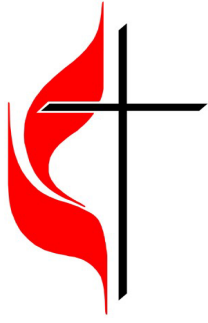


2026

June Script Shores



Hampstead United Methodist Church

From the Pastor's Desk

Seeds of the Kingdom

As we concluded the month of May, our church experienced one of those Sundays that reminds us who we are.

We celebrated baptism. We welcomed a new member into the life of the church. We sang beloved hymns chosen by the congregation. We heard stories of lives being touched through Connect Club. We heard a special message from Mrs. Glen Pettygrove. We laughed, worshiped, prayed, and gave thanks together.

It was a joyful reminder that God is at work among us.

Now we turn toward summer and a new worship series: *Seeds of the Kingdom: Growing Grace, Growing Community.*

Summer often brings a different pace. School schedules end. Vacation plans begin. Families travel. The days grow longer, and many of us spend more time outdoors enjoying God's beautiful creation. These are good gifts.

Yet discipleship does not take the summer off.

In fact, faith is often a lot like a garden. Growth happens gradually. Seeds spend much of their time hidden beneath the surface before anyone can see evidence of what God is doing. While we tend to notice dramatic moments, much of God's work takes place quietly and steadily.

Throughout June, July, and August, we will explore stories of God calling ordinary people, planting seeds of faith, growing communities of grace, and forming a people who live for God's purposes in the world. Together we will ask what God may be growing in us, in our relationships, and in our congregation.

One of the highlights of the summer will be Vacation Bible School. VBS is much more than a week of activities for children. It is an opportunity to plant seeds of faith that may bear fruit for years to come. Some children who attend will hear Bible stories they have never heard before. Some will experience the love of a church

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community in a new way. All will be surrounded by adults who care about them and want them to know they are loved by God.

I invite you to begin praying now for everyone involved in VBS. Pray for the children who will attend. Pray for the volunteers who are preparing lessons, crafts, games, music, and snacks. Pray that God's Spirit will be present in every conversation and every activity. And if there is a way you can help, whether through volunteering, donating supplies, providing snacks, or offering encouragement, please consider how God might be calling you to support this ministry.

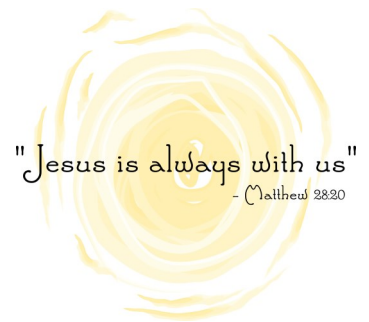
As summer schedules become busy, I also encourage you to stay connected to worship. Whether you are here each Sunday or traveling for part of the season, worship remains one of the primary ways God shapes us as disciples. If you are away, remember that our services are available online through our Facebook page so that you can continue worshiping with your church family wherever you may be.

And while many of us come and go throughout the summer, the ministries of the church continue every week. Your prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness make that ministry possible and help us continue sharing Christ's love in our community.

I am looking forward to the months ahead and to discovering together what God is growing among us.

May this be a summer filled with rest, joy, growth, and grace.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Debbie



Children's Church News

We will continue Children's Church throughout the summer. We will continue to learn about Jesus and His ministries and Old Testament stories. We meet in Room 17 of the Preschool wing. If your child is between 3 years old and 5th grade, please join us. We are always looking for adults to help. If you are willing to help, please call or text Cheryle Shaffer at 910-620-5904.



United Women In Faith Events

Thanks and praise to all the Ladies (including the Pastor) that attended our Spiritual Retreat style brunch on May 9th. The food was wonderful and the fellowship was exceptional. Our speaker, Regina Hawes, brought us an inspiring message. Thank you all for your Christ loving ways. Here's a little picture of Regina witnessing:



Our next meeting will be on June 9th. We plan on going out to lunch at Cape Fear Seafood in Surf City. This is open to all the women of the church, if you would like to go please let me know as we need a reservation. Blessings, Cheryle Shaffer -- 910-620-5904 you may text or call.

Cheryle Shaffer, Interim Circle Leader

Connect Club: Does That Snake Know He's a Snake?

Amber "Ling" Maready owner of Topsail Island Aquarium in Surf City, N.C.

was not able to answer that question but she did share a wealth of knowledge about the three animals to the Connect Club meeting on May 13th.

We first learned everything you need to know about a tortoise (this one was small), a cute lizard, and an Albino Ball Python. Each child was given the opportunity to feel the body of this snake and see how it rolls his body into a ball when sensing danger, or hiding from his enemy. She made the children feel so comfortable that even the most cautious child finally got curious enough to touch the snake. Check the Aquarium out this summer, they are located at 106 North Topsail Drive.

Remember connect club begins again in September the meeting day of the week is still to be determined. It's not a weekly commitment but you'll want to come back regularly to watch these kids connect with our trusted adults.



UMCOR School Supplies Collection

The NC Annual Conference of the UMC is approaching. Our mission project this year is to help provide school supplies for students in need through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We are collecting supplies through Sunday, **June 14**. Supplies can be dropped off in the blue collection bin in the narthex. Questions? Contact the church office.

School Kits:

One pair blunt scissors

Round tip only

No plastic scissors

One box of 24 crayons

Only 24-count boxes accepted

Three one-subject notebooks

No marble composition books

No 3 or 5-subject notebooks

One pack of loose-leaf paper

100-200 page packets are acceptable

Wide or college rule accepted

One hand-held pencil sharpener

1-inch or longer

Remove from packaging

One ruler

12 inches or 30 centimeters long

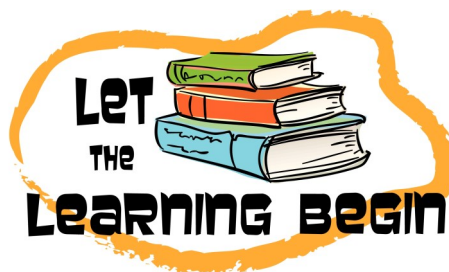
Sturdy or flexible material accepted

Six unsharpened pencils

One eraser

Two inches or longer

One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Stack all paper items on top of each other.

Place all loose items on top of paper.

Small loose items may be placed in a smaller re-sealable bag.

Place kit inside of re-sealable bag and seal.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Homemade or purchased cloth tote bags are no longer being accepted.

All items must be new.

Please, do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits.

Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is July 27—July 31!

This year's theme is Rainforest Falls, and we are now in the team development phase as we prepare for an exciting and faith-filled week. We are reaching out to see who may be interested in serving on the VBS Committee this summer. If you feel called to serve, we would love to have you join us! Please contact Johnathan Miller j.miller@hampsteadumc.org.

What serving roles are you interested in?

 Childcare Coordinator

Coordinate childcare for volunteers' children and ensure a safe, caring environment during VBS activities.

 Decoration Coordinator

Lead the setup and organization of rainforest-themed decorations to transform the church into Rainforest Falls.

 Registrar

The registrar is a designated official that makes sure that registration goes smoothly.

 Station Leader - Canopy Closing

Help wrap up each day with music, celebration, reflection, and reminders of the day's Bible message.

 Station Leader - Sing & Play Tune

Lagoon

Lead energetic music, motions, and worship experiences that help kids celebrate God's love through singing, dancing, and joyful praise.

 Station Leader - Wild Games

Lead high-energy outdoor and indoor games that encourage teamwork, laughter, and active participation for all ages.

 Crew Leader

Persons in this role will not have to prepare anything; they just come each day, guide their Crew members through activities, help facilitate discussions, and generally join in the fun.

 Family Resource Coordinator

Provide families with take-home materials, updates, and resources that encourage continued faith growth beyond VBS.

 Spotlight VBS Leader

The VBS photographer

 Station Leader - Imagination Station

Lead hands-on science, crafts, and creative activities that bring each day's Bible point to life in exciting ways.

 Station Leader - Sticky Scripture

Help kids learn and remember God's Word through memorable activities, games, and scripture-centered fun.

 Transportation Coordinator

Assist with organizing transportation needs and communication for children and families attending VBS.

 Crew Leaders Coordinator

Support, encourage, and communicate with Crew Leaders while helping ensure crews transition smoothly throughout the week.

 Paradise Preschool Director

This role coordinates with the preschool Station Leaders as they help the children with free-play Exploration Stations, Bible Adventures, and Closing Circle wrap-up time at Paradise Preschool.

 Staff Devotions Leader

Prepare and lead short devotional moments that encourage and spiritually support the VBS volunteer team.

 Station Leader - Rooted Bible Adventures

Guide children through interactive Bible stories and discussions that help them grow deeper in their relationship with God.

 Station Leader - Treetop Treats

Prepare and serve fun rainforest-themed snacks while creating a welcoming space for fellowship and connection.

You can also sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR Code below:



Join the Music & Media Department!

Hampstead United Methodist Church is seeking volunteers to serve within the Media & Music Department! Whether you have experience in technology, music, communications, social media, production, or simply a heart to serve, there is a place for you on our team. Volunteer opportunities are currently available for: Worship Service Digital Presentation Coordinators, Media Technicians, Video Services Team Members, Social Media Coordinators, a Media & Music Department Coordinator, and a Music Department Coordinator. These roles help support worship services, livestreams, music ministry, online outreach, special events, and church communications throughout the year. The Media & Music Department Coordinators will assist the Director of Media & Music in organizing weekly operations, volunteer schedules, worship preparation, and ministry planning. The Music Department Coordinator will additionally help coordinate choir preparation, contemporary praise team onboarding, and the planning and execution of the annual Christmas Cantata. Most roles require no prior professional experience – just reliability, a willingness to learn, and a passion for ministry. Training will be provided. Come use your gifts to help create meaningful worship experiences both in-person and online while making a lasting impact within the church and community.



What serving roles are you interested in?

Media & Music Department Coordinator

Serve directly under the Director of Media & Music to help coordinate schedules, weekly services, volunteers, and department operations. This role serves as the primary backup for the Director during services or events.

Approximately 10 hours weekly. Media or leadership experience preferred; training provided.

Media Technician

Assist with the technical side of worship and events, including audio, livestreams, cameras, lighting, computers, and media equipment.

Help ensure services and productions run smoothly. Training provided.

Music Department Coordinator

Assist the Director of Media & Music with choir coordination, music scheduling, onboarding praise team musicians, and helping organize special music programs, including the annual Christmas Cantata. Music ministry experience preferred; training provided.

Social Media Coordinator

Assist in sharing the life and ministry of the church online through social media platforms. Responsibilities may include creating posts, promoting events, capturing photos/videos, writing captions, scheduling content, and helping expand the church's digital outreach.

Video Services Team Member

Help capture and produce video content for worship, events, and outreach. Responsibilities may include camera operation, livestream support, editing, and creating engaging visual content for online ministry.

Worship Service Digital Presentation Coordinator

Prepare and operate worship slides during services and special events. Responsibilities include organizing song lyrics, scripture, announcements, sermon graphics, and coordinating digital presentations to support worship. Training provided.

Coastal Carolina Emmaus



Fall Walk Schedule Men and Women attend separate weekends.

Women's Walk #128 October 8-11 , 2026

Men's Walk #129 October 22-25, 2026

A sponsor is identified to host you for the weekend. He or she picks you up on Thursday afternoon and takes you out to dinner. You then go to the Salt and Light Retreat Center on North Topsail Island. There you meet the other "Pilgrims" who will be first-timers on the walk.

You spend 72 hours in a short course on Christianity. You listen to fifteen talks given by lay and clergy members on the team. These talks are themed on God's grace and disciplines of Christian discipleship. You enjoy three meals a day as well as multiple snacks. Musicians engage the conference room in song and your assigned table may develop life-time friendships.

Other Christians from eastern North Carolina who seek to renew their relationship with God, and grow spiritually will be in attendance. Your Sponsor returns you home on Sunday afternoon.

For more information contact:

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis John Harris (910-520-4042) or Peggy Harris (910-547-6581) to help identify a sponsor.

Anniversaries...



Name	Date
David & Robin Williams	June 06
Bill & Vicki Russell	June 12
Ed & Dixie Hampel	June 14
Jim & Connie Witmer	June 15
Greg & Ashley Woodfill	June 18
Dominique & Kathy Bates	June 20
Pete & Marty Long	June 21
Ed & Toddy Pullen	June 22



Altar Flowers...



Date	Dedication
June 7	Claudette Brown... <i>"For my husband Earl Brown."</i>
June 14	Drew & Lacy Quehl... <i>"In celebration of Bill & Vicki Russell for their 61st wedding anniversary on June 12th."</i>
June 21	Debbie Musolino... <i>"In loving memory of my husband Tony Musolino, for his birthday on June 25th."</i>
June	Nancy Davis... <i>"In loving memory of Laurens Carl Davis on our 50th wedding anniversary."</i>

Birthdays...

Twila Jones	June 01
Janet Toedt	June 01
Devin Ziegler	June 01
Bill Abbott	June 02
William Mueller	June 02
Tony Capozio	June 03
Robbin Dunthorn	June 04
Sarah Hardeman	June 05
Norris Finch	June 07
Sarah Pooch	June 07
Mary Beth Hock	June 08
Scott Sutton	June 08
Sarah Thomas	June 08
Darlene David	June 09
Maddie Martin	June 09
Ava King	June 11
Janet Redinger	June 11
Denise Packard	June 12
Robin Williams	June 12
Troy Stuart	June 15
Alex Doyle	June 19
Peggy Harris	June 20
Billie Widing	June 20
Sara Culp	June 26
Greg Gibson	June 28
Lisa Strong	June 28
Leslie Rhodes	June 29
Angie Bolin	June 30

