

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



December 22, 2013



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Order of Worship

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4th Sunday of Advent

Entrance

Gathering, Welcome, and Announcements

Prelude

Advent Reading

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25(NRSV)

* Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship today to hear your good news,

*People: **To hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from your kingdom.***

We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest.

Shape us into faithful, hopeful people - fill us with your love that passes all understanding.

All: We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Sung Response

**O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us
adore him, Christ the Lord.**

UMH 234

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today we give thanks for the Love of God and how that love makes itself known in the world through a baby in a manger. We wait for your coming Lord Jesus and with you the Hope for the world that is an everlasting hope.

* Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ♪ UMH 234

* Opening Prayer

In your time, Creator God this world was put in place.

And in your time it became beautiful through the craftsmanship of your love.

Remind us always as we look at sunrise landscapes and tiny children, that at the center of all things is the creative love of God. Amen

* Gloria Patri ♪ UMH 70

* Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclamation

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Anthem

Psalter Lesson

Psalms 80:1-7; 17-19

Time with the Children

* Hymn

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

♪ UMH 204

* Epistle Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Sermon

In Time

Rev. Brian Siegle

Response

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Focus

(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent.)

**In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away
and there is nothing left to do but wait,**

God, shelter us.

Be our surrounding darkness;

be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time.

**In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on,
in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you**

waiting to be born in due time. Amen.

[silent prayers of confession]

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Giving God's tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

* Christmas Doxology ♪ on screen

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Sending Forth

* Hymn *Angels From the Realms of Glory* ♪ UMH 220

* Benediction

* Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain)* ♪ UMH 211

* 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: Holly Siegle

Next Week:

Liturgist: Hope Salais

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Carol Sing Sunday

Note from the Finance Committee:

We rejoice to inform the New Hope Congregation that as of the end of November, we *have paid at least 100%* of all our shared ministry cost (apportionments)!

Congratulations are in order for the entire congregation for this great achievement ahead of schedule!

Numbers last week

Sunday School attendance – 17

Worship attendance – 83

Budget Offering : \$3,1,761.00

Building Fund : \$0

Cemetery Fund : \$0

Budget funds received year-to-date : \$91,921.90

Budget projection: + \$3,607.48

Annual 2013 budget : \$91,847

UMCOR Disaster Response offering this month: \$259.00

Announcements

Carols, Candles, and Communion. What combination could possibly be better? Come Tuesday night, Christmas Eve, at 7:00pm for a special worship celebrating the gift of Christ to the world.

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.

New Hope car magnets are here! Purchase one for you and more as gifts! They are \$5 each, and are designed to be used on vehicles and exposed to the weather. Show off your New Hope pride to the community!

The York River District Mission team is leading a **district-wide Hurricane Sandy recovery mission trip** to Brooklyn, NY, March 22-29. If you or parishioners are interested in learning more and potentially joining this group, then please contact Rev. David Magruder (804-384-7798) for more information.

Certified Lay Servant Academy is coming February 21-23 at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping laity to carry out the mission of the church. Anyone interested can take one or more courses just for the interest in the topic. For a full weekend you can take up to six classes. This format will also allow Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday participation only. Anyone interested in this great way to expand your faith journey should contact Pastor Brian.

Bishop's Convocation on Prayer set for March 29. The second annual Bishop's Convocation on Prayer will be held 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Richmond. The Rev. Tom Albin, Dean of Upper Room Ministries and Ecumenical Relations, will be plenary speaker. Small group learning opportunities will be offered in the areas of prayer and Wesleyan spiritual disciplines. More information about the convocation will be shared in January.

United Methodist Day at General Assembly is Feb. 6 This annual event, sponsored by the Board of Church and Society and United Methodist Women of the Virginia Conference, is an opportunity to help faith communities become empowered to serve as missionaries of justice as well as the more traditional missionaries of mercy. Online registration is strongly recommended. Registration cost is \$35 per person. **Registration deadline is Jan. 31**

Clergy, lay leaders invited to **Wesley Pilgrimage in England.** Immerse yourself in the Christ-centered leadership of John and Charles Wesley through a 10-day adventure in the England of the Wesleys. The Wesley Pilgrimage in England will be July 14-24, 2014, and is open to all United Methodist lay and clergy leaders. It is sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship and General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

UMCOR calls for relief supply kits. Officials ask that you DO NOT donate unrequested materials to disaster areas. Instead, make UMCOR approved relief kits. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) needs cleaning buckets, health kits and school kits. See www.umcor.org for kit details.

Reaching Out on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00-11:30 at the York River District office, 236 Harpersville Rd.; Newport News, VA 23601. An informational session led by DS Joe Carson and District Program Coordinator Shan Sixbey to assist in learning more about the insights available through MissionInsite and Thomas Bandy's analysis of the information.

Stop Hunger Now aids Typhoon Haiyan survivors Stop Hunger Now was in the process of setting up an office in Manila when Typhoon Haiyan struck in November. The United Methodist partner and hunger relief agency had shipped some 1.8 million meals, along with water filters, to the Philippines for typhoon survivors as of early December.

Voices of Youth 2014 tour to be July 3-20 The Voices of Youth (VOY) is a Virginia Conference mission program designed to connect high school students with those in need through music and mission. After a time of orientation, group building and rehearsal, the choir will travel to Nassau in the Bahamas to work with [Bahamas Methodist Habitat](#) for one week. Choir members will then return to Virginia to present worship experiences in host churches throughout the conference. VOY still needs several adults interested in travelling as a part of the adult staff for the trip. For applications and more information, go to www.voyva.org or contact VOY Coordinator Jenn Dixon at coordinator@voyva.org or jennydpt07@gmail.com or (757) 348-7084

Caretakers of God's Creation on Thursday, January 9 from 7:00-8:30 at Chestnut Memorial UMC or Thursday, January 16 from 7:00-8:30 at Susanna Wesley UMC. Caretakers of God's Creation is a United Methodist Church and Community Ministry dedicated to caring for and healing God's creation. It works with congregations across the country to enable them to make the connection between Biblical theology and a sense of responsibility to be in relationship to God's creation. "The Green Church Initiative," a Virginia Conference ministry, is one way it provides Virginia congregations with the resources they need to live out their faith as caretakers of God's creation. As all UM churches are encouraged to take part in the Green Church initiative, these meetings are designed to be the beginning of quarterly meetings of Green Church representatives to include a discussion of successes and difficulties and opportunities for joint activities.

UMVIM training on Saturday, January 18 from 9:30-3:30 at the Wesley Foundation at the College of William & Mary; 526 Jamestown Rd.; Williamsburg, VA 23185. \$55 covers the cost of background check, booklet, and food provided by the Wesley Foundation. UMVIM training provides excellent preparation for anyone leading a mission team, even for experienced team leaders. If a team has an UMVIM trained leader then very inclusive, low cost insurance is available through UMVIM.

UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) training on Saturday, January 18 from 8:30-4:30 at Williamsburg UMC; 500 Jamestown Rd.; Williamsburg, VA 23185. \$55 covers the cost of background check, training materials, and food provided by the Wesley Foundation. ERTs respond to a disaster after receiving an invitation for help. Team members must be self-contained as they are usually assisting while limited resources are still very constrained. The training will teach the "who, what, when, where, and how of doing ministry as well as hands on experience, in the specific tasks that early responders are expected to accomplish."

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, George Callis, Alex "Dinkie" Carter, Gene Chaffin, Neal Christie, Kate Clark, Kristen Cole, Edith Mae Collier, Mike Conrad, Barbara Crowe, Meredith Crowe, Jordan Crowell, Irene Crump, Jim and Sarah Crumpton, Tamika Daniels, Joan Dier, Charles "Butch" Dixon, Peter Dolezal, Jen Elswick, Vernelle Fletcher, Cathy Gallagher, Donna Garrett, Debbie Goodrich, Robin Gray, Jamie Haden, Brenda and Jeff Hall, Jessica Hall, John Hasty, Jessie Haynes, John Haynes, T.A. Haynes, Fred Hogge, Angie Horsley, Tillie Hudgins, Eleanor Jacks, Amy Jackson, Grace Jackson, Henry Jackson, Andy James, John Jiles, Whalen Kemp, Jim King, Susan Lawson, Sandy Lee, Will Leggett, Johnny Lewis, Leigh Brown Lindsey, Rita Michaels, Michele Murphy, Aubrey and Camille Nelson, Anita Newcomb, Marianne Nichols, Billy & Crystal Norton, Jeannie Oakes, Charlotte Palmer, Warren Palmer, Maruice Parker, Tommy and Vickie Reamer, Kelly Richards, Jeff Rilee, Louisa Roane, Debra Robinson, Rev. Jane Sabeau, Mike Salais, Karen Sallam, Abbi Schaub, Ann Shoaff, Jessica Smith, Ernest and Gladys Stanley; Bob Staul, Pat Stowe, Charlie Sturtz, Nell Thimsen, Charles Thrift, Chris Tomlinson, Keith Tremel, Tommy Vosnick, 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 for whom the holiday season is a time of sadness
- Those who are living in the midst of natural disaster and violence
- Those who have experienced tragedy this holiday season



This Week

Monday – Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00pm
 Martha Dunlevy's and Jonathan Foster's birthdays
Tuesday – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – 7:00pm
 Holly Siegle's birthday
Wednesday – **Christmas Day**
Friday – Virginia Humphrey's birthday

Coming Up

Next Sunday – Worship with Carol Sing
 January 1 – **New Year's Day**
 January 7 – Staff-Parish Committee – 7:00pm
 January 9 – Red Cross Blood drive @ New Hope – 2-7pm
 Undecorate Church and United Methodist Men – 7:00pm
 January 14 – Finance Committee – 7:00pm; Administrative Council – 7:30pm
 January 14-16 – Minister's Convocation



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