



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Order of Worship
10:00 in the Morning

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
By Daniel Towner; Arranged by T. Smith/D. Hustad/B. Wells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who long to know how to live with purpose and love.
We are searching for what it means to be faithful neighbors.
Jesus reminds us that love is more than words—it’s action.
Lord, open our hearts to receive your mercy and to give it freely.
Let us worship God, who shows us what it means to love without limits.

*OPENING WORSHIP SONG

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#89

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God,
You have shown us mercy when we least deserved it.
You have sent help in unexpected ways
and through surprising people.
Forgive us when we try to draw boundaries
around your grace.
Open our hearts today
—to hear your Word,
to be moved by your Spirit,
and to follow your Son wherever love leads.
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*WORSHIP SONG

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#454

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

ANTHEM

“In This Very Room”
By Ron & Carol Harris

Chancel Choir

**Congregation please stand as able.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(At this time, all children may leave for Children’s Church.)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

“When Mercy Comes From the Wrong Person”

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S 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

“Just A Little Talk With Jesus”
By Cleavant Derricks; Arranged by F. Cramer/J. Coleman

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#94

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed, Traditional Version

#881

*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

#71

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

#384

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Love Medley”
By Zundel/Kaiser/Gordon; Arranged by Marilyn Ham

~Prayer Requests~

The family of	Buddy Rogers
Tom Collie	Peggy Rose
Angie Bolin	Bill Russell
Claudette Brown	Vicki Russell
Arlene Caffrey	Conne Schwarz
Sally Jo Capozio	Dasha Sharp
Dot Cotman	Emily Skinner
Chris Gibson	Karen Smith
Judy Harrelson	Carolyn Southerland
John Harris	Dee Stolk
Gavin Johnson	Costas Tchouros
Laura Kiyabu	Jane Tchouros
Laurie Monnier	Jean Withers
Fred Phillips	Brian Wright
Milo Pickett	

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!

~ Contact Information~

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~Calendar of Events~

July 13, 2025—July 20, 2025

Sunday—7/13

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday—7/14

8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FLC)

Tuesday—7/15

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

6:00 PM Vacation Bible School Planning Mtg. (Rm. 9)

6:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanc)

7:00 PM Al-Anon (FLC Rm. 1)

Wednesday—7/16

6:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—7/20

10:00 AM “Summer of Unity” One Worship Service

Available Altar Flower Sponsorships

July: 27

August: 10, 24, 31

September: 7, 14, 21

October: 5, 12, 19, 26

November: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

We still need a Volunteer for July 27!

*If you would like to sponsor an arrangement, contact the church office at 910-270-4648 or office@hampsteadumc.org. Flowers are on a first come-first served basis.
Each arrangement is \$45.*

~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.

Today we are receiving a Special Offering for

Vacation Bible School! With 180+ children registered for VBS, this will be a monumental undertaking for HUMC. As a guideline, it costs around \$30 per child for 5 days of VBS. If you would like to 'scholarship' the cost of a student, please make your check payable to HUMC, and write "VBS" in the memo line. If giving by cash, there are offering envelopes available in the narthex or from an usher. Write your name and "VBS" on your envelope. You can also give online with your credit or debit card (see the church website, Worship Through Giving tab, and select Vacation Bible School as your fund).

A reminder to those adults volunteering at VBS (any position). To be in compliance with UMC Safe Sanctuaries, you **MUST** have a current background check on file with HUMC. There is a list of those whose checks are current on the Financial Secretary's office door. If your name is not on the list, you must turn in a form (available on the rack in the narthex) by Sunday, July 20 to have a background check completed in time for VBS. You may drop your completed form in the drop slot on the Financial Secretary's door. Please understand this is a requirement to protect our children--no exceptions!

Project AGAPE We're reviving our “Shoebox” gift project! Pick up a shopping list in the narthex from the bulletin board, to buy new items for a boy or girl, packed in a 6-quart plastic shoebox. A \$5 donation per box helps with shipping. These “shoebox gift” projects help support children in Armenia through a Children's Home and Education Center, providing pastoral care, education, health care, agriculture, and economic development. Questions? Contact Peggy Harris at 910-270-4780, or litter1952@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given
By Dianne McKagan
“To the glory of God and in celebration
of my grandson Kaison Rich,
for his 13th birthday.”

Blood Drive HUMC will host a blood drive on **Monday, August 4th** from **1:00 PM to 6:00 PM** in the **FLC**. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HAMPSTEAD to make an appointment.

Ice Cream Social Mark your calendars for the UWIF Ice Cream Social on **Tuesday, August 12th** in the **FLC**.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Call

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) needs **YOUR** help to make it happen! Without volunteers, this event cannot take place. We're seeking support in:

- * Preparations & Decorations
- * Gathering Supplies
- * Logistics
- * Food/Snacks
- * Audio Visual (AV)
- * Station Leaders
- * Prayer Warriors

The next planning meeting is **Tuesday, July 15th at 6:30 PM** in **room 9**. Our meetings will continue until July 22nd.

Come as you're able!

Register to volunteer:

<https://vbspro.events/p/humctruenorth>

Or scan the QR code:



Your help makes all the difference!

Questions? Contact Jaime Alberti:
Email: humcyouth@hampsteadumc.org or
Call 910-524-1712.