

From Pastor Molly

This Lent, as we examine the instructions Jesus gave to the Disciples in his final week, we remember the ultimate commandment to love one another. Kate Bowler's book of devotions, "The Lives We Actually Have," includes a blessing for the care, the showing up, the compassion that we can offer our church, community, and world. Spend time with this blessing as you learn more about Jesus' last words and how they can teach us today.

for the ones who choose to break their hearts for ours

Blessed are you who let your heart break.

You don't have to.

You could just have easily skirted the issue, shrugged it off as someone else's job.

But you didn't.

You gave the ride or set up the meal train or sat in the waiting room.

You handed your precious time over to the inefficiency and exhaustion of tragedy.

Blessed are you who show up during someone's worst day *because it is your job.*

The healthcare worker, funeral director, foster parent, chaplain, social worker, pastor, lawyer, police officer, or judge.

You who have not allowed yourself to be hardened by all you've seen.

You who offer the gift of steady presence amid swirling chaos.

Blessed are the communities of care that surround us when we fall apart.

Knowing we can't do this alone, and trusting that even if we don't have the answers or the right words to say or know exactly what to do, we will continue to show up.

Again and again and again.

Because that's what love demands: to let our hearts break, *together.*



Register for dinner by March 27! (hbumc.org/signups)

Churchwide Lenten dinner by Neomonde Deli: chicken kabobs, orzo salad, pomegranate salad, grape leaves, hummus trio, tzatziki & pita. \$15 adults, \$10 kids, free for 5 & under.

Joint worship in the sanctuary featuring a performance of Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* by choir and orchestra. Kids, kindergarten to 5th grade, will meet in the Children's Fellowship Hall for a special Lenten time together. Kids, preschool ages 3 to 5, will meet in Room 107 for a Lenten craft with Bible story. Parents of all kids, please send your kids in craft/paint clothes. Childcare is available for those from birth to age 2.

Lent at Hayes Barton

"Before I Go..." Lessons for Lent. This Lent we are looking closely at the last week of Jesus' life and the final lessons he gave to his disciples and the world. The Gospels tell the story of Jesus' three years of public ministry, and yet a significant portion of each Gospel is spent on Jesus' final week. This sermon series will dig deeper into the stories, teachings, and instructions that Jesus imparted during the pivotal days before his death and resurrection. What can his final words teach us as disciples today?

Friday, March 24: Elementary Dinner & Scavenger Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 26: Preschool Egg Hunt after church

Wednesday, March 29, 5-7:30: Churchwide Lenten dinner and worship experience featuring a performance of Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* by choir and orchestra. Children will have a special activity just for them.

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday with children's song and processional in all three services.

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday service, 7pm.

Friday, April 7: Good Friday service, 7pm.

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am and Easter services at 8:30 and 11am (Traditional, Sanctuary) and 9am (LightHouse, Holroyd Hall).





Farm and Faith Partnership 2023 Spring CSA Shares

Did you know that the Prophet Micah was a farmer? Did you also know that one of Micah's fiercest complaints against Israel concerned injustices being done against small family-owned farms? Micah's story sounds like a modern tale as small family-owned farming becomes more challenging in the landscape of industrial agriculture.

The Biblical Justice Action Team (BJAT) at HBUMC has an exciting way for our church to support local farmers of color. By joining the Wake County Farm and Faith Partnership, we will partner with Fairport Farms, a small Black-owned, regenerative, family farm in Kitchens, NC. Fairport Farms is owned by Elvin and Madeline Eaton. Follow them on Instagram @fairportfarms.

In order to participate in the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) venture, we need to purchase a minimum of 20 full shares from Fairport Farms. To sign up online and to learn more, please visit hbumc.org/signups and click on **Farm & Faith Partnership** and then click on **Farm & Faith Partnership Info**.

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

Lucy Allen (rphallenll@gmail.com)
Janet Gruchacz (gruchaczj@gmail.com)
Beth Baker (bethbaker1018@yahoo.com)
Bobbi Mullins (bobbi.n.mullins@gmail.com)

You can also learn more about RAFI and the Farm to Church program at <http://farmtochurch.org> - but do NOT sign up on that page. Only sign up using the HBUMC link.

A Message from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Matt Ashburn, Associate Pastor of Outreach and Support, will step down from his role at Hayes Barton at the end of this appointment year, June 30th. From Pastor Matt:

"In this new season, I will focus on caring for my children and the joys of these early developmental years. I covet your prayers as I transition to a season of full-time parenting."

Pastor Laura Fine Ledford will take on more hours and transition to a full-time role, and our church will seek a part-time associate pastor to round out our clergy team. Join us in wishing Pastor Matt and his family well, and please contact Pastor David Beam (dbeam@hbumc.org of 919-832-6435 x1115) with any questions related to the transition.

Earthquake Relief

Join us in prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria who have recently experienced two devastating earthquakes. News reports are assessing the impact as the worst to hit the area in a century.

UMCOR is processing a grant to our partner in Turkey, International Blue Crescent (IBC), which has issued an appeal for emergency supplies such as tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, food, and first aid.

You can donate to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Advance at:

<http://ow.ly/APs450MKGNa>



Tuesday, March 21
6:30-8pm
Dinner & Program

Hear from Katharine Kollins, President of the Southeastern Wind Coalition

RSVP: rwhite@hbumc.org



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HBUMC Youth Scholarships Application Apply by April 24

Interested High School Senior church members who are active in the HBUMC youth programs are encouraged to apply. The application is available at hbumcyouth.com/scholarships

Complete application packages are **due by April 24th, 2023**. Questions? Contact Tim Crawford at 919-349-2842.

A Day Apart Retreat at Cedar Cross - March 27

Mary June and Henry Jones will provide transportation for those who are interested in attending the Cedar Cross Day Apart Retreat on Monday, March 27th. They will leave Hayes Barton UMC at 8:30 am and return around 4 pm.

This retreat offers a day for stillness, listening, and noticing God's creation which is especially appropriate during this season of Lent. There will be a time of solitude, an opportunity to enjoy the outdoor trails and prayer labyrinth as well as optional sharing in community. Everyone is asked to bring their own lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

Cedar Cross Retreat Center is a ministry of Covenant Community Church, and the retreat center's mission is to provide a place for rest, reflection, and renewal. Your contribution of \$20 for A Day Apart nurtures this ministry.

If you have questions about the retreat or to sign up for transportation, please contact Mary June Jones at maryjune28@gmail.com.

To register for the retreat, contact the coordinator, Jimmy Allen, at cedarcrossregistrar@gmail.com.

Space is limited.



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Scattered to Serve

"The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace." - Mother Theresa

Service is an integral part of a well-rounded faith and a pillar of our mission at HBUMC. We hope you find your place to serve this spring. Scattered to Serve projects for all ages and stages of life are available now for sign up and more will be posted soon. Visit hbumc.org/signups for more info.

Financial support can be offered at hbumc.org/give for the projects. Click "Give Online" and select "Scattered to Serve" from the drop down list.

Oberlin Cemetery Clean-Up Day 2023 - 25 slots

1014 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605 (behind InterAct)
Saturday, April 1, 9AM - 12PM

A Place at the Table - Deep Cleaning - 12 slots

300 W. Hargett Street
Sunday, April 23, 2 - 4:30PM

Stephen Ministry Note Writing - 25 slots

Saturday, April 29, 9AM - 12PM at HBUMC

Taylor-Burroughs Marketplace of AAS-C - 6 slots

Deliver supplies, then stock and organize pantry
4 N. Blount Street, Suite 100
Sunday, April 30, 9AM - 12PM



Sympathy and Love to

- † the family and friends of Dianne Beattie, who died on March 1. Her service was on March 10 at Hayes Barton.
- † Patrick O'Connor and family on the death of his brother, John Kiefer, on February 26. His service was held on March 4 at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Clifton, VA.
- † Rebecca Phillips and family on the death of her father, Jerry Carter, on February 28. His service was held on March 4 in Rose Hill, VA.

Births

- † Robert "Strowd" Midgette, son of Martha & James Midgette, was born on February 20.
- † **CORRECTION:** Grayson Blair Greenly, son of Elizabeth & Erik Greenly, grandson of Tony & Beth Swartz, was born on February 4. Grayson was originally publicized to be a daughter by mistake.

Baptisms

- † Brooks Audrey Barringer, daughter of Shina & William Barringer, was baptized on March 12 at the 8:30 service.
- † John Dale Rees, son of David & Mary Lee Rees, brother of Annabelle & Audrey, was baptized on March 12 at the LightHouse service.

Memorial Gifts Processed by March 9

In Memory of **Sue Whitaker Davis**, mother of Susan Weaver:
- to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Jennie Hayman.
- by Jayne & Shan Teel.

In Memory of **Shelley Hoffman** to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Jane Neblett.

In Memory of **Nancy Perry** to the Special Music Fund by P.K. Greer.

In Memory of **Shirley Fox Phillips**:
- to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Cleveland & Barbara Porter.
- by Iggy Burroughs.

In Memory of **Peggy Underwood**:
- to the Growing in Love Fund by Steve & Stephanie Fordham.
- to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Jane Neblett.

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. Apply today! Deadline is April 30.

Any questions? Please contact:

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



Prayer Bookmarks: 03-05-23 & 03-12-23

Birth

Robert "Strowd" Midgette,
son of Martha & James Midgette

Deaths

Dianne Beattie
Jerry Carter, father of Rebecca Phillips
John Kiefer, brother of Patrick O'Connor

Health Concerns

John Bradsher		
Althea Burroughs, mother of Anita Burroughs-Price		
Barbara Dickey	Michelle Eudy	Jo Foard
Sarah Forsyth	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

**Those grieving the over 6.88M
who have died from COVID worldwide
and the over 1123K in the US**

Our Leaders at All Levels of the Government

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

Those Affected by Natural Disasters

The Commissioner

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



Nursery care for birth through age four is available from 5:30-7:30. Questions? Anna Sledge, asledge@hbumc.org.

5-6:00 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall - **reservations required!** RSVP at hbumc.org/signups by Monday.

Pay online or at the door.

Wednesday night, March 22nd, is our United Methodist Men's Chicken Pickin'. Dinner is donation-based and all proceeds will benefit Wee Care. We look forward to a time of fun and fellowship! The menu is: BBQ Chicken, potatoes, green beans, and a cookie, with hot dogs for kids and tea and lemonade from Dave Butts and the Harrison Avenue Chick-fil-A.



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 _____

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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

MARCH 19
4th Sunday in Lent
Pastor Laura
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

MARCH 26
5th Sunday in Lent
Pastor David
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

APRIL 2
Palm Sunday
Pastor Molly