

## From Pastor Matt: Come and See HBUMC's Outreach

At the beginning of 2023, I reflected on HBUMC's Outreach ministries in 2022, and I looked forward to the Outreach work our church will do this year. In my reflections, my mind kept returning to John 1:35-39:

*The next day John [the Baptist] again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.*

In particular, I kept hearing Jesus's invitational words "come and see" echo in my mind. Jesus's words are my prayer for our congregational Outreach this year: I pray that we will "come and see" the missional work that God is doing in our own community and in the world. I pray that we, like the disciples, will seek out the places where the Lamb of God is residing and "remain with him" there. When we listen to where Jesus is leading us, when we go to see the work that Jesus is about and bring an open spirit with us, then we never know how our lives and the world might be changed.

Below is a list of various previous, current, or upcoming Outreach activities. As you can see, HBUMC's Outreach is vibrant and actively engaged in our community. Being with those in need and building meaningful relationships is our constant aim.

### Previous:

- Pastor Daniel and twenty youth from Iglesia Cristiana came to learn Pickleball in Casper Holroyd Hall (see photo-right)
- John Drescher and Bob Seligson traveled to Rwanda to visit longtime international mission partner ZOE Empowers (see

photo-below)



- Several members participated in the Habitat build kickoff and wall build on January 28
- \$3,772.05 donated to Overflowing Hands from Generous Helping meal donations
- \$9,783 given to Doorstep Ministry at Edenton Street (for rent/utility assistance) from Holiday Share and Christmas Eve offering
- \$5,993.50 from Christmas Eve offering sent to UMCOR-Ukrainian Crisis Relief
- In 2022, our Pastor's Discretionary Fund disbursed \$46,850.80 primarily to assist individuals with rent/utilities/basic needs. \$23,000 of this went directly to Edenton Street UMC's Doorstep Ministry and the Friendship Fund at First Presbyterian Church
- Hearts and Hands for Haiti: Pastor Sadrac Christian, who HBUMC has supported, recently graduated from seminary.

### Current/Ongoing:

- Church-wide Lenten collection for Feed the Pack
- Youth JOY Class providing weekend food bags for Wee Care students
- Fifth Saturday breakfasts served at Oak City Cares
- Secret Pals ministry at Parkview Manor
- Mentoring with Neighbor to Neighbor/Iglesia Christiana at Millbrook UMC



- Prep has begun in the SE Raleigh Elem School garden, which is used as a teaching garden for the school children and provides fresh vegetables to residents of Beacon Ridge Apartments
- Small groups/Sunday Schools providing meals to the Helen Wright Center
- Regular volunteers from our congregation at Meals on Wheels, A Place at the Table, StepUp Ministries, Saint Saviour's Center, The Women's Center, Neighbor to Neighbor/Seeds of Hope, Soroptimist, Alliance Medical Ministry, Raleigh Boys & Girls Club, Alliance for Aids Ministry, and more!

### Upcoming:

- A community dinner with refugee families and Refugee Hope Partners planned for March 20
- Habitat Builds scheduled for March 25, April 22, and May 20
- Seven weeks of Scattered to Serve projects from March 25-May 7
- The Biblical Justice Action Team is partnering with RAFI's Farm and Faith Partnership to support local farmers of color (learn more inside)
- HBUMC's refugee ministries received a \$2,000 Mustard Seed grant from the UMC to help provide local refugee families with swimming lessons this summer
- Several volunteers from HBUMC will soon be going twice a month to Edenton Street UMC to assist in their Doorstep ministry which provides financial assistance and community referrals to those in need.

Thanks be to God for all these expressions of Christ's love in our community! I pray that you find a place to "come and see" God's work in our community and that you will remain there long enough to notice the Lamb of God's transformative presence.

In His Service,

*Matt*

## Lent at Hayes Barton

**“Before I Go...” Lessons for Lent.** This Lent we are looking closely at the last week of Jesus’ life and the final lessons he gave to his disciples and the world. The Gospels tell the story of Jesus’ three years of public ministry, and yet a significant portion of each Gospel is spent on Jesus’ final week. This sermon series will dig deeper into the stories, teachings, and instructions that Jesus imparted during the pivotal days before his death and resurrection. What can his final words teach us as disciples today?

**Wednesday, March 29, 5-7:30:** Churchwide Lenten dinner and worship experience featuring a performance of Dan Forrest’s *Requiem for the Living* by choir and orchestra. Children will have a special activity just for them.

**Sunday, April 2:** Palm Sunday with children’s song and processions in all three services.

**Thursday, April 6:** Maundy Thursday service, 7pm.

**Friday, April 7:** Good Friday service, 7pm.

**Sunday, April 9:** Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am and Easter services at 8:30 and 11am (Traditional, Sanctuary) and 9am (LightHouse, Holroyd Hall).



**Don't Look Back:**  
**United Methodist Hope for the Future**  
 Presented by the Center for Leadership Excellence  
 with Will Willimon  
**on Thursday, March 9, 2023, 7-8pm ET**

How can we, as United Methodists, utilize our present denomination’s challenges as a catalyst for joining Christ in mission? Dedicate an hour to reflect on how we can empower forward momentum in our churches.

Willimon will focus on the laity’s role in building a hope-filled United Methodist future. This webinar will remind us who we are called to be and encourage church leaders to rebuild a church focused on missional engagement and a renewed focus on discipleship.

Please register at [hbumc.org/signups](https://hbumc.org/signups) - click on Don't Look Back.

## Burgers and Bingo Wednesday, March 8, 5-6:30

The Wednesday, March 8, dinner features yummy burgers and rounds of Bingo led by our Hayes Barton Youth - purchase cards to play and help our students head to mission sites this summer. Register for dinner at [hbumc.org/signups](https://hbumc.org/signups) beginning Tuesday, February 28.



**SUNDAY MARCH 12**  
 10am-12:45pm  
**Seekers' Class**  
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BBQ Chicken,  
 Green beans,  
 rice, roll and  
 homemade  
 pound cake -  
 all to benefit  
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 -Wednesday nights  
 -Sunday mornings  
 -[hbumc.org/signups](https://hbumc.org/signups)







## Farm and Faith Partnership 2023 Spring CSA Shares

Did you know that the Prophet Micah was a farmer? Did you also know that one of Micah's fiercest complaints against Israel concerned injustices being done against small family-owned farms? Micah's story sounds like a modern tale as small family-owned farming becomes more challenging in the landscape of industrial agriculture.

The Biblical Justice Action Team (BJAT) at HBUMC has an exciting way for our church to support local farmers of color. By joining the Wake County Farm and Faith Partnership, we will partner with Fairport Farms, a small Black-owned, regenerative, family farm in Kittrell, NC. Fairport Farms is owned by Elvin and Madeline Eaton. Follow them on Instagram @fairportfarms.

In order to participate in the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) venture, we need to purchase a minimum of 20 full shares from Fairport Farms. To signup online and to learn more, please visit [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups) and click on **Farm & Faith Partnership** and then click on **Farm & Faith Partnership Info**.

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

Lucy Allen ([rphallenl@gmail.com](mailto:rphallenl@gmail.com))

Janet Gruchacz ([gruchaczj@gmail.com](mailto:gruchaczj@gmail.com))

Beth Baker ([bethbaker1018@yahoo.com](mailto:bethbaker1018@yahoo.com))

Bobbi Mullins ([bobbi.n.mullins@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.n.mullins@gmail.com))

You can also learn more about RAFI and the Farm to Church program at <http://farmtochurch.org> - but do NOT sign up on that page. Only sign up using the HBUMC link.

## New UMW Circle Interest Meeting

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the United Methodist Women? Would you like to make connections with other women in the church and find ways to get involved? Please come on **Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30pm** in the Parlor to discuss this exciting opportunity to be a part of forming a new evening circle. For questions, please contact:

Lynn Williams ([lynnwilliams3@gmail.com](mailto:lynnwilliams3@gmail.com)) or

Halie Sue Clifton ([haliesuesmith@gmail.com](mailto:haliesuesmith@gmail.com))

## Earthquake Relief

Join us in prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria who have recently experienced two devastating earthquakes. News reports are assessing the impact as the worst to hit the area in a century.

UMCOR is processing a grant to our partner in Turkey, International Blue Crescent (IBC), which has issued an appeal for emergency supplies such as tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, food, and first aid.

You can donate to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Advance at:

<http://ow.ly/APs450MKGN>



## Winter/Spring Book and Bible Studies

Sign up for studies at [hbumc.org/formation](http://hbumc.org/formation) except where indicated.

### So That Living or Dying, Our Life May Be In You: An End of Life Lenten Series

Sundays, **March 5, 12, 19** from 3:00-5:00pm in person with Pastor Laura and Rev. Cameron Merrill (Hillsborough UMC). Preparing for death is rarely a favorite topic of conversation, and most of us go our whole lives not thinking about or planning for our own. And yet it will come all the same—often leaving loved ones to scramble to make decisions while grieving themselves. Join us for a series of conversations on what a good death can be, how we can plan now with our family and friends, and how to look toward our end with hope and grace.

### Lectionary Group

Every Thursday morning at 10:00am

Join our pastors for a spirited discussion of the upcoming preaching text for the week. In person or via Zoom. No sign up required. Email Cheryl at [cfortuneau@hbumc.org](mailto:cfortuneau@hbumc.org) for a Zoom link.



## HBUMC Youth Scholarships Application Now Available

Interested High School Senior church members who are active in the HBUMC youth programs are encouraged to apply. The application is available at [hbumcyouth.com/scholarships](http://hbumcyouth.com/scholarships)

Complete application packages are due by April 24, 2023. Questions? Contact Tim Crawford at 919-349-2842.

## A Day Apart Retreats at Cedar Cross

Cedar Cross Retreat Center in Louisburg, NC is hosting A Day Apart after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic. These gatherings take place on the fourth Monday of each month from 9:30am-3pm. March's retreat will be on March 27.

A Day Apart begins with a brief time of worship, followed by the introduction of quotes from a writer, then folks have silence until regathering just before lunch for a time to share about their respective experiences, if so led. After lunch, more quotes are introduced before a time of silence. At 2:30, there is a time to share experiences and take Communion.

During the silence, participants are welcome to do as they are led. Some folks find a quiet place -- either inside or outside -- to reflect on one of the quotes or something else. Some walk the trails, or the labyrinth, or the meditation trail called the Way of Jesus.

The suggested donation is \$20. Please bring a bagged lunch. Drinks will be provided.

To register, please contact the coordinator, Jimmy Allen, at [cedarcrossregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:cedarcrossregistrar@gmail.com). Participation is limited to 16 people.



## Hayes Barton Preschool "No-Fuss Fundraiser"

Every Spring, Hayes Barton United Methodist Preschool (HBUMP) has our "No-Fuss Fundraiser." We don't ask the children to sell candy or wrapping paper or magazine subscriptions - we simply ask families to donate whatever they can.

We ask that our HBUMC family supports this critical church ministry through donations which help classroom supply refreshes and continued high quality early intervention services. Specifically, our goal this year is to be able to send a large portion of our teachers to the NAEYC Annual Conference in Nashville this November. Providing this type of high-quality professional development is what keeps our preschool curriculum cutting edge, helping prepare our students for success when they move on to elementary school.

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The logo for Wee Care, featuring the text "wee care" in a stylized font with a red heart shape containing two hands, and the tagline "love to learn. learn to love." below it.

### And we have exciting news!

**If we hit \$5,000 in donations, we have a generous family who is willing to match that dollar amount!**

**AND THEN, if our base level donations keep going and we hit our goal of \$10,000? We have another generous family willing to match an ADDITIONAL \$10K! That's \$15,000 in potential matches!**

Please consider gifting our school with a donation - whether it's \$10 or \$1000, every bit helps! Visit:

<https://donorbox.org/hbump>

or use the QR code to the right to donate now!





## Sympathy and Love to

Susan Weaver and family on the death of her mother, Sue Ballard Whitaker Davis, on February 14. Her service will be at 11 am on Saturday, March 4, at Hayes Barton.

### Birth

“Ann Winslow” Taft, daughter of Jena & Chris Taft, sister of Novello, was born on January 31.

### Memorial Gifts Processed by February 23

In Memory of **Kent Burns** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gore and Judy & Bobby Hamelburg.

In Memory of **Sue Ballard Whittaker Davis** by Andy & Dick Fowler.

In Memory of **Shelley Hoffman** to the Pastors’ Discretionary Fund by Rae Jarema and Teeny Massey.

In Memory of **Bill Marley** by Amy & Bill Marley.

In Memory of **Shirley Phillips**:

- to the Pastors’ Discretionary Fund by the ACC Class, Frank & Becky Brown, Van & Tal Denton, Mary Douglass, Clifford S. Fox, Bettie H. Goodwin, William Lee, and John Thomas Lindley.

- to the JOY Class Fund by Joanne & Trent Fox.

In Honor of **Mike Trexler & Stephen Aber** by Mary Craven & Dennis Poteat.

In Memory of **Peggy Underwood**:

- by Frank & Becky Brown, Jennifer & Mark Jones, and Elizabeth U. Parkin.

- to the Church Choir Fund by Eleanor E. Blackwell.

### Your Continued Prayers

On behalf of the entire Hoffman and Grosso families, we wish to express our sincerest and heart-felt appreciation for the comfort and support we have received from members at HBUMC following the tragic death of our daughter-in-law, Shelley Grosso Hoffman. God has truly shed His grace upon us through this congregation and we cannot adequately put into words what this has meant to our families.

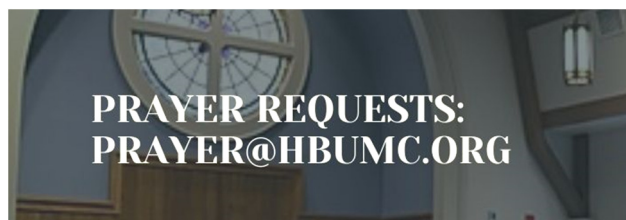
Your prayers, calls, cards and donations have been a blessing to us, our son, Bryan, and his 9-month-old son, Miles, during these difficult times. We were deeply moved by the memorial service for Shelley held in the HBUMC Chapel concurrent with the Celebration of Her Life in Charleston, SC. We regret we could not live stream the service from the Seacoast Church but we did feel connected to our church family knowing you were in prayer with us.

We humbly ask for your continued prayers and support as we seek a new normal for our families and especially for Bryan and Miles.

Blessings, Lee and Phillip Hoffman

02/27/2023

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### Prayer Bookmarks: 02-19-23 & 02-26-23

#### Birth

“Ann Winslow” Taft, daughter of Jena & Chris Taft

#### Death

Sue Ballard Whittaker Davis, mother of Susan Weaver

#### Health Concerns

Althea Burroughs, mother, of Anita Burroughs-Price  
Barbara Dickey Michelle Eudy Sarah Forsyth  
Todd Holder Dottie Honeycutt Reid Horton  
Ginger Ivey Tom Lindley Candace Moody  
Jane Walz

#### Ongoing Concerns

Betty Angell	Jane Preiss
Dianne Beattie	Jim Riggins
Dorothy Caldwell	Gladys Rose
Jerry Carter,	Rhumell Ross
father of Rebecca Phillips	Barbara Smith
Mary Lou Goodrich	Nancy Stamey
Pat Gore	Mark Stamper
Diane Jarman	Elvey Thomas
Sheila Lee-Carr	Bill Ulmer
Martha Lowrance	Eleanor Underwood
John Phillips	Molly, Zeke & Phoebe White
Hunter Potter	

#### 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

Those grieving the over 6.86M  
who have died from COVID worldwide  
and the over 1119K in the US

#### 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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**Nursery care** for birth through age four is available from 5:30-7:30. Questions? Anna Sledge, [asledge@hbumc.org](mailto:asledge@hbumc.org).

**5-6:00** Dinner in the Fellowship Hall - **reservations required!** RSVP at [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups) by Monday. Pay online or at the door.

**5:30-6** Children's choirs ages 4 - 5th grade; register at [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups).

**6-6:30** Kids' Gym Time (Preschool students should have a parent or guardian stay with them, please).

**6:30-7:30** Children's Bible Study and Activity Time exploring characters of the Bible! For K-5th grade; 4s have a similar program just for them. Questions?

Jami Britt Noble: [jbrittnoble@hbumc.org](mailto:jbrittnoble@hbumc.org)

**6:30-8** Adult Choir in the Choir Room. Questions?

Mike Trexler: [mtrexler@hbumc.org](mailto:mtrexler@hbumc.org)

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**HBUMW**  
*Jo Anna McMillan March Mission Study*

*Full Cup, Full Heart*

*Monday March 13 at 6pm*  
*Dinner & Program*  
*All women invited!*

*Bring your favorite teacup or mug*

*RSVP: [hbumc.org/signups](http://hbumc.org/signups)*



**HBUMW joyfully invites you to the**  
**Jo Anna McMillan March Mission Study**  
**Full Cup, Full Heart - Preparing one's mind for service**  
**Monday, March 13, 6:00pm, bring your favorite teacup or mug**

Dinner will be served followed by a panel discussion featuring Dr. Tonya Armstrong, founder and CEO of The Armstrong Center of Hope. She will be joined by HBUMC's Audrey Gastmeyer, Laura Kirby, and Laura Fine Ledford.

Come fill your cup as we steep ourselves in fellowship, learn together, and renew our hearts and minds for a year of missions.

All women of the church are invited. Please make your reservation through your circle chair or at [hbumc.org/signups](http://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**

**MARCH 5**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**Pastor David**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

**MARCH 12**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**Pastor David**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

**MARCH 19**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
**Pastor Molly**