

Hampden Highlands Highlights

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Dear Saints,

Once again, autumn is almost upon us. A new school year has begun for our children and collegiate members. The world remains in need of compassion, mercy, grace, justice, and the countercultural message of the Gospel. A new cycle of the year has come, and while little has changed, much seems to be different than a year ago.

We are preparing to launch a series of affinity-based small groups for Christian care and growth. I plan to participate in two as they get going, but our hope is that a series of leaders will emerge from within the interested groups to organize and facilitate their communal life. If you are interested in learning more, please talk to me or one of the facilitators as they begin to be identified.

This September into October, we will host 4 weeks of healing services and discussions around the brokenness in our world, running from 6:30 to 8:30 pm each Sunday Evening. The first will be September 10, and will focus on the varying forms of violence in our world. War, street violence, domestic abuse, terrorism, nuclear escalation, and all that destroys or harms another who bears the Image of God. On September 17, we will focus on Racism, particularly in the context of the United States, but also in our global community. On September 24, we will focus on Economic brokenness, poverty, economic injustice, and the idolatry of money. Finally, on October 1, we will focus on Creation and the Biblical mandate to be stewards of a planet in need. Your Lay Leaders and I are planning each week to last about 2 hours, the bulk of this around light refreshments and conversation. We will begin with a Healing Service, confessing our own part in social sin, and confessing our need for the Holy Spirit to guide us to be and do better. I would love for this to be a time to invite friends and neighbors to join us, and to deepen our understanding of Christian care for the world God has given us.

I was asked if there was a good book to explain what different Protestants believe. I'm sure there are some—but it's a complex topic! Believe about what, exactly? Not only do Protestants and Roman Catholics differ, but within the broad Protestant label, there are profound differences! I want to invite all of you to better understand what it means to be a United Methodist, by better understanding our Christian siblings in other traditions. Starting September 3 for 9 Sundays, I will lead an Adult Sunday School class that will explore the distinctive beliefs of a series of Christian churches. What makes a Lutheran a Lutheran? What, exactly, does it mean to be Presbyterian? If United Methodists are descended from the Wesleyan revival, who are the Wesleyans? Why are there so many kinds of Baptists? What makes a Congregationalist unique? Where did all these different churches come from? You are invited to join in and help shape our conversation (especially if you have experience in one tradition or another).

If you have been away for a little while, or longer, we would love to welcome you back this Fall to all the wonderful things happening at HHUMC! Please know, you are invited to join in any or all of the activities I've mentioned, or in one of our Choirs, preparation for the Christmas Fair, Sunday School or other events.

In Christ, with You,

The Rev. David Nicol, Pastor of Hampden Highlands UMC



- 1 Becky McMahan
- 9 Dwight Packard
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- Amy Cirrinone
- 10 Albert Faust
- 14 Marjorie Bowen
- Johnny Gibboni
- 15 Brooklyn Davis
- 16 Kiever Welch
- 17 John Lafayette III
- Julie Urban
- 19 Lloyd Willey
- Robert Osborne
- Chuck McMahan
- 20 Rebecca Ames
- 21 John Clement
- Shayla Bowden
- Kyle Kilhefner
- 23 Max Cleaves
- 24 Andrew Meagher
- 26 Richard Churchill
- 27 Geraldine Misler
- 28 Jacob Braley
- 29 Elaine Lewis
- 30 Brienne Boss

Committees that Serve Hampden Highlands UMC

Administrative Council

Darla King, Chairperson

The Administrative Council is the primary decision-making, evaluating and forward-looking body of the church. The council is responsible to the Charge Conference. This committee meets every other month on the first Monday. Next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Greg Urban, Chairperson

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has the responsibility for managing relations among groups in the church, meaning mentoring, guide, address conflicts and organize celebrations and lay staff.

This is done through a clear understanding of the church's mission and vision. Clear understanding of the church and prayerful listening to God's direction will guide them with the church's individuals and groups. To be a member of SPRC a person must be a member of the church. The committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

In July, this committee reviewed the application for Nursery Coordinator Chloe March. Chloe is entering her freshman year at Hampden Academy and has taken the basic course for babysitting. Chloe has also received the President's Education award for academic excellence. She replaces Izzy who has moved onto the next step in her career. Stop in downstairs at the nursery and say hi!

The Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for October.

Finance Committee

Chuck McMahan, Chairperson

The Finance Committee is responsible for providing financial direction for the congregation. This is done through the monitoring of the on-going finances, planning the congregational stewardship campaign and financial reports for the Administrative Council and congregation. This committee meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Trustees

Jim Tatgenhorst, Chairperson

The Church Trustees supervise and maintain all property belonging to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective. They work closely with the Administrative Council and other program areas of the church. This committee meets the fourth Sunday of the month after Worship service.

This committee has been busy through the summer refinishing the hardwood floors in the Parsonage and cleaning out the brush around the Apple tree in the front yard of the Parsonage. Anyone know why there is a giant hole there filled with large rocks? The Nursery renovation was completed and planter boxes outside were filled in preparation for a garden for the Food Cupboard.

Upcoming projects include replacing the carpet in the sanctuary that is duct taped together, finish the Youth room floor, landscaping the giant hole by the apple tree in front of the Parsonage and removal of a certain squirrel that has made the basement his fall storage facility.



Nurture Committee

Lynette Gauthier, chairperson

This committee is responsible for the areas of the church that enable ministry and nurture within the congregation's life. They address the needs of individuals and families of all ages. This committee meets the second Sunday of the month after Worship Service.

The Nurture Committee sponsored an All Church Picnic on June 11th. Many thanks to Matt Thomas and Andy Gauthier for grilling.



Many thanks to Laura and all who helped with the successful Spring cleanup. The garden planted by the Sunday School has started to provide the Hampden Food Cupboard with fresh vegetables.

Heidi Thomas is updating the Church Directory. If you would like to update your name, address, phone number or picture, contact either the office or Heidi.

Upcoming events include Soup Sunday beginning in October as well as the formation of a home visitation team. If you are interested please contact Lynette.

Outreach Committee

Chris Henderson, chairperson

The Outreach Committee is responsible for the areas of the church that enable the congregation to reach beyond the parameters of the local church to the larger community in the world. These are ministries of compassion, justice and advocacy. This is done through local ministries, national and world-wide ministries and advocacy for justice issues in society. This committee meets quarterly.

During June, this committee helped set up, serve and cleaned up a noontime meal that was served at Grace United Methodist Church in Bangor.



There was also a food drive of nonperishable goods for the Pediatric Oncology Inpatient and Outpatient food cupboard at EMMC.

With the national disaster of Hurricane Harvey, there is now a need for supplies to create cleaning buckets for UMCOR. Supply lists can be found on the Outreach Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Committee – Anne Tatgenhorst, chairperson

Enables the congregation to Worship. To address the worship life of the church and provide support and feedback to the pastor and worship leaders through creative and varied worship experiences. This committee meets every fourth Sunday of the month after Worship service.

There was an excellent turnout to the Mike Slaughter event in May. For this conference, a new hand-held microphone was purchased. Kevin Young has been operating the sound system from the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in learning how to run the sound system ask Kevin.

The Worship Committee is planning for the upcoming season of Advent. This is a busy time for everyone. The annual Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 16 at 6pm. Christmas Eve Day is a Sunday, there will be a Family Service at 3 pm and then a Christmas Eve service at 7pm. Mark your calendars!

Memorials & Scholarships, Endowments and Christian Education Team will be featured in next month's newsletter.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

September 23
Beanhole Bean Suppas!!
Look for sign up sheets in the
Fellowship Hall.
Many hands make light
the work.



Prayer Shawl Ministry begins 9:30 am September 26.
See Deanna Philbrick for more information

are you ready?
Christmas Fair
November 18th
8am – 2 pm



*Soup Sundays begin in
October*

A graphic showing a musical staff with a treble clef. Several black musical notes are placed on the staff, with a few sharp symbols indicating key signature. A wavy line extends from the staff towards the right side of the frame.

Choral and Bell Choir begin September 7.
Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:00 – 8:00 pm



A Service of Healing and Conversation

6:30 – 8:30 pm

September 10 - Violence

September 17 - Race

September 24 = Economics

October 1 - Creation



Everything you always wanted to know about what different kinds of Christians believe, but were afraid to ask... Reformation 500th Anniversary Edition

Over the course of nine sessions, we will explore the distinctive beliefs of a series of Christian churches. What makes a Lutheran a Lutheran? What, exactly, does it mean to be Presbyterain? If United Methodists are descended from Wesleyan revival, who are the Wesleyans? Why are there so many kinds of Baptists? What makes a Congregationalist unique? Where did all these different churches come from?

September 3: Catholic, Orthodox and a Post-Reformation Family Tree – **Intro and Questions**

September 10: Luther and the Lutherans – **What makes a Lutheran Lutheran?**

September 17: Calvin and the Reformed Family – **Reformed, Presbyterain and the Geneva Legacy**

September 24: Anglicans and Episcopalian – **Is Common Prayer (and Bishops) enough? What Unites and Divides Anglicans?**

October 1: What is a Baptist? – **Baptists and their Kinfolk**

October 8: Who are the Congregationalists? – **What makes a Congregationalist?**

October 15: Wesley and Methodism – **Methodist and Wesleyan Distinctives**

October 22: The Pentecostal Family – **The Holy Spirit, Signs and Wonders**

October 29: Independent? Fundamental? Evangelical? Who Else is out there? - **How did we get so divided, if Jesus prayed we would be one?**

Servant Responsibilities

September



September 10

Lector: Heidi Ravenscraft

Greeter: David Bishop and Laura Osborne

Acolytes: Sairah and Emma Damboise

Ushers: Bob Drew

Counters: Angela Damboise and Gloria Lee

Fellowship: Finance

September 17

Lector: Linda Mosley

Greeters: Simon Thomas and Jessie Davis

Acolytes: Abraham Nicol and Simon Thomas

Ushers: Anne Tatgenhorst and Laura Osborne

Counters: Jay Willey and Gloria Lee

Fellowship: Memorials

September 24

Lector: Deanna Philbrick

Greeters: Charlene Jones and Heidi Ravenscraft

Acolytes: Caleb March and Si Young

Ushers: Darla King and Dwight Packard

Counters: Kathy Gallupe and Marilyn Boulier

Fellowship: Worship

Fall Retreats

SEPT
9 & 10

Caring Connections
EASTERN MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER
BANGOR YMCA

SOCK HOP

ANNUAL BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR RETREAT

Let's go to the Sock Hop!

Join us for a sock hop-themed retreat this September!

For more information, contact Caring Connections at (207)941-2808 – ask for Caring Connections

New England Conference Annual Meeting of the

United Methodist Women

First United Methodist Church 703 Essex St, Bangor, Maine

October 21, 2017

Registration begins at 9 am

Guest Speaker – Mollie Vickery

Executive Secretary for Children, Youth and Family Advocacy

FMI: (207)945-9567

Women's Spiritual Retreat

Prayer Reboot

Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop, Maine

Led by Meg Queior and Evelyn Littlefield

2 nights/5 meals: \$83.00