

November 21, 2022

From Pastor Molly

Grace and Peace to you, friends in Christ!

In recent years, Thanksgiving has become the start of the Christmas season. I used to lament this mixing-and-melding of the seasons into one season. Yet during the difficult years that we have experienced as a society, I have come to appreciate the joy and hope of this longer holiday season. For many of us, as soon as the Thanksgiving table is cleared and the leftovers stored, the Christmas tree is decorated. In fact, you may be eating Thanksgiving in a room decorated with autumn leaves, a pumpkin, and a Christmas tree.

I propose that we embrace the joy of an extended season. Our spirits crave the connections of the holidays, the joy of celebrating, the peaceful quiet of sitting in the living room in the dark listening to carols and enjoying the lights from the Christmas tree. At Hayes Barton United Methodist Church we have ways to help make this season merry and bright during Advent. Go to hbumc.org/advent to explore our Advent offerings. Feel free to contact me if you have questions about ways to connect during Advent.

Friends, I invite you in this week of Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent, to be thankful for this season!

Be thankful in the waiting for the Christ child to appear to save the world from sin and death. Join with us as we worship together on the Sundays and Wednesdays of Advent.

Be thankful in the busyness of preparation and planning, of friends and family. Set your Spotify station or Alexa to play Christmas carols while you're driving or baking cookies.

Be thankful in the setting aside of quiet time to reflect on the meaning of the season for your Christian journey. We will be worshiping together with Hayes Barton UMC and

Edenton Street UMC at our Advent Service of Healing and Hope on December 18th in the late afternoon.

Be thankful in the joy of children during the season. Everyone is invited to a special Child-Led worship service on December 11th where we celebrate the season through the eyes of our children.

Be thankful that we are able to give out of our abundance to those in need. We will gather as a community at Generous Helping on December 14th for an evening of food, fellowship, and service to our neighbors.

Be thankful in the beautiful music of the season from the grandeur of the Magnificat in our traditional services to the joyful special music offered at LightHouse during our worship services on December 18th.

Be thankful in preparing your heart for the coming of Christ into the world. The devotional book called *Waiting on the Word* we are using for joint Sunday School during Advent will help you focus some time every day on your spirit.

Be thankful in the hope that Christ will come again and vanquish the evil forces that buffet this world. We will worship together on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day celebrating the joy that came into this world through Jesus Christ.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, we are so thankful that you are always with us.

May this season bring you hope, peace, love, and joy!

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Molly



From Pastor Matt: A Big Thanksgiving Food Box Thank You

On Friday November 18, I had just packed ten food boxes with a class of joy-filled and smiling 4- and 5-year-olds from HBUMP and the teacher asked, "What kind of work did we just do?" One girl said, "Teamwork." A boy said, "God's work!" The teacher agreed with both of them.

Over the last few weeks, our church has engaged in God's work through Outreach in many ways. We have been the missional church by moving out into the world, serving people's needs, and building relationship with them. On November 13th, church members sat at table and shared a Thanksgiving meal with the families of Cristiana Iglesia and Seeds of Hope at Millbrook UMC, and we celebrated the successes of that ministry. Then, together, we donated, boxed, and delivered over 300 Thanksgiving meals and turkeys for our neighbors. We served families at Wee Care, The Daniel Center, Parkview Manor, Stonecrest, Shiloh Restoration Church, Welcome House, Family Promise. Also, we provided Thanksgiving meals to families at the following schools: Joyner, Underwood, Wiley, Brooks, Conn, York, and Bryan Road.

I want to thank ALL in our congregation who donated and/or participated for your incredible outpouring of generosity and service. I also want to thank:

- The Thanksgiving Food Box Team: Janet Gruchacz, John Thomas, Laura Kirby, Beth Baker, Tracy Robinson, and Audrey Gastmeyer for many hours strategizing, organizing, and implementing this ministry.
- Matt Kirby and his team who shuttled a majority of the turkeys to the church.
- Dean Ogan and Rocky Top Catering who ordered and stored our turkeys and chickens.
- Lon and Chandler Ellis and Overflowing Hands who donated 800 lbs. each of fresh apples and sweet potatoes.

My heart is full of joy as I consider how we have participated in God's work together. Happy Thanksgiving!

In His Service, Matt Ashburn



Stephen Ministers Commissioned on November 20, 2022

Our Newly Trained Stephen Ministers

Lucy Allen, Jessica Barr, Joelyn Harrington,
Fred Misenheimer, Dennis Poteat,
Charlie Russell, Fil Stidham, Rebecca Wilder

See photo at left.

Our Newly Trained Stephen Leaders

Lisa Burney and Matt Ashburn

Humble Heart Bazaar - Thank You!



Wow! Thank you all for coming out to support the 2022 Humble Heart Bazaar! The outpouring of love from our congregation, community, and beyond was truly humbling as we fully opened the doors to "God's House, Our Home." You showed up and showed out! You volunteered your time, talents, and service and gave abundantly to this special tradition in the life of our church. Thank you to everyone who purchased greenery, enjoyed a lunch, participated in the bake sale, came out to the marketplace, and donated to and bid on our Silent Auction. The impact this will make on local nonprofits is immeasurable.



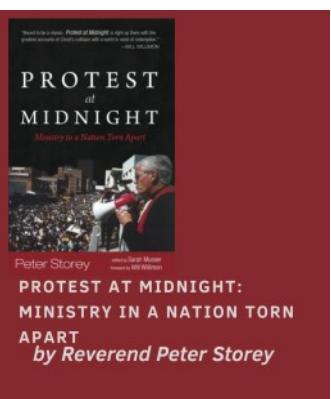
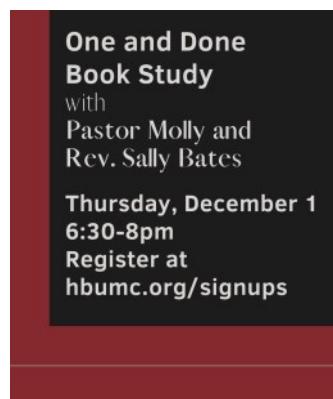
One and Done - Thursday, December 1

Pastor Molly and Reverend Sally Bates will lead a One and Done book study and discussion on the new book by our recent guest speaker, Reverend Peter Storey. "Protest at Midnight: Ministry in a Nation Torn Apart," is the story of ministry in the face of South Africa's apartheid regime. The discussion will take place on Thursday, December 1, at Hayes Barton from 6:30-8pm.

Sign up for the study at hbumc.org/signups.

"Let me say to President Botha: apartheid is doomed! It has been condemned in the councils of God, rejected by every nation on the planet and is no longer believed in by the people who gave it birth. Apartheid is the god that has failed . . . let not one more sacred life be offered on its blood-stained altar." This is what Bishop Peter Storey preached in 1986 in the darkest hours of black suffering in a South Africa torn apart by racial oppression. Join him as a youthful chaplain to Nelson Mandela on Robben Island, defying armed police entering his pul-

pit, heading the SA Council of Churches with Bishop Desmond Tutu, leading 25,000 marchers against Johannesburg's secret police headquarters, and confronting Winnie Mandela's wrongs. Storey's ministry was shaped by one simple question: "What does it mean to obey Jesus in apartheid South Africa?" This book tells of his answer and challenges the silence of American churches in the face of nationalism, systemic racism, and right-wing populism in the USA. - amazon.com



Stewardship Update

What an energizing Commitment Sunday on October 30! Seeing so many of you, in person, here at HBUMC makes such a positive impact on all of us.

Over 300 families have already made their commitments to God's House & our Home. For those of you who are still considering how to support HBUMC, our Pastors, staff & Stewardship Committee are always available to talk or answer any questions you might have.

We look forward to receiving your commitment!

Yours in Christ,

Mark Rostick, Stewardship Chair

hbumc.org/stewardship

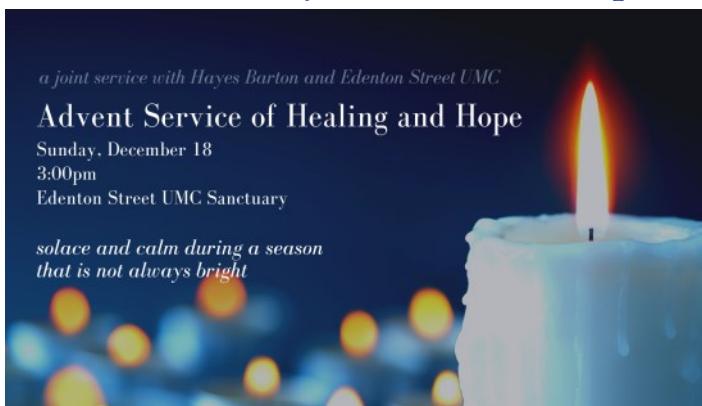


Holiday Share

Holiday Share - donate in honor or in memory of a loved one this season to address a major emergency need this Advent: The federal rent waiver is being cut, after COVID, from \$800 per month to \$400 per month as of December. Thus, those who face food and housing insecurity must find ways to make up \$400 per month to sustain their homes this winter. Holiday Share funds will go to the Friendship Fund at First Presbyterian Church and Doorstep Ministry at Edenton Street UMC. This will address emergency needs of county residents faced with housing, utilities, and food insecurities.

To donate, look for volunteers on Sundays and at the Generous Helping event on Wednesday, December 14th.

Join Us on Sunday, December 18, at 3 pm



HBUMP September Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Missy Boyd, one of our 5-day 4s teachers. Missy's nomination read, *"She is a masterful teacher and we just had the best experience allowing a child to utilize sensory strategies successfully while honoring his ideas at the same time. He was able to navigate an experience that would have negatively affected the success of his day with prompts from Missy! Missy should be commended for her wisdom and knowledge and experience as a "top notch" educator."*

Missy has been working with children for her entire career. Over the past 10 years, she led professional development training for teachers all over the state. She holds a BA from Meredith College and is currently finishing her Masters Degree in Education from UNC-CH. Both of her daughters attended HBUMP, and she is the Head Coach for Broughton's JV women's lacrosse team.



If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at HBUMP, please visit:

www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4cacaf2ca0ff2-special1

POINSETTIAS: Add to the beauty of our sanctuary and church during Advent & Christmastide. Make your check out to "Poinsettia Fund": small red are \$15, large red are \$20, large white are \$25. Please return form and check by **12/07**. 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 2023 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 per 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 _____

Birth

Saylor Gray Owen, daughter of Brooke & Brandon, sister of Hunter, grandchild of Lynn Williams & Jon Morris, was born on November 1.

Baptism

Baker MacRae Jones, son of Natalie and Cameron Jones, brother of Thomas, was baptized on November 13 at the 11 am service.

Memorial Gifts Processed by November 17

In Memory of **Tom Blalock (Slim)** and **Lin Jordan** by Elizabeth Rankin Allen.

In Memory of my brother, **Robin B. Conrad**, to the Thanksgiving Food Box Fund, by Sherry Conrad Frye.

In Memory of **Faye Eury** to the Eury Family Endowment Fund by Laura Lee B. Covington.

In Memory of **Vera Holshouser** by Betty Jo & Les Ipock.

In Memory of **Mr. Jeff Stinson**, Uncle of Eric, and in Memory of **Dr. Rex Stevens**, Eric's Father, by Julia & Cecil Baldwin, and Cecil III (Cab), Shelia, Porter and Sydney Baldwin.



Come Home for the Holidays and Celebrate with a Birthday Party for Jesus hosted by HBUMW

Monday, December 5, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Women of Hayes Barton, please join the Hayes Barton UMW in celebrating the Birth of Jesus and hear from Special Guest Speakers, Sherry McIntyre of Christian Life Home and Reggie Edwards of The Encouraging Place. Dinner will be provided. Our menu includes:

Seasonal Green Salad with Dried Cranberries and Candied Walnuts, Chicken Breast Stuffed with Bacon & Gouda topped with Pesto Cream, Green Beans with Roasted Red Pepper, Dinner Rolls, and Red Velvet Cake

Please RSVP at hbumc.org/signups, to your Circle Leader, or allison.thompson@yahoo.com.



Prayer Bookmarks: 11-13-22 & 11-20-22

Birth

Saylor Gray Owen, daughter of Brooke & Brandon, sister of Hunter, grandchild of Lynn Williams & Jon Morris

Health Concerns

Barbara Dickey

Andy Fowler

Todd Holder

Michelle Eudy

Pam Fraser

Dottie Honeycutt

Teeny Massey

Ongoing Concerns

Betty Angell

Dianne Beattie

Dorothy Caldwell

Jerry Carter, father of Rebecca Phillips

Mary Lou Goodrich

Pat Gore

Finlay Carter Green

Diane Jarman

Sheila Lee-Carr

Martha Lowrance

John & Shirley Phillips

Hunter Potter

Jane Preiss

Jim Riggins

Gladys Rose

Rhumell Ross

Barbara Smith

Nancy Stamey

Mark Stamper

Elvey Thomas

Bill Ulmer

Eleanor Underwood

Olin Wilson

Deployed

William Stephenson, Jr., grandson of Susanne Stephenson
William Wampler, fiancé of Ellie Dannenberg

Our Church Leaders

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

Our In-Crowd Members

Those grieving the over 6.62M who have died from COVID worldwide and the over 1077K in the US

Our Leaders at All Levels of the Government

Pray for peace and a Russian withdrawal from Ukraine

Our Newly Trained Stephen Ministers

Lucy Allen, Jessica Barr, Joelyn Harrington, Fred Misenheimer, Dennis Poteat, Charlie Russell, Fil Stidham, Rebecca Wilder

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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

Save the Dates for VBS 2023: June 19-22

Mark your calendars!

Contact Jami about volunteering
or any other questions at jbrittnoble@hbumc.org



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PERIODICALS
POSTAGE
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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

NOVEMBER 27
1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor David

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

DECEMBER 4
1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor Laura

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

DECEMBER 11
1st Sunday of Advent
Pastor David