

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

They will
be done

"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

7th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

+ Those able please stand

PRELUDE

+OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH #369

+WELCOME TO THE PARISH

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derrick Pommills

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

Derrick Pommills

CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Pommills

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

People: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies.

People: The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of perdition assailed me;

OPENING PRAYER (unison) **Derrick Pommills**
We have come into this house to magnify your holy name and to worship You. We lift up Your name and give You praise. Let's forget about ourselves and concentrate on Him and worship Him. He has blessed us and is deserving of the praise. Our souls say, Hallelujah to You oh Lord, because Your name is great and greatly to be praised. Let us worship Him, Christ the Lord, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Derrick Pommills**
We come to You this morning asking that You forgive us and wash away all of our sins. Clean us up, dear God, and grant us a new opportunity to walk in the way of holiness. For You have the power to save and to forgive. Yes, we fall down, but we get back up by Your love, Your grace and the power You possess to save. That is why we have come to praise Your holy name. It is in Jesus' name that we pray, Amen.

Offer prayers of silent confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE **Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.**

JOYS & CONCERNS **Derrick Pommills**
After each request
Leader: Lord in your mercy People: *Hear our prayer*

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.**

The Lord's Prayer **UMH #895** **Derrick Pommills**
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 **Derrick Pommills**
Song: The Jesus in Me

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament: **Derrick Pommills**
Proverbs 8:22-25

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God*

+ New Testament: **Derrick Pommills**
Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

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

SERMON “Not my will, but thy will be done with my life.”

Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Derrick Pommills

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

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

ANTHEM

“Fill Me Up”

New Praise

+RESPONSE

“The Doxology”

UMH #95

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.

We give to You this morning because we know that we will be blessed. We believe in the Gospel of Luke 6:38 which says "give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." We give dear Lord with the expectation of receiving a blessing from You. We await our blessing. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

GOING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN

“Nothing Between”

UMH #373

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.

RECESSIONAL

“We Are Marching”

TFWS #2235-B

The Postlude

The Worship has ended. The Service Begins

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Please call the office if you need to meet with the Pastor. HE is available Wednesday-Friday's after 3:30 pm.

YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEANS SO MUCH!

Please mail gifts to HPUMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514 or drop them off during office hours, Tues - Fri., 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. For Venmo, scan QR code or go to www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC.



CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Watch for the email sent on Tuesday with the outline for Bible Study.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAYS 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information about joining choir, please contact 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.

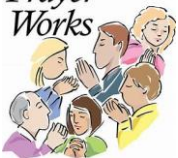
NEW MEMBER'S CLASS: If you have become a member of the church in the last few years or are interested in becoming a member, the class will be 4 to 5 sessions long and cover United Methodist history, beliefs and practices. Please contact **Kersten Moore at 203-935-6855 or email at disturbedteacher@gmail.com**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: service will be at **7 PM** on Ash Wednesday, **March 5th**, at Mount Carmel Congregational Church on Whitney Ave. Hamden. We will be joined also by Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Dunbar UCC, Grace & St John's and Spring Glen UCC.



Each week at the beginning of the service, we will have a Black History Moment as we celebrate Black History Month!!

Prayer Works



SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com

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

Barbara. request from Louise Pruchnicki
Baby Leah. request from Brenda Pineau
Robert Pilletere, going thru Chemo treatments
Lois Hartsoe, heart 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
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



BIRTHDAY'S: Erik Malanson 2/11, Carol Rivera 2/13,
Reon Keller 2/13, Marty Hartog 2/20,
Alexander Ritchie 2/21, Reneejah Delgado 2/24, Morgan Ritchie
2/25

ANNIVERSARY: Jimmy & Claudette Morrison 2/14/1981

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

Worship Assistants

	TODAY February 23, 2025	Next Week, March 2, 2025
Liturgist	Derrick Pommills	Kersten Moore
Ushers	Megan Malanson	Derrick Pommills
Fellowship Time	Doris Clark	
Counters	Lynn Brantley Randi Harrell	Terri Bennett Kersten Moore

February 2: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 32 OFFERING: \$1,985

February 9: NO SERVICE SNOW

February 16: Zoom Attendance: 16

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 23, 2025			
Sunday	February 23	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship
Tuesday	February 25	Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday	February 26	Prayer Team	11:00 am
		Hope & Healing	1:00 pm
Saturday	March 1	Dinner for a Dollar	6:00 pm
Sunday	March 2	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship

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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. Cleaven Johnson, Jr., Pastor, PastorCleave.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