

# the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## Ready for that Summer Church Swing!

In 1919, when the whole of Hilton Village was mapped out, they placed here at the intersection of Main Street and River Road lots for two churches and a school. Hilton Presbyterian, St. Andrews Episcopal and Hilton Elementary were established, and soon was found a parade that continues to this day—children walking by, books and lunch pails in tow, on their way to and from school. I only know what I see, but I expect the sight has been largely the same for all the ministers before me who've ever looked out this office window: some are walkers, some ride bikes, some are met by their parents. Some do run. Some sashay and linger with friends. They all do their thing. They're all delightful and I enjoy seeing them each day.



Now summer begins. The school year is over, and I'll be missing the parade until its return this fall. Like our preschool who finished up a few weeks ago. I already miss their joyful noise! I see Miss Lucille, our custodian, and we nod together, "It sure is quiet around here." Still, I testify the same as our elders before me. Summer does bring a bit of a pause to our village and to our church, and delightful that pause is. But watch how quickly now the summer church swings! Are you ready? Breathe deeply for the holy rush already here!

First, there's worship! Sundays 10 a.m. The news is good! The Lord Jesus is our hope for the world! Let us worship! Let us pray! Let us learn and follow and grow! Join our easy awesome summer choir; practice is Sunday mornings at 9:15. Through August, I'll be preaching from Matthew and Genesis. Give someone a ride. Sit with one who'd love your company. Invite a new friend. Be faithful in your worship attendance. There's a fountain in Christ flowing deep and wide. Let's drink from the fountain all summer long!

Then how about Vacation Bible School! VBS will be here each morning July 10-14. Go to our website [www.hiltonpres.org](http://www.hiltonpres.org) to register kids pre-K through 5th grade. All are welcome! We expect again more than 100 kids! So much fun! And guess what? Can you help? We really can use more help! No extraordinary skills necessary; just a love for kids and your peace and joy to share. Please sign up at our website to volunteer or call Megan-Drew in the office. Thanks! Our theme this year is "Hero Central." Our Hero verse is Psalm 34:14b: "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Kids will enjoy crafts, recreation, music, mission, science, and our Bible stories include Samuel Anoints Saul, Abigail Saves the Day, Jesus Goes to the Temple, the Beatitudes and Pentecost.

Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference will be June 27-30 and the Montreat Youth Conference will be July 15-22. At Massanetta, our "back home group" group will include middlers from Simonsdale P. C. in Portsmouth and First P.C. in Virginia Beach. What fun! We'll all be riding up and back together in First Pres' church bus! Both conferences will be a blast. Keep all our conferees and our youth leaders in your prayers. May we grow in Christ our Lord and Savior!

Mission! Watch for opportunities to serve our community in Jesus' name. Serve the City is a churches and civic groups partnership doing good deeds for neighbors. We promote and encourages your participation in the mission week planned for July 10-15. Clean yard brush, paint a fence, small repairs, help refugees practice English...there are lots of ways to help. See [www.STCnewportnews.com](http://www.STCnewportnews.com) for more information. Also, our SPARK Reading Program will be July 24th to August 3rd.

What a summer awaits! We've good news to share! So let's be about it! Let's swing for the Lord!

*Pastor Clark*

### Pastor's Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
9:00 am - NOON  
or by appointment

### Summer Schedule

10 am Worship on Sunday

Church Office  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm M-F

Preschool  
By Appointment

# upcoming events

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, July 10-14, 9 am - 12 pm Online registration for VBS volunteers and participants is now open! Please sign up today at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/hiltonchurches2017>. We are in particular need for adults and youth to help! Our mission this year is THRIVE Peninsula. Registration will close on June 30th.



**LET'S SERVE THE CITY TOGETHER!** July 10-15 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We want to cross some lines in downtown Newport News and build community and friendship by speaking English with refugees, visiting or playing games with seniors, and doing yardwork, clean-up or painting outside. Pick a morning or pick all week! Visit the sign-up in the Narthex so we can serve together.

**HILTON AREA CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE** — July 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1:30-6:00. Many regular donors go on vacation during the summer, so new donors are needed! You can make an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or walk in the day of the drive. Sign ups are in the Narthex for providing snacks.



**MID-ATLANTIC SYNOD PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S CONFERENCE** is July 14-16, 2017 at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. Join us at this Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Conference: "What does the Lord require?" To learn more about speakers and worship leaders and to register, please visit <http://www.midatlanticmen.org/presmenconf2017.cfm>.

Lucille Massenberg, our custodian, will be waxing all the floors in the Fellowship Hall and Preschool wing on July 17th, 18th, and 19th. Please respect the hard work she does to make our building look its best by staying off the tile floors on those days. The Narthex, Sanctuary, Library and Office will still be accessible, so please plan accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation!



## Please save the date for SPARK!

We have applied to join the Summer Program for Arts, Recreation and Knowledge again this summer offered through Newport News Public Schools. Please SAVE THE DATE for July 24 to August 3 to volunteer once or twice to read to the K-2 children at Marshall Early Learning Center. We will create a sign up sheet as soon as we hear back on the exact days of the week and times we are needed. Our committee members, Shelly Simonds, Dawn Ramirez and Kathy Webb have proposed a 45-minute afternoon reading and craft session before school dismissal. This year's theme will be "My Favorite Story" meaning readers can bring any book they like, followed by any game, craft or activity they choose. In addition we encourage our readers to tell the children about what life was like when they were little, to help illustrate the important State SOL theme of "long ago and today". What did you like to read when you were in school? What was your favorite game? How have times changed or stayed the same?

Thank you for keeping SPARK in mind as you make your summer plans. We will let everyone know when our schedule is approved and it's time to sign-up. This will be fun! -Shelly



## The 94th Annual Bible Conference and Church Music Conference

You are invited to gather together at Massanetta Springs as we remember the reformation through inspirational worship and music, dynamic preaching, and engaging teaching. This year, we are **Remembering the Reformation!** Join us as we celebrate the reformation and what it means for us in a reformed faith. We want to remember and give thanks for where we came from and where we are today. **Will you join us?**

Get details and information at [www.massanettasprings.org](http://www.massanettasprings.org)

**Remembering the Reformation!**

**July 23rd - 29th, 2017**

"A Place for All People to Experience God"



# announcements

**2017 FLOWER CHART** is located to the left of the Mission & Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex. We have numerous openings! Consider donating flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Cost is \$45 payable by cash or check to HPC.

**COUNTERS NEEDED** Are you seeking a way to serve the church and don't think you have time for to sit though long boring meetings? How about becoming a counter of the offering? We are looking for people who would be interested in helping count. The schedule is already set for the 2017 year, but we have a number of openings. You would be working along 2 other people counting the offering on Sunday after church. It takes less than an hour and you will be serving a great need of the church. You do not need to do higher math and will be working with an experienced team. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Chip Shefelton at [cshefelton@aol.com](mailto:cshefelton@aol.com) or on his cell: 757-897-2825.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!** Do you have a free hour to spare before church a couple of times a month during the school year? Why not spend it teaching our wonderful elementary, middle, or high school students in Sunday School? We need you! Call or e-mail Megan-Drew in the office (757-595-1313, [office@hiltonpres.org](mailto:office@hiltonpres.org)) or e-mail Megan Thornton at [thorntonmh@gmail.com](mailto:thorntonmh@gmail.com) if you can help.

**FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CRAFTS,** we are in need of the following: paper towel cardboard tubes, empty square tissue boxes, and empty glass baby food jars, w/ lids. Please place them in the VBS box in the Narthex.

**TORI'S CLOSET** offers clothing and shoes to local families who may be in need of outfits for school. New socks and underwear (all children's sizes) are always needed, so we will make an offering of these things during worship on August 6. You may also bring items in ahead of time and place them in the bin in the Narthex.

**SUPPORT LINK ONLINE** AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc.** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1556503> Same products, same prices, same service.



## Choirs Leading in Worship

- 7/2: Summer Choir
- 7/9: Ensemble
- 7/16: Summer Choir
- 7/23: Ensemble
- 7/30: Summer Choir

## Yoga Classes

Try your first class for free!

Tuesdays / 5:30-6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Carol Mills paw, instructor  
[cjrunner@gmail.com](mailto:cjrunner@gmail.com)

Fridays / 5:30-6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Peggy Loughry, instructor  
[dftim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dftim@sbcglobal.net)



## Saying and Living Grace

As we gather at the table each day to eat, talk, and laugh, we share God's grace. We bless others by filling up the Nickel-A-Meal containers. We thank God with the blessing. We invite you to share one of your family's mealtime blessings with us! Send your favorite to the church office, and we'll share them in the newsletter each month. Include the author's name if known. Original pictures and photos welcome also.

In honor of our VBS theme (Hero Central!), I hope you'll enjoy the Superman blessing, sung to the Superman theme song:

Thank you Lord for giving us food!  
Thank you Lord for giving us food!  
For our daily bread, 'cause we need to be fed.  
Thank you, thank you Lord for giving us food!



## SESSION highlights

At the Stated Meeting of the Session of Hilton Presbyterian Church on May 16, 2017, the session:

- Approved as corrected the minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 18, 2017.
- Report of the Elder Commissioner to the April 25, 2017 Presbytery meeting.
- Approved August 20, 2017 as the Session's annual calendar meeting.

At the Stated Meeting of the session of Hilton Presbyterian Church on June 14, 2017, the session:

- Approved the minutes of the stated meeting of May 16, 2017.
- Ratified the positive email vote to move the stated session meeting from June 13, 2017 and June 14, 2017.
- Approved Facility Use requests from Susan Murphy, Preschool Director, for the following dates and times:
  - ◇ September 21, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the fellowship Hall for Parent Orientation.
  - ◇ February 22, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the fellowship hall and pre-school areas for pre-school parent event (VIP Night).
  - ◇ May 24, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the fellowship hall and sanctuary for Preschool Graduation Ceremony.
- Approved a Facility Use Request for Doug Baker, on behalf of the Friends of James River at Hilton Beach, to use the sanctuary on June 21, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Approved Lori Janke to be pulpit supply on June 18, 2017.
- Approved allowing the worship committee to choose pulpit supply for July 16, 2017 and August 13, 2017 without coming back to session for approval.
- Elected Chip Shefelton Elder Commissioner to July 25, 2017 Stated PEVA meeting at Community Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, VA from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ AC = Adult Choir</li> <li>◆ AF = Admin &amp; Finance Committee</li> <li>◆ CC = Congregational Care Committee</li> <li>◆ CE = Christian Education Committee</li> <li>◆ FNI = Family Nite In</li> <li>◆ HPP = Hilton Presbyterian Preschool</li> <li>◆ HR = Hilton Ringers</li> <li>◆ JJ = Junior Jam</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ M = Mission &amp; Outreach Committee</li> <li>◆ PW = Presbyterian Women</li> <li>◆ SP = Solomon's Porch</li> <li>◆ SS = Sunday School</li> <li>◆ W = Worship Committee</li> <li>◆ YG = Youth Group</li> <li>◆ YJ = Youth Jam</li> </ul>			1
2 9:15 am Summer Choir 10 am Worship 6 pm Montreat Meeting	3 Office Closed 9 am Soup kitchen	4 Independence Day Office Closed (5:30 pm Yoga)	5	6 10 am Prayer & Meditation	7 9 am Soup kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	8
9 10 am Worship	10 VBS 9 am Soup kitchen	11 VBS (5:30 pm Yoga) (7 pm HHV Centennial Celebration Comm)	12 VBS	13 VBS 10 am Prayer & Meditation	14 VBS 9 am Soup kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	15 Montreat
16 Montreat 9:15 am Summer Choir 10 am Worship 11 am CC	17 Montreat 9 am Soup kitchen 7 pm AF <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">***WAXING THE FLOORS***</div>	18 Montreat (5:30 pm Yoga)	19 Montreat	20 Montreat 10 am Prayer & Meditation	21 Montreat 9 am Soup kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	22 Montreat
23 10 am Worship	24 Newsletter Articles Due 9 am Soup Kitchen	25 (5:30 pm Yoga)	26	27 Newsletter 10 am Prayer & Meditation	28 9 am Soup kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	29
30 9:15 am Summer Choir 10 am Worship	31 9 am Soup Kitchen					

(Activities in parenthesis are not HPC Activities)

## JULY birthdays

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|--|---|
| 1 Edra Mayer                                     | 17 Doris Slagle                           |
| 6 Doug Baker                                     | 19 Hagen Hines                            |
| 7 Lynn Gray                                      | 20 Wally Bele                             |
| 8 Justin Wood                                    | 22 Paul Burgener                          |
| 10 Megan-Drew Tiller, Jessica Watkins            | 24 Annie Pearce                           |
| 14 Bob DiPasquale                                | 25 Donna DeSarro-Raynal, Clare Wertheimer |
| 15 Isaac Chenoweth, Lois Oglesby, Barbara Savage | 29 Abigail Raines                         |
| 16 Zack Gray                                     | 30 Kathy James-Webb                       |

If your name is not listed, please contact the church office so we can celebrate your birthday too!



Family, Friends and those Recovering will be kept on our pastoral care list for one month unless an extension of time is requested. Please notify the church office of any changes.

Beth Shalom Lifecare (Richmond): Barbara Smith  
The Huntington at The Newport: Margaret Hurt  
The Newport: Edra Mayer  
Our Lady of Peace (Charlottesville): Steve Lanning

Friends/Family: Donald Kimrey (Jean Kimrey's husband); Christine Maculley's mother; Tim & Clare Wertheimer; Keenan Clear; Dorothy Crute (Wanda Fletcher's mother); Alan Bobbe (Francie Pearce's father); Bill Day and family; Chuck Paul; Jennifer Downey (Melissa Goodson's sister); Mark Helmick; Mary Bracke (Debbie Barber's friend); Chris Henderson (Chris Cann's friend); the Killingbeck family (Lisa Schlickemeyer's friends); Bill Rosser; Beth Rivenbark's father; Kathy James-Webb's sister; Barbara Shefelton; Jessica Perry Doherty (Nola Atkins' granddaughter); Sharon Nagle (Lois Reese's sister)

Our Community: Hilton Presbyterian Preschool, Hilton Elementary School, Sedgefield Elementary School, St. Andrew's School, Crittenden Middle School, Hines Middle School, Warwick High School

Our Sister Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Brikin Church, Kinshasa

Our Missionaries: Tom & Nancy Rach in Mexico

Military: Karri Kypriandes (Patty & Aderon Gibbs); Casey Leser; Karl Sembroski (Lois Reese's nephew); Joey Doherty (Jessica Perry Doherty); Taylor Herring (Margaret Lassiter); Mike Roane (Lynne Peterson); Ron Wagner, Jr.\* (Kate Perry Wagner) \*Deployed

### Sunday Worship

10:00 am

Care provided for toddlers and infants is in Room 103. Preschool-age child care is in Room 104.

**Looking for your "2" in Worship+2?** This summer, we have need in worship for greeters, ushers, nursery care, and children's time storytellers. Can you be an offering? Please contact the Church Office.

**Summer Choir** (beginning June 18th)  
**Every Other Sunday** / 9:15 am / Choir Room  
I think we all look forward to the more relaxed pace of summer. Have you always wanted to sing with the choir, but just haven't been able to commit to the Wednesday evening rehearsals? Well, here is your chance. This summer, we are offering a chance for you to come on Sunday mornings and be a part of the choir for that Sunday. Lots of fun anthems and familiar tunes to set you on your way to be a part of the worship leading for that day are in store.

June 18, July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27

### Prayer & Meditation Hour

**Thursdays** / 10:00 am / Library classroom  
Every week we set aside time for spiritual refreshment. Our gatherings include centering time, meditative readings and responsive prayers. The leadership varies; each time is unique.

### New Members

Are you interested in becoming a member of Hilton Presbyterian Church or would like to learn more about the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church, or programs and ministries of HPC? Please contact Pastor Clark, any Ruling Elder, or the church office.

## PRESCHOOLnews

Do you know a child ready for preschool? Hilton Presbyterian Preschool still has openings for their 2 1/2 year old class and their 2-day class for 3 and 4 year old. There's a short waitlist for the 3-day and 5-day classes as well. You can learn more about their program at [hiltonpres.org/preschool](http://hiltonpres.org/preschool). The website also has registration forms you can print and fill out. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact director Susan Murphy at 757-596-1939 or at [preschool@hiltonpres.org](mailto:preschool@hiltonpres.org).



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## Laity Assistant Schedule

*If you are unable to be at church on a Sunday you're scheduled to serve, please arrange for a substitute, and if time allows, contact the church office.*

	July 2	July 9
Building Security	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark
Greeters/Ushers	Priscilla Bele, Kathryn Dabbs, Pax Goodson, Betty Watson, Jessica Watkins	Priscilla Bele, Kathryn Dabbs, Pax Goodson, Betty Watson, Jessica Watkins
Counters	George Barber, Debbie Barber, Christine Maculley	Paul Clear, Andy Connor, Jackie Peters
Nursery	Leslie Trimble, Vicki Signorelli	Julie Richter, Suzy Baker
Children's Time	Doug Baker	Pastor Clark
Liturgist/Lay Reader	Margaret Lassiter	Josiah DeSarro-Raynal
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Sound	Pax Goodson	Pax Goodson
Visitation		
Giving Flowers	Amy Pearson	Rosemary McLaughlin
	July 16	July 23
Building Security	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark
Greeters/Ushers	Priscilla Bele, Kathryn Dabbs, Pax Goodson, Betty Watson, Jessica Watkins	Priscilla Bele, Kathryn Dabbs, Pax Goodson, Betty Watson, Jessica Watkins
Counters	Priscilla Bele, Leslie Leser, Susie Banning	Kathy James-Webb, Chuck Webb, Renee DiPasquale
Nursery	Linda Chapman, Charlotte Baker	Carol Preston, Bayley Shefelton
Children's Time	Kristen Witt	Kathryn Dabbs
Liturgist/Lay Reader	Chip Shefelton	Sue Hogue
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Sound	Pax Goodson	Pax Goodson
Visitation		
Giving Flowers	The Burgeners	

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