

First United Methodist Church of Hampton

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December 9, 2018 10:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

ADVENT'S JOY TO THE WORLD

Second Sunday, LOVE,
is the theme for this date
Remember in your Bible
read 1 Peter 4 verse eight.

Enjoy the Handbells as they play
Their talents add to our worship today.

Dean and the choirs,
the pleasures they bring
We just love to hear them sing!
Worship service fills us with love
All coming from our precious
Lord up above.

~Linda Marushi

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

The Glory Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

[by Mary J. Scifres]

God of the now and the yet to be, we come to this worship service in anticipation and breathlessness.

We are breathless from Christmas shopping and family dinner preparations.

We are on the edge of time between the barrenness of autumn and the bright white of winter.

We are on the edge of expectant pregnancy and new birth.

We are on the edge of the joy of anticipation and the fear of facing the unknown.

We are at the edge of the seriousness of Advent and the joy of Christmas.

Help us not to fear being on the edge of newness and change;

Help us to hear your words of blessing and hope, comfort and peace, so that we may worship you in this time together.

*HYMN

People, Look East

UMH 202

LIGHTING OF THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

Manda & Jeremy Hooten

Hope was the focus of the first Advent candle, and last Sunday that first flame awakened our spiritual feelings of Hope. Hope, that the reason for the Advent season will not be overpowered by commercialization. That first flickering flame awakened within, the hope that the reason for the Advent season will not be forgotten or cast aside. Too often a focus on worldly possessions captures the limelight.

In 1 Peter 4:8 it states, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." There is no greater power than that of love: the love of friendship, the love of family, and most importantly, the love of God. God's love is revealed to us in the giving to the world of the Son of God, the Christ child in the manger. The

illumination of the candle of love renews and reminds us of the light of God's love, for we love because God loves. The love of the Lord guides us to remember. . .

Yesterday's Toy Drive - - - - - Love did thrive, it was alive
Share our love - - - - - With God above
Love the Glory Ringers - - - - - The Messengers and the choir singers
Hearts will grow - - - - - Love will show
How to know - - - - - God tells us so.

Today we light the second candle, the candle of LOVE.

(Light the Second Advent Candle)

Its flame signifies the love of God that surrounds us, filling our hearts, our very being with His love. God created the world in love and it pervades all aspects of life, transcends all things, and embraces all. We light this candle in everlasting unconditional love.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, open our hearts and fill us to overflowing with Your glorious love. Enable us to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to others. Guide us to do acts of kindness to those in need at this time of year. Help us to share Your great love with others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*On this Advent Sunday when we lit the Candle of Love and looked forward in anticipation to lighting the Candle of Joy next Sunday, I leave you with these words from Bishop Desmond Tutu: "Dear Child of God, you are loved with a love that nothing can shake, a love that loved you long before you were created, a love that will be there long after everything has disappeared....And God wants you to be like God. Filled with life and goodness and laughter—and joy." **Amen.***

*POSTLUDE



There are ANGELS among us!

FUMC's ANGEL TREE will be with us again during Advent. **Look for the ANGEL TREE** 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!



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.*

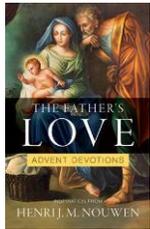
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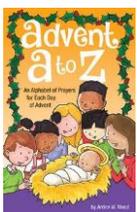
FOOD DRIVE to benefit H.E.L.P. Pantry

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.



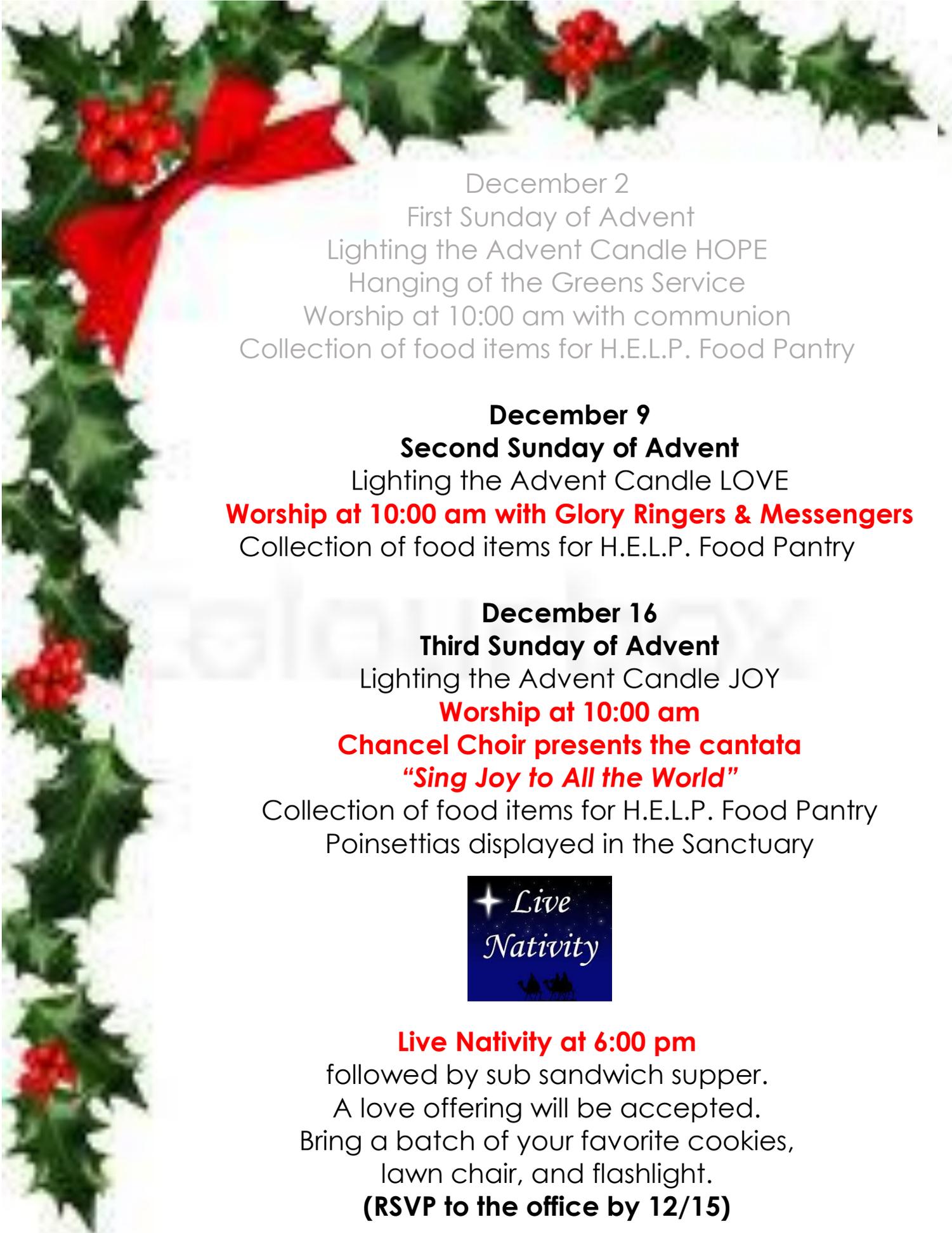
Advent Devotional books *The Father's Love* are available in the back of the sanctuary or outside the church office beginning Nov 25.

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 & Messengers
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

Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



Sun Dec 9

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



12/9

Shandon Martin

Mon Dec 10

No scheduled activities

12/10

Tue Dec 11

6:00 pm Fitness Yoga Class (FH)

12/11

Tami Pollard

Wed Dec 12

10:00 am Circle 1
 11:30 am UMW Circle 4 (Vancosta's)
 6:00 pm Sine Nomine Ringers
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (S)

12/12

Sam Haywood

12/13

12/14

Thu Dec 13

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

12/15

Anna Lee Evans

Fri Dec 14

5:00 pm *SPRC social*
 5:00 pm Hoback wedding rehearsal (S)
 6:00 pm *SPRC Meeting (P)*

12/16

Shirley McCracken
 Cameron Prentiss

Sat Dec 15

All day Parking Lot Reserved for HPO
 3:30 pm Hoback wedding (S)

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

Sun Dec 16

8:30 am Fellowship (FH)
 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship with Choir Cantata (S)
6:00 pm Live Nativity followed by sub sandwich supper (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
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
Mike Lulofs and Family

**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);
Nancey (friend of Jane Miller)
Earl Gibson (friend of Buddy Marushi)
Aunt Carrie (Bernice Wiggins' aunt)
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)
Susan Martin (Barbara Farrand's daughter)
And many others...

*Dear Family of First Church,
Thank you so much for your prayers and support during these two- and one-half years of caring for mom.... She died peacefully and now is at rest at 96 years old she, within one week, almost made 97. She was a fine, Christian...lady. Her service, even though only graveside, was a celebration of her life. Thanks again for your love and support.
Yours in Christ,
Stan Wright*



Biblical leadership: more difficult than you think

When we look to the Bible for leadership advice, it's easy to fall victim to our tendency to idealize those leaders we see as exemplars. We place Moses and David and Paul on pedestals. And then we feel deficient if we don't measure up to those idealized images. Reexamining some of our common images of biblical leadership yields more valuable lessons for our own practice of leadership.

Shepherd ~ Churches are full of banners depicting Jesus with the sheep, cuddling them in his arms. We have come to see shepherding as a kind and gentle approach to leadership. But that's not the whole story of what a shepherd does. A shepherd uses a crook and a staff, not just to protect the flock from enemies, but also to pull back those errant sheep who stray from the fold. And sometimes, it's not a gentle little push, it's a yank. A shepherd needs to be fierce at times. And this aspect of shepherding generally is lost in the romanticized way we use shepherd as biblical metaphor for leadership.

Mentor ~ We often think of Paul as a solitary, heroic leader. But his writings reveal that he was mentor and encourager to more than 100 coworkers. In his letters, Paul employs the widespread Greco-Roman practice of commendation as a way of mentoring these coworkers and recognizing their contributions. In the Roman Empire, commendation was used to honor and flatter the elite and the wealthy. In contrast, Paul commends his coworkers for hard work and sacrifice. He makes a point of saying, again and again, that he is with the coworkers in the trenches, doing what they are doing, suffering what they are suffering. Paul is a mentor to his coworkers by modeling servant leadership. He basically says, "Do what I do, not just what I say. I'm doing it with you."

Prophet ~ Walter Brueggemann describes a prophet as having two main tasks: To criticize what is and to energize with an alternative vision of community. Too often we emphasize one of these tasks at the expense of the other. But effective leadership requires that the two be kept in a tension-filled balance. We see the two-pronged responsibility of a prophet in the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. There is strong criticism of the structures that existed in the time of these prophets. But there is also beautiful imagery of what God intends for us. Prophetic leaders need a vision so compelling that it pulls us into a different future. And that requires imagination. But imagination is difficult to come by in our rapid-paced, 24/7, 280-character Twitter culture. Articulating a compelling vision takes more time and more imagination.

The Bible offers important, meaningful lessons on the tough, real-life challenges faced by God's leaders. But the takeaways are greater when we acknowledge the human

vulnerability of biblical leaders and appreciate the complexities of leadership challenges and practices.

~ Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Support Una Familia ministry ~ Una Familia, which began in 2013, serves primarily Hispanic/Latino families on Virginia's Eastern Shore. The ministry seeks to fulfill the call to be Una Familia (One Family) by responding to the needs of the poor, marginalized and underserved community. This ministry provides after-school and summer tutoring to elementary school children from three elementary schools on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Beginning 2019, Una Familia will initiate a high school program to assist students in the discernment of vocation, working toward vocational training, college, interview techniques, essay writing and more. Una Familia is also beginning a partnership with Just Neighbors (a nonprofit organization) in order to provide low cost/no cost immigration services to families locally. This ministry solely depends on individuals, churches and occasional grants to complete its work. If you would like to support this ministry, donations can be mailed to: Una Familia (payable), PO Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421. You can also donate on their website at www.unafamiliaesva.com.

United Methodist Day at General Assembly is Jan. 31 ~ Now that the election is over. . . Would you like to continue to make an impact in having your voice heard? Then register today for United Methodist Day at the General Assembly! Register by Dec. 28 and pay \$30 early registration. After December 28, pay \$40 until January 11 when registration closes. Learn more at <https://vaumc.org/Events>. Contact the Rev. Barbara Lewis, registrar, with questions at BarbaraLewis@vaumc.org.

Learn more about Convergence summer program ~ Convergence: Where Faith and Science Meet is a nine-day program (June 22-30, 2019) that allows current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students to come to Randolph-Macon's campus in Ashland, Va., and learn about the intersection of science and Christian faith. They will dive deeper into their religious beliefs, deeper into the study of science, and will meet other high school students and R-MC student leaders with those same interests. The cost to participate is only \$250. Upon high school graduation, if a Convergence participant chooses to attend Randolph-Macon, they will receive a \$1,000 annual scholarship for each year they participated in Convergence. Please contact the Rev. Kendra Grimes or Laura Ruxton at convergence@rmc.edu for information on nominating a participant or with any questions about the program.

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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:

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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