



**VIRTUAL/ORDER OF WORSHIP
HAMDEN PLAINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 18, 2022**

“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

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ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

+ Those able please stand

PRELUDE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS-Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP– Liturgist

Leader: Jesus said:

People: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: And

People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

People: You are the Light of the World.

Leader: Be that Light!

People: Let us worship our God.

OPENING PRAYER

God, with you there is no darkness. Your character has no shadows, and you are pure and good. Yet in our broken world, we see so much darkness around us. Pain, sickness, and disease are in our community and in many of our homes. Bring your light and restoring presence to the dark places in our lives. Bring your hope to hearts that feel defeated. Bring your love and compassion to those in pain. Give us your light. In Jesus name, Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

“This is My Song”

UMH #437

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Pastor

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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Wayne Lavender

NOISY OFFERING

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

+ Matthew 5:14-16 –Liturgist

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

THE SERMON

“Be the Light”

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OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING-Liturgist

*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

“This Little Light of Mine”

UMH 298

+RESPONSE

“The Doxology”

UMH #95

+OFFERTORY PRAYER - Pastor

Holy giver of all good blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can never overcome. Every blessing we have received or hope to receive comes from your generosity. The gifts we bring to you this morning pale in comparison to the bottom line of our ledger. Yet you manage your kingdom on a different economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness,

compassion, mercy, and justice. You encourage us to be shrewd in the world's money, knowing it is not the currency that matters in the end. And so, we pray in the name of Jesus, whose life and death paid our debt. **Amen.**

+CLOSING HYMN **GOING FORTH** **UMH #159**
"Lift High the Cross"

+ BENEDICTION - Pastor

The Postlude

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

September 11: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 30 Zoom: 0 Program Views: 0
OFFERING: \$632

MEET REV. LAVENDER

The Rev. Wayne Lavender, Ph.D., is a United Methodist pastor currently serving as the executive director of the Foundation 4 Orphans and faculty member in the political science department at Quinnipiac University. He earned his Ph.D. from George Mason's School of Public Policy in 2010, an MA. and M.Div. from the Pacific School of Religion and his BA from Drew University. The winner of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award in 2004 for his ministry at the New Milford UMC in New Milford, CT, Wayne has worked and taught at universities in Iraq and Mozambique. He is the author of eight books, including Pure Religion, released in 2020, and Dante Redux, published in 2022. Wayne lives close to nature with his wife Maureen at the conference and retreat center for the Foundation 4 Orphans in Hamden, Connecticut.

The Foundation 4 Orphans is an IRS approved 501 c 3 non-profit whose mission is to end the orphan pandemic. We serve the educational, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of orphans and vulnerable children. Our work is concentrated now in Mozambique and Iraq, but we are expanding to Syria, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For more information, find us at www.f4o.org.

TODAY AT HAMDEN PLAINS

GREETINGS TO ALL worshipping with us on-line or by program view today.

MASK POLICY: Masks are optional. This is following the Bishop's recommendations.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE: worship will begin at 10:15 a.m.

RECORDED PROGRAM WORSHIP at www.hamdenplainsumc.com or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA. Learn more about us at www.hamdenplainsumc.com.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Pastor J office hours are Wed. & Thurs.'s, 10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you need a meeting with him please contact the office at 203.248.4654.

SUNDAY SCHOOL began today. Randi Harrell and Megan Malanson are the new Christian Education Co-Chairs for this year. We are excited to have some fun while learning about God, the Bible and even each other. We are planning a Youth Group style of Sunday School. Some fun activities this year will include Bible Story Pumpkins, First Annual Bible Bowl, Bible Verse Jenga and more! **Sunday School will be on the FIRST, THIRD AND FIFTH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH at 9:00am**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the prayer room. Holly O'Brien is your instructor.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Looking for hosts to serve coffee and a light snack. To sign up, see Krystal Ritchie or contact her at 203.587.0406 or kritchie424@yahoo.com. She will also guide new hosts through the process.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: RESUMED WEDNESDAY'S at 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.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP, Tuesdays 6:30–7:30 p.m., via Zoom

PRAYER TEAM, each Wednesday, in Prayer Room.

CHOIR REHEARSAL, Wednesday's 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

"DINNER FOR A DOLLAR" serves **each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m.**

"DINNER FOR A DOLLAR" Missions seeks cooks and serving hosts. Cook teams work **3 – 5:30 p.m.** and serving teams serve **5:30 – 8 p.m.** To sign up, go to <https://signup.com/go/LpLESWA> or contact Marty Hartog: 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu or Charlotte Sroka: 203.530.2860(text) or charcar321flavor@gmail.com HPUMC members and friends serve 2nd and 4th Saturdays; community partners host 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays.

Anyone may eat at Dinner for a Dollar. A suggested donation is \$1 per meal, but no one is turned away based on ability to pay. Meals are available **each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m.**, take-out only through the Church Street doors. May God continue to bless this important ministry.

FULL IMMERSION BAPTISM – end of September. If interested in this event, please contact the office at 203.248.4654 or email; secretary.hpumc@gmail.com

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

OUR HAMDEN FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Please bring in any items you feel can be used as inventory is very low. Please place all donations in the collection basket in the Narthex during office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon) or leave by the back door. Thanks to the many who have donated!

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.

WE HAVE A NEW WAY of contributing your tithes and offerings.

You can now give right through an app on your phone by scanning the QR code or going to www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC.

Any questions please call the office.



NEXT WEEK: 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Scriptures Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13. Liturgist: Brenda Pineau. Song Leader: Frances Walker. Fellowship Time Hosts: Megan Malanson.

MISSION VOLUNTEER - we are currently looking for a mission volunteers/chair-person to handle our recycling bottles and food pantry. The service will require one day a week commitment to emptying our bins. Please contact the office at 203.248.4654 for more information.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS please contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or Melissa Paul at mrsmasp@gmail.com.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS for Wednesday Prayer Team may be made by contacting Holly O'Brien. These requests remain confidential to the Prayer Team. **PRAYERS AS PRINTED IN THE SUNDAY NOTICES**, are assumed to be public information and should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com.

THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY remains open year-round. Check it out in front of the church on Dixwell Avenue. To donate books (children's books as well as adult) of any genre or language, or Bibles, contact Kersten Moore at disturbedteacher@gmail.com/ 203.935.6855 or Lisa Collins at collins11902@yahoo.com/203.913.7961.

OUR INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM Please bring your used cartridges for recycling in during office hours, Tues. – Fri., 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; You can also bring them to church on Sunday or leave them in a bag outside the parking lot door at your convenience. Many thanks!

PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A NOTE to any of the folks below who either live alone, have care needs or both. **This is the current list**. Megan Malanson is tracking these contacts. If you make one and would like to report that to Megan, please reach her at megmalanson@yahoo.com. If there is someone you think should be contacted by the pastor, please notify the office.

ADDRESSES FOR PEOPLE LIVING ALONE OR WITH CARE NEEDS:

(Some opted not to be on this list.)

Bales, Mary, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518
Gursky, John, 1492 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Hartsoe, Lois, 7310 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492
Leno, Pat, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Mayo, Elizabeth, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Apt. 213, Hamden, 06517
Morrison, Claudette and Jimmy, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514
Raccio, Jean and Carmine, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405
Reynolds, Marianne, 520 Pool Rd. Apt. 424, North Haven, 06473
Shaw, Rosemary, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515
Teodosio, Frank, 330 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, 06525
Williams, Trudy, 41 West Helen Street, Hamden, 06514
Wycoff, Denise and Pieter, 135 Grandview Avenue, Hamden, 06514

OTHER WAYS TO BE IN MINISTRY AND MISSION DURING THE PANDEMIC:

- Bring your “Cans for the Congo” during office hours or on Sundays.
- Drop off food for the Hamden Food Bank.
- Stay abreast of developments by reading your e-mail or checking the website.
- Read the upcoming Sunday scriptures as an act of spiritual formation.
- Pray for our church and governmental leaders.
- Serve at “Dinner for a Dollar” (take-out only). Sign up at signup.com/go/LpLESwA or 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.

BIRTHDAYS: Rosemary Shaw 9/20, Claudette Morrison 9/25

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All our Church Families that have tested positive and recovering from COVID:

In Hospital

Doreen, Derrick Pommills sister, Stamford Hospital, Heart

Continuing care:

John Kenney, Husband of Pat Jacobs, kidney failure
Lavonda Paul, resting at home
Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer
Enkela’s 2yr old Luca, seeing a Pulmonologist (Randi Harrell’s co-worker)
Bernadette, breast cancer (Margret Turner’s niece)
Charlene Welch
Alan, recovering from cardiac surgery (Brenda Pineau)
Cassondra, cancer (The Pineau’s)
Paul, Bob, Lori, cancer (The Pineau’s)
Sarah and James Galloway, Carol’s parents, for on-going medical issues
Jason Calabrese (brother of Stacey Riccardi)
Stephanie, health issues, daughter of Ed & Brenda Pineau
Ralph Pausig, Derrick Pommills brother in law, Health Issues

In Rehab facilities:
Frank Teodosio

Worship Assistants

	TODAY September 18th	Next Week, September 25th
Liturgist	Brenda Pineau	Holly O'Brien
Song Leader	Frances Walker	Perjah & Reneejah Delgado
Ushers	Megan Malanson Audrey Larrow	Brenda Pineau
Attendance Clerk	Megan Malanson	Melissa Paul
Fellowship Time	Megan Malanson	Lois Fucci
Counters	Lois Fucci Savannah Paul	Kirby Stafford
Broadcast Ministry	TBA	TBA

Program view of 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



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - HPUMC will be hosting on world communion **Sunday October 2, 2022 at 11am.** We will be joined by our fellow Shoreline Parrish Churches and our DS will give the sermon for morning worship. Lay leaders, Song leaders, choir members, fellowship hour and attendance clerks will need to be on post. Let us plan to be present and at our very best. Worship will begin at 11am as opposed to our regular 10:15 am start. This will serve as our Sunday Morning service. Let's Have Church!!!

Grace and Peace, Pastor J



PUMPKIN PATCH: Yes. This event, the 2nd half of October, is a signature event for HPUMC - some in the community knows us as "The Pumpkin Church" - but to make it happen we need great support from the whole congregation. Depending on how many people commit, we'll decide to proceed, or not. So if you value the Pumpkin Patch, and/or are willing to be a worker the last 2.5 weeks in October, sign-up on the Pumpkin Board in the Narthex or contact Nancy Estes in the office at 203.248.4654.