 7 to 12 with an incarcerated mother or father, a week at camp with activities such as swimming crafts, Bible study and conflict resolution. Ten male and five female mentors are still needed to make this possible. If you are 16 or older and are available for the dates of **June 16-21**, please contact Lori Smith, camp director, at 571-245-9591 or lttlelori@gmail.com.

Guide to Annual Conference 2019 ~ Attendees of the Virginia Annual Conference 2019 can expect a few differences this year. The format is changing from a Friday-Sunday schedule to a Thursday-Saturday schedule and a 5K Walk, Run, Bike and Yoga event is scheduled. Updates and more information about AC 2019 can be found at www.vaumc.org/AC2019. The winner will be contacted prior to Annual Conference, and the award will be presented during the 2019 Annual Conference session.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12

LITURGIST: Tami Langford
FINANCE: Wayne Barfoot
BUS DRIVER: Gary Bergtholdt
COUNTERS: Bob Allsbrook
Ralph White

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19

LITURGIST: Meg Moore
FINANCE: Bill Diggs
BUS DRIVER: Ron Rumsey
COUNTERS: Brad Allsbrook
JoAnn Walberg

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given by
Vince Mundie in memory of
Marian K. Mundie and their parents.*

The following dates are available for flower dedication:
May 19, 26; June 9 (Pentecost); July 21, 28; Aug 11, 25;
Sept 8, 22; Oct 13, 20; Nov 3; Dec 8, 29

Please see the sign-up list posted on the cabinets across from the choir room.

Attendance Last week

Worship: 54 Sunday School: 30

The “Red Room” needs restocking! Clean out your closets, check under the bed, simplify! The less stuff you have the more time you will have to spend with God, your family & friends, and maybe someone who doesn’t know Jesus! Here’s an idea, ask your neighbor if they have stuff they want to give away, if they do, offer to bring it down here. Do them a favor, do us a favor, and make a new friend!!



We will take just about anything (except electronics and furniture). Contact Brad Allsbrook (757) 722-1816 with questions.

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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May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more,
and nothing but happiness
come through your door.

Have a Great Week