



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026
“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Order of Worship
10:00 in the Morning

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be sure to print your name in the red attendance pew pads!)

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God—not because we are strong, but because God meets us in our weakness.

People: We come trusting the mercy of God.

Leader: Jesus was led into the wilderness, not to be abandoned, but to be shaped for faithfulness.

People: We come seeking courage, clarity, and grace.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who walks with us in every wilderness.

People: We come to worship God, whose love will not let us go.

Amen.

*HYMN “Lord, Who Through These Forty Days” #269

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you know our hunger before we dare to name it. You know the voices that pull at us—toward fear, toward shortcuts, toward trusting ourselves more than you. As we begin this Lenten journey, meet us in the wilderness places of our lives. Strip away what distracts us. Strengthen what is true. Teach us again to trust your Word and to rest in your love.

Form us, not by fear or shame, but by mercy and truth. We pray in the name of Jesus, who walked the wilderness before us.

Amen.

*HYMN “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” #292

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12, 15-17

ANTHEM

“*Give Me A Clean Heart*”

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

“Hello, My Name is Temptation”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORDS PRAYER

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 the glory forever.

Amen.

OFFERING & MISSIONS MOMENT

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

#95

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:35-39

Leader: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

People: Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine?

Leader: Will nakedness, or peril, or sword?

People: No! In all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“*It Is Well with My Soul*”

#377

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

~Announcements~

First Time & Frequent Visitors, we welcome you!

For information about Hampstead UMC, please see our greeters in the Narthex (lobby). If this is your first worship experience here, please let the ushers or greeters know, so we can better assist you! A nursery is provided for worship services, located in the main building—see an usher for assistance. If you wish to receive additional weekly updates or be contacted, please print your contact information in the red attendance pew pads or you may email the church office at office@hampsteadumc.org.

Consecration Sunday Update

Thank you to everyone who participated last week for Consecration Sunday. It is never too late to consider making a pledge. Pledge cards are located in the narthex and can be turned into the offering plate or in the drop box of the Financial Secretary's door. These cards help HUMC determine HUMC's budget and direction for the new year. Thank you all for being such a loving and caring church!

Shrove Tuesday Thank You!

The UMM wishes to thank everyone that joined in the Shrove Tuesday celebration! Thank you also to Peggy Harris and the YMCA After School kids that decorated the tables, and to Jonathan and Pastor Debbie for the message and singing program. Truly a wonderful time of food and fellowship was had by all. What a joyful way to enter into the season of Lent!

Staff Parish Committee We will have a brief meeting following today's service in room 5/6.

Divorce Care Our first meeting will be Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 PM in room 9.

UWIF Game-a-Rama Tickets! The United Methodist Women In Faith will host their annual Game-a-Rama, **Wednesday, March 18th** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the FLC. Tickets are \$15 each. Contact Twila Jones for tickets (910-270-9888).

So What is Connect Club??

For those of you who have not heard, we are excited to launch **Connect Club**, a wonderful new program that brings together children from the YMCA Afterschool Program with caring adults from HUMC!

Every Wednesday starting at 3:45 PM in the Family Life Center (FLC), **adult volunteers of all ages (and we especially invite our senior members!)** spend time with these great kids through:

- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Fun hands-on projects
- ◆ Learning new skills or sharing talents
- ◆ Building friendships and making a positive difference

This is a simple, rewarding way to **live out our church's mission by partnering with the YMCA to support and guide young people in our community**. Your presence and encouragement mean so much—the kids love the attention, stories, and guidance from caring adults like you!

Do you have a passion or hobby you'd enjoy sharing? Whether it's painting, storytelling, simple games, gardening tips, music, crafts, or anything fun and kid-friendly, we'd love for you to lead or help with an activity! No experience necessary—just a willing heart.

Please contact Peggy Harris (910-520-4042 or email litterr1952@gmail.com) if you're interested in participating, volunteering, or learning more. Let's grow this special program together and continue strengthening our partnership with the YMCA!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 25th at 3:45 PM in the FLC, (Weekly on Wednesdays)

Come join the fun—your involvement helps these children thrive and brings joy to everyone involved!

We can't wait to see you there!

~Prayer Requests~



The family of Jerry Smals
The family of Steve Flowers
The family of Peggy Rose
Kathy Barnes
Angie Bolin
Judy Carter
Sally Jo Capozio
Judy Clemonns
Dot Cotman
Chris Gibson
Judy Harrelson
John Harris
John Haverkamp
Gavin Johnson
Laura Kiyabu
Glen Pettygrove
Fred Phillips
Buddy Rogers
Bill Russell
Vicki Russell
Conne Schwarz
Dasha Sharp
Emily Skinner
Karen Smith
Carolyn Southerland
Dee Stolk
Costas Tchouros
Jane Tchouros
Hiram Williams
Brian Wright
Rodger Wyland

Flower Dedication

Today's flowers were given by
Fred Phillips...

*"In loving memory of Beverly Phillips
on what would have been our 23rd
wedding anniversary."*



*If you would like to sponsor an arrangement
please contact the church office.*

~ Contact Information ~

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~Calendar of Events~

February 22, 2026—March 1, 2026

Sunday—2/22

10:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)
5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth (FLC)

Monday—2/23

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)

Tuesday—2/24

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)
7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

Wednesday—2/25

3:45 PM Connect Club with the YMCA (FLC)

Thursday—2/26

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—3/1

10:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)
5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth (FLC)

Online Giving Made Simple:

We're excited to offer a new way to give! You can now support our church by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet's camera. It will take you directly to our secure online giving page.



If you need help, our greeters or office staff are happy to assist you. Thank you for your generosity!