

# **First United Methodist Church of Hampton**

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**April 8, 2018      8:30 and 11:00 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 United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)  
TFWS indicates The Faith We Sing (small, black hymnal)**

**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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT (11:00)

*Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!*

The Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

*Let us sing our joy;*

**And dance our doubts.**

*Love and forgive our neighbors;*

**And offer them Christ's peace.**

*Let us live with a forever kind of hope.*

**Easter happens!**

*Rejoice! Alleluia!*

**We are Easter people! Let us raise our voices and sing!**

\*HYMN

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God of amazing surprises, we have not seen Jesus, but we believe! We believe he welcomes our questions and our doubts. We believe he calls us to create accepting and inclusive communities. We believe he encourages us to act justly and to promote love and healing in our broken world. We believe that he inspires us to spread the life-giving Good News of Jesus' love wherever we go. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 20:19-31 (NRSV)

*<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

*<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."*

*<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."*

*<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

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

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Creator God, we are your gifted people. You have given us talent of mind and heart and spirit. You have put joy in our hearts and on our lips. As you have blessed us with so much that is good, so bless our offerings returned to you which symbolize our faithfulness, in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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!**

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

*Majesty*

The Chancel Choir

SERMON

*Life Lessons from Thomas*

Rev. Candee Martin

COMMUNION HYMN

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

UMH 334

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*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 confession of our faith.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

**Today ours is a confession of faith – faith that Christ is not only risen, but also all-loving, indwelling, all-present, and eternal:  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to accompany me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me;  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in the hearts of all who love him,  
 Christ in the mouths of friend and stranger.**

*[A Moment of Silent Reflection]*

*Do not be afraid! Peace be with you!*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR THE EASTER SEASON

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*[Gluten-free communion elements are available. Please ask Pastor Candee.]*

*[As you come, you may leave an offering for those in need in the baskets placed in the corner of each of the front pews or you may use the communion envelopes in the pew racks.]*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (In Unison)

**O Holy God, in this place, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard signs of your love for us. Grant that we may leave this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for us that we may be your love in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn of Promise*

UMH 707

\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING (Responsively)

*May we leave this gathering of the faithful confident that the Risen Christ is with us.*

**Renewed in the Spirit, we will encourage the doubting, the apathetic, the downhearted, those who lack hope. Renewed in the Spirit, we commit our lives anew to be servants in the work of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

# *Imagination Space*





# Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



## Sunday, April 8

- 8:30 am Worship w/ Communion (S)
- 9:30 am Fellowship (FH)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship w/ Communion (S)

## Monday, April 9

- 11:30 am *UMW Circle 8 (The Greene Turtle)*

## Tuesday, April 10

- 2:00 pm Candee Meeting (C)

## Wednesday, April 11

- 10:00 am *UMW Circle 1 (Marian Guldner's home)*
- 11:30 am *UMW Circle 4 (Vancosta's Restaurant)*

## Thursday, April 12

- 6:15 pm Handbell Choir (CR)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

## Friday, April 13

No Scheduled Activities

## Saturday, April 14

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast and Study (FH)
- 8:00 am *UMW Circle 9 (Nancy Basford's Home)*

## Sunday, April 15

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:30 am Fellowship (FH)
- 9:30-10:45 am Ministry EXPO (FH)**
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship (S)



4/8

JoAnn Walberg

4/9

Ruth Nast  
Sam Palomo

4/10

Kenneth Crocker, Jr.

4/11

4/12

4/13

Stephanie Stacy  
Steve Stacy

4/14

Colin Deleon

4/15

Alexis Crissman  
Anne-Logan Mugler

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS  
TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

LITURGISTS: Cheryl Williams (8:30)  
Jay Smith (11:00 a.m.)

FINANCE: Wayne Barfoot

BUS DRIVERS: Gary Bergtholdt

COUNTERS: Bob Allsbrook  
Ralph White

**WORSHIP ASSI STANTS  
NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

LITURGISTS: Jeremy Hooten (8:30)  
Ann Gordon Evans (11:00 a.m.)

FINANCE: Bill Diggs

BUS DRIVERS: Ron & Sylvia Rumsey

COUNTERS: Donna Robinson  
Vince Mundie

**Stewardship Corner – April 1**

**Attendance:**

Worship Total:  
11:00 am only  
Sunday school:

**Offering Received last week:**

General Fund  
Designated Funds

**Chancel Flowers**

*The flowers on the chancel were  
given by UMW Circle 8  
in honor of  
Barbara Cubbage.*

**Next week:**  
Linda Minetree







Please remember in prayer those from our congregation:

Lil' Bit Brown  
Nell Writtenberry  
Jane Roberts  
Robert Kilgore  
Richard Mundie  
Eleanor Woodward  
Ed Kilgore  
Allen Langford  
Barbara Cabbage  
Bob Lawson  
Marty Baker  
Candee Martin and family  
Linda Mansfield  
Aggie Hogge  
Ed Boyce  
Lenny Yarrington  
Robin Welch  
Marianne Prentiss  
Beth Nystrom  
Wanda Barfoot  
Peggy Langford

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:

Lyle (Wilson's grandson);  
Z'amir (Pastor Candee's grandnephew);  
Eloise (friend of Jane Miller);  
Courtney (friend of Amanda Hooten);  
Lenny (Carol Gardner's friend);  
Kim Dulaney (Cheryl Baker's daughter);  
Mark McDaniel (friend of Milholen's);  
Clyde Castle;  
Chad Sayers (Winnie Barnes' grandson);  
Jimmy Parker (friend of Carol Gardner);  
Deborah Hudson (Vince Mundie);  
Gerald E. Burks (Vince Mundie);  
Janet Stickle (Meg Moore's sister-in-law);  
Nicholson family (friends of Gladys);  
Maddie Davis (student at Armstrong);  
Howard family;  
Jean Lynch;  
Sonya (friend of Gladys);  
Beverly Geer (Kristen Milholen's mom);  
Bill Milholen (William Milholen's father);  
Vernon Kruger (friend of the Rumsey's);  
Marguerite (friend of Kristen Milholen);  
Tim (friend of the Milholen's)  
Dani Stickle (Meg Moore's cousin's daughter-in-law and twin babies she is carrying);  
Priscilla Neal (Rick Allison's sister);  
Magie Hutt (Rick Allison's friend);  
Hearne & Lindsay families;  
Carol Gardner's mother;  
Ralph White's sister;  
Dick Baugh (friend of Vince Mundie);  
Mike Brown (friend of Ruth Kourtiche)



## Accountability Without Control

Rosabeth Moss Kanter speaks of a new kind of leader. These new leaders must learn to operate “without the might of hierarchy behind them.” The crutch of authority, she says, must be thrown away.

A possible approach for church leaders: to see one’s role as leader as helping to ensure accountability to the mission and vision – but without control. This sounds difficult if not impossible! But such an approach just may make accountability easier, since it is based now on faithfulness to our mission, vision, and values, and no longer on authority. It is based on what we as a people have affirmed as our mandate. Time is not spent by leaders telling people what they cannot do, but in asking people what they are doing about our shared commitments. People will be less likely to feel the need constantly to report what they will not do because no one is telling them anything they must do. Instead, everyone is busy being responsive to the shared vision because accountability is expected.

In many ways this is no different from John Wesley’s approach to a number of issues. Regarding doctrine, Wesley dearly wished others would believe as he did. Yet he gave freedom of belief with accountability. One was free to believe but not free from belief. No energy was then needed for debates over freedom. The issue was never freedom but doctrine. So, the time went to doctrinal accountability. Wesley constantly asked questions of people focused on not only what they believed, but also on issues of accountability and growth in discipleship.

Accountability without control will not come by mandates, legislation, or resolutions. Leaders don’t need all the answers but must have the right questions. The background for every question must be what it is that God is calling us to do. The questions must be tied to the very reason we exist, or they will have neither credibility nor power. The questions need to call us back to the very values that brought us to faith in the first place. For them to be seen as worthy of attention and respect, they need to strike at the heart of who we are as Christians. No longer will people be asked if they are following the process. No longer will an answer that we followed the process be adequate. Instead, does the process being followed address the need and the calling? ~ Lewis Center for Church Leadership

**Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Historic Merger** - Congregations across the connection are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary commemorating the event of April 23, 1968, when leaders of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church declared the creation of a new denomination, The United Methodist Church. With the words “Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church,” the new denomination was birthed at the constituting General Conference being held that year in Dallas. The words, said in unison over joined hands, by Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church, signified the formation of one of the largest denominations in the world, representing 53 countries. The official website of The United Methodist Church, is featuring anniversary content at [www.UMC.Org/umc50](http://www.UMC.Org/umc50) . A hashtag -- #UMC50 - is being used for all anniversary themed content on social media and the UMC’s official Facebook page is featuring Throwback Thursday (#TBT) content from the momentous event.

**Next Gen Ministries Offers Strategic Summit** - While the Gospel of Jesus Christ remains as relevant as ever, we have struggled to capture the hearts of young people in our communities. But what if there are ways we could help our churches grow young once again? And what if the answer has nothing to do with church size, money, or being “cool?” On April 21, the Virginia Conference Next Gen Ministries, in partnership with the Fuller Youth Institute, will play host to Jake Mulder, co-author of Growing Young - Six essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church. Price is \$45. The live event will be held at Christ Church (Fairfax Station), 7600 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Register by visiting: <https://vanextgensummit.com/>

**Satellite Locations:**

St. Luke’s UMC ~ 300 Ella Taylor Rd, Yorktown, VA 23692

New Life UMC ~ 900 Old Hundred Rd, Midlothian, VA 23114

Fairview UMC ~ 1013 Westover Dr, Danville, VA 24541

Raleigh Court UMC ~ 1706 Grandin Rd SW, Roanoke, VA 24015

Calvary UMC ~ 2179 Stuarts Draft Hwy, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

**Quote for the Week** *“The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.”* ~ Robert Flatt

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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 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:**

WORSHIP: 8:30 AM  
FELLOWSHIP: 9:30 AM  
BIBLE STUDY: 9:45 AM  
WORSHIP: 11:00 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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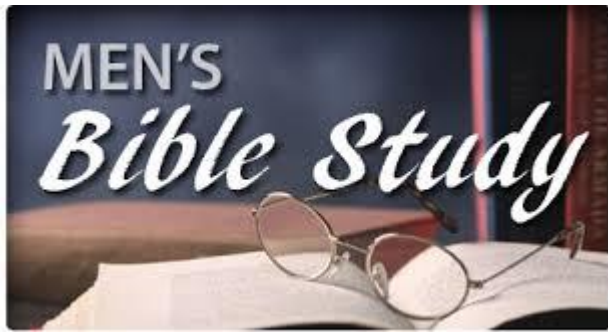
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It's that time again!  
The United Methodist Men will be hosting a Bible study on **Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 am** in the fellowship hall. A Continental breakfast will be served. All are welcome.

# MINISTRY E X P O

**April 15, 2018**  
**9:30-10:45 AM**  
in the fellowship hall  
Check out the opportunities available for you. There is a place for everyone!

## MOVIE NIGHT – APRIL 21



**Dinner**  
**5:30 pm**

**Movie**  
**6:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 22**

**6:00 pm**



In celebration of Earth Day the Family Life Committee is hosting a covered dish dinner plus a Make-and-Take Bird House project! A sample bird house is hanging in the Narthex. The kits will be pre-cut from pressure treated wood (unlike the sample!) and include all hardware. *A small fee of \$10 covers the cost of each kit.* **Please reserve the number of kits you want and include your fee NO LATER than Saturday, April 21.** Tweet Mike Lulofs with any questions!



**Sunday, April 29**

**12:00 pm**

**Potato/Salad**

**Bar Lunch**

**To benefit**

**Project Crossroads**



***Sunday May 20***

***1:30 pm***

***Sandy Bottom Nature Park***

***Fried Chicken, hot dogs***

***and drinks provided***

***Bring a dessert or side dish***