

**First United Methodist Church of Hampton**  
110 E Queen St Hampton VA 23669 (757) 723-6577

**May 19, 2019 10:00 a.m.**

**Children's Sabbath**  
***A Vision for Every Child:  
Lives of Hope, Not Despair***



**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

*Praise and Reflection*

*The Glory Ringers*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

When the disciples tried to keep children from Jesus,  
**Jesus said, “Let the children come to me!”**

When the disciples wanted to send hungry people away,  
saying there were too many to feed,  
**Jesus said we can feed them.**

When a parent whose child was in terrible trouble came to Jesus,  
**Jesus said he would help.**

When a woman in poverty gave all she could,  
**Jesus honored her generosity.**

**We gather in the name of that Jesus who welcomed the children,  
fed hungry people, helped children in trouble, and recognized the  
gifts of those in poverty. On this Children’s Sabbath day, let us  
follow in word and in deed.**

\*HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

UMH 92

\*OPENING PRAYER (Responsively)

(From Presbyterian Church (USA)  
*The Book of Common Worship*)

**Great God guard the laughter of children, bring them safely  
through injury and illness so they may live the promises you give.  
Do not let us be so preoccupied with our purposes that we fail to  
hear their voices, or pay attention to their special vision of the  
truth; but keep us with them, ready to listen and to love, even as  
in Jesus Christ you have loved us, your grown-up, wayward  
children. Amen.**

\*PSALTER READING

*Psalms 91*

UMH pgs. 810-811

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE      Micah 6:6-8 *“What God Requires”*

*“With what shall I come before the LORD. And bow myself before God on High? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

THE GOSPEL      Matthew 18:1-6 *“True Greatness”*

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them and said, “Truly, I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believes in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depths of the sea.*

*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, who has blessed us with so much that is good, we pray for those in need, especially babies and toddlers without the care they need to develop, children in poverty and parents who struggle to find work or make ends meet, young people in schools with too few resources and too low expectations. Bless our offerings that they may move us forward in the vision for lives of hope and not despair for every child, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

*Morning Hymn*

The Glory Ringers

\*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

*Star-Child*

TFWS 2095

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

*Whisper to My Heart*

Dean Shinn & Cecelia Short

SERMON

*It Doesn't Go By Fast*

Dr. Cecelia Short

\*HYMN

*Together We Serve*

TFWS 2175

\*BENEDICTION (Responsively)

**Go forth to be the arms of God's love for every child.  
Go forth to extend Christ's welcome to every child.  
Go forth to be a voice for justice in the power of the Spirit.**  
May the God of love, hope, and justice be with you and each child  
of God as we work to make it "go by fast" this day and forevermore.

\*POSTLUDE

# Imagination Space



## ROAR! VBS T-Shirts

Please write the number of shirts you would like to order beside the size/s you need. Make your check payable to First United Methodist Church. Turn your order in to the office no later than **Sunday, June 2, 2019**

Adult T-Shirts	Price	Quantity
Small	\$8.00	
Medium	\$9.50	
Large	\$9.50	
XL	\$9.50	
2X and 3X	\$13.00	
Children's T-Shirts		
Extra Small (2-4)	\$5.00	
Small (6-8)	\$5.00	
Medium (10-12)	\$5.00	
Large (14-16)	\$5.00	

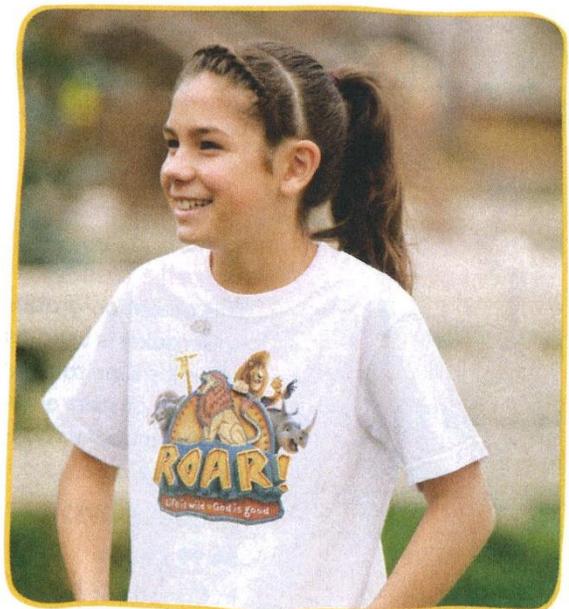
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Adult Shirt

Children's Shirt



# Reminders, Announcements, and Other News



## 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)*

## MONDAY, MAY 20

No Scheduled Activities

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 6:00 pm Fitness Yoga (FH)
- 7:30 *Choir @ The Chesapeake-Bus Reserved*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

No Scheduled Activities

## THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 10:00 am Gentle Yoga (FH)
- 3:00 pm Congregational Care (P)

## FRIDAY, MAY 24-OFFICE CLOSED

No scheduled activities

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

No scheduled activities

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

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



5/19

5/20

5/21

Megan (Lulofs) Kuhagen  
Mike Yaskowsky

5/22

5/23

Bob Miserentino

5/24

Laura Harris  
Scott Pollard

5/25

5/26

Enzi Knight

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 Cabbage  
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

**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 Pogozeleski** (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 Furbee**

**Josh Swann's grandfather**

**Peggy McLean** (friend of Linda Minetree)

**Billy Stooks** (friend of Rich Foley)

**Charlotte Doran** (7 yr old, by Sandra Allsbrook)

**Ann Bowie & family** (friend of Writtenberry & Kourtiche families)

**And many others...**



## Break these habits to increase giving

Most churches are caught in a contradiction. They believe generosity is an essential component of faithful discipleship and that Jesus challenged his followers to use their resources for the sake of the kingdom. Yet most churches do not build cultures of generosity, teach the importance of giving, or talk about money with the frequency and fervor that Jesus did. Before churches can learn new behaviors, they have to unlearn these bad ones around giving:

**Churches don't talk about money.** Some churches simply stay silent on money. Sometimes leaders are afraid that money conversations will anger people in the pews. Others fear that new people will be turned away. Some notice the bad reputation that the church "only talks about money," so they choose to never talk about money.

**Churches talk about money when they are desperate.** Ironically, we believe that if we wait until things are desperate enough, this will not only motivate people to give but help them understand why we had to bring it up. This strategy rarely works. People are not motivated to bail out a struggling institution. People want to give to something that is exciting, makes an impact and life-changing.

**Churches only talk about money in connection to giving.** There are many churches that avoid talking about money except when they need to talk about giving. Their leaders commit this error when they preach and teach about money once a year during stewardship season. Church ought to be a community that helps people think faithfully about their finances.

**We ask new people not to give.** Recently at a local church, when the offering time came around, the pastor stepped up and shared something like this: "Here at our church we give as part of worship. But if you are new or have just recently started coming, we do not expect you to give. Your presence is gift enough." Most people do not need to be given permission not to give. They protect their money quite well. The invitation not to give only makes it more difficult later to introduce the practice of generosity.

**We talk apologetically about giving.** We over-explain, offer conditions, and sometimes outright apologize before we ask people to practice generosity. We focus on how hard it is and how tired we know many people are of hearing about giving. We remind them that they do not have to give and talk about giving in sacrificial terms. But being generous helps us grow closer to Christ and leads to greater joy in our lives. These are just habits that prevent congregations from elevating the practice of giving.

**New campus ministry workshop opportunity** ~ Is God calling you, and your congregation, into new ways of serving students? A pilot of a new lay servant course focused on empowering local congregations to grow in understanding and service to students in your local contexts is open to both laity and clergy at Shenandoah University on Saturday, June 1 and Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brandt Center Room 123. The cost is free with lunch provided and both days are required to complete the course. This course will help participants do the following:

- Think theologically about their congregation's motivations and goals for creating a student ministry
- Understand the importance of setting congregational goals and expectations that prioritize student needs and voices
- Identify the areas of ministry potential that already exist within their congregation and imagine new ways God may be calling them to use these gifts to serve students
- Create a plan to facilitate continued discernment and student ministry building in their congregation

For any questions please contact the Rev. Colleen Hallagan Preuninger at 315-527-7383 or [cpreunin@su.edu](mailto:cpreunin@su.edu). Reserve your spot by May 30, 2019. Learn more at <https://vaumc.org/e-Advocate>.

**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](mailto:lttlelori@gmail.com).

**4 Cans 4 Conference at Annual Conference 2019** ~ Can Conference with 4 Cans or 4 box loads of cans or 4 car loads of cans and be a blessing to the Roanoke community and the Roanoke Rescue Mission. All donations of nonperishable food are welcome (but no home canned food, glass jars or out dated items). Look too for cans with pop tops (not everyone who receives this food will have a can opener available). Monetary donations welcome also. Make checks payable to Roanoke Rescue Mission (NOT the conference) and mark them "Food Pantry." Checks can be brought to the collection truck (or mailed to 5441 Centralia Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23237). Volunteers are needed at the truck during conference. See [www.vaumc.org/AC2019](http://www.vaumc.org/AC2019) and click on 'volunteers' to work a shift. For questions, contact the Rev. Herb Brynildsen at [herbbrynildsen@vaumc.org](mailto:herbbrynildsen@vaumc.org).

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS  
TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 19**

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS  
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26**

LITURGIST: Jeremy Hooten  
FINANCE: Carol Gardner  
BUS DRIVER: Sam Pollard  
COUNTERS: Donna Robinson  
Vince Mundie

**Altar Flowers**

***The flowers on the altar this morning are given by  
Ron & Sylvia Rumsey and the Crouse Class in loving memory of  
Agnes "Aggie" Hogge.***

*The following dates are available for flower dedication:*

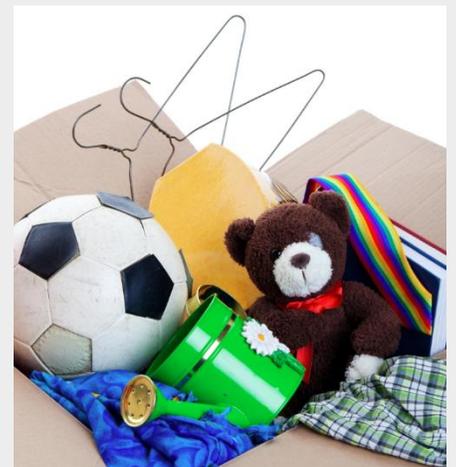
**May 26;** June 9 (Pentecost); July 21, 28; Aug 11, 25;  
Sept 8, 22; Oct 13, 20; Nov 3; Dec 8, 29

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

**Attendance Last week**

Worship: 73    Sunday School: 52

**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

## How to Reach Us

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### **Nursery Director**

Jenny Hamm  
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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**