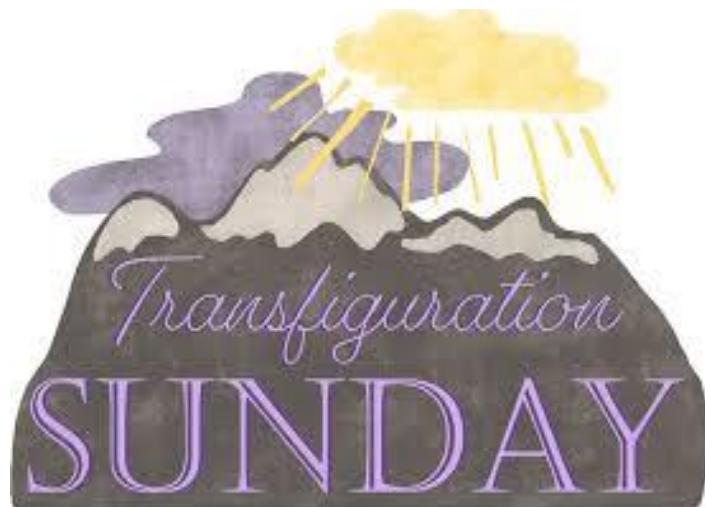


**HAMDEN PLAINS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514
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*"The mission of the
Hamden Plains United Methodist Church is sharing God's love by
creating a safe and welcoming community, connecting people's
needs with God's power, and reconciling divisions through Christ."*
-Mission Statement

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 15, 2026

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

+ Those able please stand

PRELUDE

+OPENING HYMN

+WELCOME TO THE PARISH

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Brantley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynn Brantley

Leader: The courageous were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep; none of the troops was able to lift a hand.

People: At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.

Leader: But you indeed are awesome! Who can stand before you when your anger is roused?

People: From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still.

OPENING PRAYER**Lynn Brantley**

Dear gracious, good and glorious God, we humbly besiege thee to come into our midst. It is we, your children, that have come into Your Son's house once again to give praise to His holy name. Psalms 30:4 says "Sing Praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. We have come to worship and praise Your holy name, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**Lynn Brantley**

Dear Jesus, forgive us of anything that does not emulate Your goodness and kindness. Your grace covers us when we have not done Your will, and when we do not forgive others as You have forgiven us. Ephesians 4:32 says "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you," We thank You God for the gift of forgiveness, Amen.

Offer prayers of silent confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE**Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.****BLACK HISTORY MOMENT****Shelly Jones****JOYS & CONCERNS***After each request***Lynn Brantley**

Leader: Lord in your mercy People: ***Hear our prayer***

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

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895**Lynn Brantley**

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**Lynn Brantley***Song: The Jesus in Me***PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE****Old Testament:**

Proverbs 21:1-4

Lynn Brantley

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD;
he turns it wherever he will.

² All deeds are right in the sight of the doer,
but the LORD weighs the heart.

³ To do righteousness and justice
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

⁴ Haughty eyes and a proud heart—
the lamp of the wicked—are sin.

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

+ New Testament:**Hebrews 4:14-16****Lynn Brantley**

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

SERMON**"A Friend in High Places!"****Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Lynn Brantley

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

+RESPONSE

“The Doxology”

UMH #95

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.

We give to Your Son's church, because we believe in the mission of Jesus Christ. He has given Himself for us, so that we may be pardoned from all sin. Take this O Lord, and bless it for the furtherance of Your kingdom here on earth. So, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will bless every nation. We ask this prayer in Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen.

GOING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.

RECESSIONAL

“Sanctuary”

The Postlude

The Worship has ended. The Service Begins

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday's 3-7 pm. Please call the office if you need to meet with the Pastor. HE is also available [Thursday's & Friday's](#) Appointment only

MEDITATION TIME: The Prayer Room will be available prior to service for anyone who would like to pray or have quiet time and prepare for service.

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: Cancelled this week.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAYS 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information about joining the 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: service will be at 7 PM on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, at Dunbar UCC, corner of Dunbar Hill Rd. and (767) Benham Street, Hamden. We will be joined also by Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Dunbar UCC, Grace & St John's and Spring Glen UCC.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
will be held on **Tuesday, February 17,**
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

A donation of \$6.00 per person
or \$20 per family of 4
to offsets our cost.

TICKETS are available
Sunday after church.

Thank you to Randi Harrell
for organizing this year's event



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

Muriel Collins, Healing
Rosemary Shaw, St Raphael Hospital
Lorraine Welch, cancer, Sky View Rehab
Lois Hartsoe, heart issues
Lois Fucci, fall at home, Yale New Haven Hospital
Harold Estes, cancer
Willie & Delores Freeman
Pam Gripper, Grimes Rehab
Ed & Brenda Pineau, resting at home
Barbara, request from Louise Pruchnicki
Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer

Home Bound/ Rehab

Pam Gripper, 91 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514
Lois Hartsoe, 7310 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492
Pat Leno, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514
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: Alexander Ritchie 2/21

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 Elias Joseph at 203.464.4988 or eliasvjoseph@gmail.com
- 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 15 | Next Week, February 22 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Liturgist | Lynn Brantley | Megan Malanson |
| Ushers | Megan Malanson | Carole Outlaw |
| Fellowship Time | Louise Pruchnicki | Shelly Jones |
| Counters | Lynn Brantley Randi Harrell | John Brantley Kersten Moore |

**February 8: ATTENDANCE: 28
OFFERING: \$752**

| CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 15, 2026 | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| Sunday | February 15 | Worship | 10:15 am | |
| | | Fellowship | Following worship | |
| Tuesday | February 17 | Pancake Supper | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm | |
| Wednesday | February 18 | Women's Group | 11:00 am | |
| | | Ash Wednesday Service | 7 pm | |
| | | Dunbar UCC, Benham St | | |
| Saturday | February 21 | Dinner for a Dollar | 6:00 pm | |
| Sunday | February 22 | Worship | 10:15 am | |
| | | Fellowship | Following worship | |

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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, rareblm1@gmail.com
 Dunn Pearson, Musician Ministry, dunnpearson@gmail.com
 Nancy Estes, Parish Secretary, secretary.hpumc@gmail.com
 Derrick Pommills, Property Manager, pommillsfacilitieservices@gmail.com