

From Pastor David

“And also with you.”

For some people, it's their favorite part of worship, and for others, it's the most dreaded moment of the morning. Exchanging the *Peace of Christ* is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church, which dates all the way back to the 1st century. Yet, for many people today, the significance of this ritual has been lost.

In the ancient church, exchanging the peace of Christ was not simply an opportunity to stretch your legs or ask your neighbor about his cookout last Friday. Instead, this was the time for worshipers to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with their neighbor. Matthew 5:23-24 says, “So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.”

If there was conflict within the church, *The Peace* provided an

opportunity for healing to occur. This act of worship comes before the celebration of Holy Communion during the service so that worshipers can approach the altar in unity.

It's important to remember that the peace we share in worship is not *our attempt at peace*, but instead is the *peace of Christ* that has already been given to us. According to the Apostle Paul, the peace of Christ passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7) as it reconciles all things with God (Col. 1:20). When we share this Peace with our neighbor, we recognize our own need for God's grace.

So while it might seem like a time for small talk and laughs, the Peace in worship points towards a much more important truth. God has brought divine peace to our lives and it is our joy to offer that same peace to others.

Peace be with you, David

Mission Trip with ZOE Empowers

Church members John Drescher and Robert Seligson recent traveled with Zoe Empowers - here's John's report from the trip:

“Robert Seligson and I were part of a group, mostly from North Carolina, that spent a week in February traveling around Rwanda to meet young adults who have participated in ZOE Empowers' three-year program. ZOE, which is supported by HBUMC, works with orphans and teaches them skills so they can be successful entrepreneurs. ZOE graduates are doing all sorts of things to support themselves and their siblings, including making clothes, cutting hair, baking goods, operating corner food stores, and riding motorcycle taxis. Bob took a lot of photos, which made him popular with the Rwandan children, who enjoyed seeing their photos on his digital camera.”



FEED -the- PACK

THE FOOD PANTRY AT NC STATE

Pantry Drive February 21 - April 7

Beans (refried and garbanzo)
Turnip greens, collard greens, yams,
Potatoes, diced tomatoes, and mixed veggies
Peaches and fruit cocktail
Pasta sauce and tomato sauce
Vegetarian soup, tomato and broth
Canned tuna and chicken

Boxed prepared mashed potatoes
Gluten-free items
Quinoa, lentils, and rice
Almond butter
Vegetable and olive oil
Coffee and tea products
Dental and body hygiene products

Drop off in the Well or at the Welcome Desk

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Easter Egg Hunts!

Your Financial Support

Thank you to everyone who has indicated their level of financial support for 2023 through their pledges or other communications. Your gifts enable us to do the work of the church both here within our own congregation, in the community, and throughout the world. If you have not already done so, we ask that you communicate your intentions to the Business Office:

Brooks Wicker
bwicker@hbumc.org
 or visit **hbumc.org**

by the end of March so that we may include this in our 2023 budget. Thank you for prayerfully considering your 2023 pledge!

Easter Lilies for Our Worship Spaces: \$12

Please clearly print the names of those you wish to honor/remember and your name(s) exactly as you wish them to appear in print. Send this card and a check, made out to HBUMC, to arrive by April 5, to: HBUMC Business Office, 2209 Fairview Rd, Raleigh NC 27608;

or sign up online at **hbumc.org/signups**.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

HBUMP February Teachers of the Month: Heather Wilson & Carroll Vuncannon

Heather and Carroll embody everything that makes HBUMP special. They are patient, empathetic, resourceful, collaborative, and consistently mindful of the needs of the whole school, not just of their own classroom.

Heather and Carroll were presented with a classroom of unique learning differences this school year. They immediately approached every situation with patience and empathy, while pulling in every resource offered by HBUMP. Not only did they seek the advice of other professionals within our preschool community, they followed every suggestion given. They did all of this without ever losing sight of the greater preschool community – always remaining flexible, devoted to improvement, knowledgeable of theory and practice, and compassionate to both the families they serve and the co-workers they work alongside.

Heather Wilson: Heather grew up in Snow Hill. She was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow at UNC-Chapel Hill where she graduated with a BA. Heather continued her studies at Wake Forest University where she earned a Master's in Education (K-12). Throughout her teaching career, Heather served in various leadership positions including department chair, student council advisor, National Honor Society advisor, mentor teacher, and Professional Learning Commu-

nity chair. She has served as a presenter at several county level professional development seminars, focusing on topics such as student engagement and differentiated instruction. Heather was named the Cox Mill High School Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for the Cabarrus County Teacher of the Year. Heather and her husband, Rob, have two children; Everett is an HBUMP graduate and attends Lacy Elementary and Caroline attends HBUMP.

Carroll Vuncannon: Carroll graduated from Washington & Lee with a BA in English and concentrations of study in Education and Developmental Psychology. She taught 10th and 11th grade English at the Bullis School outside Washington, D.C. At the Bullis School, she led the students' Peer Mentor Program, served as a Grade Level Coordinator, and assisted the college counseling and admissions offices, along with several other roles. She focused her professional development pursuits on supporting Equity and Diversity initiatives and on supporting students' mental health and the whole child experience. She was recognized with the RK Jung Faculty First Award for Excellence in Teaching. Carroll was blessed to spend the last decade at home with her three daughters; Louella, Hazel, and Millie, the youngest of whom attends HBUMP. She is thrilled to get back into the classroom and to join the HBUMP teaching team this year.



Meet Your Finance Committee

Front L to R: Ranse Stokes, Lee Ragsdale, Dudley Gwaltney, Amanda Brandon, Sarah McLaughlin, Kelly Minsley, Barrett Hughes

Back L to R: Henry Campen, Miriam Lang, Tyler Morris, Henry Jones

Not pictured: Carey Hunter, Zach Clayton, Michael Constantino, Mark Rostick, Debbie Walter, Sheri Gillette, Kevin McMahon

The Finance Committee meets six times a year and members generally serve a term of three years.

The Committee is responsible for formulating an annual operating budget at the beginning of each year. With the able support of our Executive Director and Controller, the committee takes into account the results of the past year, anticipated expenses for the coming year, pledges committed for the new year along with a conservative estimate of non pledged contributions. The proposed budget is presented to the Church Council in March for adoption and throughout the year, the Finance Committee monitors contributions received and expenses incurred to ensure they align with the budget.

The Committee also reviews an independent audit of the church finances, meets with the auditors to address any questions which may arise and approves the final annual audit.

The Finance Committee manages the Rainy Day Fund supplementing it with cash surpluses when they occur and approving withdrawals from this fund when necessary to cover unexpected expenses.

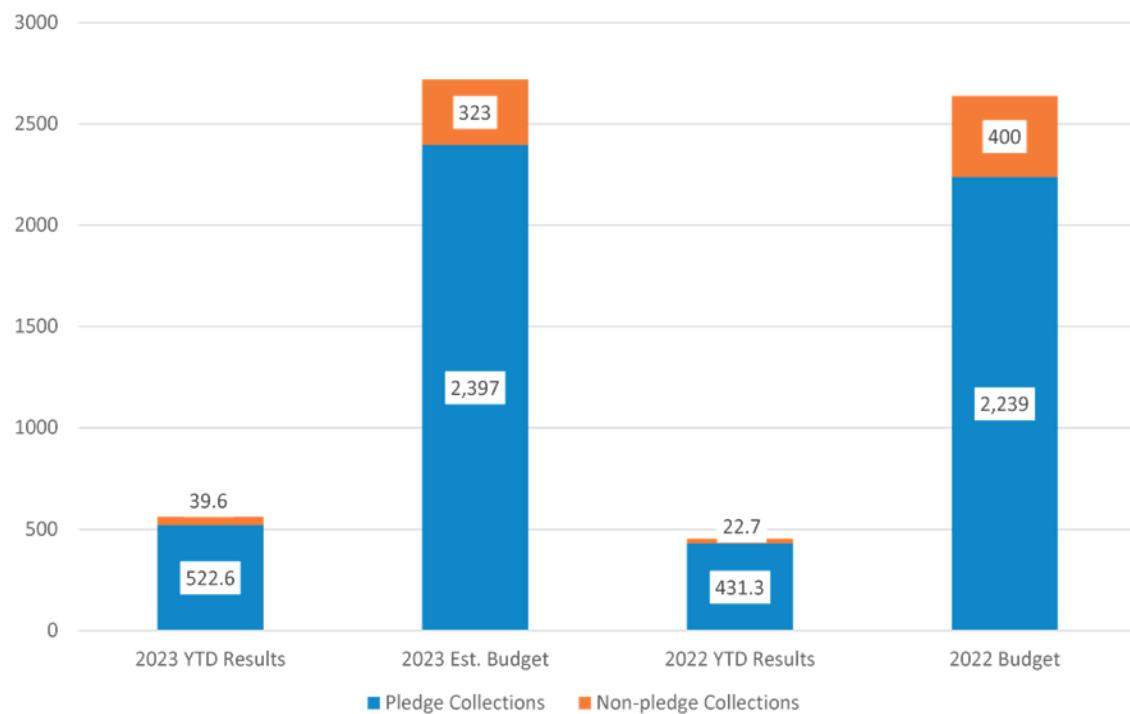
Our church is blessed to have a number of endowments created by faithful members over the years. The Finance Committee is entrusted to make prudent use of the earnings from these endowments consistent with the expressed intent of their donors. The committee meets annually with the Permanent Endowment Committee to stay abreast of the performance of our endowments.

The Finance Committee works closely with several other groups within the church, including the Board of Trustees and the Stewardship Committee. The Board of Trustees has responsibility for managing all church property. From time to time, the Trustees will identify a need and ask the Finance Committee to identify a source of funds to support the need. The Stewardship Committee is charged with developing and implementing the annual stewardship campaign which is so vital to our ability to carry out the mission of the church. The chair of the Stewardship Committee serves on the Finance Committee, and the chair of Finance also serves on the Stewardship Committee.

If you have an interest in joining the Finance Committee or need any additional information please contact Henry Campen, Chair at henrycampen@gmail.com or Miriam Lang, Vice-Chair at mblang01@gmail.com

Finance Update

Status of Collections (in 000's) for February



From Finance Chair Henry Campen

I view the primary mission of the Finance Committee as being a faithful steward of the generous contributions of our members to ensure that we maximize the ability of our church to offer the most abundant opportunities for worship, formation, support and outreach to our congregation, and to our community. Serving on the committee has been a wonderful opportunity to serve a church I love, to get to know so many dedicated members of our congregation, and to work with our committed and talented pastors and staff.



Sympathy and Love to

- † Jo Ann Bradsher and family on the death of her husband, John Bradsher, on March 20. His service was on March 27 at Hayes Barton.
- † Lynn Cathcart and family on the death of her brother, Robert Thurman Parker, on March 15. His service was held on March 21 at Overflow Church, Angier.
- † Eric Mills and family on the death of his stepmother, Joanna Smith Mills, on March 20. Her service was held on March 26 at the Wake Forest Baptist Church.

Birth

Wells Brooks Jones, daughter of Ashton & Street Jones, granddaughter of Cindy & Skip Jones, was born on March 23.

Baptisms

- † Miller Hayden McKinney, daughter of Sarah-Butler & Stahler McKinney, sister of Pierce, was baptized on 3/26 at the 8:30 service.
- † Katherine Elizabeth Watson and Laura Ann Watson, daughters of Joseph & Sarah Watson, were baptized on 3/26 at the 11:00 service.

Confirmed on March 19

Mary McRorie Avera
Henry DeWitt Brewer
Lindsay Quinn Campbell
Mary Knowles Hixson
Edwin Austin Ledford
Meredith Virginia McIntyre
Nathaniel Irving Minsley
Jinnette Garland Roberts
Elizabeth Grace Seamster
Kelli Elaine Tant
Thomas Jay Tripp*
Emme Mattox Warenda
*baptized and confirmed

Avery Irmeli Bloedon
William Grant Cain*
Owen Matthew Combs
Miles Daniel Kirby
Olivia Belle Manooch*
Katherine Frances McMahon
Sydney Marguerite Petty
Gregory Robert Schwitzgebel
Jack Grey Setliff*
Ainsley Grace Tattersall
Stella Foster Valdespino
Charlotte Walker Wilkison

Memorial Gifts Processed by March 23

In Memory of **Dianne Beattie**:

- to the Growing in Love Fund by Mary Gallagher and Susanne Stephenson.
- to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Sharon & Elvey Thomas.

In Memory of **Kent Burns** by Mary Lou Goodrich.

In Memory of **Peggy Underwood** by Mary Lou Goodrich.

Spring New Member Class

4/16: Exploring Membership Class 1 (Fellowship Hall, 12:15-2:15)

4/23: Exploring Membership Class 2 (Fellowship Hall, 10-11)

5/21: New members join at 8:30 Traditional or 9:00 Contemporary

Questions: Contact Amy Piland, apiland@hbumc.org.

UMW College Scholarship - Apply by April 30

Attention: Sophomores and Above! Are you interested in a scholarship opportunity? Each year, the Hayes Barton UMW offers a \$1000 scholarship to an HBUMC woman who is a sophomore or above. This scholarship is paid directly to the college of the recipient's choice. Please apply by April 30 at hbumc.org/signups.

Any questions? Please contact:

- Andrea Mace at andimace@aol.com or
- Charlene Hay at cnhay1125@gmail.com.



PRAYER REQUESTS:
PRAYER@HBUMC.ORG

Prayer Bookmarks: 03-19-23 & 03-26-23

Birth

Wells Brooks Jones,
daughter of Ashton & Street Jones,
granddaughter of Cindy & Skip Jones

Deaths

John Bradsher, husband of Jo Ann Bradsher
Joanna Smith Mills, stepmother of Eric Mills
Robert Thurman Parker, brother of Lynn Cathcart

Health Concerns

Althea Burroughs, mother of Anita Burroughs-Price		
Morgan Butts	Barbara Dickey	Michelle Eudy
Jo Foard	Todd Holder	Ginger Ivey
Tom Lindley	Paula Long	Candace Moody
	Jane Walz	

Ongoing Concerns

Betty Angell	Jane Preiss
Dorothy Caldwell	Jim Riggins
Mary Lou Goodrich	Gladys Rose
Pat Gore	Rhumell Ross
Dottie Honeycutt	Barbara Smith
Diane Jarman	Nancy Stamey
Gena Jones	Mark Stamper
Sheila Lee-Carr	Elvey Thomas
Martha Lowrance	Bill Ulmer
John Phillips	Eleanor Underwood
Hunter Potter	Molly, Zeke & Phoebe White

Deployed

William Stephenson, Jr.,
grandson of Susanne Stephenson

Our Church Leaders

Pastors David, Molly, Matt, and Laura
D.S. Brady; Bishop Shelton

Our In-Crowd Members

Our Leaders at All Levels of the Government

**Pray for peace
and a Russian withdrawal from Ukraine**

Those Affected by Natural Disasters

This newsletter is also available by email as a pdf, and can be found on the web at www.hbumc.org/newsletter



Please register your child for VBS by March 31. Volunteers are also needed. [Go to hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups).

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8 Scattered to Serve projects are scheduled from April 1 through May 6. Donations are also needed. Sign up now at hbumc.org/signups.



In Person Worship

8:30/11 am Traditional

9 am LightHouse

(9 & 11 am services live-streamed)

Nursery care for children from birth to age 4 available.

Sunday School at 10 am

APRIL 2

Palm Sunday

Pastor Molly

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

APRIL 9

Easter Sunday

Pastor David

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

APRIL 16

2nd Sunday of Easter

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