



Hilton Christian Church



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Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 am—12:00 pm / Fri. Closed

Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

Apr 18-19 Hillary Lane-Ramirez
Apr 25-26 Ceci Mazaitis
May 02-03 Ceci Mazaitis
May 09-10 Mary Kayaselcuk
May 16-17 Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Zoom Prayer Meetings

April 20, 2024 at 11:00 am

Via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413454517?pwd=akR1cjJFeG02bE9YeEiUd0UzVWNUUT09>

Via Phone: (301) 715-8592

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,89413454517#,,, *994674# US
Meeting ID: 894 1345 4517 Password: 994674



All articles, photos, event dates etc. for inclusion in the weekly eNews **MUST** be received by the office **no later than 8:00 am each Monday**. Any submissions received after that time will be placed in the following week's eNews. Please Submit photos as a JPEG attachment not a PDF. Call Carol if you have any questions. Email: hiltonccoffice@gmail.com



Thank You

Hilton Christian Church elders are the best. Thank you for covering all the parts of worship during the pulpit swap Sunday.

Pulpit Exchange

By all accounts, the pulpit swap went well. I know that Rev Lutz was much appreciated here. I had a great experience at Trinity Lutheran. If you want to hear the sermon, you can go to their Facebook page:

<http://facebook.com/Trinitynn.org>

I am sorry that I wasn't able to join the celebration for Garry's birthday, but I did get back in time to check in on the scrapbooking craft time that Gini Keatley led. I love that this congregation functions well without my continual presence.

Out and About

We are going to try something different for a couple of months. We will meet on the last Sunday of the month in April and May. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall from 5-7pm. We will provide food, fellowship and hopefully, fun. This is open to members and non members of HCC. It is open to the LGBTQIA2+ community, family, and allies.

Would you like to host one of these events? Hosting entails being at the church early enough to welcome everyone, especially visitors. It also means that you will make sure that none of our visitors is left feeling like an outsider. I will deal with organizing food. The group can make sure things are cleaned up after the event.

*Blessings,
Pastor Natalie*

Pledge Campaign 2024-2025

It's pledge season again! If you remember in February, the trustees, stewardship and long-range planning committees presented an agreement to keep Pastor Natalie at HCC through 2026. The endowment fund will be used to supplement the budget, if needed until 2025-2026. Stewardship is expected to decrease the deficit by \$8,000 or more each year.

With these new changes, Stewardship made zero cuts or deductions from the budget and, instead increased employee salaries and COLA increase for pastor salary at 3.5%, Secretary at 1%, and Nursery at 1%. Other minor changes are due to increases in the budget, social security, postage, pastor coverage due to absence, and heating/electricity for the building. Our overall budget is estimated at \$156,003 for 2024-2025.

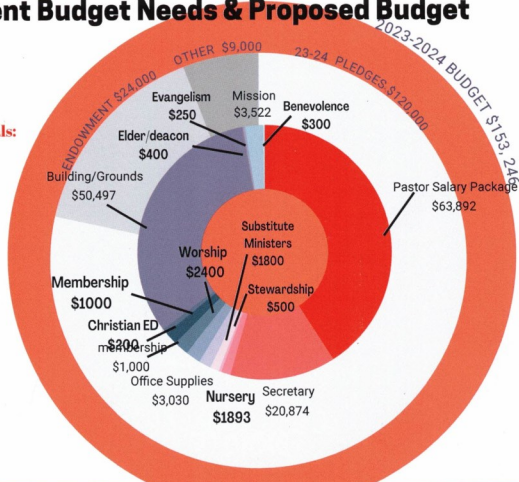
Our current giving for 2023-2024 year is at 79% of budget as of February 10th. We are on target to meet our 23-24 budget estimate this year. Our income between renters and pledges have contributed to us having an almost fully funded church year without using endowment, yet. At HCC, we appreciate any and all that you give to help cover staff salaries, office supplies, building and grounds needs, benevolence, and outreach in the community.

This season we ask that everyone prayerfully consider what they are able to pledge. We welcome anyone to donate as little as \$1. If you have been pledging and donating regularly, an increase in pledge of 2-10% will help us provide office supplies, music, cards, benevolence needs, copier, etc. We appreciate all you have given: time, money, donations, and your spirit. Thank you for allowing HCC to have a special part in your life.

Thank you,
Hillary Lane-Ramirez, Stewardship Chair & Board Chair

Current Budget Needs & Proposed Budget

- 2024-2025 Pledge Goals:**
- 23-24 Proposed Budget: \$156,003
 - Endowment: \$16,000
 - Other Income: \$21,000
 - Minimum Pledges needed: \$125,000



2024-2025 Pledge Campaign

"BRING THE FULL TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE. AND THEREBY PUT ME TO THE TEST, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS. IF I WILL NOT OPEN THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN FOR YOU AND POUR DOWN FOR YOU A BLESSING UNTIL THERE IS NO MORE NEED." MALACHI 3:10

ALL PLEDGES ARE APPRECIATED

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2024-2025

FILL THE CHURCH!

\$ _____

WEEK/MONTH /YEAR/ ONE-TIME



Keep this stub for your records

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.



Like to garden? Don't have room in your yard? The two HCC raised garden beds are available this year. If anyone is interested in using one or both to grow some veggies, please give the office a call.



SNACK TIME

CNU Exam snacks will be distributed on April 24th in the David Center at CNU. Hilton Christian Church will be the host from 10 until 12. Any contributions would be appreciated. Homemade snacks are welcome but must be individually wrapped. If anyone would like to help, please meet us there at CNU. Contact Susie Mowry if you have any questions.



Pastor Natalie staffed HCC's table at the Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference

Out & About Spring Events

Hilton Christian Church
100 James River Dr., NN
hiltonccpastor@gmail.com

Sundays from 5-7pm
April 28
May 26
Hilton Christian Church
Fellowship Hall

HCC Welcomed Rev. Elizabeth A Lutz, Pastor of the First United Methodist, for the pulpit exchange on Sunday, April 14, 2023.





A light lunch is enjoyed each Sunday following HCC's service



Gini Keatley demonstrating scrapbooking during Second Sunday Crafting



Men's Fellowship
 The District Eight CMF is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at Chalice Christian Church in Virginia Beach. We will be eating breakfast at 8:30 AM. Please come to fellowship and have a cup of coffee anytime around 8:00 AM. Traffic will be light and we will have you back on the road by 10:00 AM. A headcount would be great. If you can reply to this email or call the office 757-464-5650.

Rev. Gregory Ott (MDiv)
 Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 5612 Haden Road * Virginia Beach, VA 23455
www.Chalicevb.org

You Can Donate Online! Following is the information for making your offering or tithe online, or you can mail the offering to the HCC church office at: 100 James River Drive, NN, VA 23601

Donating by Credit Card Via Givelify

- On your mobile phone, download the app Givelify.
- Open app and search for Hilton Christian Church
- Push Give button and follow instructions.

Select Fund you wish to donate to or use "Other" to indicate where you wish your donation to go.
Note: About 3% of your donation pays for the cost of credit card usage.

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



American
Red Cross



Blood Drive **Hilton Area Churches** **Hilton Christian Church**

Fellowship Hall
100 James River Drive
Newport News, VA 23601

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HiltonAC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway. PLUS, get a bonus \$10 e-gift card, when you come to give at that time. rcblood.org/win



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an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Liturgy for Worship
April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hillary Lane-Ramirez

One: Bearer of love beyond imagining, spreading the feast of life before the world:

All: Christ of the people, Christ who never lets us go.

One: Wonder of grace that spreads across the earth, embracing the rejected, holding close the lonely:

All: Christ of the people, Christ who never lets us go.

One: Love eternal, love that never fails, costly love reaching out to all who wait:

All: Christ of the people, Christ who never lets us go, we worship you in spirit and in truth.

Congregational Hymn “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*”

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.*

Special Music

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Sermon The Good Shepherd

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

Communion

All are welcome without any test of faith

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Communion Hymn “*Jesus Loves Me*”

Communion Distributed

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

Words of Institution

Benediction

Pastor Natalie

Postlude

*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
Hilton Christian Church Services Are Livestreamed*