



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be sure to print your name in the red attendance pew pads!)

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen—

**People: not quietly, not carefully,
but with joy that cannot be contained.**

Leader: Christ is risen—

**People: breaking through fear,
bursting through doubt,
overflowing every boundary we set.**

Leader: This is not a small hope.

This is not a narrow life.

**People: This is resurrection—
wild, unfiltered, and alive.**

Leader: So come—

bring your whole heart,

your questions, your wonder, your joy—

People: and let us worship the risen Christ!

*HYMN

#327

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*OPENING PRAYER

Risen Christ,

**you do not meet us halfway— you come to us in fullness, in joy that spills over,
in life that cannot be contained.**

Break through our guarded hearts.

Widen what has grown small within us.

Surprise us again with the power of your resurrection.

And lead us into a life more alive

than we imagined possible.

Amen.

* HYMN

#369

“Blessed Assurance”

**Congregation please stand as able.*

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 16:1-6

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Rev. Brooks Anderson

“The Narrow Reality”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORDS 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

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

#95

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not always certain.

We are not always fearless.

But we believe that Christ comes to us still— in our questions, in our doubts, in our searching.

We believe that peace is stronger than fear, that love is stronger than death,

and that Christ is alive among us.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#370

“Victory In Jesus”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

~Prayer Requests~



The family of	Buddy Rogers
Costas Tchouros	Bill Russell
Kathy Barnes	Vicki Russell
Angie Bolin	Conne Schwarz
Sally Jo Capozio	Dasha Sharp
Dot Cotman	Emily Skinner
Judy Harrelson	Karen Smith
John Harris	Carolyn Southerland
John Haverkamp	Dee Stolk
Gavin Johnson	Jane Tchouros
Laura Kiyabu	Hiram Williams
Joanne Pearson	Brian Wright
Glen Pettygrove	Rodger Wyland
Fred Phillips	

~Altar Flowers~

We still have a lot of openings left for 2026!!

May: 17
 June: 7, 21, 28
 July: 12, 19, 26
 August: 2, 30
 September: 6, 20, 27
 October: 11, 18, 25
 November: 29
 December: 6

Each arrangement is \$50. Dates are reserved first come, first serve. Contact the church office to sign up! office@hampsteadumc.org

Church Office Information

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (Time availability made in advance after 2:00 PM.) Contact: office@hampsteadumc.org or 910-270-4648.

~Calendar of Events~

April 12, 2026—April 19, 2026

Sunday—4/12

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday—4/13

8:00 AM ROMEOS (Library)

Tuesday—4/14

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)
 10:00 AM UWIF Circle Mtg. (Rm. 5/6)
 6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)
 7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

Wednesday—4/15

3:45 PM Connect Club With the YMCA (FLC)
 6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (All Rooms)

Thursday—4/16

9:00 AM Bible Study “Live Free” (Rm. 5/6)
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—4/19

10:00 AM Worship Service

Mark Your Calendars!

Help us get ready for the May 2nd Music Festival!

Join us for a Church Work Day on Saturday, April 25th.

It’s more than cleanup — it’s a chance to prepare a welcoming space for our community.

Tasks include freshening flower beds, weeding, trimming shrubs, cleaning windows, pressure washing, and grounds cleanup.

Contact Pastor Debbie or any Trustee to sign up.

HUMC 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!

~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.

United Methodist Women In Faith Our next Circle meeting is **Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00 AM in room 5/6.** Nancy Davis will provide the Devotion and Prayer, and Dianne McKagan will provide the program. Please contact Cheryle Shaffer by text or call 910-620-5904 for any questions.

HUMC’s Coastal Music Festival

On Saturday, **May 2nd**, HUMC will host a day-long Music Festival to benefit Share the Table.

Come enjoy live music, praise bands, and food trucks on HUMC’s front lawn from **12:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

Everyone is invited! Please share this with friends and family who might enjoy a great music festival.

We need your help!

To get our campus ready, we’re inviting everyone to join us for a **Church Work Day on Saturday, April 25th.**

Tasks will include:

- Freshening flower beds
- Weeding and trimming shrubs
- Cleaning outside windows
- Pressure washing walkways and entry areas
- General grounds cleanup

Contact Pastor Debbie or any Trustee to sign up or ask questions.

Altar Flowers

Today’s altar flowers were given by Andrew & Laura Bibby...

“In celebration of our daughter Grace for her fist birthday.”

Coastal Carolina Emmaus Saturday, April 25th HUMC Emmaus will host a “Follow-up Gathering” for the Men’s and Women’s Spring Walks. Volunteers for setup please arrive by 4:00 PM for the 5:00 PM covered dish meal and the worship service after the meal.

The Mystic Way of Evangelism - On **May 30th**, from **9:30AM to 2:00 PM**, Wesleyan Chapel UMC, Hampstead UMC, First UMC Sneads Ferry, The Edge UMC, and Faith Harbor UMC have collaborated to bring this retreat with Dr. Elaine Heath to the coast. Join us for a day of fellowship, teaching, lunch, and a book signing. Please consider purchasing Dr. Heath’s book, “The Mystic Way of Evangelism” in advance of her teaching. Register with faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com.

Connect Club On **Wednesday, April 29th** and **May 6th**, the Hampstead Bee Keepers will be bringing an enclosed demonstration Bee Hive for students to learn more about why bees are a vital part of the food chain. Children will play games collecting pollen on their legs with the assistance of Velcro. We are very blessed by the 12 adults who help enhance the YMCA after-school program each Wednesday for one hour. If you would like to find out more on how to be a part of this wonderful program, contact Peggy Harris (little1952@gmail.com) or Shirleen Spencer (910-508-4777).

~ Contact Information ~

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