

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

110 E. Queen Street Hampton VA 23669

September 8, 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

Fully Alive

The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pay attention: God is still speaking wisdom, still revealing truth, and still breathing new life into our world. Come to Christ our rock...

Our refuge and our strength.

Come to listen for God...

Our wisdom and our truth.

Come to receive the Spirit...

The breath of life itself.

*HYMN

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

UMH 100

*OPENING PRAYER (in Unison)

Still-speaking God, open our ears to hear your voice; open our minds to perceive your wisdom; and open our eyes to recognize your healing love and your powerful presence in our lives. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 13:10-17 (CEB)

¹⁰ Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. ¹² When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." ¹³ He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

¹⁴ The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵ The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? ¹⁶ Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan

for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Holy Spirit, bless these gifts with the power of your love and grace, that others may recognize your presence and hear your wisdom and truth. In Jesus' 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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UHM 402

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA UMH 883

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Candee Martin

SILENT and PASTORAL PRAYERS Rev. Candee Martin

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

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. 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

I Stand Amazed

The Chancel Choir

SERMON *The Jesus Guide for Living the Human Life*

Rev. Candee Martin

*CLOSING HYMN

He Touched Me

UMH 367

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

As we speak what we have heard,

God will give us the words.

As we go where we are sent,

Christ will lead the way.

As we love as we are loved,

the Spirit will work through our lives. Amen.

*Postlude

What's going on in the church office? Some of you may have stopped by and found the office empty. While our new Business Manager, Bill Boyer, is working hard to keep the finances of the church running smoothly, we are relying on volunteers to keep the administrative side going. Emails and phone messages are being checked regularly, but if you want to stop by please make an appointment by phone or email first. We are starting to interview the applicants for the part-time (20 hours per week) Administrative Assistant, so please be patient as your Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) finds the very best person to work in our office. If you have further questions, you can contact SPRC Chair Meg Moore at 202-549-7548 or mooremeg@hotmail.com

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

LITURGIST: Ann Gordon Evans
FINANCE: Wayne Barfoot
COUNTERS: Bob Allsbrook
Ralph White

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

LITURGIST: Vennie Lulofs
FINANCE: Bill Diggs
COUNTERS: Brad Allsbrook
JoAnn Walberg

Altar Flowers

***The flowers on the altar this morning given by
Beverly Geer in Honor of The Crouse Class***

*The following dates are available for flower dedication:
Sept 22; Dec 29*

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

Next week: Meg Moore

Attendance Last week

Worship: 69 Sunday School: 40

Thank You for Supporting Bassette Elementary!

Thank you to all who brought in generous donations of school supplies and backpacks for the children of A.W.E. Bassette Elementary School. Donations were delivered to the school's Family Engagement Specialist, Diane Campbell, on Monday.

As a Title I school (meaning many low-income families), Bassette has ongoing needs, and the Missions Committee would like to encourage the various circles and small groups in our church to support the school in different ways throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a Volunteer Orientation meeting at 11am on Thursday, September 12. More information will be coming soon! Please contact Rev. Kerry at klgreenhill@gmail.com to learn more about the needs and opportunities for getting involved.

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 am UMW Circle 8 (Linda Marushi)
6:00 pm UMW Circle 2 (TBD)
6:00 pm UMW Circle 10 (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 am Nifty Crafters (CFR)
6:00 pm Fitness Yoga Class (FH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 am UMW Circle 1 (Sarah Kilgore)
11:30 am UMW Circle 4 (Vancosta's)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 am Gentle Yoga (FH)
3:00 pm Congregational Care (P)
5:15 pm Sine Nomine (CR)
6:15 pm Glory Ringers (CR)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

No scheduled activities

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 am UMW Circle 9 (TBD)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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



9/8
Christine Woods

9/9

9/10

9/11
Ginny Johnson
Robert Knight

9/12
Midge Eason

9/13

9/14
Joshua Hooten

9/15
Julie Crocker
Becky Montgomery
Kimi Parrish

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	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 & Audrey Thurston
Jackie Taylor
Winnie & Gale Barnes
Sue Miserentino
Ray and Tricia Waldon
Dean Shinn

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

**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:

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)
Nancey (friend of Jane Miller)
Vicki Pogozeleski (Judy Rushton's daughter)
Chris (Audrey Thurston's brother)
Barbara Farrand's daughter-in-law
Gene Ferguson (friend of Vince Mundie)
Juanita & Warren Schmid (friends of Shirley McCracken)
Jim McLees
Dalton Furbee
Josh Swann's grandfather
Peggy McLean (friend of Linda Minetree)
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)
Christopher Lockett (Priscilla Lockett's son)

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Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost

Boring worship can't compete with Sunday sports

Church leaders will often blame our culture for a lack of Sunday attendance, claiming that the other activities — especially sports — crowd out the cultural priority for worship. Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop, pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, challenges us with a different perspective. "It's easy to blame society's obsession with sports for encroaching on our Sundays," she says. "But churches need to look in the mirror. Why are sports more enticing than church?" Is it because sports are exciting, while church is boring to many people? Far too often, worship becomes like painting a picture by numbers. We dutifully assemble the liturgical pieces, making sure they are the right color, but the final product seems hollow and two-dimensional. Robert Schnase, in the worship section of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, says, "Without passion, worship becomes dry, routine ... and predictable, keeping the form while lacking the spirit."

Spirit-filled worship ~ Mainline Protestants, wary of emotionalism, can unwittingly resist the Spirit's movement. Yet, we also believe that the Holy Spirit resides in each of us as a guide and comforter. It is the light within that longs to be ignited. The term "Spirit-filled" does not assume a certain style of worship. It is not an implied criticism of any particular wellspring of liturgy. We use timeworn terms like traditional vs. contemporary, high church vs. low church, liturgical vs. evangelical, but these dichotomies lead to crippling states of mind. They cause us to focus on the form of worship rather than its function. That function is to lead people into the presence of the living God. It is not the style that matters, but the Spirited energy with which it is imbued.

Yearning for something more ~ People need this infusion of God's presence, because so many of us have become numb to the Divine in our midst. So much of the sacred is stripped from our lives. Our consumer culture lulls us into deeper ennui, substituting materialism for the presence of God. Every Sunday, like refugees from a secular wasteland, members and visitors at our churches come to worship with a yearning for something more. In various degrees of self-consciousness, they are aware of an organic longing to connect with the very Sources of Life.

Why worship matters ~ This is why worship truly matters and why worship leadership is a saving art. Our words, our prayers, our music, the flow of liturgy — all of it has eternal significance in countering the secular conditioning that surrounds us like water around fish. In worship, we reveal the oft-forgiven truth that we are spiritual beings living a physical life on this planet. No matter what worship style we adopt, underlying principles help bring us into the presence of the living God, and best

practices — remembering our purpose, understanding our context, and becoming multilingual — fuel worship that is more incarnational. ~ **Lewis Center for Church Leadership**

other forms of technology from video, graphics, internet, and audio are modern-day Gutenberg press innovations that cannot be barricaded by a guardrail but must be released so information can flow to the masses. ~ **Olu Brown, Lewis Center for Church Leadership**

Register now for 5 Talent Academy fall event

The theme for this year is Engage 2019: Community Transformation. There are two events: one just for clergy and one for clergy and laity. Wednesday, **Nov. 13** will be a Clergy-only Pre-event at Woodlake UMC and will feature Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Conference UMC. He will speak about redefining the UM connection and evangelism, the role of fresh expressions, and how to shape missional relationships in the current cultural landscape. Thursday, **Nov. 14** will be the main Clergy and Laity event at Woodlake UMC and livestreamed to 11 satellite locations around the state. Bishop Carter will be preaching and there will be speakers from around the country who will address what it looks like to be a neighborhood church, what is a community partner, and what is a fresh expression. If you plan to attend in a group from your church, every fifth person in a group registration goes free. Fees: Nov. 14 event - \$35; Nov. 13 & 14 events - \$60; Nov. 13 event only - \$50. Prices increase after Sept. 30. To register, visit www.vaumc.org/5talent. For questions, contact MaryKaye Cochran at marykayecochran@vaumc.org.

Disaster Recovery teams needed

The **Rev. Jon Woodburn**, Danville District disaster coordinator, recently shared a plea for volunteers as the district continues efforts to recover from flooding by Hurricane Michael in October 2018. "The biggest issue we currently have is a lack of volunteers," said Woodburn. "It has been some time since the energy of the storm left its mark on the area; our energy for being helpful may have diminished. Please help us help others in the name of Christ and show that the kingdom has come near by encouraging people to volunteer." You can contact Woodburn at ddumcdisastercoordinator@gmail.com. You can be schedule for day trips or for a week-long period. Tasks left to accomplish include volunteers with experience placing floors, installing lower kitchen cabinets, replacing vinyl siding, placing insulation and doing drywall, prepping and painting, and doing trim work. Woodburn said the district hopes to complete this work by December this year. Meanwhile, in the North Carolina Conference, **Stephanie Hunt**, construction supervisor with the North Carolina Conference Disaster Recovery, has shared the need for volunteers in Swansboro and surrounding areas. Teams may contact Hunt directly at Stephanie.hunt@nccumc.org or 919-441-2324.

Bishop's Convocation on Prayer

The Bishop's Convocation on Prayer is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21 at Trinity UMC in Richmond. Both clergy and laity are invited. Dr. Terry Tekyl will be plenary. There will be breakout small groups. Deadline to register is **Sept. 13**. For more information contact the Rev. Ted Smith, director of Connectional Ministries, at TedSmith@vaumc.org.





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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!

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