

### **Hilton Christian Church**

eNews Weekly Reminder—Thursday, February 8, 2024

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



### Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

Feb 08-09 Ceci Mazaitis

Feb 15-16 Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Feb 22-23 Gina Stump

Feb 29-Mar 01 Susie Mowry

Mar 07-08 Gina Stump

Mar 14-15 Hillary Lane-Ramirez

### **Zoom Prayer Meetings** February 10, 2024 at 11:00 am

**Via Internet:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413454517? pwd=akR1cjJFeG02bE9YeElUd0UzVWNuUT09

Via Phone: (301) 715-8592

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,89413454517#,,,,\*994674# US

**Meeting ID:** 894 1345 4517 **Password:** 994674



What a blessed week we have had. It is wonderful pastoring such an active and loving church.

### **Devotional Booklet**

The devotional booklets are ready to be picked up. They are in the narthex and there are both regular and large print available. If you would like it as a Word document by email, let me know, hiltonccpastor@gmail.com If you need a hard copy mailed, contact the church office.

### Soup for Super Bowl Sunday

Please, bring soup for THRIVE when you come to church on Sunday, February 11. Let's see which team has fans. Small cans for San Francisco, large cans for Kansas City. If you are rooting for the puppies, bring dog food for the local SPCA. If the Super Bowl just isn't your thing, bring any nonperishable food items for THRIVE. Cash offerings gladly accepted.

### Study

We started our Bible Study at 3pm on Monday, **February 5.** We call it the *Wandering Study* and it will be in hybrid format. Email me for the link. We started with *The Story of Ruth* and we will decide where to go from there. Any questions? Email me at <a href="mailto:hiltonccpastor@gmail.com">hiltonccpastor@gmail.com</a>

#### Lent

Lent is always a busy time. This year it starts out very busy.

- \* Ash Wednesday, February 14
  - We will have **Drive through Ashes** from **Noon to 1pm**, rain or shine. Then we will have a **6pm worship** service in the sanctuary.
- \* Regional Event

The details about the ARPR training and the opportunities to meet Sandhya Jha are inside the eNews. Sunday worship will be a combined service with Word Cathedral Word Ministry and Sandhya is preaching. Please, plan to attend.

### **A Devotional Practice**

As a child, we used to make a daily offering during Lent. We used folders like the one pictured here. Just a quarter for each slot! If you would like a folder to make a daily offering, they are available in the narthex or contact the office to get one mailed. When the book is filled, the offering totals \$9.50 through Maundy Thursday. Offerings will go to the garden fund.



Have a glorious weekend Pastor Natalie



Second Sunday Crafts will be after lunch on Sunday, February 11th. We will begin working on decorations for Easter. The demonstration will be making florist bows.

## GIFTS TO LIVE ON Girls' Education in Afghanistan

Disciples have always been clear: When needs arise, we need to respond ... we need to be moved; we need to be generous; we need to be faithful; we need to be transformed.

We need to take on the role of the generous widow.

"... all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

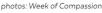
- Luke 21:1-4 NRSVue

Jesus sees the widow and her gift, and rejoices in her generosity. Others were giving from what they could spare - but this woman, Jesus said, was giving everything she had to live on. Such generosity upends expectation.

When we give, we know that our gifts are not the only ones that matter - the true gift of compassion and connection lies in the resilience of the communities we serve. **GIFTS TO LIVE ON** live in the dreams of eager and bright girls going to school in Afghanistan.

In the generous widow, we see every Disciple who is part of Week of Compassion, and every person we hope to serve. Her generosity sparks a response in us: we give what we have, what we can offer as our very best, what is uniquely ours to bring. That's what Week of Compassion does - what Disciples do. We bring what we have to live on, which becomes a resource for others to live on - and that mutual giving is how our story lives on, too.







# Compassion

FOR 80 YEARS

### SPECIAL OFFERING 2024 FEBRUARY 18-25

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

### you're invited



Come meet Sandhya Jha Pastor, Author, Speaker Sponsored by Hilton Christian Church and The

What: Meet and Greet When: Saturday, February 17

**Time**: 6-8pm

Where: Hilton Christian Church Fellow-

ship Hall

The day after the meet and greet,, Sandhya will preach during worship on Sunday, February 18 at 11am. A soup lunch will follow worship.

# **AARP** Foundation TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those who need it most

The AARP will be on site at HCC again this year beginning on February 1st, and will be on an appointment only basis. To set your appointment, please call:

757-750-0725

(Please note that the church office cannot set appointments or answer tax questions. You must call the number listed above.)



## April Fool's Day Birthday Party

April 1 is Pastor Natalie's Medicare Birthday. April 1 is the Monday after Easter so the party will be a bit more low key than usual.

What: Birthday Party Date: Monday, April 1

When: 6:00pm-?

Where: Hilton Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Food: Pot luck and birthday cake



More details to follow...



### SAVE THE DATE

I would like to see HCC well represented at this year's Regional Assembly and encourage you to consider attending. We will car pool from the church. Please let me know if you will plan to attend. Pastor Natalie

> 175th Regional Assembly for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia

We Are Stronger ...



Acts 2: 46-47

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

May 31 - June 1, 2024 Friday Pre-Assembly Saturday 10 - 3 The University of Lynchburg Total Cost \$10 and includes box lunch

We are a MOVEMENT for WHOLENESS in a FRAGMENTED World



THRIVE Peninsula invites

### Annual Church Partner Meeting

location for a building tour, ministry updates, and prayer



Food Given:	Volunteers:		
1/11/2023	43.0	Robin Bryant	4.50
1/25/2023	13.8	Mary Kayaselcuk	22.75
2/15/2023	3.6	Jean Putnam	59.75
2/22/2023	31.8	Ann Shreve	38.50
5/3/2023	44.0	Brenda J Tagge	94.00
5/17/2023	19.0	Joyce Teele	94.00
5/19/2023	84.0	Anita Tieman	11.42
6/6/2023	3.0		
7/12/2023	27.8	Total:	324.92 hours
9/1/2023	10.0		
10/13/2023	36.4		
10/31/2023	21.0		
11/8/2023	58.0		
12/18/2023	64.0		
Total:	459.4 lbs	You provided 383 meals!	

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### **Liturgy for Worship** February 11, 2024 **Transfiguration Sunday**

**Prelude** 

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Ceci Mazaitis

We gather to worship God who alone can heal us and make us whole. One:

Open our hearts that you may transform our lives with your healing touch. All:

One: We gather to serve God, who through us would heal and make whole a wounded creation.

All: Open our lives that you may use us in your holy and saving purposes.

Congregational Hymn "Shine Jesus Shine" 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 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Transfiguration **Ceci Mazaitis** 

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn "Here I Am Lord"

Communion

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Ceci Mazaitis

**Communion Hymn** "Come to the Table of the Lord"

**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