

# NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Committed to new hope in Christ through family, fellowship, and service.*

WHEN DID  
**CHRISTMAS**  
GET SO  
**COMPLICATED?**



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## Order of Worship

November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

### Entrance

Gathering, Welcome, and Announcements

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

*Lift up your heads, O gates!*

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
That the King of glory may come in.**

\* Hymn

*Blest be the God of Israel*

♪ UMH 209

Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.*

*Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.*

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love,*

**come, Lord Jesus.**

*That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,*

**come, Lord Jesus.**

*That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,*

**come, Lord Jesus.**

*That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy*

*as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,*

**come, Lord Jesus.**

**Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,**

**who enlightens our hearts**

**and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.**

**Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.**

**May their light reflect the splendor of Christ,**

**who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Wreath Response, stanza 1

♪ TFWS 2090

\* Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## Proclamation

Epistle Lesson		1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Anthem	<i>What Can I Give to the Holy Child?</i>	Robert Lau
* Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	♪ UMH 203
* Gospel Lesson		Mark 13:24-37
Time with the Children		
Psalter Lesson		Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
Sermon	<i>Checking to Find Peace</i>	Rev. Brian Siegle

## Response

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Litany of Knowledge

(Kathie Neal, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)

*Gracious God, eternal God, you have led us to curiosity  
about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.*

**Let us never lose our sense of wonder  
about the world you have given us.**

*God of Abraham and Sarah,  
you lead us to new understandings when we least expect them.*

**Let us never see ourselves as too young, too old, or too wise  
to learn new lessons from you.**

*God of the prophets, you call us to speak truth with love to a reluctant world.*

**Give us courage to judge ourselves,  
and wisdom to learn from those you send to teach us.**

*God of the rich young ruler,  
you love us though we shrink from the challenge of discipleship.*

**Teach us to surrender our own wills,  
that we might seek yours and draw closer to your grace.**

*Everlasting, everloving God, teacher, creator,  
giver of knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and faith,*

**grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world  
where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.**

**Amen.**

Giving God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

\* Christmas Doxology

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**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 glory, forever. Amen.**

### Sending Forth

\* Hymn

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

♪ UMH 196

\* Benediction

\* Response

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

♪ UMH 204

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\* Please stand, as you are able

♪ UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal (red hymn book), ♪ TFWS = The Faith We Sing (black hymn book)

### Worship Notes

Liturgist: Wendell Palmer

The flowers are given today to the glory of God

### Next Week

Liturgist: Hope Salais

### Numbers last week

Sunday School attendance – 15

*Budget Offering* : \$1316.00

Budget Received to date: \$84,480.19

Budget funds received year-to-date :91.0%

Worship attendance – 52

*Cemetery Fund* : \$0

Annual 2014 budget : \$92,838

Budget funds last year-to-date: 92.1%

# Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society, will be the lead speaker at **United Methodist Day at the General Assembly on Thursday, Feb. 5**. This event, sponsored by the conference Board of Church and Society and conference United Methodist Women, is a unique opportunity for Virginia United Methodists to exercise their calling to witness to their faith by advocating for justice on behalf of the voiceless in our society.

**Plans are under way for this year's UMC #GivingTuesday on Tuesday, Dec. 2.**

GivingTuesday provides an alternative to the consumer-driven shopping traditions in the United States of Black Friday, Local Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. UMC #GivingTuesday offers an opportunity to begin the holiday season by giving instead of getting, by supporting organizations and missionaries who have been researched and approved by the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). There are more than 850 United Methodist-related Advance projects and 300 missionaries that have been reviewed and approved by GBGM. Last year, on UMC #GivingTuesday, United Methodists collectively raised a record \$6.5 million online for Advance mission and ministries.

**The Advent issue of "Neighbors"** features "Sarah, a Christmas story," by the Rev. Dr. Tom Coffman, retired clergy member of the Virginia Conference and current president of the conference Retired Clergy Housing Corp. "Neighbors" is a free, customizable direct-mail piece, produced by Virginia United Methodist Communications, designed to complement a church's outreach ministry. This latest issue is now available to download from [www.vaumc.org/Neighbors](http://www.vaumc.org/Neighbors). The Neighbors web page provides simple instructions on how to download, print and mail the newsletter.

**The Virginia Conference has designated December the month in which local churches are encouraged to receive special offerings to support United Methodist Family Services (UMFS).** This year UMFS is sending churches its *Christmas Gifts of Hope* catalog in place of a bulletin insert. "Without the support of The United Methodist Church and local congregations like yours, we could not do the incredible work we do," said the Rev. Joe Torrence, minister of Church Relations for UMFS. "For more than 100 years, UMFS has been empowering children, families and communities in Virginia to work together and realize their shared potential. Your gift is one example of how our connection works at its best and how we can offer Christmas Gifts of Hope to Virginia's children in need." Our December Communion offering next week will go to support UMFS.

One great way to celebrate the upcoming **75th anniversary of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is by helping to ensure another 75 years. Donations to One Great Hour of Sharing special Sunday offering directly fund UMCOR's administrative costs. One Great Hour of Sharing will take place March 15, 2015.



**Staff-Parish Committee Training** Saturday, January 17, 2015 (10am-12pm) at Providence UMC. Rev. Steve Jones, Richmond District DS will lead S/PPRC training. This workshop includes an overview of the responsibilities of the Staff/Pastor Parish Committee; the role of the chairperson; characteristics of effective S/PPRC's; the development of good working relationships with clergy and church staff; an overview of the "appointment preference form" process; a model for annual evaluations of clergy and staff; information about the appointment process; and parsonage issues.

**District Leadership Training** Saturday, February 7, 2015 (9am-12pm) at Chestnut Memorial UMC. District training focusing on helping those filling specific leadership positions in their local congregations. Training areas include: finance/treasurers, trustees, council chairs, local lay leaders, and nominations/lay leadership development.

**Healing Prayer** Mondays, February 9, 16, 23, and March 2, 9, 16 (7-9pm) at Susanna Wesley UMC. Rev. Carol Bookwalter will elaborate and more fully cover Healing Prayer in this 6 week class. Watch for further information!

**Nominations/Lay Leadership Training.** Thursday, March 26 (7-9pm) at Wesley UMC. Led by Cheryl Edley-Worford, Director of Inclusivity and Lay Leadership Excellence at the Virginia Conference. This workshop will focus on building a year-round equipping ministry system – preparing, connecting, and equipping people for ministry.

*Register for the above training on the York River District website at [www.yorkriverdistrict.org](http://www.yorkriverdistrict.org).*

**"Lord, Teach Me to Pray – Practical Applications for Prayer"** will be offered again Saturday, Feb. 21, at Williamsburg UMC. Main speaker will be Dr. Wendy Miller, professor emeritus of Spiritual Formation at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and adjunct faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. Register for this event on the Virginia Conference website at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org)



*"God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it." John Wesley*

Cooper Abbott, Anna Akers, Tim and Judy Aldridge, Harriet Ammons, Douglas Anthony, Bertha Ashley, Alfred Bennett, Larry Bradshaw, Billie Brockman, Josh Broome, Dickie Brooks, Nancy Brooks, Meagan Brown, Lori Bunch, John Burton, Leon Carter, Gene Chaffin, Neal Christie, Kate Clark, Kristen Cole, Edith Mae Collier, Mike Conrad, Ann Corneal, Jordan Crowell, Jim and Sarah Crumpton, Tamika Daniels, David Darden (not of West Point), Doris Day, Butch Dixon, Peter Dolezal, Wilton Dunn, Jen Elswick, Bea Farewell, Dennis Fary, Cathy Gallagher, Donna Garrett, James Garrett, Debbie Goodrich, Rondal and Norma Gouch, Robin Gray, Jamie Haden, Brenda and Jeff Hall, Jessica Hall, John Hasty, Jessie Haynes, John Haynes, T.A. Haynes, Angie Horsley, Scott Hurst, Ivan and Sue Hurtzler, Larry Inge, Amy Jackson, Grace Jackson, Henry Jackson, Andy James, Ruth Jenkins, John Jiles, Donna Kemp, Jim King, Grayson Kirby, Herbert Lann, Jr, Rachel Lawson, Susan Lawson, Sandy Lee, Johnny Lewis, Leigh Brown Lindsey, Elmo Marshall, Ashley Martin, Rita Michaels, Michele Murphy, Anita Newcomb, Marianne Nichols, Jeannie Oakes, Bobbie O'Neil, Charlotte Palmer, Maurice Parker, Julia Phillips, Eugene Pierce, Barbara Pinkenstein, Alissa Rhodes, Jane Riddick, Jeff Rilee, Louisa Roane, Severn Robbins, Rev. Jane Sabeau, Mike Salais, Richard Salais, Karen Sallam, Abbi Schaub, Brantley Sears, Ann Shoaff, Robert Slavely, Edith Smith, Jessica Smith, Ernest and Gladys Stanley; Bob Staul, Carol Steele, Pat Stowe, Charlie Sturtz, Lloyd Taylor, Nell Thimsen, Charles Thrift, Chris Tomlinson, Keith Tremel, Virginia Vranian, Jesse Walton, Margaret Walton, Floyd Gene Ward, Stanley Ware, Sylvia Weathers, Bobby Wilson, Nannie Mae Wilson, Robert Woodfin, Carolyn Yarrington

- Families grieving loss of loved ones including Dot Sours
- Those not experiencing the joy of a community of faith
- Those living amidst violence and disasters of natural and human origin, the locations of which are too many to list, but include the states of California, Washington, and Oregon, the countries of Ukraine, South Sudan, Israel, Palestine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Iraq, the Philippines, China, and the countries of Western Africa.

# Church Calendar



## ***This Week***

*Today* – Called Trustees Meeting – after worship

Play Rehearsal – after worship

LeAnne Lawson's birthday

*Monday* – Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 pm

*Wednesday* – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00pm; Bible Study – 8:00pm

Wylie Crowe's and Ann Hall's birthdays

*Thursday* – Connie Haynes' birthday

*Friday* – United Methodist Men's dinner – 6:00pm – Olivia's

Flora Femiani's birthdays

*Saturday* – Play rehearsal – 1:30pm

## ***Coming Up***

*December 9* – Staff Parish Committee

*December 14* – Christmas play and party

*December 24* – Christmas Eve Worship



Don't forget to check out our website ([www.newhopevaumc.org](http://www.newhopevaumc.org)) for up-to-date information about New Hope, the Virginia Conference, and the world. Download bulletins, listen to sermons, and more! We're also on FaceBook at [www.FaceBook.com/newhopevaumc](http://www.FaceBook.com/newhopevaumc) and on Twitter @NewHopeVAUMC

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