

Hilton Christian Church

eNews Weekly Reminder

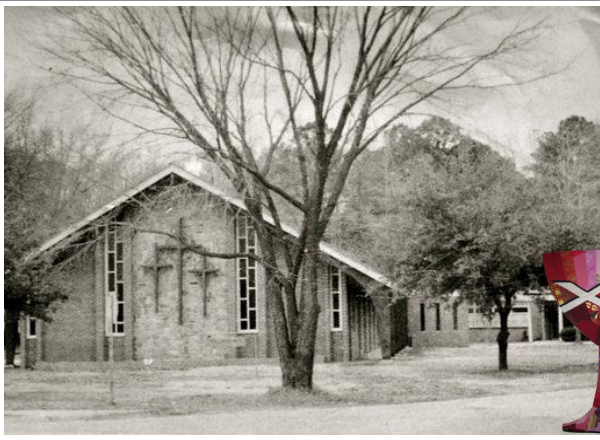
Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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**Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am—12:00 pm
Fri. Closed**



Thank you to those who helped get the sanctuary and narthex ready for Advent. It is beautiful!

Longest Night

There have been some changes to the holiday schedule. Longest Night will be **Friday, December 20 at 5:30 pm** in our sanctuary. This is an interfaith service and it rotates among 3 congregations. This year we are hosting because the congregation that was scheduled to host is unable to do so. There will be light refreshments and a time to visit with others after the service.



The holiday season can be overwhelming with the hustle-bustle of extra activities, special responsibilities, and the challenge of appearing cheerful during unhappy times. A Longest Night service offers a peaceful and safe place to experience the emotions of the holidays. There is an opportunity to light candles of remembrance and grief but also the chance to light candles for hope.

Sneaker Ball

Cathedral Word Ministry is hosting a fundraising ball on **Saturday, December 21 from 5-8** here in the Social Hall of Hilton Christian Church. Tickets are \$25 from Katrina or Pastor Natalie. Attire is formal or semi formal and sneakers. This should be a great deal of fun as these events with our sister congregation always are.

Changes Coming

The congregation voted on Sunday to hire Michael as the associate pastor. This means that I can be part time and the congregation will still be fully served. I know that there are questions and concerns about how this will work. Michael and I will be working on a tentative schedule that we will publish in the eNews. This will give us a working outline going forward. Thank you for making this possible.

In closing, I am heading into a very busy season. You may not receive as many cards from me but know that I continue to hold you in prayer.

In Gratitude,
Pastor Natalie

Elders On Call

Dec 05-06 Ceci Mazaitis
Dec 12-13 Marcus King
Dec 19-20 Deb Whitley

Zoom Prayer Meetings

NO PRAYER ZOOM ON December 7 2024

Via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413454517pwd=akR1cjJFeG02bE9YeEIUd0UzVWNuUT09>

Via Phone: (301) 715-8592
One tap mobile:

REMINDERS

Remember, if you're the last to leave the church building, **YOU** are responsible for closing and securing the building.

Have you checked that.....

1. all interior doors are closed? (slows spread of fire)
2. the building is clear of all occupants?
3. all lights and equipment are off, including restroom fans?
4. all exterior doors are locked?
5. the alarm is on?

Donate On Line

Following is the information for making your offering or tithe online, or you can mail the offering to the church office at:

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100 James River Drive,
NN, VA 23601

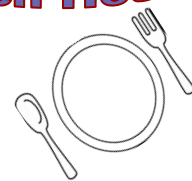
Donating by Credit Card Via Givelify

- 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.

Sunday Lunch Bunch Hosts

December

08: Gini Keatley
15 Cheryl Nicholas / Deb Van Dover
22: Open
29: Susie Mowry



Christmas Holiday Church Schedule

Dec. 20 Longest Night Service—5:30 pm
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service—9pm
Dec. 25 Christmas Morning Service 10am

Office Closed for Christmas Vacation

Dec. 23, 2024—Jan 1, 2025

Hilton Christian Church
100 James River Dr.
Newport News, VA 23601



Fourth Annual Holiday Market



Saturday, December 7,
2024

10am to 2pm
at

Hilton Christian Church
100 James River Drive

**Vendors with crafts and
gifts**
Baked Goods
Door Prizes



PROJECT FOOD BAGS FOR THRIVE PENINSULA

The Market at THRIVE is a free grocery store serving Virginia Peninsula residents by appointment every 30 days. It is a dignified space where people can obtain food without feeling ashamed or judged.

During the Christmas season, the market will close on December 20th and not reopen until after the new year. This means less available appointments for families who depend on the THRIVE Market. HCC is asking your help to put together meal kits which will provide at least 2 meals to help families get through the shortened month.

There are meal recipe sheets on the cart in the hall by the office listing the ingredients needed for each meal. Note: Butter is not needed.

Please take a recipe and bag or two (bags provided) and bring the ingredients to church. We will put the bags together and deliver them to THRIVE.

Help us help a family in need this Christmas season.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Putnam.

Celebrating Larry P. for his 87th birthday!



DID I MENTION I'M RETIRING SOON?

You may have already heard, but after 24 beautiful years as your HCC Office Manager, I've made the bitter sweet decision to retire. I've made many friends here and you all have become like a second family to me. I will miss being in the office every day but will be keeping in touch. I will certainly miss writing your weekly eNews!! My last day in the office will be January 9th. If you're nearby, be sure to stop by the office before then!

I love you all. Thank you for your kindness and support these many years.

Much love, Carol

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COME JOIN US FOR A HEARTWARMING EVENING
WITH BOBBY JO VALENTINE,
FILLED WITH SOULFUL MUSIC AND GOOD VIBES!

Spend an unforgettable evening with singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine at Hilton Christian Church on December 6th at 6:00 pm. It will be a night filled with soulful music, heartfelt lyrics, and captivating storytelling. This in-person event promises to be a unique experience that you won't want to miss. Invite your friends and family for a night of music that will touch your heart and lift your spirits.

Bobby Jo Valentine makes wonderful, beautiful, compassionate music which clearly comes from the heart. His rapport with the audience is great and his songs are truly something special. Bobby Jo's recent first appearance at the Church of the Messiah resulted in a

whole bunch of brand new BJV fans, and they're ready for more.—they've already booked him for two nights next year!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for an evening filled with joyful sound. Get your tickets before they're gone—Only \$10!

For Tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/va--newport-news/bobby-jo-valentine/>

or

<https://tinyurl.com/4pfb2xpt>

Tickets will also be available at the door



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Newport News, VA 23601**



BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT

6 | DECEMBER 2024
6:00 - 9:00 PM

HILTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
100 JAMES RIVER DR,
NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23601



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Liturgy for Worship
December 8, 2024
Second Sunday in Advent—Peace

Prelude

Opening Carol “*People, Look East*”

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Candle Song “*When God Is A Child*” *Vs. 1 & 2*

Lighting of Candle(s) Today we light the second Advent candle, the Bethlehem candle. This candle is offered in honor of the birthplace of Jesus as well as of the many places where Christ is born in the hearts of believers. While Bethlehem was so busy with commerce that it had only a stable to offer Jesus, let our Bethlehems be places of warmth and welcome. In honor of Bethlehem we light this candle.

Advent Reading

James Reeder

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 Reading Micah 5:1-5; Luke 1:68-79

Ceci Mazaitis

Sermon Bethlehem: Peace

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

Communion

All are welcome without any test of faith

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Ceci Mazaitis

Communion Hymn “*Like a Child*”

Communion Distributed

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

Words of Institution

Benediction

Pastor Natalie

Postlude

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