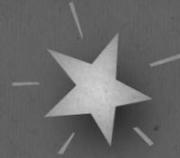


# NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# New Hope United Methodist Church

## Order of Worship

December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

### Entrance

Gathering, Welcome, and Announcements

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

*(Zechariah 2:10-11a)*

*Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!*

**For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**

*Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,*

**and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.**

\* Opening Prayer

*(Sacramentary, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

**O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted,  
let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts  
and announce the dawn of your kingdom.**

**Before the advent of the One who baptizes  
with the fire of the Holy Spirit,**

**let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice,  
and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ.**

**We ask this through the One whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near:**

**your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

♪ UMH 234

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Wreath Response, stanza 3

♪ TFWS 2090

\* Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

### Proclamation

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Anthem

*Were You There On That Christmas Night?*

\* Hymn

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

♪ UMH 220

\* Gospel Lesson

John 1:6-8,19-28

Time with the Children

Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Sermon

*Dashing to Spread Joy*

Rev. Brian Siegle

## Response

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Giving God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

\* Christmas Doxology

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*(Presbyterian Daily Prayer, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

*God of the ages, we praise you,  
for in the dawn of time you created the world,  
sending light by your Word to dispel darkness.*

*In Jesus Christ you began a new creation,  
sending him to be the Light of the world,  
to drive away fear and despair,  
and to rule in peace and justice, holiness and love.*

*Especially we thank you  
for the order and beauty of your creation...  
for coming in Jesus Christ to share our human life...  
for the place you give us in your continuing creation...  
for the promise of peace among nations, and justice for all people...  
for the Church as a sign of your coming kingdom...*

*Mighty God, prepare the world for your rule,  
for we long for the day when there shall be no more crying or tears,  
and death will be destroyed.*

*Help us to share the ministry of Christ and be agents of his compassion.*

*Especially we pray  
for the nations of the earth and peace in the world...  
for victims and survivors of violence...  
for those who are sick and suffering...  
for our families and friends...  
for the Church and those who serve in Christ's name...*

*All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...*

\* 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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ♪ UMH 206
- \* Benediction
- \* Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* ♪ UMH 204

\* 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: Linda South

The flowers are given today to the glory of God in honor of Blair Williams' graduation from JMU this weekend, by Marjorie Sears.

**Next Week**

Liturgist: Mark Charnock

**Numbers last week**

Sunday School attendance – 15		Worship attendance – 69
<i>Budget Offering</i> : \$2,859.50	<i>Building Fund</i> : \$0	<i>Cemetery Fund</i> : \$50
Budget Received to date: \$88,817.19		Annual 2014 budget : \$92,838
Budget funds received year-to-date :95.7%		Budget funds last year-to-date: 98.2%

# Announcements

**The Christmas Play** is here! *“Twas the Night Before”* portrays the traditional Christmas story in a light play on a familiar Christmas story. Scene breaks will be filled in with Christmas music performed by the choir, musicians within the congregation, and the audience! Come **tonight at 6:30pm** for a magical evening. Following the play is the Christmas Party, so stick around for refreshments and a great time of fellowship.

**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)**.** The *Christmas Gifts of Hope* catalog is available in the narthex. “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.”

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.

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.

**The December issue of the Virginia United Methodist Advocate** focuses keeping Christ in Christmas. All too often we let the Advent season become a whirl of shopping and parties. But there are many ways to help keep the birth of our Savior in the forefront. After all, Christmas should not be about the number of gifts you receive, but about what you give to others. The Advocate is the official monthly magazine of the Virginia Conference. To subscribe to the Advocate – print, digital or both – call (804) 521-1110 or 1-800-768-6040, ext. 110; e-mail [Advocate@vaumc.org](mailto:Advocate@vaumc.org); or go to [www.vaumc.org/advocate](http://www.vaumc.org/advocate).

As of Dec. 1, **Virginia Conference United Methodists have raised \$283,824** (and saved more than 28,000 lives) for Imagine No Malaria since Annual Conference voted to save 100,000+ lives in the next year. Read the stories posted on the conference Imagine No Malaria Facebook page and the conference website about how churches and individuals are raising money to save lives. Only \$10 will save a life. Every Life can Save a Life. For more information, contact Maria Maxwell, Virginia Conference Imagine No Malaria field coordinator, at (804) 521-1160 or [MariaMaxwell@vaumc.org](mailto:MariaMaxwell@vaumc.org).

There was plenty of talking during the Nov. 22 **"Day of Holy Conversation"** — hosted by Woodlake UMC in the Richmond District and webcast across the conference at multiple sites — but it was generally agreed that the youngest panelist shared a lot of wisdom in her brief comments. Videos of the Nov. 22 "Day of Holy Conversation" are available to view at [new.livestream.com/VAUMC/HolyConversation](http://new.livestream.com/VAUMC/HolyConversation). The morning session is just under two hours long. The afternoon session is one hour and 20 minutes, and the concluding service of Holy Communion is about 22 minutes. There was a large crowd at Woodlake and many people watched at the remote sites and at home on their computers. Voices from both sides of the human sexuality issue and the majority in the middle spoke during the day-long event.

Following the announcement that a St. Louis County grand jury declined to indict Darren Wilson, a white Ferguson, Mo., police officer, for firing six shots in an August confrontation that killed Michael Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old black man, the executive committee of the **Virginia Conference Board of Church and Society** issued the following statement: *"We urge prayer for the family of Michael Brown and the people of Ferguson, Missouri. We give thanks for the witness of the United Methodist churches in Ferguson, where black and white churches are working together for a better community. Regardless of differing views of the grand jury's decision on Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown, we certainly understand the pain of Michael Brown's family. We must also acknowledge the painful reality that African Americans suffer disproportionately in our legal system. We express our support for Michael Brown's family and their call to channel frustration 'in ways that will make for positive change.'* We commend the Brown family and others working non-violently to correct inequities in our system of justice. Their efforts put into practice the words of the United Methodist Book of Discipline which states: *"Therefore, we recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic groups and oppressed people that leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society."* The statement was signed by Jaydee Hanson, co-chair, Virginia Conference Board of Church of Society; the Rev. John Copenhaver, chair, Peace and Non-violence Work Area; the Rev. Scott Hopkins, Peace with Justice Coordinator; the Rev. Marilyn Heckstall, chair, Ending Poverty Work Area; Jim Templeton, chair, Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries; Monica Sprague, chair, Caretakers of God's Creation Work Area; and Suzanne Shrader, Secretary.

# See the Christmas lights!



Meet at New Hope UMC at 3:00 pm, Sunday, December 21.  
Ride the bus to Doswell for a drive-through of the lights.

The Meadow Event Park is proud to present the Illuminate Light Show & Santa's Village. As you drive through the park you will experience hundreds of thousands of LED lights synchronized to music from your car radio. The show features an 80-foot tunnel of lights, 50-foot Christmas trees, dancing snowmen and festive decorations. After the show, spend some time in Santa's Village, where fun awaits your whole family. There will be pictures with Santa, children's activities, Christmas trees, food and more. This year, make the Illuminate Light Show & Santa's Village a new holiday tradition!

Leave the lights, and stop for dinner at Cracker Barrel.  
Return to New Hope around 8:00 pm.

**\$20 per person for bus and park admission. Dinner additional.**

Contact Rev. Brian Siegle at [trips@newhopevaumc.org](mailto:trips@newhopevaumc.org)  
or 804-785-4671 to reserve a seat!



**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)



## **December Schedule for the Money, Health, and Other Things Educational Blog Site**

<http://moneyhealthandotherthings.wordpress.com/>

### **Dec 16 - Making Progress Every Day**

*You don't have to start training for a marathon today to be healthy, its about being better tomorrow than you are today*

### **Dec 23 - Getting Help and Being Accountable**

*We can't do it alone, if you want to succeed you need to work with friends, family, and/or co-workers*

### **Dec 30 - Meet Yourself Half-Way**

*You don't have to give behaviors up entirely, cutting it in half can have a powerful effect*

Also, look us up on Facebook, and keep up with workshops and Extension related activities! <https://www.facebook.com/middlepeninsula.fcs>

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## Local Events

In Celebration of the 225th Anniversary First United Methodist Church – Hampton Presents ***By Heaven's Light, A Christmas Cantata*** Saturday, December 20, 2014, 7:00 PM Music, Pageantry, and Inspiration for the Advent Season! Location : First UMC, 110 East Queen Street, Hampton, VA 23669 Contact : (757) 723-6577

The **Christmas Comfort Service** is created and offered as a gift from Rev. Judy DeBres to all who need Comfort at this time of year and as part of Judy's Doctorate of Ministry Project. The service that is recommended by our District Superintendent will be Saturday, December 20, 2014, 04:00pm at First Baptist Church (12716 Warwick Blvd, Newport News) The service is appropriate for those experiencing loss this time of year and pastors who would like to experience a Christmas Service. I hope you are blessed by this experience. Please feel free to contact Judy with any questions at (434)401-8648

## GUEST update

The GUEST homeless shelter program in Gloucester is working on getting the Daysite ready to open. Several volunteers are needed to work at the GUEST House Daysite Facility near the Moose Lodge removing kitchen cabinet hinges and degreasing the frames in preparation for sanding and painting. Please call Kevin Kiley at 804-815-5164 to coordinate times to work. If you are interested in serving on the Daysite Committee (for the Daytime Homeless Shelter), Please Rev. Sven VanBaars at [rector@abingdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@abingdonchurch.org).

There is a need for volunteers including on-site monitors, food preparation, and transportation for the GUEST shelters. If you interested in helping in any way, please contact Christy at Salem United Methodist at [salemolive2@aol.com](mailto:salemolive2@aol.com).



*"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, Kim Davis, 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, Tom Grippotos, Jamie Haden, Brenda and Jeff Hall, Jessica Hall, John Hasty, Jessie Haynes, John Haynes, T.A. Haynes, Thomas Hensley, Angie Horsley, Scott Hurst, Ivan and Sue Hurtzler, Larry Inge, Amy Jackson, Henry Jackson, Andy James, Ruth Jenkins, John Jiles, Kate and Tom Johnson, 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 Catherine Proctor
- Those who find the holidays a difficult time to be joyful
- Those traveling
- Those living amidst violence and disasters of natural and human origin, the locations of which are too many to list, but include 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* – Play Rehearsal – after worship

Play – 6:30pm; Party – following

*Monday* – Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 pm

Don Perry's birthday

*Tuesday* – Community Red Cross Blood Drive – Poroporone Baptist – 2:00pm-7:00pm

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

Walter Hall's birthday

*Thursday* – Mitchell Parmer's birthday

## ***Coming Up***

*December 21* – Bus trip to Christmas Lights – 3:00pm

*December 24* – Christmas Eve Worship – 7:00pm

*December 28* – Parsonage Open House – 3:00pm



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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