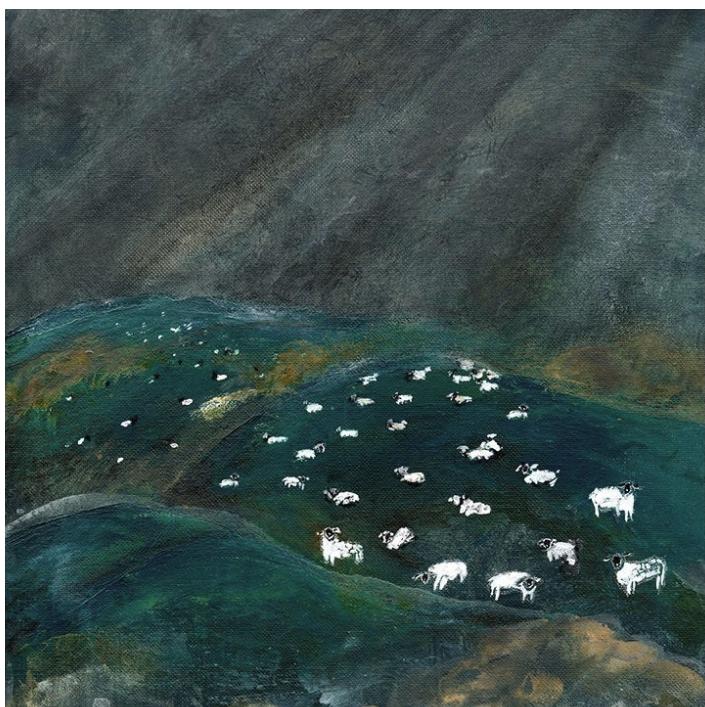


April 25, 2022

From Jami Britt Noble



Flocks by Night is a painting by Lindsay Sherbondy, and it reminds me of God's voice that resounded in the night through an angel that declared the good news of Jesus' birth. It reminds me how God's voice is usually most clear to me in the middle of the night. The voice of God is often difficult to hear in a world that is constantly competing for my attention, but when I tune my heart and ears to hear, God's voice becomes easier to notice. I am reminded of the song, *Voice of God* by Dante Bowe.

“...I can hear it when the rain falls on my windowsill,
On a playground where children’s laughter lives,
Oh, I can’t explain
But it makes me wanna cry.
And I can hear it in the busy New York city streets
And I can hear it in the country Georgia fields of green...
Like when the sun it goes up,
Sometimes it’s better when the sun comes down
‘Cause there’s just something about the moonlight,
it can make you feel all right
Oh, it’s the voice of God...”

God's voice first called me into ministry when I was 16 years old, sitting outside under the shade of a pine tree. A calling of cultivating and nurturing authentic human connection through

community. I have nurtured that calling and followed God's voice that's led me to serve as a pediatric hospital chaplain at WakeMed, a volunteer and resource coordinator at the Salvation Army of Wake County, as a local pastor of two different United Methodist churches in the NC Conference, and now as the Director of Children and Family Ministries at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church.

I am passionate about creating opportunities for children and families to thrive and grow in their faith together as disciples of Jesus Christ, through authentic small groups, missions, education, and spiritual disciplines. When the whole family unit is engaged, the church thrives in shepherding disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

I am the type of person who will sit in the depths with you, not afraid of the heavy, intense feelings that weigh you down. Because I, too, know what it's like to be overcome with persistent grief and sorrow. I am the type of person, who will float on the clouds with you as you celebrate your victories and joys. Because I, too, know the importance of joy – as it is the life-giving moments that sustain us. I am the type of person who knows that both grief and joy can exist at the same time. I believe that we (children and adults together) are called to journey this life together, authentically connected through the highs and lows and all the in-betweens, trusting that God's grace will always hold us, sustain us, and carry us onward.

I look forward to connecting with the children and families of Hayes Barton UMC!

~Jami Britt Noble, Director of Children and Family Ministries,
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Stephen Ministry Training Is Set for This Fall!

If you have the gifts of compassionate listening and a heart for those who are hurting, we ask you to prayerfully consider becoming part of Hayes Barton's Stephen Ministry team.

Stephen Ministry is a vital part of our church's support pathway and congregational care. Our 30 Stephen Ministers assist the pastors in caring for our congregation by providing deep and transformative Christian care-giving for people going through difficult seasons. If you feel God nudging you to join Stephen Ministry, please be in prayer to discern God's movement in your life.



Training for those called to this ministry will be held at the end of August through November at the church, comprising a total of 38 hours. Stephen Ministry Application Packets are now available at the church from Cheryl Fortineau, Church Executive Assistant, who is located in Office 221 directly behind the Reception Desk. The deadline to submit applications is June 1st. Applications may be left in a basket at the Reception Desk marked "Stephen Minister Applications."

Two information sessions have been scheduled for those considering this important ministry. Both will be held in the Seekers Classroom, Room 320.

Thursday, May 19th - 11:15 - 1:45 am
Sunday, May 22nd - 12:00 - 12:30 pm

For questions, please contact Becky Balentine (bbalentine1025@gmail.com) or Matt Ashburn (mashburn@hbumc.org).

The need for this ministry today is great - the rewards for serving as a Stephen Minister are even greater!

Henry Campen, Stephen Minister Communications Coordinator

Scattered to Serve 2022

**Join with friends and family and make a difference serving our community.
Sign up at hbumc.org/serve**

Apr. 30 (Sat): Oak City Cares breakfast and gardening project from 8:30-11:30 am; under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Alliance Medical Ministry garden workday from 9am-12noon; 16 & up.

Taylor-Burroughs Market P.L.A.C.E. food and supply delivery and shelf stocking from 9am-12pm; 12 & up.

Wilson Temple Food Pantry Super Drive grocery distribution and meal serving from 10am-2pm; 12 & up.

May 1 (Sun): A Place at the Table deep clean from 2-4:30pm; 16 & up.

Donations welcome! Fund landscaping materials, supplies, and food for our partner agencies. Details at hbumc.org/serve



Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolinas

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MARKET PLACE**

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Food and supply drive for Scattered to Serve

Item list and sign up at

hbumc.org/serve

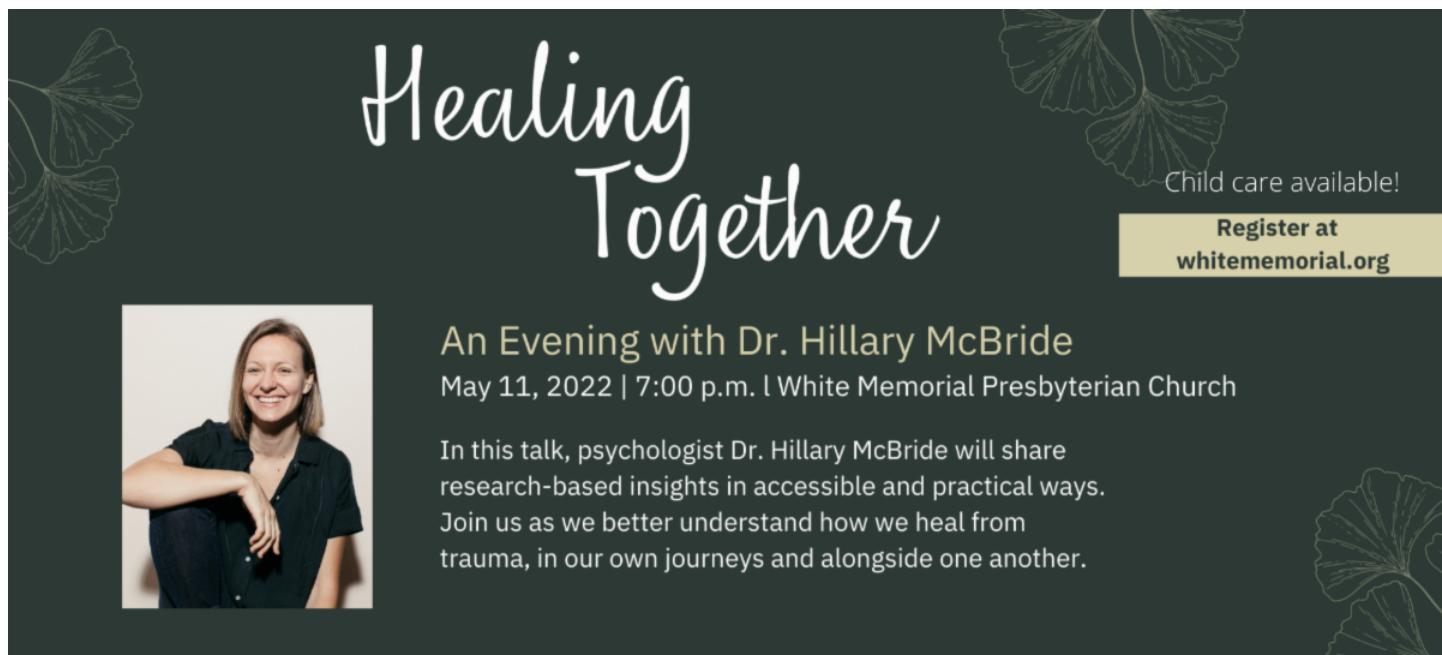


Find Your New Sunday School Class!

In the remaining weeks before our Sunday School classes break for the summer, we encourage you to get connected with a Sunday School class. Try out a new class – or a couple of classes! Finding a Sunday School connection now means that you'll be ready to go when classes resume in the fall. Contact Pastor Molly at mwhite@hbumc.org with questions about Sunday School and contact information for Sunday School leaders!

- The Seekers Class meets in Room 322. They are reading Jim Harnish's *Finding Your Bearings*.
- The Unity Class meets in Room 122. They recently began a new study on *The Rest of the Gospel* by Dan Stone.
- The ACC Class meets in Room 326. They continue with their weekly series the Wired Word based on contemporary events.
- The Connections Class meets in Room 250. They will be looking at the topics of Sabbath, Solitude, and Stillness.
- The Cornerstone Class meets in Room 343. They are working through Amy-Jill Levine's *Witness at the Cross*.
- The Wesleyan Class meets in the Chapel. They continue with Bible-based weekly devotionals in a traditional lecture-style class.
- The Starnes Class meets in the Fellowship Hall. Adult volunteers are always needed for this wonderfully vibrant gathering!

In the summer, join us for our combined adult Sunday School class. Our topic this year is **Summer Seminary: Heresy!** We'll begin meeting in Holroyd Hall from June 12 through August 21. We'll also have Sunday School for children and youth each Sunday in the summer (except July 3)!



Healing Together

Child care available!

Register at whitememorial.org

An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride

May 11, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | White Memorial Presbyterian Church

In this talk, psychologist Dr. Hillary McBride will share research-based insights in accessible and practical ways. Join us as we better understand how we heal from trauma, in our own journeys and alongside one another.

Starnes Class Helpers Needed

The Starnes Sunday School Class provides an opportunity for differently-abled adults to have a meaningful Christian experience through music, lesson, and group discussion. Each Sunday we come together in fellowship and witness God's Grace, Love and Joy in abundance. Please consider the blessing of joining the Starnes Class as a teaching assistant or piano player. Helpers and pianists rotate and may be needed once every 4-6 weeks.

For questions or to help, please contact Mary June Jones at 919-368-0344 or maryjune28@gmail.com.

Ukraine Relief

If you would like to contribute to the Ukraine relief effort, please mail a check to the church office with "Ukraine" written on the memo line.

Learn more at:

umcmission.org/april-2022/ukraine_support_update/

04/25/2022

Ushers Needed for 8:30 and LightHouse

We break our ushers into 6 teams for the 3 worship services (8:30, LightHouse-9:00 and 11:00) with an Usher Captain for each. Each team serves 2 months out of the year. We need 8:30 and LightHouse ushers. We want 6-8 members per team so that all ushers are not needed each Sunday to allow for travel, etc. Ushers help members/visitors find seating, distribute bulletins, welcome visitors, usher rows during communion, pass the offering, and straighten/cleanup the chairs/pews after service.

8:30 service needs:

Team 1 - Jan./July Team 4 - Apr./Oct. Team 6 - June/Dec.

LightHouse 9:00 service needs:

Team 1 - Jan./July Team 2 - Feb./Aug. Team 6 - June/Dec.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and email Amy Piland at apiland@hbumc.org to volunteer. Please indicate the Team and service that would work best with your schedule.

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Feed the Pack Thanks

Throughout Lent, HBUMC showed tremendous support to Feed the Pack, the food and toiletries pantry for NC State University.

Overall we delivered approximately 1800 lbs. of food and toiletries and collected almost \$700 in monetary donations.

A BIG shout out goes to our church members who are NC State students or faculty members who helped sort and deliver these donations each week: Phillip Stevens, Genevieve Fortier, Ella Gruchacz, Whitney Jones and Aryanna and Alexander Roebuck, Maddie Lee, and Logan Hunter.



Webinar on Tuesday, May 3, at 7 pm

Congregations for Children, a ministry of the NC Conference of The UMC, is sponsoring a webinar on May 3 at 7 pm featuring discussion of the moral imperative to support public schools and how the public can get actively involved. Register at:

<https://nccumc.org/c4c/our-faith-our-children-our-public-schools-webinar/>



YOUTH SUNDAY

HAYES BARTON UMC APRIL 24, 2022



Youth Sunday Thanks

Thank you to all of the youth who led and participated in the LightHouse and 11 am worship services on Youth Sunday, April 24, 2022.

Thank you to Rachel Carter and Chris Varnson and all of the adult leaders and mentors for their ministry among our youth.

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ONE AND DONE BOOK STUDY

Hillary McBride's *The Wisdom of Your Body*
Thursday, April 28
6:30 - 8:30 in person

Register at hbumc.org/signups

ONE AND DONE BOOK STUDY

Elizabeth Tova Bailey's *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*
Sunday, May 1
6:00 - 7:30 in person and Zoom

Register at hbumc.org/signups

Easter Lily

In Memory of John C. Smith (Smitty) by Melba S. Smith, Robin S. Hackney and family.

Sympathy and Love to

Ken Crockett and family on the death of his father Hudley Crockett, on April 13. His service was held on April 19 at Farris Chapel UMC in Winchester, TN.

Birth

Kenneth Wells Davis (Wells), son of Whitney & Clay Davis, brother of Hayes & Walker, grandson of Jane Davis, was born on April 12.

Memorial Gifts Processed by April 21

In Memory of **Sandy Chappell** to the Wee Care Fund by Lynne & Fred Misenheimer.

In Memory of **Paul Johnson**:

- to the ASP Fund by William & Ann Collins and Martha Edwards.
- to the Music Fund by Jackie McLaurin.
- the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Bill & Lanier Murr.

In Memory of **Mac Newsom** to Seekers' Benevolent Fund by Marion Church and Caroline Inlow.

In Memory of **Connie Stein**, mother of Connie Upshaw & grandmother of Andrew Upshaw, to the Music Fund by Peggy S. Thomas.

PRAYER REQUESTS: PRAYER@HBUMC.ORG

Prayer Bookmarks: 04-17-22 & 04-24-22

Death

Hudley Crockett, father of Ken Crockett

Birth

Kenneth Wells Davis (Wells), son of Whitney & Clay Davis, brother of Hayes & Walker, grandson of Jane Davis

Health Concerns

Pat Gore
Joelyn Harrington
Shirley Phillips
Theresa Stevens

Ongoing Concerns

Betty Angell	Jim Riggins
Dianne Beattie	Gladys Rose
Tom Blalock	Rhumell Ross
Dorothy Caldwell	Barbara Smith
Malcolm Cass	Nancy Stamey
Mary Lou Goodrich	Mark Stamper
Finlay Carter Green	Elvey Thomas
Sheila Lee-Carr	Peggy Underwood
Martha Lowrance	Georgia Webb

Deployed

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 6.21M
who have died from COVID worldwide
and the over 991K in the US**

Our Leaders at All Levels of the Government

Pray for peace and a Russian withdrawal from Ukraine

Next New Member Class

Our next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, June 5th, from 12:15-2:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Boxed lunches will be provided for all. Childcare is provided upon request.

Please RSVP to Amy Piland at apiland@hbumc.org.

Save the Date:

Graduate Sunday Is May 22

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Pastoral Appointments for Hayes Barton

If you have spent time in a United Methodist Church, you have likely heard the words “itinerancy” and “appointments” float around on occasion. These are words that tell the story of how pastors in United Methodism are deployed for ministry. In some denominations, pastors seek out their own church or place of ministry, interviewing for the job with a search committee before moving to that place. In United Methodism, appointments, or places where pastors serve, are determined by the cabinet of the North Carolina Conference. When a pastor moves to a new appointment, this is called itinerating. The cabinet (made up of our Bishop, Leonard Fairley, and eight District Superintendents) gather together each year, reviewing the churches that will need new pastors. They look at the gifts and needs of the church, as well as the pastor, seeking through the Holy Spirit to make matches that will benefit the Kingdom of God. These new appointments are shared on Announcement Sunday, which was this past week, April 24th. We are delighted to share that our current pastoral staff will remain in place at HBUMC for another year. We invite you to join in praying for those churches and pastors who will be itinerating to new places of service this year.

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Let's gather at Flowers Field for 11 am worship, fellowship, and fun on May 15!

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic lunch at 11 am on Sunday, May 15, (or order a boxed lunch from our outreach partner Carroll's Kitchen at hbumc.org/signups) to Flowers Field off of Umstead Drive in Dix Park (parking details to come).

We'll have FRESH local ice cream's truck, too!

Friends and family welcome (just not furry friends, please - we anticipate a crowd)!

8:30 worship in the Sanctuary and live-streamed on Facebook and our website
No Sunday School
No LightHouse or 11 am service at the Hayes Barton UMC campus

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In Person Worship
8:30/11 am Traditional

9 am LightHouse
(11 am service live-streamed)

Nursery care for children from birth to age 4 available.

Sunday School at 10 am

MAY 1

3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor David

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

MAY 8

4th Sunday of Easter

Pastor Molly

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

MAY 15

5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 at HB, 11:00 at Dix Park

Pastor David