

November 22, 2021

From Pastor Laura

We become the God we worship.

I read this short sentence last night and can't stop thinking about it.

We become the God we worship.

If this is true, and the God I worship is angry, then I become angry.

If the God I worship is, in my mind, judgmental, then I become judgmental.

Conversely, of course, if the God I worship is merciful, perhaps I might become more merciful.

If the God I worship has a preference for the poor and struggling, then maybe I will learn a greater tenderness for the poor and struggling.

If the God I worship is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, then I too, might become these things in the world.

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This is the reason we gather for worship every seven days - because we forget who God is throughout the week. We are fantastic at amnesia. We need to hear, and sing, and speak who

God is, over and over, until we start to look like a God-mirror.

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We are also myopic in our imagery for God. This is the reason we gather together to study scripture, read books, discuss topics related to our faith so that our picture of who God is can expand and challenge and console us.

If we become the God we worship, perhaps that's why Advent is my favorite season. This is the season in which we worship a God who is surprising: making his way to us in a womb, not a chariot. It's the season in which we worship a God who partners with a brave, young woman, not powerful government leaders. It's the season in which God shows up as a fragile, no-neck-muscles infant, not a warrior.

This Advent God expands and interrupts all of our images of who God should be, and invites us instead to learn again and anew who God actually is.

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Along with each of you, I look forward to worshipping this God and becoming more like this God this Advent season.

Peace of Christ,
Laura

OUTREACH Opportunities in Advent

† **NC Diaper Train** diaper drive (Dec. 5) Access the Amazon wish list at hbumc.org/advent or bring items to church on 12/5.

† **UMW Pride for Parents Toy Drive** (Dec. 6) Contact Penny Hage at pennyhage@icloud.com - In lieu of our annual Birthday Party for Jesus, the UMW invite you to donate an unwrapped toy to our collective efforts in support of Pride For Parents Toy Store held by The Encouraging Place.

† **Green Chair** bedding drive (new sheets, blankets, and pillows) (Dec. 12) Access the Amazon wish list at hbumc.org/advent or bring newly purchased items to church on 12/12.

† **Holiday Share** donations in honor or memory of a loved one to benefit our partner nonprofits (see back page)



Holiday Share
at HAYESBARTON
See back page for more
about Holiday Share.





Confirmation Mentors Needed for 2022

For Confirmation Spring 2022, we are expecting as many as 40 confirmands. We are blessed to have this many, but that means we need just as many mentors for the confirmands. We are now seeking those interested in being a mentor for this upcoming spring. If you are interested, please contact:

Rachel Carter at rcarter@hbumc.org,
or Chris Varnson at cvarnson@hbumc.org.

Children's Sunday School Now Inside

The children have moved inside for SS. Elementary-age children meet in the Children's Fellowship Hall. Preschoolers meet in Rm 107, and 4th/5th have their lesson after music in Rm 124 (pop-up). Molly is teaching advent lessons to the 4th/5th.

19 More Parkview Manor Secret Pals Needed

Get in on the fun to make someone feel very SPECIAL and NEVER forgotten. We have partnered again with Parkview Manor apartments for seniors. A monthly gift (value from \$5-\$10) from a SECRET PAL will be a way of saying SOMEONE CARES and they are a BLESSING.

Sign up to be a secret pal at hbumc.org/signups

You'll receive information with your pal's name, address, hobbies, household items needed, favorite color, foods they enjoy, their birthday and other information.



All Saints Sunday at Hayes Barton



New Advent Books in the Library

Advent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections by Diane M. Houdek

Low: An Honest Advent Devotional by John Pavlovitz

Preparations for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent by Richard Rohr

Thin Places Everywhere: The 12 Days of Christmas with Celtic Christianity by Bruce G. Epperly

Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects by Jill J. Duffield

I Wonder as I Wander: The 12 Days of Christmas with Madeleine L'Engle by Bruce G. Epperly

Goodness and Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas with readings from Pope Francis, Maya Angelou, Kathleen Norris, Mary Oliver, Richard Rohr, etc.

God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Every Valley: Advent with the Scriptures of Handel's Messiah by Jessica Miller Kelly

Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ by Fleming Rutledge

All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings by Gayle Boss and illustrated by David G. Klein

Shadow & Light: a Journey into Advent by Tsh Oxenreider

From the Stewardship Team:

On behalf of our clergy, staff, and the Stewardship Team, we thank those who have pledged their commitment for 2022 to Hayes Barton United Methodist Church! As shown by your pledge, you compassionately understand why “Giving by Faith” your first fruits is so important to the kingdom work here in our congregation, in our community, and around the world.

We are blessed to be able to continue supporting missions and nonprofits both locally and globally that meet the greatest need. There is no other time in our generation where the love of God has been needed more. If you are still considering your pledge, please know that your vital support keeps our beloved church and God’s work in our communities operational.

We are grateful for our congregation’s commitment to Hayes Barton UMC and to offering Christ’s love to all.



2021 Humble Heart Bazaar

The UMW is overjoyed to share that the 2021 Humble Heart Bazaar was a great success! The church was once again bustling and it was wonderful to see so many people come out to support this annual event! In a year that has brought so much uncertainty, the outpouring of love and generosity from our community was truly humbling. We are grateful to our vendors, donors, shoppers, and volunteers for sharing their time and talents with us! The impact your support will have on our community will be truly amazing. THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts! We are already looking forward to our 2022 Bazaar!

Casey Parvin and Betsy Vance
UMW Humble Heart Bazaar Co-Chairs





Advent at HAYESBARTON

Advent Book and Bible Studies

Advent Joint Sunday School

Our Pastors will lead us each Sunday morning during Advent and Epiphany for reflections on the season. We'll be using the book *Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects* by Jill J. Duffield as our guide – reflecting on an object per week that connects us to the season. You may choose to read along or attend without reading. We will be using the same book as the basis for our Elementary SS during Advent as well. All are welcome! Some copies are available in our library and some are for sale (\$14 each; contact Pastor Molly).

Waiting on the Word: A Poem a Day for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany by Malcolm Guite*

Tuesdays beginning November 30, 12-1, online. Join Pastor Molly and Sean Timmons as our Zoom group discusses a wonderful alternative to a traditional Advent devotional. The *Waiting on the Word* anthology uses accessible, faith-based poems with short explanations and reflections for each day in the season. This is a perfect way to dip your toe into poetry – with just a couple of pages of reading per day! Please purchase the book on your own.

Women's Advent Gathering – Into the World*

Wednesdays beginning December 1, 9:30-10:30, in person. Join Pastor Laura and Pastor Molly as we gather in the Chapel for a time of worship and discussion during the Advent season. Saints Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, Therese of Lisieux, and Hildegard of Bingen will be our guides as we discover the beauty and hope of the coming of Christ into the world. No reading required!

Our Church-Wide Advent Devotional for Advent 2021

is *Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects*
by Jill J. Duffield

Each day in the season from Advent to Epiphany has a brief (3-page) yet thoughtful devotion paired with a short scripture and reflection questions. We'll use this as our text for our Advent Joint Sunday School for adults and for our older Elementary students. Contact Pastor Molly for a reading schedule for the book that corresponds with this year's calendar. Please purchase the book on your own or several copies are available in our library and a limited number are for sale (\$14 each; contact Pastor Molly).

*Register for studies and child care at hbumc.org/formation



ADVENT SOUL CARE PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
6-6:40 IN OUR SANCTUARY

LED BY ANISSA FERRIS

STILLNESS, MUSIC, AND QUIET PRAYER
DURING A BUSY SEASON



UNITED METHODIST MEN

DINNER & CAROLING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30-9pm

Dinner provided

RSVP: rwhite@hbumc.org



Time Wisdom

Retreat for men & women

January 14-16, 2022

St. Francis Springs Retreat
Center in Stoneville, NC

Retreat with your pastors and lay
leaders in a serene setting after the
busy time of Advent and Christmas!

Learn more and register at
hbumc.org/signups

Time Wisdom: The Time of Our Lives Retreat

Join us at January 14-16 as we gather at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, just north of Greensboro, for a weekend away after the bustle of the holiday season! St. Francis Springs has deep ties to our HB community and our lay planning group has created a weekend with time for walking, reading, conversation by the fireplace, worshipping, learning, and fellowship.

The theme for our retreat is "The Time of Our Lives." For many of us, time is the one thing we can't control. There isn't enough of it, or there's too much of it on our hands. Retreat with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we begin the new year exploring simple ways to bring Christ into our daily lives and consider a spiritual path to time in our lives.

We have limited accommodations for men, women, or couples. Depending on the number of people who attend, the cost will be between \$100 & \$150 for the weekend – including wonderful meals prepared by the staff at St. Francis Springs! Register now at hbumc.org/signups.

Sympathy and Love to

- † Ed Hagy and family on the death of his father, Edward Hagy, Jr., on November 9. His service was held on November 22 at Hayes Barton.
- † Kathryn Tanner and family on the death of her son, Ian Tanner, on November 21.

Congratulations to

Blake Stephenson and Maria Groben, who were married on Saturday, November 6, in Richmond, VA.

New Members on November 14

- † Andrea & Brian McCracken joined by transfer from Normandy UMC and by profession of faith, respectively.
- † Christopher Varnson joined as an affiliate member.
- † Anne & Robert Whitney, with Paul, joined by transfer from North Raleigh UMC and St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Chapel Hill, respectively.
- † Heather & Rob Wilson, with Everett & Caroline, joined by transfer from Myers Park UMC, Charlotte.

Baptism on November 21

Jacqueline Annette Boone

Memorial Gifts Processed by November 18

In Memory of **Dicie Davis** to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Shelly Greer.

In Memory of **Barbara Freeze** by Janet Comrie.

In Honor of **Doug Gill & Tricia Ligon** to the Welcome House Fund by Sherry Conrad Frye (correction).

In Honor of **Tom & Sarah Graves** to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Mac & Lindsay Newson.

In Memory of **Betty Hunt** by Margot & Hart Huffines.

In Honor of **Mary June Jones & Kathryn Rogers** to the Wee Care Fund by the Thursday Morning Bible Study.

In Honor of **Margie Lucas & Mary Lou Goodrich** by Mary Craven & Dennis Poteat.

In Memory of **Deborah Lambert Sawyer** by Cathy Thompson and Jon Strother.

In Honor of **Pat Wiles & Pat Donaldson** by Mary Craven & Dennis Poteat.



Hayes Barton United Methodist Preschool
OPENINGS:
Tues/Thurs 2s
4 day 4s
5 day 4s
Visit our website to learn more or tour virtually
hbump.org

PRAYER REQUESTS: PRAYER@HBUMC.ORG

Prayer Bookmarks: 11-14-21 & 11-21-21

Death

Edward Hagy, Jr., father of Ed Hagy

Wedding

Blake Stephenson & Maria Groben

Health Concerns

Malcolm Cass, Bill Johnson, father of Shelly Johnson, Les Tharrington, Dick Walz

Ongoing Concerns

Betty Angell	Mac Newsom
Becky Balentine	John Phillips
Andrea Barnard	Jane Preiss
Dianne Beattie	Gladys Rose
Tom Blalock	Rhumell Ross
Mary Lou Goodrich	Barbara Smith
Finlay Carter Green	Nancy Stamey
Sheila Lee-Carr	Mark Stamper
Martha Lowrance	Elvey Thomas
Margaret Lucas	Georgia Webb
Margaret Wrenn Murphrey	

Our Church Leaders

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

Our In-Crowd Members

Those grieving the over 5.14M who have died from COVID worldwide and the over 770K in the US

Our Leaders at All Levels of the Government

We welcomed **Bishop Leonard Fairley** to the pulpit on November 21! Bishop Fairley preached in all three services. Bishop Leonard Fairley was elected to the episcopacy in 2016 from the North Carolina Conference and will be our episcopal leader from September 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022. He remains assigned to the Kentucky and Red Bird Conferences while providing episcopal coverage for the NC Conference.



Holiday Share at HAYESBARTON

Make a gift during Advent in honor or memory of a loved one. Your donation may be split among the agencies below as you desire. You may also give with a credit card online at hbumc.org/give. Online donations will be distributed evenly among these agencies.



A Place at the Table
Alliance Medical Ministry
Boys and Girls Club
Family Promise
The Daniel Center
The Encouraging Place
Grace Home - Prison Aftercare
Christian Ministries
The Green Chair Project
Hearts and Hands for Haiti
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
Meals on Wheels
Methodist Home for Children
Neighbor to Neighbor

Oak City Cares
Rise Against Hunger
Round Table at Pullen Baptist
SafeChild
Society of St. Andrew
StepUp Ministry
Urban Ministries/Helen Wright
Center
Wee Care
Welcome House (CBF Refugee
Advocates)
The Women's Center
ZOE

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Join us in Holroyd Hall for dinner, fellowship, table discussion, and activity in preparation for Advent. We'll learn about HB's service focus for Advent and have thoughtful conversation around these needs.

5:30-6pm – Dinner

6-6:15pm – Message for youth, adults, and children

6:15-7pm – Youth breakout; while adults and children engage in table discussion and mission activity

In Person Worship

8:30/11 am Traditional
9 am LightHouse

(11 am service
will also be live-streamed)

Nursery care for children
from birth to age 4 available.

Sunday School at 10 am

NOVEMBER 28:
1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor David
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

DECEMBER 5:
2nd Sunday of Advent

Pastor David
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

DECEMBER 12:
3rd Sunday of Advent
Pastor Molly

POINSETTIAS: Add to the beauty of our sanctuary and church during Advent & Christmastide. Make your \$15 check out to "Altar Guild Poinsettia Fund." Please return form and check by **12/08**. The purchase of each poinsettia helps Soroptimist International of Mid-Atlantic with their "Live Your Dream" program to help end violence against women and girls.

LUMINARIES: Luminaries will be lit for Christmas Eve. Proceeds will benefit 2022 Youth Missions: ASP, SLAM & College Mission teams. The luminaries will display your name(s) and the name(s) of those you wish to honor/remember. Make your check for \$10/luminary to HBUMC and put 'Youth Missions' on the memo line. Return form/check by **12/18**.

Fill in the form below. Please print the names clearly, exactly as you wish them to appear in print. Mail to/drop off at HBUMC, 2209 Fairview Rd, Raleigh NC 27608.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____