

## From Pastor Laura



**I am not sure where I heard this**, maybe in a seminary class or just in conversation with a wise person, but I once heard the suggestion that we ought to spend more time reading scripture outside of our sanctuaries and homes. Specifically, we should be reading scripture out in the world. Scripture, this person said, takes on new life, new muscle, when it's read in other places.



For instance, Micah 6:8 (*what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?*) causes us to pause and reflect more deeply when we read it on the steps of a courthouse, or in front of the legislative building.

Psalm 121, *I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?* reverberates more in my soul when I read it standing at the base of a mountain than sitting in my living room.

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil* (Psalm 23) takes on greater power when read at a death-bed than simply hearing it from a pulpit.

**Scripture takes on new life when we engage with it outside of our usual locations.**



**The same is true for worship.**

For several years I served a new church plant, which was a congregation that, for many years, had no permanent, physical building. This offered us the opportunity to be creative and to experience the very much living story of God out in the world. Weekly worship took place in a gym at an elementary school, with bleachers instead of pews. Christmas Eve worship took place in a barn, on a working farm with loud and fragrant cows. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday were processed and read at the airport park, with planes landing, and children running around us. These stories of God, and our experiences of God, took on new life in these new places.



**When we gather on May 7th for Worship in the Park**, we do so to worship together as one church family, but also to see what God sounds like when God speaks in a new place. We look forward to worshipping with you on the 7th, and to experiencing the living story of God out in the world.



**Pastor Laura**

**Join us for Worship in the Park on Sunday, May 7th at 11:00am (8:30 worship will take place in our Sanctuary; no 9am LightHouse worship).** This will be a casual service outside at Dix Park's Flowers Field followed by a picnic lunch. You can bring your own lunch or

**register at [hbumc.org/signups](https://hbumc.org/signups) for a boxed lunch from Cafe Carolina.** Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and a food or hygiene item donation to fill the Taylor-Burroughs Market P.L.A.C.E. Pantry van (see a full list of needs and sign up for donations when you register for lunch). We'll also have special activities for kids and youth and free ice cream for all!





# Easter Sunday



**PLAY  
PICKLEBALL**

Thursdays  
6-9pm  
Holroyd Hall

Questions?  
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**2023 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
METHODIST BUILD**

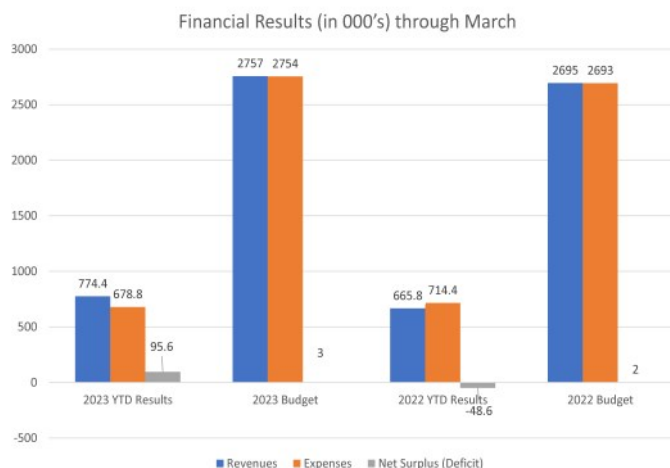
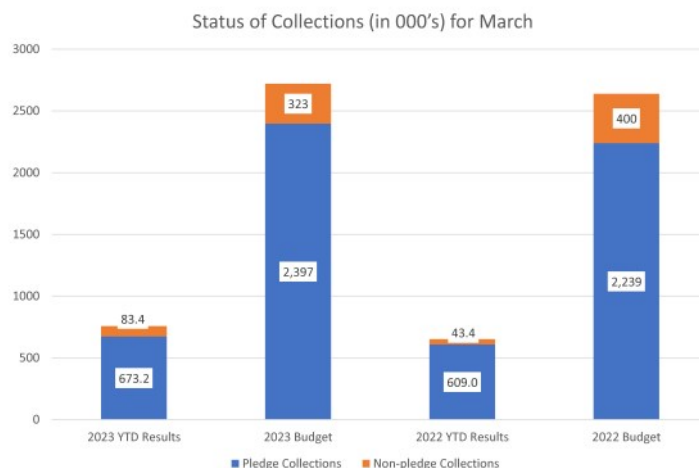
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**SATURDAYS:  
MARCH 25, APRIL 22, AND MAY 20  
REGISTER AT [HBUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS](http://HBUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS)**





## Hayes Barton UMC Financial Updates through March



### Scattered to Serve Calendar of Events

**April 29:** Oak City Cares Breakfast

**April 29:** Hospitality & Affordable Housing Summit  
at Trinity Baptist

**April 29:** Soccer Clinic with Neighbor to Neighbor

### Scattered to Serve Calendar of Events (continued)

**April 29:** Stephen Ministry Note Writing

**May 6:** Rise Against Hunger Packing Event

**May 20:** Habitat for Humanity Build Day

**May 7:** "Fill the Van"  
Concluding Taylor-Burroughs Marketplace collection  
at Worship in the Park

**Learn more and sign up at:**  
[hbumc.org/signups](https://hbumc.org/signups)

Please make donations to HBUMC with Scattered to Serve on the memo line, or select Scattered to Serve in the drop down menu at [hbumc.org/give](https://hbumc.org/give) to help with costs of supplies and materials.

### Meals on Wheels of Wake County

needs volunteers for delivery of meals to elderly citizens who are food insecure. They are looking for regular and substitute volunteers to help once a month or more often.

The time involved is only 1-1/2 hours, Monday-Friday, between 10:00 & 12:30. For details, please contact Jane Holding at:

[janeholding1@gmail.com](mailto:janeholding1@gmail.com)

HBUMC has been volunteering for Meals on Wheels since 1974 - what a great way to serve others in our community!

### Creation Care

Earth Day was April 22, and in this season, we are reminded that we are called every day to be stewards of God's good gift of creation.

"Eternal God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep, bringing forth light and life; by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people. Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards, that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water, and rich earth may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life, and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works; through Jesus Christ, your living Word, in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed. Amen." - Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby

For helpful resources and devotions, visit the NC Conference of the UMC's Creation Care page ([nccumc.org/creation](https://nccumc.org/creation)).

## Listening Sessions: Let us know how Hayes Barton can help our local community

The Hayes Barton UMC Outreach Committee and Biblical Justice Action Team is attempting to canvas as many members of the church as possible on the question: **“If you could change something about your local community, what would it be?”** At three different listening sessions (in person; one will include a Zoom option), we'll hope to identify what is on the hearts of our congregation and find the areas in which all of God's people can come alive in God's kingdom. Listening sessions will be held on Wednesday, May 10 (10am), Thursday, May 11 (7pm) and Tuesday, May 16 (7pm) to gather this information from our members, in addition to some during Sunday School hour and within already convening small groups.

The information compiled may have value in the design of our church theme for the coming year. Previously, our outreach activities have been decided solely by the Outreach Committee and those who have presented us with opportunities. We want the most amount of people vested in our activities, so our hope is to use this information to see the issues about which our church is most passionate.

These individual convictions would also be shared with One Wake, an agency consisting of multiple interfaith congregations that has been committed to finding solutions to the affordable housing crisis over the past two years. Our information from Hayes Barton will help them as they determine the new issues

for which they would like to advocate for the citizens of Wake County.

At all listening sessions the convictions and opinions within our congregation will be received and considered openly. Our facilitators will host each session and are trained in receiving and documenting differing views in the pursuit of full assessment of our congregation. Some examples of what might break your heart or areas in which you might want to see change are affordable housing for all, youth mental health access, or food insecurity to name a few. We invite you to quietly contemplate this question and come with your own genuine concerns and passions.

Sign up for a session today at [hbumc.org/signups](https://hbumc.org/signups). Our commitment is to hear as broad an array of reflections as possible so it can help “decide everything.”

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”  
- Pedro Arupe, SJ

## 2023 Recipients of the HBUMC Outreach Grants and the UMW Grants

**We are pleased to announce the 2023 recipients of the HBUMC Outreach Grants and the UMW Grants. Outreach Grants are funded through the HBUMC Annual Budget. UMW grants are funded through the proceeds from the 2022 Humble Heart Bazaar. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support toward these missional endeavors.**

### 2023 Outreach Grant Recipients

A Place at the Table  
Alliance Medical Ministry  
Belong NC  
Cross & Key Prison Ministries  
The Daniel Center  
Dementia Alliance of NC  
Saint Saviour's Center - Diaper Train  
The Encouraging Place  
Family Promise  
The Green Chair Project  
Haven House  
Meals on Wheels  
Methodist Home for Children  
Neighbor to Neighbor Ministries  
Note in the Pocket  
Oak City Cares  
Overflowing Hands  
Prison Aftercare  
Raleigh Boys & Girls Club  
Round Table @ Pullen Baptist  
Soroptomist  
StepUp Ministry  
Wee Care Children's Enrichment Program  
Welcome House  
The Women's Center

### 2023 UMW Grant Recipients

A Place at the Table  
Christian Life Home  
Designed for Joy  
The Encouraging Place  
Family Promise  
The Foundation of Hope for Research and Treatment of Mental Illness  
Grace Home Prison Aftercare  
The Green Chair Project  
Haven House  
Hayes Barton United Methodist Preschool – Amy Mattheis Scholarship  
Hope Reins  
Kidznotes  
Methodist Home for Children  
Neighbor to Neighbor Ministries  
Note in the Pocket  
No Woman No Girl  
Postscript Outreach  
Riverside Ranch  
SAFEchild  
Season's Village  
StepUp Ministry  
Wee Care Children's Enrichment Program  
Welcome House



## Birth

Levi Carter Phillips, son of Rebecca & Justin, brother of James, was born on April 18.

## Wedding

Ben Wibbens & Katarina Smith were married on April 21 at Hayes Barton.

## Baptism

Augustus Ellis Carter, son of Drewry and Russell Carter, brother of Libby and Bouton, was baptized on April 16 at the 11 am service.

## Memorial Gifts Processed by April 20

In Honor of **Becky Balentine** by Mary Craven & Dennis Poteat.

In Memory of **John Bradsher** by Norma Stidham.

In Honor of **Our Choir, Organ & Wonderful Music** to the Music Fund by Jo Anna Silver.

In Memory of **Austin Fine**:

- by Scarlett Bryant and Joe & Pat Donaldson.

- to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Harold & Gladys Rose and Lanier Murr.

In Honor of **Sherry Thomas** to the Scattered to Serve Fund by Susan Baldwin-Stevens & Eric Stevens.

## 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](http://hbumc.org/signups).

Any questions? Please contact:

- Andrea Mace at [andimace@aol.com](mailto:andimace@aol.com) or
- Charlene Hay at [cnhay1125@gmail.com](mailto:cnhay1125@gmail.com).

# HBUMP IS HIRING

## FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

- Degree in Education or Child Development- related field required
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30-1:15 availability
- Play-based philosophy
- Bonus: Conscious discipline trained

SEND AN EMAIL IF INTERESTED

[mkconnor@hbumc.org](mailto:mkconnor@hbumc.org)

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## Prayer Bookmarks: 04-16-23 & 04-23-23

### Birth

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son of Rebecca & Justin, brother of James

### Wedding

Ben Wibbens & Katarina Smith

### Baptism

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brother of Libby and Bouton

### Health Concerns

Ann & Dan Bowers

Morgan Butts	Barbara Dickey	Michelle Eudy
Todd Holder	Ginger Ivey	Tom Lindley
Paula Long	Candace Moody	Michele Parker

### 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

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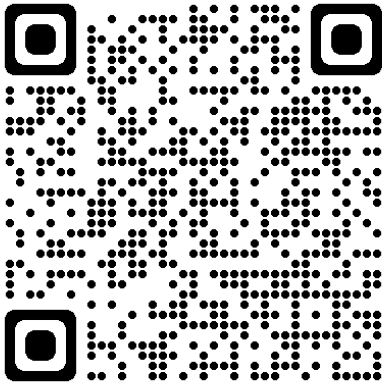


## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School registration has closed and we have 197 kids registered! We are in need of adult and youth volunteers for the week of June 19-22 to be a fun success for everyone! Be a hero for the week and consider donating your time by helping decorate, and/or serving



as a Shepherd or Center volunteer. Check out the QR code to see our volunteer needs and sign-up to-day. Any questions? Email Jami Britt Noble, Director of Children & Family Ministry, at:



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*Worship in the Park*  
May 7th at 11:00am  
Reserve your boxed lunch  
at [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups)



## Feed the Pack 2023 - Thanks

You were called and you answered. During Lent, Hayes Barton United Methodist Church members donated more than 1,200 pounds of food and personal supplies to Feed the Pack, the food pantry at NC State. Your generous donations helped students and staff meet their most basic needs and provided relief from the stress of affording proper food and nutrition. As it says in Hebrews 6:10: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

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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** (not May 7)

**APRIL 30**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Pastor Matt**

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

**MAY 7**  
**Worship in the Park (8:30/11 only)**

**Pastor David**

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

**MAY 14**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Pastor David**