



Hilton Christian Church



eNews Weekly Reminder— Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

Jan 25-26 Sandy Keatley

Feb 01-02 Michael Burnett

Feb 08-09 Ceci Mazaitis

Feb 15-1 Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Zoom Prayer Meetings

January 27, 2024 at 11:00 am

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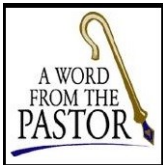
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All articles, photos, event dates etc. for inclusion in the weekly eNews **MUST** be received by the office **no later than 8:00 am each Monday**. Any submissions received after that time will be placed in the following week's eNews. Please Submit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



We had a very small gathering in the sanctuary on Sunday. A number of people were out ill and others were not comfortable being out in below freezing temperatures. We pray that those who are ill are quickly better. We thank those who were home for safety reasons for exercising good self care.

Tu b'Shevat: If you registered for the Tu b'Shevat, New Year of the Trees, celebration on **Saturday, January 27 at 10am at Temple Sinai, 11620 Warwick Blvd**, I look forward to seeing there.

Devotional Booklet: Noon on Sunday, January 28 is the deadline for submissions for the Lenten Devotional. I have 2 submissions as of Sunday, January 21.

Possible Studies: I believe there is a desire for some kind of Bible study. I have had no real suggestions for a study other than offering the Ruth study again. I will do this in a hybrid format. I am getting some equipment that should make it easier to hold the study in the conference room.

This is my proposal: I will be in the conference room on Monday afternoon from 3-4. We will use *The Story of Ruth* by Joan Chittister. If no one comes prepared to discuss this book, we will discuss whatever biblical or devotional topic that someone brings. If no one brings anything, those present will be invited to discuss whatever I am currently studying. My start date is tentatively **February 5**. Any questions? Email me at hiltonccpastor@gmail.com

If Monday at 3pm doesn't work for you, let me know **asap**, we can likely make adjustments.

OTHER THINGS

Health reminder: I know that several of you have been dealing with a nagging cough that is taking forever to heal. Thank you to those who recognize that this can be a health issue for others and stayed home. If you have a cough and are in attendance, please, consider wearing a mask for the health and peace of mind of others present.

Pastor's Cabinet: This is normally held on the second Tuesday of the months when there is no board meeting. In February, this conflicts with the Newport News School Board meeting. I am moving the meeting to the second **Monday, which is February 12 at 6:30**. I'd like this to be a hybrid style meeting. All committee chairs and board officers are members of this group, but anyone can attend.

*Have a blessed weekend
Pastor Natalie*

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.)

you're
invited



Come meet Sandhya Jha
Pastor, Author, Speaker
Sponsored by Hilton Christian
Church and The Region's Anti
Racism, Pro Reconciliation Team

What: Meet and Greet

When: Saturday, February 17

Time: 6-8pm

Where: Hilton Christian Church Fellowship 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.

Please, come meet Rev. Sandhya Jha (pronounced shonda). She will be in Newport News to lead a training for the Antiracism/Pro-reconciliation (ARPR) team of the Christian Church in Virginia. This will be an informal gathering with appetizers served.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

SuAnn Strickland	9
Carol McDonald	10
Eric Rhodes	12
Maya Marie Snowden Mercer	12
Henry Dean Burnett	13
Melissa Fischer	14
Mark Jensen	16
Lawrence Dringenberg	19
Melanie Cummings-Grande	20

End of year financial contribution statements are on the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up when you come to church on Sunday.

Sandhya Rani Jha

Raised in an interracial and multi-faith family and witness to the sometimes subtle (and sometimes obvious) ways that racism and xenophobia show up in our society, it is not surprising that **Sandhya Rani Jha**'s career has been marked by work to affect public policy change (having worked in the office of Congressman Thomas C. Sawyer from Akron, Ohio), religious liberty and an alternative voice to the religious right (at The Interfaith Alliance) and around the issues of housing for all (at East Bay Housing Organizations) as well as their work to build what Dr. Martin Luther King called Beloved Community (most recently, at the Oakland Peace Center).

Sandhya provides anti-oppression, cultural humility, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion consulting and coaching for companies, higher education institutions, non-profits, and faith organizations. From 2016-2023 they were an instructor with the Emerging Leaders Program at the Leadership Institute at Allen Temple as well as teaching at several seminaries between 2014 and 2023.

A passionate reader and writer, Sandhya is the author of Room at the Table, the history of people of color in the Disciples of Christ, and Pre-Post-Racial America: Spiritual Stories from the Front Lines on the subject of race and spirituality in America. Pre-Post-Racial America was listed as one of the top five books on race and religion in 2015 by Publishers Weekly. Sandhya's book Transforming Communities: How People Like You are Healing Their Neighborhoods focuses on concrete ways that regular people are creating change community-by-community in an era where positive change can feel impossible. Sandhya's 2020 book, Liberating Love, is a 365-day devotional of love notes from God, connecting us to the people who inhabit the 66 books of the Bible and connecting us to God and each other at a time it is so easy to feel isolated. Rebels, Despots, and Saints, a book about ancestors (and activism), came out January 2023.

Ordained at National City Christian Church in 2005 as a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister, Sandhya is proud to have received both a Master of Divinity and Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago, where their joint thesis was on the subject of "Public Goods, Public Bads, the Common Good and the Common Burden: Environmental Racism as a case study on the intersection of Public Policy and Theological Ethics." Sandhya gets far more excited about urban policy than a normal person should and loves to sing folk, jazz, and gospel even though they were trained in classical music.

Liturgy for Worship
January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Sandy Keatley

One: ¹Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: ²**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of honor and majesty is their work, and God's righteousness endures forever.**

One: ⁴God has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

All: ⁵**God provides food for those who fear him; ⁶God has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

One: ⁷The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all her precepts are trustworthy.

All: ⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness

All: ⁹**God sent redemption to God's people. Holy and awesome is God's name. ¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Congregational Hymn *"This Is The Day"* (Twice)

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 Mark 1:21-28

Sermon As With Authority

Congregational Hymn *"Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"*

Sandy Keatley

Pastor Natalie

Communion

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Gina Stump

Sandy Keatley

Communion Hymn *"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"*

Communion Distributed

Words of Institution

Benediction

Gina Stump

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