

October 23, 2023

From Pastor Sarah

In January of 2019, my husband and I learned we were expecting our first child. At the time, I was working with Pastor David at Pinehurst UMC, in my first appointment after seminary. Jordan and I had a beautiful home on a lake, our church was bustling with three Sunday services, and now we were blessed with this new being to bring into the world. Life was perfect.

So you can imagine my fear one Sunday morning, shortly into the pregnancy, when in between worship services I started bleeding. I had preached one sermon and was about to preach two more, but I needed to let Pastor David know what was going on and figure out what to do next.

In my role as a pastor, I had heard it said many times: People won't remember what you say; they'll remember how you made them feel. Finally I learned the truth of it for myself. Pastor David prayed for me in that dark and scary moment, and I can't tell you a word of what he said. But just to be prayed for mattered a great deal. No matter what would happen next, prayer was what was needed.

I try to remind myself of that lesson in my current role as your Pastor of Visitation. I may feel self-conscious

when I enter your hospital room or rehab setting. I may not be sure what to say when you are facing something that brings deep fear, something that makes you meet the dark blank of the unknown. But I will try to bring forth a simple presence, trusting that it's the gift we all need most. It is a gift without price.

Yes, Jordan and I did end up losing that baby early in the pregnancy, but we were not alone in our loss—friends, church members, and family members all brought consolation, for which I am very thankful. I am also very thankful for the baby we were blessed with shortly thereafter—a little girl, Olympia Grace, who turns four next month!

This journey we are on is a mixture of beauty and brokenness, sorrow and healing. If you ever wonder what you could possibly bring to someone in their time of hurt, just bring yourself. Sit in quiet. Offer a prayer. Even with faulty words. And the only thing they'll remember is the only thing that matters: you were there.

In God's grace, Pastor Sarah

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them feel*

Labyrinth Praying for the Middle East

We continue to be overwhelmed as we watch the pain and violence unfolding in Gaza and Israel. Over the next week, October 23rd - October 27th, 9 am - 9 pm, the Labyrinth in our Chapel will be open for walking, prayer and meditation, as we join our hearts with those who suffer. Within the space will be specific prayers that we can offer for the people of Israel and Gaza. Let us "pray always, and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1).

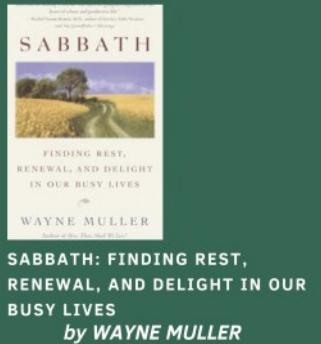


Refresh: On the Journey Together A Fresh Start for 2024

A Women's Retreat: January 26-27

With great joy and eager anticipation, we are thrilled to announce that the Refresh 5 Women's Retreat will be held at HBUMC Friday night and Saturday morning, January 26-27, 2024. Rev. J. Dana Trent will be our keynote speaker and Sally Morris will guide us in worshipful song and music at the retreat and during worship services on Sunday, January 28. Please consider joining us for this wonderful opportunity to begin the new year by coming together in community to grow in fellowship and faith.

Advent
One and Done
Book Study
with
Pastor Molly
Thursday, November 30
6-8pm
In person: sign up at
hbumc.org/formation



Save the Date for Hayes Barton VBS! June 17-20, 2024

CASA Gift Card Collection Update

We raised over \$1,200 for CASA through our Homecoming gift card collection! These gift cards will be given to families in need of extra support as they transition out of homelessness. Thank you for your generosity and passion for affordable housing in our community.

Thanksgiving Food Box Ministry

This year we aim to provide 325 families with a Thanksgiving meal and we need your help to make it happen! The sign-up is posted on our church website at hbumc.org/signups. There are four ways to get involved this year:

- 1. Volunteer your time:** Participate in sorting, packing, and/or delivering the boxes on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday (November 17-19).
- 2. Donate food:** This year we will rely on almost 4,000 donated food items in order to package 325 food boxes. Please bring donations to the buckets in the Well and Narthex by Tuesday, November 14.
- 3. Contribute financially:** Consider donating money to our Thanksgiving Food Box fund. Contributions can be made online at hbumc.org/give to the "Thanksgiving Food Fund" and checks can be made to Hayes Barton UMC with "Thanksgiving Food Fund" on the memo line.
- 4. Attend a community meal.** We will share a potluck meal with our friends at Iglesia Cristiana on Sunday, November 12, at 12:30pm. You are invited to bring your favorite dish and share in the food and fellowship.

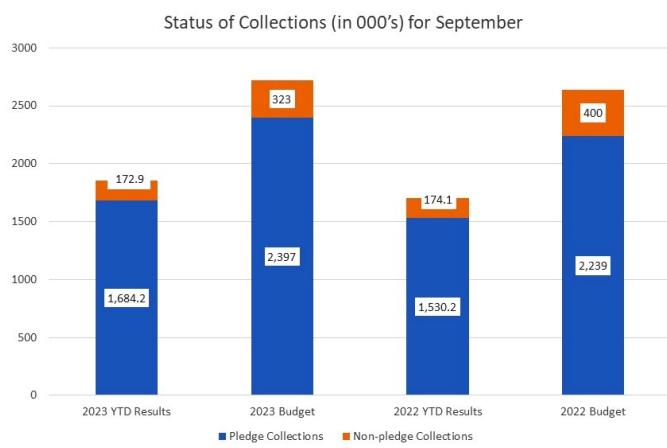
We are trying something new this year with four of our community partners - the Daniel Center, Family Promise, Stonecrest Housing, and Parkview Manor. We will take the box materials and ingredients to these families and build the boxes together on-site. Our hope is that this will create a shared sense of participation and ownership, opening up space for conversation and fellowship as we work alongside one another to package the meals. It will take a small team of volunteers at each site on Friday, November 17th, and Saturday, November 18th, in order to make this work! Sign up at hbumc.org/signups.

The Great Raleigh Cleanup and UMW Circle 6

The UMW's Circle 6 and families partnered with The Great Raleigh Cleanup on a recent Teacher Work Day to remove trash from Raleigh green spaces. The Great Raleigh Cleanup is a Scattered to Serve partner organization.



Finance Update for September



MELANIE RANKIN

This church community has given to me over and over and over again. And I have taken every time and been inspired, enriched, educated, and humbled by each interaction. We want every member to be a part of giving with heartfelt generosity. Wouldn't it be extraordinary if we could say that every single member of this church gave a gift to our stewardship fund? Not just the wealthy members; not just the leaders of the church; but every single ordinary member, like me.



KATELYN CORK

From church I have learned that God will be with me every day of my life. **I know I can talk to this church about anything.** That is why I like being a part of this church.



JANET CHESSON

The people at Hayes Barton have been like family to us and we have seen Jesus in their lives and in their service. Our treasured memories stretch from the elementary Sunday School, to the children's choir, to the JOY class, to the annual Elementary Christmas pageant, to MYF, to the Bible studies, to the United Methodist Women, and to the Seekers Class and we have seen our church touching lives in Raleigh and beyond. **HBUMC was and remains the foundation and anchor for our family.**



ROB LOVEJOY

Since joining, we've enjoyed watching Jesus work through the lives of the people at Hayes Barton. We are grateful to be part of the HBUMC community and **look forward to continuing to find new ways to work together to share God's love.** We encourage you all to join us this Commitment Sunday, October 29th, in giving back to a church that has given our congregation so much!





KENNETH HAYWOOD

So why does my family keep coming to HBUMC? Where else can you go during the week and every Sunday and see people with smiles on their face and a receptive welcoming hug. **We are all part of a church family.** That connected family keeps us together and keeps us continuing to learn in our faith journey.

MARK ROSTICK, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

Our goal is that each of us will use this Stewardship season to consider how to be super, to accomplish the extraordinary by our faith, our decisions, our actions, and our financial gifts. Stewardship is a vital time for all of us to focus on **how we make HBUMC a place where all can come to experience the extraordinary Love of Christ.** I look forward to seeing you at church on Commitment Sunday, October 29, and talking with you more about how we can all help.



Commitment Sunday is October 29th. We will worship with special music and a presentation from three generations of Appalachian Service Project volunteers at all three services. Please prayerfully consider your giving, and **bring your pledge card** that was mailed to you, or find one at the front desk or at hbumc.org/stewardship.

According to Jesus, *being generous is a privilege*. Giving freely of one's time, talent, and treasure is not an obligation for the faithful, but **an opportunity to share in God's abundant love for creation.** "We have this treasure in clay jars," the apostle Paul once wrote, "so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." By sharing our gifts generously, we glimpse the generous heart of God.

Sympathy and Love to

- † Jill Barrett and family on the death of her husband, Jimmy Barrett, on October 9. His service was held at Hayes Barton on October 16.
- † Scott Gibson and family on the death of his mother, Dottie Gibson, on October 20. Her celebration of life will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, November 4, at Wright Funerals-Cremations, High Point.

Baptism

Levi Carter Phillips, son of Rebecca and Justin Phillips, brother of James, was baptized at the 11 am service on October 15.

Memorial Gifts Processed by October 19

In Memory of **Dorothy Caldwell** to the In As Much Fund by Nancy & Ned Nutt.

In Memory of **Diane Ferrell**:

- by Julie R. Howdy.
- to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Cheryl Hall.
- to the Special Music Fund by The ACC Class, Al & Mary Hugh Bedinger, V, Frank and Becky Brown, Calvin & Elizabeth Ferrell, Jr., D. Michael Ferrell, Dick & Annelle Fowler, Alan Long, Charles & John Lindley, Marie & Dean Marshbourne, Lanier Murr, Ann Schafstedde, Glenna Sears, Jr., and Jacqueline Woodcock.

In Memory of "Snoopy" Frye to the Thanksgiving Food Boxes Fund by Sherry Conrad Frye.

In Memory of **Lester Hershey** to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund by Lanier Murr.

In Memory of **Frank Jolly, III** by Lellie P. Capwell.

Scam Email Alert

Many members have received fraudulent emails from Pastor David Beam requesting gift cards. Please ignore these requests; this is a sophisticated scam effort to request personal information and financial transactions. These emails have come from a few different Gmail accounts not associated with the church. Our staff would not solicit gift cards or money electronically and church-related staff emails come from the hbumc.org server, not gmail.com. If you have any questions, email Susan Baldwin at sbaldwin@hbumc.org.

Good advice when you receive emails of this nature: always verify the sender, think twice before clicking any embedded link in an email (especially a suspicious one), check for major typos and errors, and have skepticism when requests for money using emotional manipulation are involved in an email.



All Saints Candle Bearers

Volunteers needed Sunday, November 5
in all three services

Sign up at hbumc.org/signups



Prayer Bookmarks: 10-15-23 & 10-22-23

Deaths

Jimmy Barrett, husband of Jill,
father of Jordyn and Xander

Dottie Gibson, mother of Scott Gibson

Health Concerns

Rick Barbour	Dan Bowers	Ann Comer
Michelle Eudy	Grady Ferrell	Dan Herron
Ginger Ivey		Candace Moody
Dick & Theresa Stevens		Angie Thompson

Ongoing Concerns

Betty Angell	John Phillips
Mary Lou Goodrich	Gladys Rose
Pat Gore	Barbara Smith
Dottie Honeycutt	Nancy Stamey
Diane Jarman	Elvey Thomas
Sheila Lee-Carr	Bill Ulmer
Tom Lindley	Molly, Zeke & Phoebe White
Martha Lowrance	

Our Church Leaders

Pastors David, Molly, Laura & Sarah
D.S. Brady; Bishop Shelton

Our In-Crowd Members

Our Leaders at All Levels of the Government

Pray for peace in Ukraine, Israel,
and Palestine

Those Affected by Natural Disasters



PLAY
PICKLEBALL

Thursdays
6-9pm
Holroyd Hall

Questions?
Janice:
jfwaterm@gmail.com

**BRUNSWICK STEW &
YARD SALE**

YARD SALE

Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:00 am- noon

Donate items to our sale!

Almost anything accepted:
Clean men's, women's, and children's clothes

Accessories	Shoes	Household items
Sporting goods	Books	Games & Toys
Bedding	CDs and DVDs	Pictures
Holiday Decorations	Working Electronics	Lamps
Strollers	Furniture	Craft Items

Items not accepted:

Exercise Equipment
Non-working/broken items

Car Seats or Cribs
Vacuum Tube TV's

Drop off items in the Fellowship Hall starting Oct. 25th from 7-8PM. Help with unloading will be available starting Oct. 26th.

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE

Sunday, Oct. 29, 9:30 am-noon
\$10 per qt

Questions?
Chris Varnson, cvarnson@hbumc.org

Volunteers Needed

We will need help before, and during the yard sale and in the kitchen. Any time would be appreciated!

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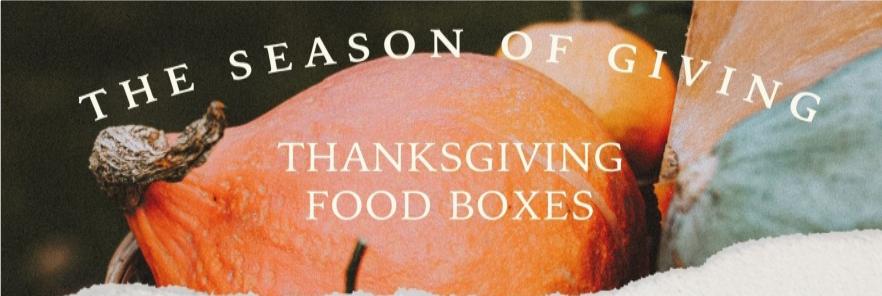
Humble Heart Bazaar Lunch
Tickets On Sale Now!

Have a business or office with 10 or more wanting lunch? Consider purchasing a group order for delivery through our Corporate Lunch on Tuesday, November 14th. Contact humbleheartlunch@gmail.com for more information on ordering

Traditional Bazaar lunch will be served in our dining room or take it to-go on November 15th. Tickets may be purchased at <https://one.bidpal.net/hhbazaar/ticketing>



\$12



THE SEASON OF GIVING
THANKSGIVING
FOOD BOXES

Food collection begins October 15
Volunteer your time, donate food, contribute money, and/or attend a community meal.
hbumc.org/signups.

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

OCTOBER 29
Commitment Sunday
Pastor David
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 & Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

NOVEMBER 5
All Saints Sunday
Pastor David
Joshua 3:7-17 & Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Micah 3:5-12 & Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

NOVEMBER 12
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Molly