

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**November 3, 2013
All Saints Sunday**



New Hope United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

November 3, 2013

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Entrance

Gathering, Welcome, and Announcements

Prelude

* Call to Worship

(Hoyt Hickman)

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

Death has no dominion over them.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

* Hymn

Rejoice in God's Saints

UMH 708

* Opening Prayer

(Hoyt Hickman)

Almighty God,

your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing.

In our communion with you, we have communion

with generations past and generations yet unborn.

Before your throne we are one

with a great multitude which no one could number,

and in praising you we join with those from every nation.

Grant to your church on earth

that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory

we may profit by their example

and enter with them into the inexpressible joys

you have prepared for those who love you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

* Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 149

Anthem

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

Time with the Children

Epistle Lesson

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Sermon

Always Give Thanks

Rev. Brian Siegle

Response

Celebration of the Saints

**We bless your holy name, O God,
for all your servants who, having finished their course,
now rest from their labors.**

**Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness
and faithfulness, to your honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the community

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

*Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

Giving God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.*

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with all your people on earth

in every place where two or more are gathered in your name

and all the company of heaven who have gone before us

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,

he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.*

*Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

*Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you....*

*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.***

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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Sending Forth

* Hymn

For All the Saints

UMH 711

* Benediction

* Response

Sent Forth By God's Blessing, stz. 1

UMH 664

* 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: Mark Charnock

Flowers: Given to the glory of God in memory of Bertie Lawson, by her children

Today is the first Sunday of November, and we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. We use a common loaf and unfermented juice as the elements. The tradition of the United Methodist Church is that all who profess Christ as Lord and Savior and desire a closer relationship with him are welcome at the table, regardless of church or religious affiliation. Please come as directed by the ushers down the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles.

Any money left at the Communion Rail this morning will go to the United Methodist Student Day special offering, providing higher education scholarships at United Methodist Institutions and Seminaries.

Next Week

Liturgist: Miriam Charnock Flowers: Lisa Crowe

Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; *Luke 20:27-38*

Sermon: *The Dead Raised*

Our Saints in the Last Year

Willie Mae Hancock – December 28

“Dot” Pierce – January 16

Neville Pierce – January 19

Prayers

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



Anna Akers, Tim and Judy Aldridge, Harriet Ammons, Douglas Anthony, Alfred Bennett, Roland Bourne, Katrina Bradshaw, Anne Bristow, Meagan Brown, Dickie Brooks, Nancy Brooks, Randy and Ellen Carroll, Alex "Dinkie" Carter, Suzannah Carter, Gene Chaffin, Kate Clark, Kristen Cole, Edith Mae Collier, Helen Collier, Mike Conrad, Barbara Crowe, Meredith Crowe, Jordan Crowell, Irene Crump, Jim Crumpton, Tamika Daniels, Joan Dier, Charles "Butch" Dixon, Peter Dolezal, Jen Elswick, Vernelle Fletcher, Cathy Gallagher, Donna Garrett, Debbie Goodrich, Jamie Haden, Brenda Hall, Jessica Hall, John Hasty, Jessie Haynes, John Haynes, T.A. Haynes, Fred Hogge, Angie Horsley, Eleanor Jacks, Amy Jackson, Grace Jackson, Henry Jackson, Andy James, John Jiles, Whalen Kemp, Jim King, Chris Lombard, Susan Lawson, Sandy Lee, Johnny Lewis, Leigh Brown Lindsey, Frankie Luchard, Harold Lee Mawyer, Rita Michaels, Michele Murphy, Aubrey and Camille Nelson, Anita Newcomb, Marianne Nichols, Billy & Crystal Norton, Jeannie Oakes, Charlotte Palmer, Warren Palmer, Tommy and Vickie Reamer, Kelly Richards, Jeff Rilee, Louisa Roan, Debra Robinson, Rev. Jane Sabean, Mike Salais, Karen Sallam, Abbi Schaub, Ann Shoaff, Jessica Smith, Bob Staul, Pat Stowe, Charlie Sturtz, Nell Thimsen, Chris Tomlinson, Keith Tremel, Jesse Walton, Floyd Gene Ward, Ruby Willoughby, Bobby Wilson, Nannie Mae Wilson, Robert Woodfin, Carolyn Yarrington, Paulette Yates

- Those who do not have the joy of a faith community to call home
- Those who are living in the midst of natural disaster and violence
- Our leaders who have the burden of difficult decisions
- Those who have recently lost loved ones including family of Jacob Vick
- Those who are celebrating the joy of new life

Numbers last week

Sunday School attendance – 21

Worship attendance – 53

Budget Offering – \$1,125.00

Building Fund – \$0

Cemetery Fund – \$0

Budget funds received year-to-date – \$77,237.18

Budget projection: + \$1,286.78

Annual 2013 budget - \$91,847

Average needed *each week* for budget: \$1,623.31

Announcements

Talents and Gifts. If you feel that you have a skill or talent or gift that you would like to use in the life of the church, please get in touch with Pastor Brian so that he can meet with you to discuss it. If necessary, we can create a whole new ministry to use those talents.

Charge Conference is TODAY. This year, we are clustered with churches near us, and will meet together at West Point UMC at 1:30. Each church will have its own packet of information, but the combined group will have a directed discussion around what we do in ministry in our communities, and why. Charge Conference is where the budget and officers for the next year are approved. All are invited and encouraged to attend, Administrative Council members have vote.

Support groups are being led by church members! *Beyond Boobs!* is an organization dedicated to breast health education and group support. Holly Siegle is leading a Gloucester/Mathews/Middlesex (or anywhere close) peer support group for women diagnosed with breast cancer premenopausally on each 4th Tuesday at White Hall Plantation (off Zanoni Rd), in Gloucester. The 2014 calendars, with Holly as Mrs. February, are here! Additionally, the *Middle Peninsula Epilepsy Support Group* is being led by Bob Nichols the second Wednesday of every month at the DAV building near LOWES in Gloucester.

Scammers claiming to be United Methodist bishops have been calling United Methodists in several conferences across the country, asking for money. Those who have received such calls report that the scammers use the name of a bishop, frequently sound like the bishop and provide details and other information in order to sound legitimate. Scams have been reported using the names of Bishops Bledsoe, Cho, Holston, King, Matthews and Swanson. Bishops will *never* directly call asking for money.

Other News

The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers. To sign up, contact the Salvation Army at (804)642-3960.

Conference Communications staff receives 10 UMAC awards. Virginia Conference Communications staff members received 10 honors at the Oct. 26 awards banquet held during the annual meeting of United Methodist Association of Communicators (UMAC), Oct. 24-27 in Chicago.

United Methodist Student Day is Sunday, Nov. 24. Gifts received from this special offering become an investment in the future of the church through direct scholarships for higher education. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) Office of Loans and Scholarships administers these programs that award over 3,500 students annually.

Missionary from Zimbabwe to visit Virginia. Dr. Tendai Manyeza, surgeon and Director Administrator of Old Mutare Hospital in Zimbabwe, will be traveling and speaking in churches in Virginia Nov. 19 - Dec. 2. Churches wishing to host him should contact the conference Missionary Itineration Coordinator Ann Klotz at jasnc@gmail.com or (540) 366-5872.

Congregations asked to observe World AIDS Day on Dec. 1. The United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF) Committee asks local congregations to observe the 15th anniversary of World AIDS Day on Sunday, Dec. 1 by raising awareness of the HIV/AIDS crisis and committing to "Just Save One" child from contracting the disease. This year, Dec. 1 lands on the first Sunday of Advent. New resources are available on the UMGAF website under "Educate." (Scroll down the page.) Resources include A World AIDS Day Advent Study, "A Season of Hope"; A first Sunday of Advent suggested order of service; and 40 Days of Prayer & Actions booklet. The United Methodist Global AIDS Fund is Advance Special Project #982345 of The United Methodist Church. To make a monetary contribution to UMGAF, give online at www.givetomission.org, through your local church offering with UMCOR Advance #982345 written in the check memo line or mail a check payable to UMCOR Advance #982345 to United Methodist Committee on Relief, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. More information about UMGAF is online at www.umglobalaidsfund.com.

Bishop urges clergy, laity, churches to covenant to pray daily. Bishop Young Jin Cho has said he will spend his episcopacy in the Virginia Conference creating a culture of prayer. In his episcopal address at Annual Conference, he set a goal for at least 10% of Virginia Conference clergy to engage in spiritual disciplines for one hour each day and for 10% of Virginia Conference churches to become "Prayer Covenant Congregations." Clergy and laity are invited to spend one hour each day in spiritual disciplines (fasting, prayer, spiritual reading, a service of common prayer, etc.). Congregations are invited to become "Prayer Covenant Congregations" by: 1. Having at least one group that prays each week for the renewal and revival of the congregation, the conference and The United Methodist Church. 2. Offering at least one class on prayer annually. 3. Participating in conference or district prayer training events. 4. Moving toward at least 10% of the laity practicing one-hour daily spiritual disciplines. 5. Indicating commitment to this covenant through approval by the Church Council. District Superintendents will be sharing the covenant with congregations this fall during local church charge conferences.

Campers, staff needed for 2014 Camp Rainbow Connection. [Camp Rainbow Connection](#) will be held at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center July 6-11 and Aug. 10-15, 2014. Potential campers must be at least 16 years old, have an intellectual disability as their primary disability, and be able to independently complete activities of daily living. Contact the office of Inclusivity and Lay Leadership Excellence to receive an application packet. New and returning staff volunteers are also needed.

Staff members must be at least 16 years of age by July 1, agree to a criminal background check, attend a training session in the spring, and commit to attending the full week of camp. A limited number of 15-year-olds will have the opportunity to serve as Camp Rainbow Connection Youth Advocates. Applications for staff and Youth Advocates are at www.vaumc.org. For more information, call 1-800-768-6040 or (804) 521-1100, ext. 153, or e-mail cindyningroff@vaumc.org.

Early Response Team training is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, at Galilee UMC, 45425 Winding Rd., Sterling. Early Response Teams respond during the first phase of disaster relief, providing Christian presence. Train to be ready to respond and know the first steps to help. Registration fee is \$55, which includes training manual, UMCOR ERT badge, T-shirt and background check fee (forms will be handed out at training). Checks should be made out to the Virginia Conference and brought the day of training.

Camp Overlook offering retreat for singles. Overlook Retreat and Camp Ministries In Keezletown will host a weekend retreat for those who have become "single" again through separation, divorce or the death of a spouse. A team of clergy and laity who have all experienced this trial will share brief presentations, small group reflections, and expressive worship to help you find the road to healing and wholeness. "Wounded Hearts - Healing Love" will be offered Friday evening through Sunday at 3 p.m., Dec. 6-8. Cost of \$105 per person includes lodging, meals and program expenses. Register online at www.campoverlook.org or contact the office at (540) 2MY-CAMP or e-mail CampOverlook@gmail.com.

United Methodist Day at General Assembly set for Feb. 6 The 22nd Virginia Conference United Methodist Day at the General Assembly will be Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014. The day will begin at 7 a.m. at Bon Air UMC, Richmond, with a hot breakfast. Participants will travel together on buses to the General Assembly to meet with legislators and attend committee meetings. In the afternoon, return to Bon Air for lunch, discussion and speakers. Early bird registration (\$25/person) ends Jan. 12. After that date, registration will be \$35. Final registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 31, or when limit of 300 is reached.

'Therefore, Go' to be theme of smaller 2016 General Conference. The Commission on the 2016 General Conference has approved the theme for the gathering of The United Methodist Church's top lawmaking body in Portland, Ore. Theme will be "Therefore, Go" from Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. The 2016 General Conference will have about 15% fewer delegates than recent gatherings. The commission voted 14 to 2 to set the target number of delegates at 850. That number is not exact. It could vary by a few people either direction to meet representation requirements under church law.

All Saints

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards
Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light,
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing
He weaves them with us in the web of being
They stand beside us even as we grieve,
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,
To triumph where all saints are known and named;
The gathered glories of His wounded love.

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'Each shard still shines' image by Margot Krebs Neale



This Week

TODAY – Charge Conference – 1:30pm – West Point UMC

Monday – Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00pm

Anna Marie Moffit's birthday

Tuesday -  **VOTE**

Morgan Charnock's and Mark Greggs' birthdays

Wednesday –Choir Practice – 7:00pm; Bible Study – 8:00pm

Thursday - United Methodist Men – 7:30pm

Saturday – Stuart Conner's and Connie South's birthdays

Coming Up

Next Sunday – Thanksgiving Dinner – after worship

(Turkey, Ham, Bread, and Beverages provided; bring something else to share)

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 12 – Finance Committee – 7:00pm; Administrative Council – 7:30pm

November 26 – Thanksgiving Worship – 7:00pm

November 28 – **Thanksgiving**

November 29 – Decorate for Advent – 6:30pm



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