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Hampstead United Methodist Church

Notes From the Pastor

The Faith We Carry Forward

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As I write, our Pumpkin Patch is nearing its final day. Soon the pumpkins will be gone, the tables put away, and another October will be behind us. Thank you to everyone who has helped welcome our neighbors, unload pumpkins, cover shifts, and tend to the many details that make this ministry possible. So much of a church's hospitality takes shape through people willing to show up and lend a hand.

If you're reading this before October 31, there is still time to join us! We'll close out the month with Trunk or Treat and Brunswick stew. We also need volunteers to decorate a trunk or truck bed featuring a Bible character or story. It's one more opportunity to share some joy with our community.



Then November begins with All Saints Sunday. On November 1, we will remember members of our church family who have died during the past year. As we name them and give thanks for their lives, many of us will also be remembering others whose love and faith have shaped us.

I wonder who comes to mind for you. A parent or grandparent? A Sunday school teacher who made room for your questions? Someone who sat beside you in worship, brought a meal when life was hard, or trusted you with a responsibility before you thought you were ready?

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Faith comes to us through people. We hear the stories of Scripture, but we also see those stories lived out—in forgiveness offered, promises kept, meals shared, and love that keeps showing up.

As we finish our journey through Genesis, Joseph's story invites us to think about that inheritance. His life includes family conflict, betrayal, grief, and years of uncertainty. Yet near the end of his life, Joseph looks toward a future he will not live to see. He trusts that God will continue to be faithful to those who come after him.

That is a fitting story for All Saints. We give thanks for those who helped us trust God, even as we consider how our own lives might help someone else do the same. What are we passing along? What might a child, a neighbor, or someone new to our congregation learn about God's love through us?

There is much ahead as we move toward Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Alongside the activities and preparations, I hope we'll make room to notice the people around us and the opportunities God gives us to encourage one another.

The seasons change. People we love become part of our remembering. And the faith entrusted to us becomes ours to live and share.

I'm grateful to share that life with you.

Peace,
Pastor Debbie



HUMC Pumpkin Patch & Pilgrimage



THE PUMPKIN PATCH THANKS YOU! It takes a village to run a Pumpkin Patch for one month and we were able to have a very successful year because of all of the wonderful folks here at HUMC. The youth want to thank all of those who came out for both pumpkin tosses, and all of the adults who dedicated their time to the shifts the youth could not attend. Many thanks to the adults who supervised shifts with the youth and to all of the finance people who came out and closed the patch.

We will hold a Pumpkin Patch clean-up day for Sunday, November 8th, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. It's a second Sunday, so we will begin after lunch. All volunteers are welcome anytime that afternoon. The area must look as though there was never a pumpkin or bale of hay present.

The youth will be off to **Pilgrimage November 13th through November 15th**. If you have a youth interested in attending contact Pastor Brooks Anderson for more information brooks.n.anderson@gmail.com).

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 to 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

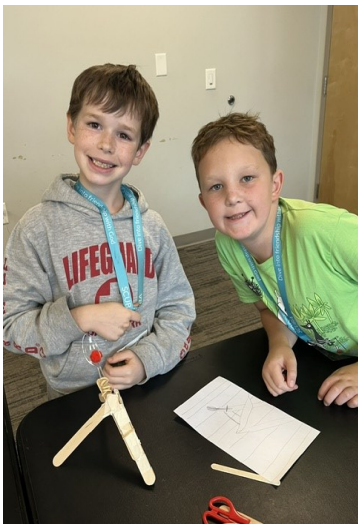
HUMC Connect Club

Connect Club is growing!!

The YMCA has been operating a second after-school program for children that attend North Topsail and Surf City Elementary schools. This program was at Barlow Vista Baptist Church. The Y decided to end this partnership and move the children to HUMC on Monday, October 26. Our 27 current Kindergarten through fifth graders will be joined with 22 more eastern Pender County students. This may seem overwhelming to have 49 children, but it is going to make games in the gym easier with larger groups to have team games. It will also bring additional YMCA staff into our program. For Connect Club it means more children on Thursdays will get to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills in additional cooperative groups. More children will be exposed to the joy of music at our church—what wonderful memories we are creating!

We are also blessed by our engaging seniors who devote one and a half hours sharing the joy of learning, exploring, moving, listening, and just showing that our church members care about them.

We cannot continue to offer Music and STEM certified teachers in this program without additional funds. We will be participating in the Belk Store Charity Days November 13, 14, and 15th. Your donation of $5.00 for a coupon to use during that weekend goes completely to “Connect Club”. You get your $5 back when you purchase something at Belk’s during these special days. For a Christmas gift that keeps on giving, you can donate in November to Connect Club with our alternative Gift Market. Anyone who would like to assist with this outreach please contact Peggy Harris at 910-547-6581.





HUMC's Children's Choir



Dominique Bates and Laura Bibby will be leading a Children's Choir, beginning in a few weeks! Open to children in grades K-8, with rehearsals on select Sundays (see dates below). Children participating in both Power Kids and Choir will transition from the FLC to the Sanctuary for practice on Sundays.

Our first performance will take place during our Kidsgiving Service on November 22 at 10am. We are also planning on performing during a Lessons and Carols Service on December 13.

2026 Children's Choir Meeting Dates:

Sunday, 11/8: Choir Practice from 5:30-6pm. Location: Sanctuary
Sunday, 11/15: Choir Practice from 5:30-6pm. Location: Sanctuary
Sunday, 11/22: Kidsgiving PERFORMANCE at 10am. Location: Sanctuary
Sunday, 11/29: Choir Practice from 5:30-6pm. Location: Sanctuary
Sunday, 12/6: Choir Practice from 5:30-6pm. Location: Sanctuary
Sunday, 12/13: Christmas and Carols PERFORMANCE at 10am. Location: Sanctuary
Practice and performance information for 2027 will be provided after the New Year.



HUMC's Children's Ministry: Growing in Faith

Help Our Children Grow in Faith!

Children's Church Volunteers Needed!

Help us make Sunday mornings special for our youngest members! We're looking for volunteers to share God's love, build relationships, and help our children grow in faith. Lessons and materials are provided, and you don't need teaching experience - just a willing heart!

Whether you can serve once a month or every other month, your time makes a difference. **Use the link below to choose a Sunday that works for you, through SignUpGenius.**

Link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4CAEA62CA3F94-66196479-childrens#/

Thank you for being part of our children's faith journey!

—Becky Alberti

HUM Women In Faith News

ATTENTION WOMEN OF HAMPSTEAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOU ARE A WOMAN OF FAITH

We just started our NEW YEAR, not Happy New Year 2027. BUT our year 2026-2027 which starts every September after we sponsor the ice cream social in August for all church members.

You are already a part of this very exclusive group of mission minded women by being a member of Hampstead United Methodist Church or a regular participant of this congregation. We focus on projects, missions and fundraisers that support women and children and youth needs. *Won't you join us monthly?* We also participate in Women of Faith events in the Harbor District.

You may be asking how do we support missions? We give money. Where do we get the money? Through fundraisers, and individual pledges that we make to support the missions we vote on each year. *Join us monthly to learn about the missions we support.*

We enjoy fellowship and growing spiritually during our year, September to June. We suspend our meetings for two months in the Summer. Each month we hear a devotion and a program given by a member and in some cases, a program is presented by an outside group such as Hospice. We conduct a short business meeting where we hear the minutes of the previous meeting, get a treasurer's report of our funds on hand and discuss any projects or fundraisers being planned. We finish the meeting within 2 hours. *Join, give us your ideas.*

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in room 5/6. Mark your calendar to join us in November and the rest of our year as <u>together</u> we spread God's love and light here at Hampstead United Methodist Church, in our community and the world. *It is a good idea to mark your calendar the week before as a reminder that the next week you plan to join the Women of Faith meeting.*

We are looking ahead to a wonderful year and want you to be a part of it. In March we plan to have the Annual Game-A-Rama which is our best fundraiser. Many of you attend this and

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support it with your donations for the meal. We have fundraisers and food drives all year that you can be a part of as we, "Women of Faith" carry out God's mission in the world. We collect items for The Methodist Home for Children a couple of times a year and your ongoing support of these collections is appreciated.

We are Women of Faith, a community of bold women on a journey, believing that love in action can change the world and with God make the impossible possible.
We are Women of Faith, women who influence. We are a community of leaders, justice champions, and brave changemakers, we are connecting to boldly transform the world. We are reading, listening, learning and leading.
We are Women of Faith who are inspired. We are growing in our faith, deepening our relationship with God, caring for our souls. *Come and grow in your faith with us.*
We are *United* Women of Faith. Our commitment to advocate for women, children and youth is unwavering. Together we are making a difference. *Join us to make a difference.*

SO COME JOIN US!
BRING YOUR IDEAS!
WORK WITH AND BESIDE US
TO HAVE A WONDERFUL 2026-2027 YEAR.

Join the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is seeking new members to assist in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday worship. Opportunities include such things as preparing and cleaning up communion, washing and ironing communion linens and changing paraments for special seasons. We are also in need of altar designers and as well as volunteers to prepare arrangements for our flower ministry. **The upcoming Advent season is especially busy** with many bits and pieces to bring our sanctuary alive from erecting and **decorating the Chrismon tree** to preparing candles for candlelight service. If you are interested in any aspect of worship preparation please contact Dee Colenda at deecolenda@gmail.com.



HELP SHAPE OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER!

Your voice matters.

What would you like to see happen in our Family Life Center?

SCAN TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Share your ideas and help us decide what comes next.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!


MISSION OF HOPE ROTIFUNK'S
ROAST FOR HOPE
FUNDRAISER
At the Healey Property
234 Greenville Ave
Wilmington, NC
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
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5-8 PM
All proceeds benefit Rotifunk Hospital
OYSTERS • LIVE MUSIC
CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM
COLD DRINKS • GOOD TIMES
mission of hope:
ROTIFUNK
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Anniversaries...

Raymond & Jaime Alberti	November 06
Tony & Sally Jo Capozio	November 19
John & Ginny Cockrum	November 29



Altar Flowers...



Date	Dedication
November 1	Donna Walker... *"In loving memory of Bob on our 1st wedding anniversary on November 1."*
November 8	Elaine Myers... *"In celebration of Mal's birthday on November 11th."*
November 13	Donna Walker... *"In honor of my granddaughter Thaya Rae Walker on her 13th birthday."*
November 20	John & Peggy Harris ... *"Happy birthday to Ed Dunn, a faithful HUMC member and friend."*
November 29	Judy Clemmons... *"In loving memory of my husband on our 56th wedding anniversary."*

Birthdays...

Phillip Davis	November 01
Tim Smals	November 01
Susan Forbes	November 02
Becky Alberti	November 04
Ryan O'Janpa	November 04
Tony King	November 06
Emma Martin	November 09
Terrie Tracy	November 09
Kathy Williams	November 09
Mal Myers	November 11
Thaya Walker	November 15
Cody Carlson	November 17
Ginny Cockrum	November 21
Ed Dunn	November 22
Dottie Webb	November 22
David Grigg	November 25
Caryn Sutton	November 26
Halley Bellamy	November 29
Linda Carlsen	November 30

