


**HAMDEN PLAINS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514
203- 248-4654



I GIVE THANKS
TO YOU
WITH ALL
MY HEART,
*L*ORD

—Psalm 138:1

"The mission of the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church is sharing God's love by creating a safe and welcoming community, connecting people's needs with God's power, and reconciling divisions through Christ."

-Mission Statement

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

+ Those able please stand

PRELUDE

+OPENING HYMN

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

UMH #715

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!

Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:1-7

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You Have Our Faith with Our Bodies. Father, thank you for your revelation about death, and illness, and sorrow. Thank you for speaking so plainly to us, for calling us all friends and hovering over us; for extending your arms out to us. We cannot stand on our own; we fall into death without you. We fall from faith, left to our own. We are really friendless without you. Your extended arms fill us with joy, expressing love, love caring and carrying, asking and receiving our trust. You have our trust, Father, and our faith, with our bodies and all that we are and possess. We fear nothing when with you, safe to stretch out and help others, those troubled in faith, those troubled in body. Father, help us to do with our bodies what we proclaim, that our faith be known to you and to others, and be effective in all the world. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, We confess that we do not give attention to the things that are of you. We listen to rumors and gossip instead of what is true and honorable. We do not hold fast to justice. We do not train our hearts on what is pure and pleasing to you. In our words and our deeds, we stray from all that is commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise. We do not attend to all we have received and learned of your good news, and so we do not live in peace with you or with our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.

Offer silent prayers of confessions

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Receive the good news:

God pays attention to us when we pray.

God receives our confession and saves us by grace.

May the peace of God guard us in mind and heart now and forever.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 123

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Please mail or drop off your tithes and offerings to:
15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514.*

Noisy Offering (coins given for missions) may be dropped off at the church.

ANTHEM

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

UMH #714

+RESPONSE

"The Doxology"

UMH #95

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of peace and serenity; receive the gifts we bring this day as we present them in thankfulness and joy. We bring ourselves as our offering, that in living lives of truth, justice, honor, and excellence, we might please you and be worthy of your never-failing love and presence with us. Grateful that Christ and the Holy Spirit might dwell in us, we pray in Jesus' holy name. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

+ Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh

man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

SERMON

Perjah Delgado

GOING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

BENEDICTION

May God's peace follow you wherever you go, guiding and guarding you, that you may live in joy and thanksgiving with God, self, neighbor, and all creation. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

"Sanctuary"

TFWS #2164

The Postlude

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

NEXT WEEK: *REIGN OF CHRIST/CHRIST THE KING*: Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 (umh824); Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEANS MUCH! Please mail gifts to HPUMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514 or drop them off during office hours, Tues - Fri., 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

For Venmo, scan QR code or go to www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC.



CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Please watch for the link that will be emailed on Tuesday afternoon. Contact Pastor J for more information at 475.331.1122.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAYS 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information about joining choir or being a song leader, please contact Pastor J (475.331.1122 pastorj.hpumc@gmail.com) or Dunn Pearson (dunnpearson@gmail.com) for more information. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



All are invited to *Dinner for a Dollar* each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m. take-out only through the Church Street doors.

THANKSGIVING BASKET COLLECTION FOR 2023: It's that time of year again to start our Thanksgiving baskets. We will have bins in the Narthex or you may bring items to the office during office hours. If you missed a week you may still bring those items in also.

Please contact the office if you are in need of a basket.

ALL requests will be confidential

Week One (10-29) Canned Goods, Cranberry Sauce, Coffee, Tea

Week Two (11-5) Stuffing Mix, Gravies

Week Three (11-12) Cake Mixes, Pie Crusts Pudding Mixes

THIS WEEK - Week Four (11-19) Turkey Money Envelopes Marked: Turkey Money

We will have a "Blessing of the Food" on Sunday November 19th.



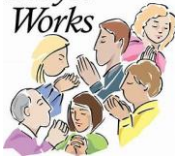
ADOPT A FAMILY: A poster for our adopted family has been placed in the Narthex. This year's family is a Mother 25, Father 28 and a daughter 1 ½. Please take a tag and return all NEW unwrapped gifts by **Sunday December 3rd**.



STOCKING STUFFING & PIZZA: If you would like to donate to the items for the stockings, you may send checks, payable to the church with the memo "Stockings" or leave an envelope marked "Stockings". Stockings will be stuffed on **Friday December 3rd at 5 pm.** A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex for anyone who wants to help stuff the stockings. For more

information contact Stacey Riccardi at Stacey.riccardi@comcast.net or 203.415.5558.

Prayer Works



SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or Holly O'Brien (203) 288-4252/ hollyobrien@snet.net

THIS WEEKS PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray without ceasing: give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19

Lois Hartsoe, heart issues
Jean Raccio, health issues
Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer

Home Bound/ Rehab

Mary Bales, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518
Lois Hartsoe, 7310 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492
Pat Leno, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Claudette and Jimmy Morrison, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514
Jean and Carmine Raccio, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405
Marianne Reynolds, 520 Pool Rd. Apt. 424, North Haven, 06473
Rosemary Shaw, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515
Frank Teodosio, 330 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, 06525



BIRTHDAYS: Randi Harrell 11/23, Audrey Larrow 11/23

WAYS TO BE IN MINISTRY AND MISSION:

- Host Fellowship Hour
- Bring your "Cans for the Congo" during office hours or on Sundays.
- Drop off food for the Hamden Food Bank.
- Cook and/or serve for "Dinner for a Dollar" (take-out only). To sign up, contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu
- Check in by phone or send a note to someone home-bound or elderly.
- Continue to mail in your tithes and offerings.
- Donate used books to our Little Free Library
- Donate used printer ink cartridges
- Stay abreast of developments by reading your e-mail or checking the website.
- Read the upcoming Sunday scriptures as an act of spiritual formation
- Become a reporter for *The Messenger*

For information about these ministries, contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654/ secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or Holly O'Brien (203) 288-4252/ hollyobrien@snet.net

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF November 19, 2023

Sunday	November 19	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship
Tuesday	November 21	Connectional Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday	November 22	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Saturday	November 25	Dinner for a Dollar	6:00 pm
Sunday	November 26	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship

Worship Assistants

	TODAY November 19th	Next Week, November 26th
Liturgist	Reon Keller	Holly O'Brien
Song Leader	Arealyah Paul	Marty Hartog
Ushers	Terri Bennett	Megan Malanson
Fellowship Time	Judy Meyers	
Counters	Lyn Brantley Perjah Delgado	Terri Bennett Kersten Moore

November 12: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 34 OFFERING: \$958

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The YouTube channel address:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA
 or <https://tinyurl.com/t9q8gw6>

Worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays

Minister: All Congregation Members

Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul, Pastor, pastorjj.hpumc@gmail.com

Dunn Pearson, Musician Ministry, dunnpearson@gmail.com

Nancy Estes, Parish Secretary, secretary.hpumc@gmail.com

Derrick Pommills, Property Manager, pommillsfacilityservices@gmail.com

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Pastor J is available on Wednesday and Thursday's by appointment only. If you would like to meet with Pastor J, please call the office at 203.248.4654 to schedule an appointment.