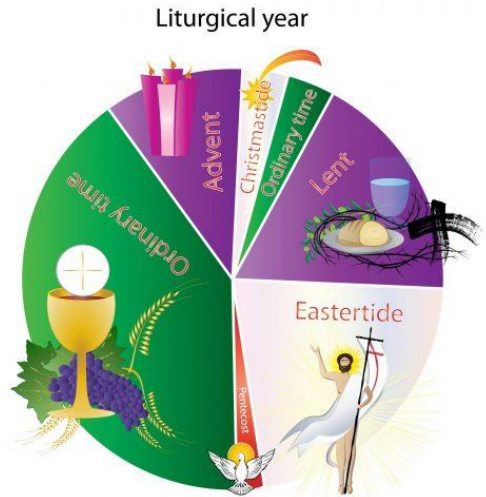


It has been a great week and now another is before us. On the church calendar, we celebrate Ascension this Sunday and next Sunday is Pentecost. The Sunday following Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. Then begins the long season of ordinary time that lasts until Advent begins in November.

Board Meeting

The May Board meeting has been rescheduled for **June 6 at 6:30 pm**. This gives the Stewardship and Nomination committees time to complete their work and prepare reports for the board. Please, contact Steve if there are items that need to be addressed sooner than June or if you have items for the June agenda.



We had a successful blood drive. There were 15 donors, three of whom were Hilton members. Thank you to those who gave and thank you to the congregation for supporting this drive. This is one of the ways your donations to the church supports our community both locally and globally.

Pastor's Note

A few months into the pandemic, I found myself slipping into some bad habits. It was so easy to come home and do nothing. I stopped getting as much exercise as I had been getting. I wasn't nearly as careful about what I was eating. The overall effect has been that I need a wellness reset before my bad habits cause health issues.

My goal is to get more exercise and get back to healthy eating. I would invite anyone who might be interested in being part of a support/accountability group to help group members work toward better health to sign up by emailing me at hiltonccpastor@gmail.com. This will be informal. Each person sets their own goals and agenda. The group will simply be there to support and encourage. This is not a weight loss group! This is a wellness group! If weight loss is something on which you need to work, that is your agenda but is not a group focus.

Pentecost Offering

We are a Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World.



Pentecost is May 28. You are invited to wear red or any of the flame colors that day: orange, yellow, and blue. Let's make the sanctuary colorful.

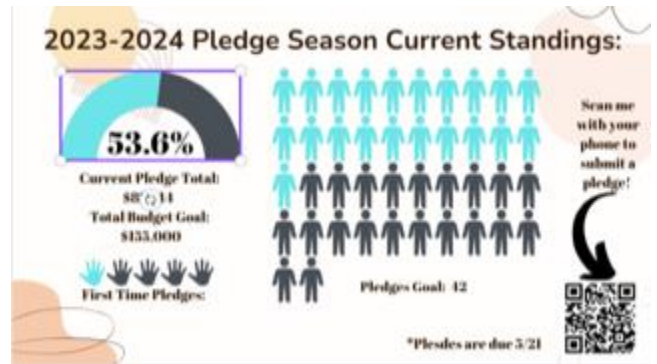
Reminder

July and August will be months for some of our most faithful servants to rest. The choir will take a break this summer, as will the kitchen crew. If you would like to provide lunch one Sunday this summer please, let Jean know.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Currently, 50% of pledges have been turned in and 53.6% of the 2023-2024 budget is covered by pledges. Friendly reminder that next week is the last week to turn in your pledge cards!

Any pledge packets that were not picked up the first three weeks were mailed April 24th, and there are extra packets in the narthex for anyone to pick up. However, if you need another copy of your pledge card, please print this pledge card or pick one up in the Narthex. Place your completed cards in the offering plate or mail them to: Hilton Christian Church, 100 James River Rd, Newport News, VA 23601. The Stewardship Committee is grateful for all the generous pledges.



Thanks!

Hillary Lane-Ramirez & the Stewardship Committee



Complete the information below and mail it to HCC or turn it in in-person:

- NAME: _____
- ADDRESS: _____
- PHONE NUMBER: _____
- GIVING PLEDGE: \$ _____ WEEKLY MONTHLY YEARLY ONE-TIME
- IN HONOR OF _____
- IN MEMORIAL OF _____
- I PREFER NOT TO SAY. I WANT TO KEEP WHAT I DONATE BETWEEN MY GOD AND MYSELF.
- DUE BY: 5/21 PLEASE PLACE THE CARD IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR MAIL IT IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE.

Collection of Plastic

The Women's Club of Newport News would like to thank you for your continued support of our recycling project. Your contribution of plastic has allowed us to get 5 free TREX benches so far. One of the benches is in front of the church at The Little Free Library and the others have been donated to schools in the City of Newport News. Our goal is to provide a "Buddy Bench" to each elementary school. Since we only have the opportunity for 2 benches per year, this will be a long-term project for sure. However, the benefits are two-fold: Buddy benches are at the schools and there is less plastic in our landfills. We just wanted to say thank you and keep up the good work 😊

Devotional Booklets

The June-August Upper Room booklets are available in the narthex. A limited number of large print copies are available.

Liturgy for Worship – May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Easter

Ascension

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gina Stump

One: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God!

All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

One: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

All: From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

One: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God!

All: Let us all be jubilant with joy! Amen.

Congregational Hymn “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s 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, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Stewardship Campaign conclusion

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Scripture Acts 1:6-14 & John 17:1-11

Gina Stump

Sermon Farewell and Benediction

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn “It Is Well with My Soul”

Communion

Meditation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Gina Stump

Communion Hymn “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Communion Distributed

(Gluten free bread is available. Let the deacon know you would like it.)

Words of Institution

Benediction

Pastor Natalie

Postlude

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hilton Christian Church Services are Live Streamed

If you would like to join Hilton Christian Church, you may speak to the pastor about membership or come forward during the singing of the congregational hymn