



Hilton Christian Church



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Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

Dec 14-15 Ceci Mazaitis

Dec 21-22 Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Dec 28-29 Susie Mowry

2024: Jan 4-5 Gina Stump

Zoom Prayer Meetings

December 16, 2023 at 11:00 am

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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 me if you have any questions. Email: hiltonccoffice@gmail.com —Carol



The choir did a fabulous job with the Cantata. Thank you to Twila and Choir for all the hard work that made such a meaningful service of worship. Thank you to all who took time to be present to support the choir.

Winter Weather

We have a number of people in the congregation who use canes or walkers.

These people may not realize that there is parking at the back of the church. About 7 spaces are good for those who want to limit the number of steps from car to narthex. This is the back door where the plastic is collected. Notice, there are no bricks or cobble stones.



PLEASE! LEAVE THESE SPACES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MOBILITY ISSUES.

DO NOT USE THE 2 SPACES ALONG THE BUILDING AS IT WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR OTHERS TO GET OUT OF THEIR SPACES.

Activities in the Fellowship Hall

On the table under the Advent Candle bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall there are coloring pages, a box with crayons and colored pencils, and scissors. The coloring pages are all of figures traditionally found in a nativity set. Choose one; color and cut it out. Put your name on the back of your piece. We will be assembling a nativity scene on the other bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a **Christmas themed jigsaw puzzle** for us to assemble in time for Christmas. Remember Christmas lasts until January 6.

During December, I will be doing Facebook live devotions. These will be Monday, December 18 and Saturdays, December 16, and 23. These will be at 11am and will be less than 5 minutes. If you can't listen live, they will be saved for you to view at your convenience.

*Blessings,
Pastor Natalie*

Three Churches Under One Roof at 100 James River Drive Represented
At The Hilton Village Christmas Parade



Hilton Village Christmas Parade—December 9, 2023
L-R: Rev. Doo Yong Hwang/Clyde Cocke, Bishop William Blackwell, Rev. Natalie Chamberlain, Mary Kayaselcuk

**Second Sunday in Advent and Christmas Cantata at Hilton Christian Church
December 10, 2023**



Will and Melanie Cummings-Grande- Lighting the candle for the 2nd Sun. in Advent



Michael Burnett-Cantata Narrator



Behind the Scenes and Soundboard (and Livestreaming Tech): Sarah Hastings



Christmas Cantata Sung By The Hilton Christian Chancel Choir. L-R Top row: Susie Mowry, Lauri Anderson, Will Cummings-Grande, James Reeder, Jean Putnam, Debbie Whitley, L-R First Row: Cheryl Nicholas, Christine Lane-Ramirez; Hillary Lane-Ramirez; Ceci Mazaitis Bottom Center: Twila Tyree, Choir Director

Longest Night Service

“Longest Night of Remembrance and Healing”

December 21st 5:30pm

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula
415 Young's Mill Lane in Newport News**

Join us for this interfaith service marking the longest night of the year as a time for remembrance and healing. Everyone is invited into sacred space to reflect and look ahead. The service will be followed by light refreshments for those who would like to stay for conversation.

Music will be provided by joint choirs from Hilton Christian Church and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula. The service will be led by Rev. Natalie Chamberlain of Hilton Christian Church, Rabbi Séverine Sokol of Temple Sinai and Rev. Andrew Millard of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula.

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/690664803042410/>

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- * **Sun. Dec. 17** Third Sunday in Advent 11am Service
- * **Thur. Dec. 21** Longest Night of Remembrance and Healing at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula. 415 Young's Mill Lane in Newport News. This is a joint service—see above for details.
- * **Sun. Dec. 24** Christmas Eve with worship at 11am and 9pm. (9pm will be the Candlelight and Communion Service)
- * **Mon. Dec. 25** Christmas Day short service at 10am followed by refreshments and fellowship.
- * **Sun. Dec. 31** First Sunday after Christmas Day. This fifth Sunday will be a joint worship service at HCC with Cathedral Word Ministry at 11am.



We have a group who meets to do crafts. We would normally meet the second Sunday after worship and we will do so in January.

We also meet the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm. In December, this will be the 19th. If anyone is interested in making sugar cookies, let Pastor Natalie know. hiltonccpastor@gmail.com or text (559)352-5520 There need to be at least **5** people signed up to attend for Pastor to do the work to organize this.

There will be cookie cutters and sugar cookie dough provided. We may have icing and sprinkles.

Deadline to sign up is: Sunday, December 17 at 1pm.

It is with great sadness that we announce that Rev. Coretha Loughridge, wife of former HCC Interim Minister, Rev. Johnny Loughridge has passed away.



After a two year battle with cancer, Coretha Renee Gilmer Loughridge, died on Friday morning, December 8th, 2023.

We celebrate these days because of the life that has been loving and compassionate for 65 years. You may have not known her all of those 65 years, but whether you knew her for a day, a year, or a lifetime, she undoubtedly had an impact on you, as you on her, and you could count her a friend and ally.

Coretha was born and raised in Pulaski, VA and proud of it! She started her educational journey at Radford University, then went on to Lynchburg College, where she graduated Cum Laude. She ultimately received her Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt University, and thus was ordained into the Ministry of Jesus Christ within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

She began her ministerial journey in Kansas City, and then returned to Virginia where she pastored Boons Mill CC (DoC) for 16 1/2 years. Her judicatory leadership began in Texas, serving in Administrative Ministry to the Southwest Region, as well as an Assistant Area Minister to the North Texas Area. Then she was Area Minister in East Texas for 10 years and 2 more as Interim Regional Minister in the Southwest.

She returned to her home state of Virginia serving as Interim Regional Minister in the Christian Church, (DoC). After which, she returned to the parish ministry for three years at Fairview Christian Church, (DoC), Lynchburg, Va. She retired May 1st 2023.

Throughout her lifetime, Coretha contributed 1000s of hours to her communities as a person who cared. Charities and groups such as, but not limited to, YMCA, CASA, Special Olympics, immigrants, LBGTQ+ community, homeless, veterans, and anyone else who required care and attention from a compassionate Church and soul. Coretha inspired many women and men to enter the ministry of the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ). That is and will forever be her legacy.

Coretha was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Coretta Gilmer, as well as a brother and sister who died in birth. Coretha was survived by her son, Paul Morra, his children Gabriel and Mila, Step-daughter Heather (Todd) Boss, their son Grant, Step-daughter Shannon (Jake) Kramer and their sons, Daniel, Charles and Nicholas Kramer, as well as her loving husband of 22 years, Rev. Johnny Loughridge. Though she has passed, we celebrate in our grief a child of God who made this world better!

Communications are welcomed through Facebook comments and messenger. Services are pending for Mid-January at FCC in Lynchburg, VA



A CHRISTMAS SHOW

**TO BENEFIT THE
PENINSULA FOOD BANK
At *FIELDS DANCE STUDIO***

**596 Hemlock Rd.
Newport news, Va.**

SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH

1:30PM & 3:00 PM

Everyone Invited

Bring Non Perishable Food For the Peninsula Food Bank

Liturgy for Worship
December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday in Advent



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Candle Song *“When God Is a Child” vs 1-3*

Candle Lighting

Mary Kayaselcuk & Clyde Cocke

Responsive Reading

Third Sunday in Advent – Joy

In a world where so many are sorrowful,

God lights a candle of joy in our hearts.

We wait together for a Savior,

who will be Immanuel, Christ the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord:

***“The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
the Gentiles will hope in him.” Romans 15:12***

Congregational Hymn *“Joy to the World”*

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.*

Choir Anthem

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15, 19-23

Sermon Christmas at Matthew’s House

Ceci Mazaitis

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn *“Come, O Long-expected Jesus”*

Communion

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Ceci Mazaitis

Communion Hymn *“like a child”*

Communion Distributed

Words of Institution

Benediction

Pastor Natalie

Postlude

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*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