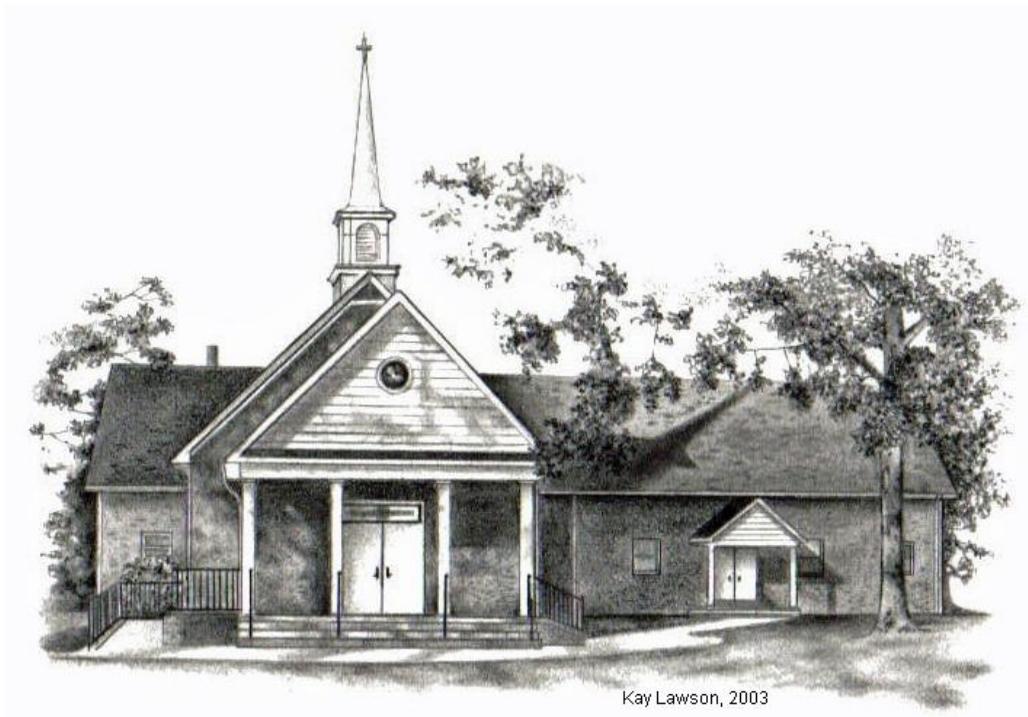


# NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**May 3, 2015**



# New Hope United Methodist Church

## Order of Worship

May 3, 2015

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Entrance

Gathering, Welcome, and Announcements

\* Call to Worship

*(1 John 4:12)*

*No one has ever seen God;*

**If we love one another,**

**God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

\* Hymn

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

♪ UMH 662

\* Opening Prayer

*(Eric Milner-White, England)*

**O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again  
your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin,  
your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone.**

**Raise and exult us, O Savior,**

**both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory;**

**where with the Father and the Holy Spirit**

**you live and reign, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

### Proclamation

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Anthem

\* Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

Time with the Children

Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Sermon

*Love is From God*

Rev. Brian Siegle

### Response

Joys and Concerns of the Community

Prayer of Intercession

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

(Michael J. O'Donnell)

**Almighty and merciful God,**

**we know that when we offend another, we offend you.**

**We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate  
to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes.**

**We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters  
when they failed to live up to our expectations.**

**Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us,  
the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you.**

**Fan the embers of that love until it roars again  
in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us.**

**Lead us into new life through you Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for the sins of all. Amen.**

Silent prayers

Words of Pardon

*Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, replacing  
himself for our own just sentence. Christ rose again to defeat even death  
itself and give us an unending hope for tomorrow. That proves God's love  
toward 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

\* Alleluia Doxology

♪ UMH 94

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*God is with you!*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to God.**

*Let us give thanks to our Creator.*

**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.*

*You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.*

*When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.*

*You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.*

*And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
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 the one who comes in the name of our God.  
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.*

*By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.*

*Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy 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.  
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 as his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are 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 the Bread and the Cup

Prayer

### **Sending Forth**

\* Hymn

*Go, Make of All Disciples*

♪ UMH 571

\* Benediction

\* Response

*Up From the Grave He Arose, refrain*

♪ UMH 322

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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*

*Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Jeanne and Charles Pierce*

Today is the first Sunday of May. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper together this morning. All who profess Christ as Savior and desire a relationship with him are welcome to come. There will be three stations from which to receive Communion.

*The one in the center is gluten free.* Please come down the center aisle as directed by the ushers, receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. You may then partake of both elements together. If for any reason, you need a second piece, please feel free to ask. You may kneel at the rail in prayer for as long as you like. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.

Any money left on the rail today will go toward UMCOR disaster relief.

## Next Week

*Liturgist:* Hope Salais

*Scripture:* Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; *John 15:9-17*

*Sermon:* I Chose You

## Numbers last week

Sunday School attendance – 12

*Budget Offering* : \$1,422.00

Budget Received to date: \$33,632.85

Budget funds received year-to-date :35.3%

*Building Fund* : \$0

Worship attendance – 53

*Cemetery Fund* : \$45

Annual 2015 budget : \$95,389

Budget funds last year-to-date: 32.8%



If you would like to know more about our **sanctuary technology**, please contact Pastor Brian. We are looking for more Sunday morning operators, and also a few people who would create the services for Sunday.

**Annual Conference Orientation**, for all attending Annual Conference, or those who just want to know what's going on, will be held on Saturday, May 16, at 9:00am at Crooks Memorial UMC in Yorktown.

**The School for Children's Ministries** is on the road again featuring the same school at four different locations on four different dates. The first will be Saturday, May 30, at New Life UMC in Midlothian (Richmond District). Learn "Extraordinary Lessons from Ordinary Objects" plus three more workshops. A .5 CEU offered. Encourage your children's ministry team to attend. Only \$20 per person.

**Stewardship: Nurturing Generosity, Steps to Accomplishment.** Thursday, May 28 (7-9pm) Chestnut Memorial UMC. Defining a culture of generosity in the local church and evaluating how we nurture that culture in today's society. Are you raising funds? or raising generous disciples? Shifting the focus on finances in the local church requires a deliberate effort and creates a new synergy. The strategic goal is to engage the church members in mission and ministry with renewed generosity. Vision opens the door and motivational grace equips the disciple! Childcare is available and must be requested in advance. Please include the number and ages of children in the comment section.

# Announcements

We are working to replace the remaining 8 windows on the parsonage that were not done last year. As we did for the church windows, we invite you to “**adopt a window**,” or a portion of a window for \$368 per window. Mark “adopt a window” on your check or offering envelope and the funds will be held in the building fund until we collect enough to proceed with the project. Your generous donations to the building fund have already enabled replacing some worn and ineffective exterior doors on the parsonage. We have almost reached our goal, and the windows have been ordered!

Please get to Pastor Brian information about **High School and college graduates** that may be in your families including name, diploma or degree, and future plans.

At **YOUTH 2015**, the church’s quadrennial event for 6th-12th grade students and their leaders, mission and workshop offerings will help youth understand what it means to participate in acts of mercy in a hands-on way. YOUTH 2015 will be June 24-28 in Orlando. Registration at \$475 per person remains open until the end of May. For more information and to register, go to <http://youth2015.com>.

Bishop Young Jin Cho is inviting all churches in the Virginia Conference to participate in the second annual **conference-wide Day of Prayer** on Sunday, May 24. "We began this campaign last year to help create a culture of prayer in our conference as the basis for a renewal and revival of our churches," Bishop Cho said. "This year May 24 (Sunday) is the date of our conference-wide Day of Prayer. I invite every church to remember this day and to pray for a renewal and revival of the churches in our conference and in the entire United Methodist Church."

**You can help victims of Nepal earthquake.** As events and needs continue to unfold in Nepal in the aftermath of the earthquake, you can help by: 1) Praying for all who have been impacted by this emergency: the people of Nepal, Global Ministries, UMCOR partners at work on the ground and Global Ministries missionaries and their families assigned to serve there; 2) Waiting to go to the disaster area. The situation in Nepal remains one of search and rescue and not a time for volunteers; 3) Giving to UMCOR International Disaster Response, Advance #982450. Your gifts to UMCOR International Disaster Response make it possible for UMCOR to respond quickly to emergency situations through local and international partners; 4) Staying informed. Visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) and [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org) for updates and developments regarding Global Ministries’ and UMCOR’s response to and accompaniment of survivors.



Bishop Young Jin Cho announced that the **2015 Annual Conference offering** goal will be \$150,000 to support three different ministries. The offering goal includes \$50,000 for continued support of our partnership with the Methodist Mission in Cambodia as they continue to purchase property for new churches; \$50,000 for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Global Health ministries to aid the Ebola-ravaged countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia; and \$50,000 to support mission projects working with the poor in the Danville and Eastern Shore districts.

**Westview on the James Camp and Retreat Center**, a United Methodist ministry of the Richmond, Charlottesville and Fredericksburg Districts, is now accepting applications for summer camp counselors. The camp seeks people that are excited about being positive Christian role models for young people in an outdoor environment. Westview on the James is a traditional-style, overnight camp in Goochland County. Go to [www.westviewonthejames.org](http://www.westviewonthejames.org) for more information.

New and returning staff volunteers are needed for **Camp Rainbow Connection**, which will be held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone July 11-17 and Aug. 8-14. Camp Rainbow Connection, in operation since 1985, provides a week of Christian fellowship and learning for youths and adults with intellectual disabilities. 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. There is an opportunity for a limited number of 15 year-olds to serve as Camp Rainbow Connection Youth Advocates. Deadline for new staff applications is April 15. For more information, contact the Center for Inclusivity and Lay Leadership Excellence at 1-800-768-6060 or (804) 521-1100, ext. 153, or [cindyingroff@vaumc.org](mailto:cindyingroff@vaumc.org).

The May issue of the **Virginia United Methodist Advocate** highlights older adult ministries. Each May the United States celebrates Older Americans Month to recognize older Americans for their contributions and provide them with information to stay healthy and active. In The United Methodist Church Articles by experts from Virginia United Methodist Homes include suggestions for helping older persons live fully, age with grace and die with dignity. 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).

**World Council of Churches launches websites to promote justice, peace.** Two interactive websites have been launched by the World Council of Churches (WCC) to promote "The Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace," an initiative of WCC member churches, including The United Methodist Church. The new website, [www.wccpilgrimage.org](http://www.wccpilgrimage.org), offers resources for congregations, organizations and groups to work together on the issues of justice and peace in order to heal a world filled with conflict, injustice, violence and pain.

**Brazil Methodist Church leaders to be in Virginia June 1-7.** Keila Guimarães, national coordinator of the Shade and Fresh Water Project in Brazil, will be in Virginia June 1-7, along with Bishop João Alves Oliveira of the Brazilian Methodist Church. Shade and Fresh Water has been a vital mission partner of our conference for many years. We hope to give Keila and Bishop Oliveira the opportunity to connect with as many people as possible during their visit. If your church already has a meeting or event planned at which they would be welcome — or if you're willing to organize something for your congregation or community — contact David Vaughan at (434) 825-3542 or david.vaughan@gmail.com.

**Plans announced to hold General Conference in Philippines, Zimbabwe.** Plans are underway for the first United Methodist General Conference gatherings outside the United States — in the Philippines in 2024 and in Zimbabwe in 2028.

The 2015 **Helping Hands** Virginia Conference event will be held at Woodlake UMC in Midlothian July 23-24. This event gives rising 4th-6th graders the opportunity to do hands-on missions in the Richmond area. Participants have the option of early-bird registration which includes three on-site mission opportunities or regular registration which includes two on-site mission opportunities. To register go to [www.woodlakeumc.org/helpinghands](http://www.woodlakeumc.org/helpinghands). For more information, contact MaryKaye Cochran at (804) -639-8872 or mcochran@woodlakeumc.org.

**Bishop Young Jin Cho and the Virginia Conference Cabinet have announced the clergy appointment projections made in March 2015 that were announced April 26.** The list can be viewed on the Virginia Conference website at <http://www.vaumc.org/BishopCho> where you will also find appointment projections made in February 2015.



## **Annual Conference Kits**

### **Kits for UMCOR to be collected at Annual Conference**

Various types of Relief Supply Kits will be collected at the 2015 Virginia Annual Conference session. Kit collection is being conducted to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply.

Local churches are encouraged to collect items for any of the most requested UMCOR kits — Bedding, Birthing, Cleaning, Health, Layette, School and Sewing Kits, School Kits,— and bring them to Annual Conference.

For kit instructions, go to <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>

Kits should be taken to the two tractor-trailers at the far end of the Roanoke Civic Center Parking lot A, near the intersection of Williamson Road and Orange Ave. (across from the Sheetz Gas Station). Kits will be received 12-2:00p.m. Thursday, June 18; 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday, June 19; and 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

DO NOT include cash in kits. Make shipping donations out to New Hope United Methodist Church and we will send cash for kits directly to the Conference treasurer.

If you prefer to contribute cash to enable United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to purchase relief kits, you can contribute \$50 for each bedding, kit; \$8 for each birthing kit; \$55 for each cleaning kit; \$12 for each health kit; \$35 for each layette kit; \$11 for each school kit; and \$18 for each sewing kit.. In addition, UMCOR asks for \$1 per kit (\$1.50 for cleaning buckets) to cover processing and shipping and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit. Please do NOT bring checks to Annual Conference. ALL checks (for processing and shipping, for toothpaste and in lieu of providing kits) should be made payable to “Virginia Conference UMC,” earmarked for “kits” and mailed to Treasurer, Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058 any time prior to Annual Conference, and no later than Aug. 31.

### **Volunteers needed to collect kits at Annual Conference**

More volunteers are needed for this year’s “Kits for Conference” collection at Annual Conference. You can help (1) write information on a clipboard; (2) sort kits; (3) seal boxes; or (4) load boxes onto the tractor-trailers. Kit collection will take place Thursday, June 18 from 12-5:00 p.m.; Friday, June 19, from 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 20, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. If you can volunteer to help, e-mail Virgil Decker at [vdecker@cox.net](mailto:vdecker@cox.net) or contact Jeff Wilson at Huntington Court UMC, (540) 366-3465, to indicate what time you would be available. Also, you may register on-line at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fo848abaf2caofc1-annual>.



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

Cooper Abbott, Julie Adams, Anna Akers, Tim and Judy Aldridge, Richard Alford, Harriet Ammons, Douglas Anthony, Ashley Ballard, Alfred Bennett, Larry Bradshaw, Charles Bristow, Billie Brockman, Josh Broome, Dickie Brooks, Nancy Brooks, Meagan Brown, John and Betty Burnett, John Burton, Barbara Chapman, Maria Chappell, Morgan Charnock, Neal Christie, Johnny Coates, Kristen Cole, Edith Mae Collier, Pat Collier, Mike Conrad, Jordan Crowell, Jim and Sarah Crumpton, Tamika Daniels, David Darden, Jim "Buster" Davis, Doris Day, Peter Dolezal, Wilton Dunn, Jen Elswick, Bea Farewell, Cathy Gallagher, Donna Garrett, James Garrett, Marilyn Gooch, Debbie Goodrich, Rondal and Norma Gouch, Robin Gray, Jamie Haden, Brenda Hall, Jessica Hall, Grace Harper, John Hasty, Jessie Haynes, John Haynes, Thomas Hensley, Angie Horsley, Ivan and Sue Hurtzler, Amy Jackson, Henry Jackson, Andy James, Ruth Jenkins, John Jiles, Kate and Tom Johnson, Donna Kemp, Jim King, Grayson Kirby, Herbert Lann, Jr, Susan Lawson, T.C. Lawson, David and Ethel Lee, Sandy Lee, Johnny Lewis, Leigh Brown Lindsey, Elmo Marshall, Ashley Martin, Michaela Meridith, Rita Michaels, Brad Miller, Anita Newcomb, Gayle Nichols, Marianne Nichols, Jeannie Oakes, Charlotte Palmer, Maurice Parker, Julia Phillips, Eugene Pierce, Barbara Pinkenstein, Alissa Rhodes, Jeff Rilee, Louisa Roane, Severn Robbins, Rev. Jane Sabeau, Karen Sallam, Abbi Schaub, Staci Scott, Brantley Sears, Ann Shoaff, John Siegle, Robert Slavelly, Jessica Smith, Ernest and Gladys Stanley; Bob Staul, Pat Stowe, Lloyd Taylor, Nell Thimsen, Charles Thrift, Chris Tomlinson, Vickie, Larry Waddell, Louise Walton, Margaret Walton, Floyd Gene Ward, Sylvia Weathers, Sharon Willis, Nannie Mae Wilson, Marcy Wingfield, Robert Woodfin, Nita Wrightson (Wilson), Carolyn Yarrington

- Families grieving loss of loved ones including Jane Timberlake and Ira Hall
- The renewal of The United Methodist Church
- Those traveling
- Students in Exams
- Those living amidst violence and disasters of natural and human origin, the locations of which are too many to list, but including Nepal, Ukraine, South Sudan, Israel, Palestine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, China, Indonesia, Vanuatu, Kenya, Somalia, and the countries of Western Africa.



## ***This Week***

*Today* – Family Day Luncheon

*Monday* – Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 pm

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

*Thursday* – United Methodist Men – 7:30pm

*Saturday* – Northern Neck Orchestra Concert (with Pastor Brian and Richard Puglisi) – 7:30pm – Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock

## ***Coming Up***

*Next Sunday* – Mothers' Day

*May 12* – Women's Fellowship Dinner – 6:30pm @ Shackelfords Chapel UMC

*May 16* – Annual Conference Orientation – 10:00am @ Crooks Memorial UMC

*May 19* – Finance Committee – 7:00pm, Administrative Council – 7:30pm

*May 29* – Women's Fellowship Dinner – 6:30pm

*May 29* – Blood Drive – 2:00-7:00pm @ New Hope in honor of Eugene Pierce

*May 31* – Reception after worship for Pastor Brian and family

*June 19-21* – Virginia Annual Conference – Roanoke

*July 18* – Church Picnic

*August 9* – Homecoming

*October 24* – Fall Festival



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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