

Happy May! I am not sure what has happened to the first four months of this year but we are now in the month of May. This year, Pentecost is in May. We will be celebrating it on May 28! This month is also graduation month and the month of Mother's Day/Christian Family celebration. It will be another busy month so I hope you read the eNews to keep up with all that is happening at Hilton CC!

Stewardship Report

Pledges as of the first week of the campaign are: \$9,400.00! Thank you! Weeks 2 and 3 should be totaled for this Sunday. Keep an eye out for the Chalice! Watch it fill. May 21 is the official end of the campaign.

Thank you for your pledges. We want to honor those who gave in memorial or in honor of someone. Please bring a photo on May 21st of your loved one to be honored on our Stewardship bulletin board.

Please write their name and your name so the photos can be labeled and returned after use.

-The Stewardship Committee

Silent Sanctuary

This **Sunday, May 7, from 2-4** is our monthly Silent Sanctuary. This is a meditative time in our beautiful sanctuary. There are prompts provided for stations if you choose to use them. You are free to simply come and spend time in prayer and meditation if that suits you better.

Support Our Youth

Audrey Anderson, daughter of Lauri and Paul, will be in the play *Salem's Daughter* at Menchville H.S. at **7 p.m. Saturday, May 6.**

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.

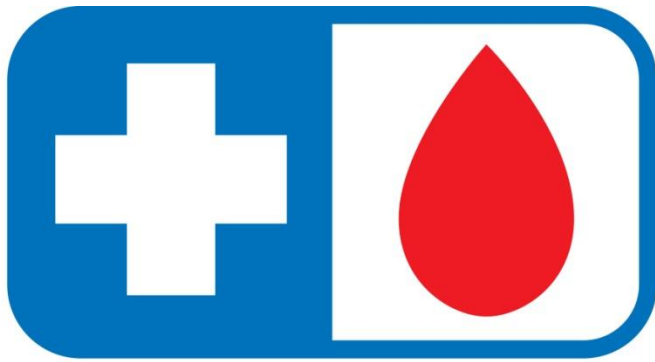
Pentecost Offering

We are a Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World. In the beginning, every church was new. It's right there in the Book of Acts. Early disciples came together, sharing all things in common, breaking bread with glad and generous hearts. God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

At New Church Ministry, we believe God is calling the whole Church back to becoming new... back to becoming who we are: a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Half of your gift supports the local new church movement through your region's ministry. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.





G I V E
Blood

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Hilton Area Churches
Hilton Christian Church**

Fellowship Hall
100 James River Drive
Newport News, VA 23601

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Thank you! Your tips on Sunday morning are much appreciated and very helpful!



Remember to join the rest of the Hilton congregation each Sunday after worship for sandwiches, drinks and dessert, and, of course, fellowship. This is a good time to meet someone new or get to know someone better!

If you would like to help with set up or clean up or provide something other than sandwiches one Sunday, let Jean know.

WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost

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.

DO GOOD COMMUNITY CLOSET



Dear Hilton Family!

Bethel High School is thrilled to announce the launch of our new initiative - the Do Good Community Closet. The Do Good Community Closet is an opportunity for us to come together as a school community and support our students by providing essential items such as food, hygiene products and formal attire. After completing our winter food drive, we were inspired to create a long-term staple for our Bruins!

As prom approaches, we are collecting prom clothing to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to attend this iconic event feeling confident and comfortable. We have several dresses, shoes, for our Lady Bruins with clothes items for our Bruin Gentlemen too!

In addition to clothing items, we are also collecting non-perishable food items that will last throughout the summer and common hygiene products that are often overlooked, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorants.

Protecting our students' privacy and needs is essential so as we finalize the process, we would like to collect as many items as possible to prepare for their release.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lane-Ramirez, Ms. Gee, Mr. Saunders, and several student volunteers who have taken the time to prepare our closet and get us off to a great start.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for this project. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Climate and Culture team.

Contact Hillary Lane-Ramirez (757)869-2308 or Hillary.lane@me.com for more information or for details for getting the donations to the place they are needed.

HAPPY SUPPORTING!

Liturgy for Worship – May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gina Stump

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

All: **Let the sound of praise ring out.**

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

All: **the Lord who has made everything! Amen.**

Congregational Hymn “*Womb of Life*”

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.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Scripture John 14:1-14

Sermon Christian Exclusivism: Did He Really Say That?

Gina Stump

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn “*They’ll Know We Are Christians*”

Communion

Meditation

Communion Hymn “*Come to the Table of the Lord*”

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Gina Stump

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

Flowers were placed in memory of Marty Noffsinger by Fran and family.

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