Hampden Highlights

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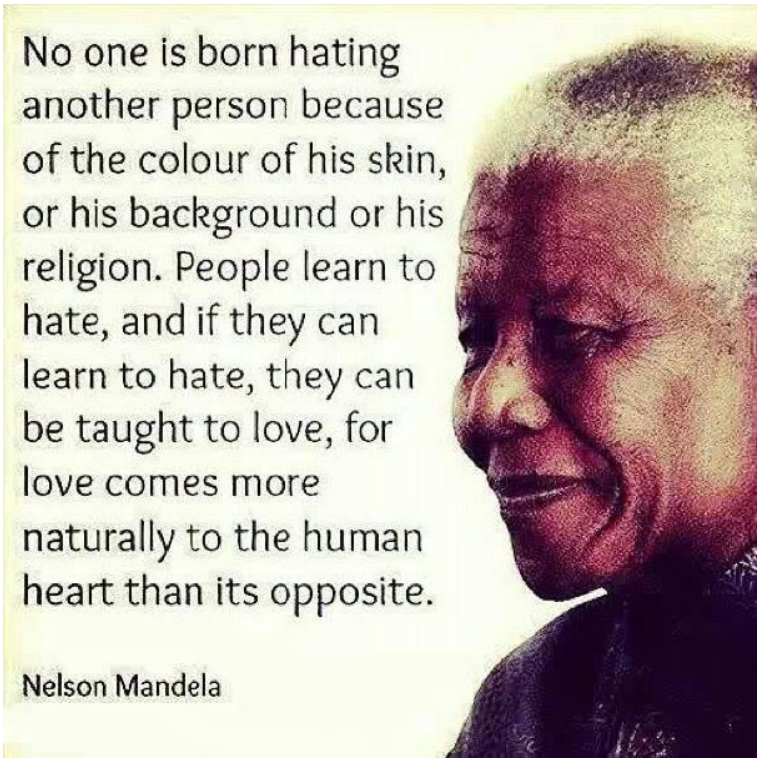
Racism is about personal prejudice…
Racism is about structural injustice…
Racism affects all of us, even when we don't see it.



Knowledge Dismantles Privilege—We can learn to love.
Race: The Power of an Illusion, & Vital Conversations on Race
First UMC, 703 Essex Street, Bangor
Sundays February 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6:30 pm
Video, Conversation, and light refreshments!
A Free to the Public ministry of
First UMC, Bangor; Old Town UMC,
Stillwater Federated Church,
and Hampden Highlands UMC

Many thanks to all who participated. We were able to raise $1120!

2nd Annual All Church Birthday Celebration!!!!

February 12, 2017

The Nurture Committee would like to celebrate EVERYONE'S birthday. Come join us during fellowship. Cupcakes will be provided.

Contact Lynette Gauthier at gauthierl@hermon.net

May 11, 2017

Mike Slaughter will be here at HHUMC to offer several workshops on outward focused mission oriented church life

Looking to grow in your faith through reading? **The reorganization and relocation of our very own church library has begun! Two beautiful wooden bookcases have been placed in the second-floor hallway across from the elevator. You can sign out books at your convenience and return them when you are done. Have any Christian-based books that you would like to donate? Feel fee to drop them in the donations box next to the bookcases. Stop by and check it out the next time you are at the church.**

1	Andrew Nicol
2	Noah Dancoes
7	Ashley Goss
	Lauren Boss
8	Robert Sousa
	Carla Lafayette
	Brian Hanish
10	George Patterson
	Elizabeth Madigan
15	Lynette Dancoes
17	Ray Goss
18	Mary Lester
21	Julie Butler
26	Candelaria Metropoulos
27	Cynthia Sousa
28	James Tatgenhorst
	Julie Ireland
29	Robert Grindrod

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Endowment Anti-Racism	6	7	8 SPRC – 6:30	9	10	11
12 2nd Annual All Church Birthday Party Anti-Racism	13 Ad Min 6:30	14	15 Finance 6:30	16	17	18 Socks & Hot Chocolate
19 Trustee Anti-Racism	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship	27	28				

February 5, 2017

Lector: Chuck McMahan
Nursery: Isabella Urban
Acolytes: Mackenzie Marden
and Jadelyn Marden

Communion Stewards
Linda Mosely – B
Anne Tatgenhorst
Deanna Philbrick

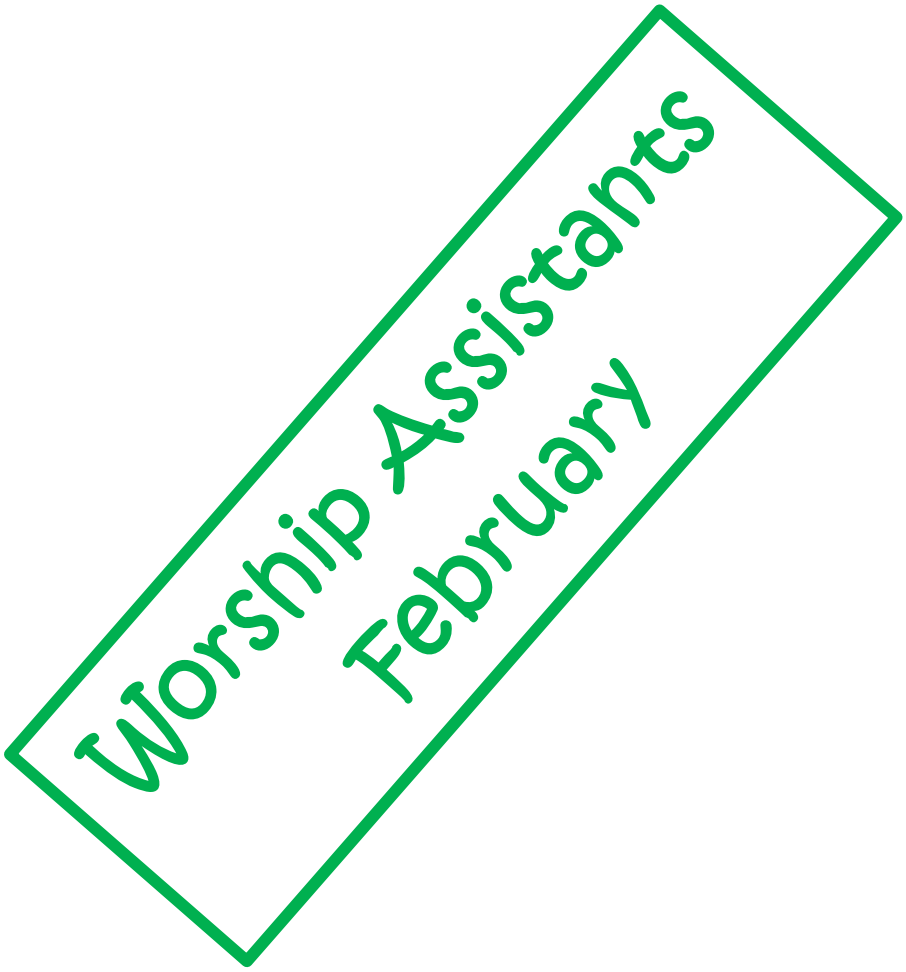
Greeters: David Bishop and Laura Osborne
Ushers: Ray and Tina Goss
Counters: Darla King and Kathy Gallupe
Fellowship: SPRC/SOUPS ON

February 12, 2017

Lector: Becky McMahan
Nursery: Isabella Urban
Acolytes: Lydia Harnish and Abbie March
Greeters: Simon Thomas and Jessie Davis
Ushers: Jay Willey and Debbie Boss
Counters: Angela Damboise and Gloria Lee
Fellowship: Trustees

February 19, 2017

Lector: Heidi Ravenscraft
Nursery: Isabella Urban
Acolytes: Sairah Damboise and Emma Damboise
Greeters: Charlene Jones and Heidi Ravenscraft
Ushers: David Bishop and Charlene Jones
Counters: Jay Willey and Gloria Lee
Fellowship: Christian Ed/Youth



February 26, 2017

Lector: Linda Mosely
Nursery: Isabella Urban
Acolytes: Caleb March and Simon Thomas
Greeters: Kathy Gallupe
Ushers: Chuck and Robin McMahan
Counters: Kathy Gallupe and Marilyn Boulier
Fellowship: Ad Min Council

Dear Saints,

For several weeks now, I have been preaching a series of sermons addressing Christian living from the General Rules of the Methodist Church (a document that became part of the doctrinal standards of The United Methodist Church in the merger of 1968). This historical document, which might seem irrelevant or outdated, offers a strong foundation for thinking about how to live as a Christian (and particularly, a United Methodist Christian). While we do need to adapt the principles at the core of the General Rules for 21st century Christian living, the principles themselves transcend time and culture, themselves deriving from biblical principles deeply rooted in the Christian community. This series has me thinking about how I live my life, as well as about legacy and continuity within the Christian community.

The General Rules, along with the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church, the Confession of Faith of the EUB Church, and selected sermons and commentaries of John Wesley constitute a foundational piece of United Methodist teaching—what we call the Doctrinal Standards. We are encouraged to think deeply and theologically, knowing that these standards provide healthy boundaries within which to explore who God is, what it means to be a Christian, and how we are called to live out our faith. These documents, along with the hymns and prayers in our Hymnals and Book of Worship are a major part of the wider legacy offered to us by the Communion of Saints who have entrusted us to continue the work of Christ in the present.

In our local context, we have been blessed by numerous saints who have lived out their faith in the context of Hampden Highlands UMC. It is the season of statistical reporting, and every year at this time, I stop to think about those who have faithfully lived and died, who once served Christ in this place and now rest from their labors while they await their reunion with us in the resurrection we are all promised in Christ. Within the last year, three women were transferred from our community to the church triumphant: Janette Taylor, Gerry Lounsbury, and just this last week Morna Rawcliffe. All of these touched lives and made the world and Hampden Highlands UMC a better place by living as they did. Their years of service and wisdom among us leave a tremendous legacy in all the lives they touched for Christ, and the lives those lives may touch for Christ as well.

Sometimes the legacy we leave is financial (and we have been blessed with great generosity by saints who have given to HHUMC in our endowment program), sometimes in the form of artifacts (like the bells and chimes played by our Jubilation Ringers, or the baptismal font), but often our legacy for Jesus doesn't appear on the balance sheet or in the furnishing—instead it appears in the way someone in the next generation lives their life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. We are called to continue the work Morna, Gerry and Janette have done for Christ, just as each of them was called to continue the work done by saints who lived out their faith in this place long before most of us were born.

Each day, we are called to live for Jesus, knowing that our work draws on the strength of those saints who went before us, and will one day be offered to those who come after us. Today, my younger son turns 4. He was baptized here in 2013 by our District Superintendent who represented the wider UMC, and in your midst, representing the community that bears the legacy of United Methodist Christians who have lived for Jesus in and near Hampden since Jesse Lee preached to the people in 1795.

How is God calling you to draw on the legacy of those who have offered Christian faith to you, so you can offer Christ to the world around you today? Some of you may be called to give financially or materially, but all of us are called to give of ourselves to build Christ's kingdom by living as disciples who teach others to be disciples. We are a part of a great continuing heritage!

In Christ,
The Rev. David Nicol, Pastor of Hampden Highlands UMC