



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

December 22-23 Ceci Mazaitis
December 29-30 Judy Willard
Jan 05-06 2023 Hillary Lane-Ramirez
January 12-13 Deb Whitley

NO Zoom Prayer Meetings

Sat. December 24th or Dec 31st They will resume on January 7, 2023

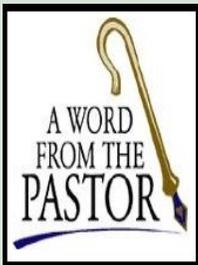
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All articles, photos, event dates etc. for inclusion in the weekly eNews **MUST** be received by the office **no later than 8:00 am each Monday**. Any submissions received after that time will be placed in the following week's eNews. Please Submit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



Thank you so much to the congregation of Hilton Christian Church for the generous gift of money that was gifted to me on Sunday. I appreciate your ongoing care and encouragement. You make me feel loved and appreciated.

Manger: Waiting for Christmas

The manger is in the narthex. You will find pieces of paper and a pen near it. Please, write your hopes for what changes you want Christmas to bring for your life and our world. I may use some of these for the devotion time. If you do not want yours used, please, say so on the paper.

Christmas Sunday

Since this is Christmas day, you are invited to come to church in your pajamas, sweats, or Christmas finery. Come dressed in way that you are comfortable. Worship will be followed by birthday cake and party favors in the fellowship hall.

A Christmas Meme

This is a meme that came up on my Facebook feed. I think it is an important message.

*Christmas is not here to offer
a four-week escape
from the pain of the world
with a paper-thin layer of twinkle lights.*

*It is not here to anesthetize us
with bows and eggnog lattes.*

*Christmas is not offering us the chance
to escape the ache of life
through piles of presents.*

*Christmas is God saying,
"Yes, this pain is too much. Yes, it is sad.
Yes, the ache is too great. Hang on.
I'll come carry it with you."*

***Blessings,
Pastor Natalie***



DEC 26-30 HCC Office Closed

DEC 30 LGBTQIA 7-9pm Youth Rm

DEC 31 New Year's Eve

**JAN 01 New Year's Day
Epiphany Sunday**

JAN 02 HCC Office Closed

Hilton Christian Office Schedule/eNews

The HCC office will be closed next week, Dec 26-30, for the Christmas holiday and on January 2, 2023 for New Year's day. There will not be an eNews next Thursday, Dec. 29th.

THRIVE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The THRIVE office will be closed December 24 - January 2. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 10:00 am.



HILTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES



- Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 pm
- Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day Service at 11 am
- Sunday, January 1, 2023: Epiphany Sunday Service at 11 am



THRIVE Volunteer Spotlight: Brenda Tagge and Joyce Teele

Brenda (right in photo) and Joyce (left) consider their THRIVE experience to be **“the best volunteer gig on the planet!”**

The ladies started delivering groceries to clients as substitute drivers when one of the regular drivers needed to be away for the summer. Now they enjoy delivering each week. They say at their age and with physical limitations, finding a volunteer job that allows them to serve a community need

brings them both so much joy.

Brenda was a volunteer at the DUCO building before Joyce moved to Yorktown from Suffolk. Their churches, Warwick United Church of Christ and Hilton Christian, have always been partners with THRIVE (and DUCO). Joyce and Brenda first volunteered as intake phone workers. They enjoyed collecting the necessary information to help clients start the process to get aid, but shoulder and back surgeries made a desk job that involved hand-written notes unsustainable. They enjoy working together so they found that deliveries work better. Joyce says she is the eyes, and Brenda is the legs, so Brenda navigates while Joyce drives and helps unload most of the groceries.

The ladies love that their routes have allowed them to meet such a cross-section of people in the community. They are delighted to bring such amazing people a measure of reassurance that they are valued, and their community wants them to thrive even when they go through tough times. Both say that they receive so much more than they give, and they get to do this every week!

Brenda and Joyce enjoy posting their adventures on social media. They want potential volunteers to see how much fun two aging ladies have as they rediscover their extended neighborhood and get to meet neighbors in meaningful ways. Brenda says, “Our delivery skills may be limited, and we still need a trusty GPS, but every week is a gift we give ourselves when we can hand off bags of groceries to clients whose smiles speak volumes.”

Both Brenda and Joyce are retired English teachers. Their families are grown and near enough for them to visit often. They both live at Windward Towers and are active in their churches and community.

CNU Exam Snack Break Time



Longest Night Service on 12/21/22



Thank you to Twila, to the choir, to Anita, and to Sarah at the sound board for putting together such a beautiful and powerful cantata. It filled the space and the hearts present with joy. If you weren't able to hear it in person on Sunday, it is available on our Facebook page.



HCC volunteers raised funds for the church by helping out at City Center. They manned the seesaws and took pictures for guests of the event.



Christmas Blessing

*Fear not: for, behold,
I bring you good tidings
of great joy,
which shall be
to all people.*

Luke 2:10

(KJV)

*Have a Beautiful and
Blessed Christmas!*



Wishing you a
Happy New Year
and blessed year
ahead. May
God's light
guide your way
in 2023.

Flowers and more