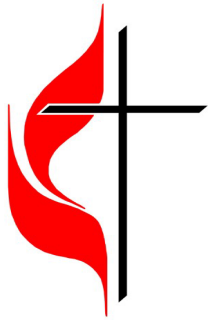


2025



August Script Shores

Hampstead United Methodist Church

Debbie's Details

Howdy Friends,

As I write this, we've just wrapped up the first day of Vacation Bible School—and let me tell you, it was *something special*.

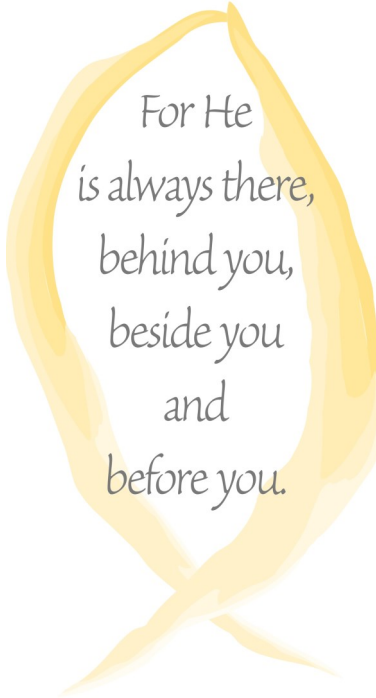
With nearly 200 students enrolled, over 30 teenage volunteers, and a whole host of amazing adults from our church and beyond, I was bracing myself for a bit of holy chaos. After all, we were still receiving decorations and supply donations from another church *yesterday!* But thanks to the incredible work of so many of you, Day One went off mostly without a hitch – and the few we had were minor!

A student from the YMCA prayed our closing prayer, and it just about melted my heart when he said thank you for “the best day ever” and asked God to make tomorrow just as good. That child has clearly spent some time in church before—but there were plenty of others who might not be regular churchgoers. What a gift it is to open our doors, hearts, and resources to share the love of Christ with every child who comes through!

To everyone who helped make this happen—from decorators to parking lot greeters (and directors!), from crew leaders to game runners, snack makers, table setter-uppers, roamers, assistants, and donors of both supplies and funds—**THANK YOU**. This is going to be a good week.

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For He
is always there,
behind you,
beside you
and
before you.

Debbie's Details Continued...

Our theme this year is *trusting Jesus*, and we are having so much fun living that out. One of my favorite things we're doing is asking, "Where did you see God today?" Today, I saw God in that YMCA student's heartfelt prayer. I also saw God in the wide-eyed wonder of preschoolers looking through binoculars and flipping through a children's Bible like it was the greatest treasure map ever found.



And—let's be honest—they probably saw God (or at least got a good laugh) when I asked Jaime, our children's director, if she trusted me before attempting an experiment... which I promptly botched, pouring water on her head. Oops. That may not have helped Jaime trust *me*, but it sure gave me a chance to remind the kids: even when we mess up, we can *always* trust Jesus.

On another note—yes, there *is* life at the church beyond VBS. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has been working faithfully to fill our open staff positions, and we're hopeful that I'll have some good news to share in the next newsletter. Please keep praying for us—that God will send just the right people to serve in these roles. People who feel called, gifted, and excited to serve in ministry alongside us.

Thanks for being a church that shows up with joy, with open arms, and with plenty of snacks. I'm so proud to be your pastor.

With love and laughter,
Pastor Debbie

New Bible Study

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 11th**! Jennifer Burns will begin a 7 week Bible study, "Luke in the Land", at 9:00 AM in room 5/6. Books are \$25.00. For more information contact Jennifer, 910-206-1903; or jennipherlove09@gmail.com.



MUNCH—BackPack Meals Program

The summer MUNCH Program continues full speed ahead! Faith Harbor UMC is the main distribution point.

Our arrangement with Lowe's Foods continues to be a win-win situation. They stock a variety of items at the checkouts that if purchased, go directly to our MUNCH Program. From the store, I pickup 3 times a week and deliver to our storage facility. From the storage facility, the items are packed for delivery or sent to FHUMC as needed.

Backpack Meal Items:

- Cheerios, Oatmeal, or other low sugar cereals
- Canned Pasta Sauce and dry Pasta
- Canned Vegetables & Fruits, Individual Fruit Containers (low sugar/no refrigeration)
- Plastic Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Individual Packages of Peanut Butter Crackers and Cheese Crackers
- Tuna and Chicken Helpers or store brand
- Canned Tuna and Canned Chicken (to pair with item above)
- Chunky Soups & Stews, Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Pastas (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli-O's, etc.) store brand is fine
- 100% Fruit Juice (**small** cans or plastic bottles) "Reduced Sugar" and "Lower Sodium" are best! Please, **NO glass containers.**

Thank you for your continued support!

—Chip Davis, MUNCH Coordinator

United Women In Faith Events

HUMIF want to thank all those who participated in the HUMIF Family Game and Ice Cream Social. We had a lot of fun. Our next HUMIF meeting will be held September 9th, at 10 a.m. in Room 5-6. Judy Clemmons will have the program and I am looking for someone to do the Devotion and Prayer. Please call or text me if you would be willing to help us out with that. All women of the church are invited to come.



Blessings,

Cheryle Shaffer, 910-620-5904

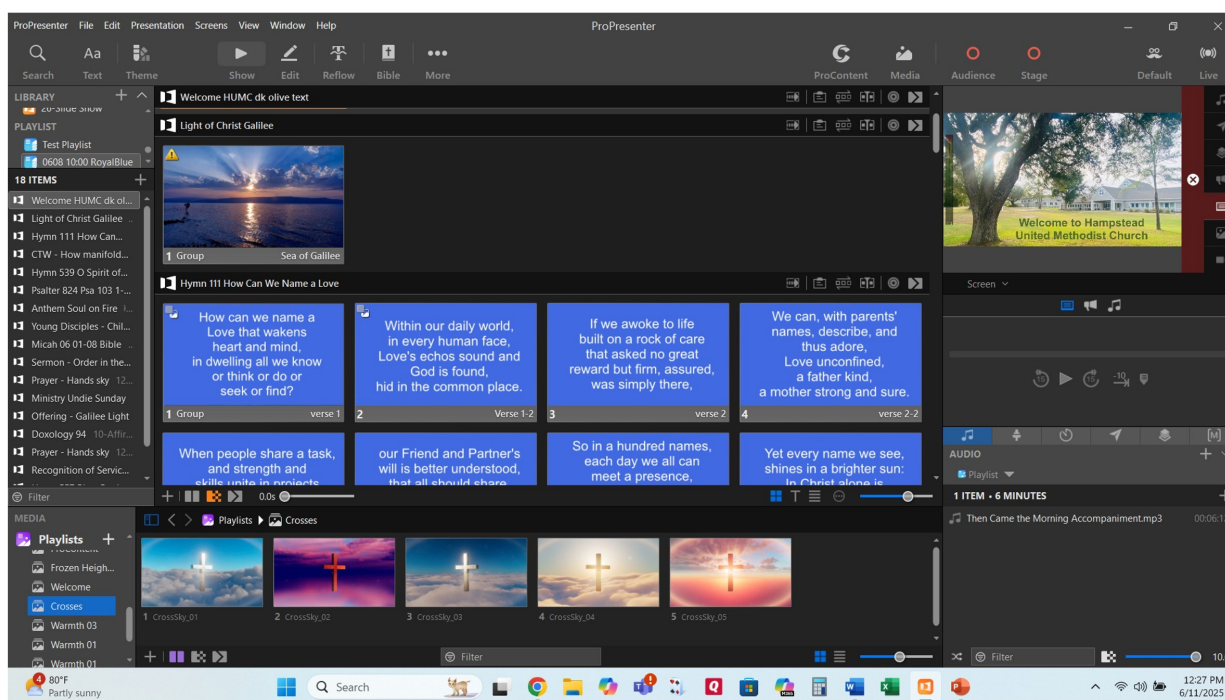
HUMC Worship AV Team

Join Our Audio Visual Team at Hampstead United Methodist Church!

Hampstead United Methodist Church is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our Audio Visual Team and help enhance our Sunday morning worship services. Whether you're a tech novice or a seasoned pro, we welcome all levels of experience and offer training that takes just minutes!

We Need Your Help With:

- **Basic Tasks:** Scroll through screens following the bulletin for sanctuary TV monitors, or operate the live stream computer to capture services via cameras for viewing on ROKU or the HUMC website.
- **Intermediate Tasks:** Learn to adjust the sound board during worship services to ensure clear audio for all.
- **Advanced Tasks:** Create ProPresenter playlists and explore more opportunities based on your interest and skills.



This is a fantastic chance to serve your community, gain valuable skills, and even accumulate service hours. No prior experience? No problem! Our team will provide all the training you need.

Join us in making our worship services engaging and accessible for everyone. Contact us today to get started!

—Sylvia Waterston, Email: needleworkdisc@gmail.com

Divorce Care

Find Healing Through Our DivorceCare Support Group

Hampstead United Methodist Church is excited to announce the Fall Session of our **DivorceCare Support Group**, starting **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, at **6:30 PM** in **Room 9**. If you or someone you know is navigating the pain of divorce or separation, join us for a compassionate, Christ-centered journey toward healing.

Divorce and separation can feel like no other pain, tearing apart the sacred bond of marriage. Our **DivorceCare** program offers a safe, biblically based environment to help you process grief, rebuild hope, and move forward. You'll connect with others who understand your journey and are walking a similar path.

What to Expect:

Our 13-week program is designed to support you through:

- **Weekly 30-Minute Videos** addressing key topics like Deep Hurt, Anger, Grief & Depression, Loneliness, Forgiveness, and Brighter Days.
- **Confidential Group Discussions** in a non-judgmental setting where you can share and grow.

Personal Exercises and readings in the Participant Guide to encourage healing at your own pace.

Topics Covered

- Deep Hurt
- Road to Recovery
- Anger
- Grief and Depression
- Loneliness
- Fears and Anxiety
- Family and Friends
- Financial & Legal Issues
- Conflict
- Forgiveness
- Your Former Spouse
- Single Living
- Brighter Days

Join Us!

No one should face the pain of divorce or separation alone. Register today at [DivorceCare Group Registration](#) or contact Sylvia Waterston at swaterdivorcecare@outlook.com for more information.

Take the first step toward healing. We're here to walk with you.

Anniversaries...

John & Judy Haverkamp	August 03
Gil & Debbie Gouge	August 07
Phillip & Diana Davis	August 13
Richard & Carolyn Sear	August 15
John & Peggy Harris	August 16
Larry & Darlene David	August 19
Greg & Susan Leemhuis	August 25
Walt & Jan Makaryk	August 26
Tim & Karin AgoulNIK	August 30



Birthdays...

Terry Snyder	August 01
Anna Jones	August 02
Reid Parker	August 02
Jack Cockrum	August 03
Blane Gibson	August 03
Sara Temple	August 04
Michaela Doyle	August 05
Ethan Moore	August 06
Milo Pickett	August 06
Jeff Swann	August 06
Kay Phelps	August 07
Christopher Scott	August 07
Alex AgoulNIK	August 08
Jackson Hardee	August 08
Ellie Robinson	August 09
Joanne Pearson	August 10
Tim AgoulNIK	August 12
Dominique Bates	August 13
Jared James	August 13
Judy Clemmons	August 14
Joe McGuire	August 15
Edward Hampel	August 17
Caleb Doyle	August 18
Hudson Smith	August 21
Jim Wells	August 21
Treena Wolfenbarger	August 22
Gail Panipinto	August 24
Drew Rhodes	August 24
Rachel Jones	August 25
Greg Leemhuis	August 25
Jack Loveless	August 25
Phillip Davis, Jr.	August 26
Patsy Mathews	August 26
Mandy Olson	August 29
Dan Redinger	August 29
Christopher Martin	August 30
Alease Register	August 30

Altar Flowers...

Date	Dedication
August 3	Linda Taylor... <i>"In loving memory of my mother, Florine Howard, for her birthday on August 4th."</i>
August 10	Susan Leemhuis... <i>"In loving memory of Roger Strong."</i>
August 17	John & Peggy Harris... <i>"In celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary."</i>
August 17	Susan Leemhuis... <i>"In celebration of Greg Leemhuis' birthday and our 41st wedding anniversary, both on August 25th."</i>

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 and is due before the sponsorship date. Thank you!

We still need a sponsor for August 31st!

The HUMC Flower Team needs volunteers!

Join our team to help create the stunning arrangements for Sunday worship. No experience required—training is provided! Assemble flowers on Saturdays and help enhance our worship services. Contact Dee Colenda (colenda@charter.net) or Debbie Gouge (candle12lady@yahoo.com) to get involved.