



Hilton Christian Church



eNews Weekly Reminder— Thursday, May 2, 2024

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Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 am—12:00 pm / Fri. Closed

Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

May 02-03 Ceci Mazaitis

May 09-10 Mary Kayaselcuk

May 16-17 Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Zoom Prayer Meetings

May 4, 2024 at 11:00 am

Via Internet: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413454517?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413454517?pwd=akR1cjJFeG02bE9YeEUd0UzVWNuUT09)

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Have you noticed that we have a great deal to celebrate at Hilton Christian Church as we begin the last quarter of our fiscal year? I am proud of this congregation and all we have been doing and I am excited about the future and the possibilities before us.

- * There have been two baptisms so far this year!
- * Have you noticed that we have visitors nearly every Sunday?
- * The relationship with Cathedral Word Ministry is strong and many good relationships are being formed.
- * The choir continues to grace our worship services each Sunday.
- * We have completed another successful year with AARP tax preparers in our fellowship hall
- * We continue to host True Heart Daycare. Having the children and staff is such a joy. Have you been into the office on weekday and heard the sounds of children laughing?
- * Our online presence is getting stronger.
- * We have developed a strong community presence through our tabling events at Hilton Village events, CNU Social Justice Conference, The Heart of Giving events, Hilton Pride, and any other place we are invited.
- * We have an ongoing presence at the school board as we seek to protect trans children.
- * The grounds of the church are beginning to look more cared for. The memorial garden is lovely, as always, the beds around the church are tidier. And work has begun on the meditation garden.
- * The church building is looking more cared for and minor repairs are now getting done regularly.
- * Our relationship with Hilton churches continues to be strong. We had the first pulpit exchange in several years this April.
- * If you read your newsletter carefully, you know our finances are looking hopeful. The work to secure our future continues, as well.
- * The trustees deal with the mundane pieces of business and legal issues.
- * The Stewardship committee is in the midst of leading the campaign to finance us for the next fiscal year. Please, respond to the pledge request as you are able.
- * We are preparing to review our agreement with Cathedral Word Ministry.
- * The Nominating committee is hard at work. If you are asked to serve, please, prayerfully consider it.

The future I see is bright. I hope that you see and feel it, too. As the regional assembly theme states: We are stronger, together!

Rainbow Social

Cathedral Word Ministry is planning a social event based on the colors of the rainbow. It will be the afternoon of Saturday May 18. Hilton will be hosting one table. This is a fundraiser and the tickets are \$25 each. I will have more information next week but I hope a number of you will choose to attend and support our sister congregation. If you know Elder Katrina and Lady Blackwell, you know it will be a fun event.

Out and About

We had a great time on Sunday night with our Out and About gathering. We got to help Joyce celebrate her birthday and we got to meet some new people. And we found lots of things to laugh about.

Blessings, Pastor Natalie



Like to garden? Don't have room in your yard? The two HCC raised garden beds are available this year. If anyone is interested in using one or both to grow some veggies, please give the office a call.



Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



Blood Drive
Hilton Area Churches
Hilton Christian Church

Fellowship Hall
 100 James River Drive
 Newport News, VA 23601

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HiltonAC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway. PLUS, get a bonus \$10 e-gift card, when you come to give at that time. rcblood.org/win



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

SAVE THE DATE

The registration is now open. There will be a sign up sheet at church on Sunday. If you want to sign up individually, you may, but if you would rather be part of the group sign up, we can cover your fee. More information will be given Sunday morning.

175th Regional Assembly for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia

We Are Stronger



May 31—June 1, 2024
 Friday Pre Assembly
 Saturday 10am-3pm
 The University of Lynchburg
 Total Cost \$10 and includes box lunch

**PLEDGE
 CAMPAIGN
 2024-2025**

**FILL THE
 CHURCH!**

\$ _____

WEEK / MONTH
 / YEAR /
 ONE-TIME



Keep this stub
 for your records

Complete the information below and mail it to HCC or turn it in in-person:

- NAME: _____
- ADDRESS: _____
- PHONE NUMBER: _____
- GIVING PLEDGE : \$ _____
 WEEKLY MONTHLY YEARLY ONE-TIME
- IN HONOR OF _____

• IN MEMORIAL OF _____

I PREFER NOT TO SAY. I WANT TO KEEP WHAT I DONATE BETWEEN MY GOD AND MYSELF.

DUE BY: 5/21 PLEASE PLACE THE CARD IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR MAIL IT IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE.

April 28th Out & Event at HCC



2024 Hilton Village Spring Festival



Baptism of Dakota Likens. April 28, 2024
May God's grace guide you, protect you and shower you with endless blessings.



Save the Date!



*** VIRGINIA DISCIPLES WOMEN PRESENTS ***

SOWING

SEEDS OF FAITH

A Women's Retreat

OCT 11-13, 2024

W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center
at Smith Mountain Lake



I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love.'



Email 2024.VDW.Retreat@gmail.com to join email list
Join our Facebook group to get updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/415828094313416>

Sponsored by Hilton Area Churches

**This VBS is something
worth crowing about!**



Located in
Hilton Village
at 34 & 45
Main Street

Monday - Thursday

July 29 - August 1

5:00-8:00 p.m. - Kid-Friendly Dinner Provided!

Step back in time at Hometown Nazareth, exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up. Kids will learn each day's Bible story at Mary's House, make crafts at the Marketplace Shops, and enjoy special Music and Recreation times!

**Student Registration will be available soon,
but right now we need VOLUNTEERS.**

Scan the QR code below to help!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Hilton Area Churches
VBS**



Liturgy for Worship
May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Ceci Mazaitis

One: Let us make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

All: Let us break into joyous song and sing praises.

One: Let us sing praises to our God with lyre and trumpets and melody.

All: Let us worship the Holy One, to whom the seas, the floods, and the hills sing with joy.

Congregational Hymn “God Is Here”

Campaign Kick Off

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*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, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Special Music

Scripture Reading Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17

Ceci Mazaitis

Sermon Speaking to One’s Heart

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other”

Communion

All are welcome without any test of faith

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Ceci Mazaitis

Communion Hymn “Jesu, Jesu”

Communion Distributed

Gluten free bread is available. Let the deacon know you would like it.

Words of Institution

Benediction

Pastor Natalie

Postlude

Joys and Concerns

*If you would like to join Hilton Christian Church, you may speak to the pastor about membership or come forward during the singing of the congregational hymn
Hilton Christian Church Services Are Livestreamed*