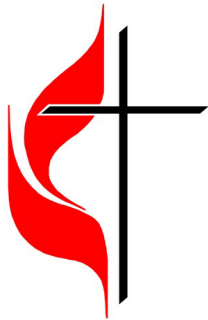


2026

May Script Shores

Hampstead United Methodist Church



From the Pastor's Desk

This past Sunday, April 19, we began a new Easter season series: Resurrection Life: Learning to Live by Grace.

As we gathered around the story of the road to Emmaus, we were reminded that the risen Christ is often closer than we realize—walking beside us, speaking to us, present in the ordinary moments of life.

It was in the opening of scripture and the breaking of bread that the disciples' eyes were opened.

And maybe that's where resurrection life begins for us, too—not with our effort, but with God gently revealing what has been there all along.

Throughout the season of Easter, we will continue walking this path together—learning to recognize, to listen, to trust, to love, and to live as the people God is shaping us to be.

You'll find a full outline of the series in the following pages, and I hope you'll take a moment to look it over and join us for as much of it as you can.

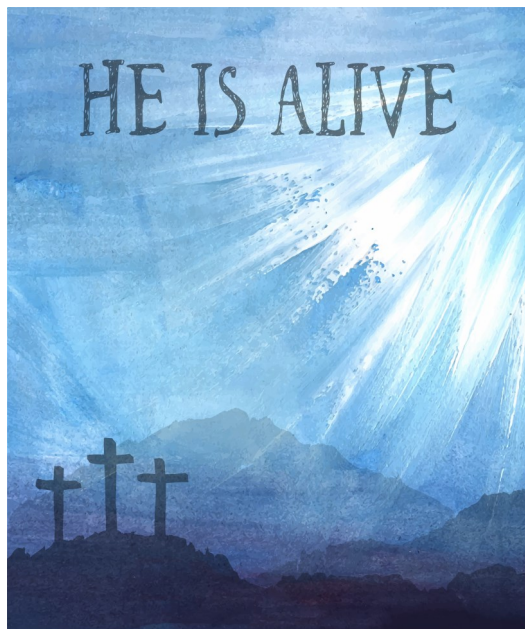
This month also offers several opportunities to experience that life of grace beyond Sunday morning:

May 2 – Music Festival

A joyful afternoon and evening of music, fellowship, and outreach for

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From the Pastor's Desk Continued...

our community—creating space for connection, for welcome, and perhaps even for someone to hear something new.

May 17 – Youth & Graduation Sunday

We will celebrate our students as they share their journeys of faith.

If you have a graduating senior, please contact Pastor Brooks through the church office.

May 31 – Faith Harbor UMC Event

Our neighbors at Faith Harbor will host Elaine Heath, sharing from *The Mystic Way of Evangelism*.

These gatherings, along with our Music Festival, reflect a growing partnership among United Methodist churches along the Highway 17 coastal corridor—from Scotts Hill to Jacksonville—a shared spirit of collaboration and a desire to reach our communities together.

All of these moments—
our worship, our work, our stories, and our partnerships—
are not separate things.

They are all part of the same life
God is shaping among us.

Grace forms us over time.
Not all at once.
Not perfectly.
But faithfully.

And along the way,
we begin to recognize...
to listen...
to trust...
to love...
to live.

I hope you'll join us—
in worship,
and in the life we are sharing together.

Grace and peace,
Debbie

HAMPSTEAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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COASTAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

BAND SCHEDULE

12:30 PM	God's Chosen
2:00 PM	The Edge Church Praise Team
3:30 PM	The Living Stones
5:00 PM	Faith Harbor UMC Praise Band
6:30 PM	33Blurr

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COASTAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

BRING CANNED GOODS

Help Fill the Truck for Share the Table

Be sure to bring canned goods to fill the truck for Share the Table.

Share the Table

HAMPSTEAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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COASTAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

BRING LAWN CHAIRS

Enjoy the Music on the Lawn!

Reminder: bring lawn chairs to enjoy the music on the lawn.

Sermon Series: Resurrection Life

Resurrection Life: Learning to Live by Grace

April 19 – May 31

During the Easter season, we are exploring what it means to live resurrection life—not as something we achieve, but as something God forms in us over time through grace.

Each week traces how grace shapes us through the ordinary means of faith—scripture, prayer, worship, community, and service—until that life becomes visible in and through us.

April 26 – Learning to Listen

John 10:1–10

Many voices call out to us, but only one leads to life. Grace shapes us to recognize and trust the voice of Christ.

May 3 – Learning to Trust (*Communion*)

John 14:1–14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Trust grows as we return again and again to Christ.

May 10 – Learning to Love

(Mother’s Day)

John 14:15–21

God’s love takes root in us and begins to shape how we live with one another.

May 17 – Youth & Graduation Sunday

Embodied Grace

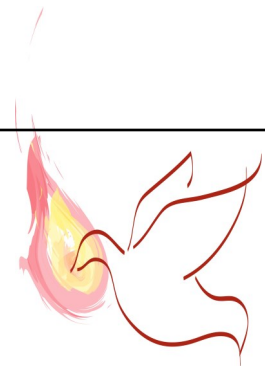
Real stories of faith shaped over time.

May 24 – Pentecost (*Communion*)

WEAR RED OR OTHER FLAME COLORS!

Learning to Live as the Body

We are gathered and sent as the body of Christ.



May 31 – Trinity Sunday

(Hymn Sing, Baptism, New Members)

Learning to Live in God

We are drawn into the life of God—held together in love.

HUMC Youth & Power Kids

This month we are excited for Youth Sunday! Come hear from our youth and pray with our Powerkids. As our students end another year in school we send them off for a summer of spiritual growth and discernment.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner (July 27th through July 31st)! Keep an eye open for more information about training and volunteer opportunities as we prepare to transport our church rooms from North Carolina to Rainforest Falls!



—Pastor Brooks Anderson

Children's Church News

We continue to teach stories about Jesus and His Ministries. We will be starting to discuss how the disciples followed Jesus' command to spread the word of His love throughout the world. If your child is between 3 yrs. old and 5th grade, they are welcome to join us to get a personal view of God's word. We meet in Room 17 of the Preschool building and you may pick your child up after the service. Hope to see you there. For any questions, please call or text, Cheryle Shaffer, at 910-620-5904. And we are always looking for someone that would like to help us.



—Cheryle Shaffer

Table of Grace

I am writing to share that HUMC's Table of Grace ministry is still going strong! On the second Saturday of each month we prepare a hot meal and a bag lunch for people in our community who cannot cook for themselves, and we would be glad to do the same for any church member with advanced notice.

The preparation usually takes a couple of hours to complete, and we would love to have you join this effort.

Shirleen Spencer

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YMCA Kids + HUMC Volunteers = Fun For All!

Connect Club continues to be a blessing for all participants young and young at heart. Some of the after school children have asked their parents not to pick them up early, but let them stay to enjoy the Movement activities with Kat Aluise, art lessons with Lydia Shively, crafts and board games each week, giving new learning experiences. Connect Club has helped us show the love of Christ for his young disciples over the past five months.

The Hampstead Bee Keepers will be visiting on April 29th and May 6th as we discover one of the most vital insects to our food chain. May 13th the Topsail Island Aquarium will be bringing live animals for us to observe. May 20th will be our final meeting for this school year as we say “good-bye” to our new friends with food, fun, and take home memories of our time together.



Connect Club





United Methodist Women In Faith

Thank you to all those who helped us with donated items for the 4Cs. This month we will be collecting dry goods and cleaning supplies for Share the Table.

Looking forward to May, our meeting has been scheduled for May 12th at 11 a.m. (different than normal) in the Family Life Center. We have invited Regina Hawse to be our speaker and plan on opening the meeting to the community. We will be providing BRUNCH finger foods. If you would like to bring donations, Regina says socks and underwear are always needed. Sylvia Waterston will start us off with Prayer and Devotion. Hope to see you there!! For any questions, please call or text Cheryle Shaffer, Interim Circle Leader, at 910-620-5904.



United Methodist Men

Men's Breakfast continues on the first Saturday of each month at 8 AM in the FLC. All men, 16 and older are encouraged to come enjoy good food and great fellowship! I know that many of us use Saturday as a means to 'catch up' on sleep, household chores and rest from a hectic week. However, a couple hours spent with a Godly group of men once a month is an excellent way to replenish oneself!

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

Shalom,

Al Smith



“Angels” Bible Study

Jennipher Burns is starting a new Bible study entitled, **“Angels”** on May 7th. The group meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM in room 5/6. To find out more about this new series, contact her at jennipherlove09@gmail.com.



DR. ELAINE HEATH - SPIRITUAL RETREAT:

MAY

30

2026

THE MYSTIC WAY OF EVANGELISM

A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING ABOUT EVANGELISM

9.30AM - 2PM

Join us for a day of worship, teaching, lunch, and a book signing at Faith Harbor UMC (14201 US 50, Surf City NC). Please consider purchasing Dr. Heath's book *The Mystic Way of Evangelism* in advance of her teaching. Free event. Register with: faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com

Your Cards & Letters...

Hampstead UMC,

Thank you for the meal and support for all of our family. The sandwich tray and dessert were so helpful as our family gathered together to remember Costas. We are so thankful and appreciative.

With love,

Jane Tchouros

Dear HUMC Family,

I wanted to share that May will be my last month serving as your Financial Secretary. I began working here in June 2024, and during this time I've learned so much and been blessed by the kindness, faith, and friendship of everyone at Hampstead United Methodist Church. It has truly been a joy to serve alongside you, and I will miss this wonderful community dearly.

I've made the decision to resign from my position to join our new family business — we're opening a D1 Training gym in Wilmington, NC, where we'll help train athletes of all ages (starting at age 7 through adults!). Our gym will be located at 5022 Market Street, and we're planning to open at the end of July or beginning of August.

I would love for you to stop by, see what we're building, and say hello! You can learn more at d1-wilmington.com or reach me anytime at stefanie.stark@d1training.com. You can also see what's happening on our social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587714634856>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/d1wilmingtonnorth?igsh=cjVjMnlsMWl6dHNq>

X: https://x.com/d1wilmington_n

Thank you again for making my time at HUMC such a special part of my life. I'll always be grateful for your warmth and support.

With appreciation and love,

Stefanie Stark

Anniversaries...

Name	Date
Tracy & Diane Lane	May 16
Mike & Carrie Johnson	May 19
Drew & Lacy Quehl	May 21
Eric & Tara Robinson	May 24
Jason & Becky Alberti	May 31



Altar Flowers...



Date	Dedication
May 3	Given by Teri Moore... <i>“In loving memory of my father, Tom Collie, for his birthday.”</i>
May 10	From the HUMC Family... <i>“In celebration of our Chancel Choir.”</i>
May 17	From Drew & Lacy Quehl... <i>“In celebration of our 21st wedding anniversary on May 21st..”</i>
May 24	Dianne McKagan... <i>“To the glory of God and in honor of all middle and high school graduates of 2026.”</i>
May 31	Jason & Becky Alberti... <i>“In celebration of our 11th wedding anniversary.”</i>



Birthdays...

Carolyn Taylor	May 01
Raymond Alberti	May 05
Patrick Miller	May 05
Debbie Matthis	May 06
Nicole Thomas	May 06
Joey Decker	May 08
Toddy Pullen	May 09
Chase Robinson	May 09
Ashley Pooch	May 14
Ashley Woodfill	May 15
Maria Thomas	May 16
Brian Wright	May 17
Dennis Southerland	May 17
Laura TerBeek	May 17
Wendy Purser	May 18
Jessica Hord	May 21
Sarah Kingman	May 22
Alexa Tomlinson	May 22
Raelynn Alberti	May 24
Shelby Parker	May 24
Isabelle Gibson	May 25
Gil Gouge	May 26
Katie Olrich	May 26
Harris Purser	May 26
Larry David	May 27
Clayton Lane	May 27
Buddy Rogers	May 28
Collin Radley	May 29
Jake Bolin	May 30
Fletcher Cockrum	May 30
Shannon Moore	May 30
Jim Witmer	May 31

