

December 23, 2019

Magnificent Love

Music is one of the most beautiful gifts God gives us. There are songs that help us to express love and joy and songs that let us tell of our sorrow and grief. What's more is that we can simply hear a song from someone else and know what season of life they are in. It is easy to identify the differences between a song of joy and a song of sorrow.

In Holy Scripture, we also hear songs that folks sing to express themselves. Given the context of Scripture, these songs are about an experience the biblical character has had with God. Often, they have experienced God in their lives, they have experienced the transformative power of God, and they are assured of God's grace and love. All of this brings them to give worship and praise to God through song.

One of these songs we hear in Scripture is from Mary, the mother of Jesus, after she learns of her divine calling to bring Christ to the world (Luke 1:47-55). She has realized the transformative love and grace of God and so Mary gives thanks and worships God through song.

During the Christmas season, this song is a true gift. I believe that it's a gift because in the midst of the busyness of this season, Mary offers us heartfelt and soothing words expressing her experience of God in her life. At times our lives can be chaotic. It can be hard to fulfill all that is demanded of us. But in her song, Mary reminds us to pause and remember what God has done and what God is doing.

As I journey through life, I sometimes wonder what God is up to. What is God doing in my life and in the lives of other people to bring about transformation? When I wonder these things, I turn to Scripture and believe that Christ will show up and work in ways similar to what he has done in the past. Mary's song in Luke 1:47-55 gives us insight to God's way of working.

First, we need to understand a few things about Mary. She was a young woman and unmarried. The country she lived in was occupied and controlled by a foreign military. These things alone would have placed her on the margins of society. We learn more about Mary from the way she describes herself in her song. She calls herself lowly and in need of mercy. She says there is hunger in her life. Mary knows this about herself and when we hear her song, we know it too.

Yet in her song we also know that God has transformed these things. God lifted her up from her lowly place. God relieved her from living on the margins of society. God filled up the emptiness and hunger in her life and offered her grace and mercy. Mary is no longer overlooked and forgotten; rather, she is glorified and exalted!

So, what do we learn about the way God works from Mary and her song? I believe we learn that when God is in our life, everything changes. When we turn to having faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, when we ask Christ for forgiveness and recognize God's love and grace with us, our lives are transformed. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, when Jesus Christ becomes the part of a seemingly ordinary life, that life is exalted and becomes extraordinary!

How has Jesus transformed your life? What song of praise can you sing for what God has done? Like Mary, when we sing our song of praise, we tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. Not only will God be glorified but other people will have the opportunity to know how God works and perhaps experience the transformative love and grace of Jesus Christ for themselves. This Christmas season, may our song be a gift to the world and bring a glimpse to earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Peace and love, Pastor Adam

Church Calendar

See www.hbumc.org/events & www.hbumc.org/gym for updates.

Tue.	12/24	Christmas Eve	
	2-10:30 pm	Shuttle Service	
	3 & 5 pm	Family Friendly Service	Sanctuary
	7, 9, 11 pm	Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
Wed.	12/25	Christmas Day	
		Church Offices Closed	
		Business Office Open	
Thu.	12/26	1st Sunday after Christmas	
Sun.	12/29		
	8:45 am	LightHouse Worship	Holroyd Hall
	9:50 am	Sunday School for All Ages	
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
		Gym Closed	
12/30 - 1/03			
Tue.	12/31	7:30 am Men's Breakfast	FH
Wed.	1/01	Church Offices Closed	
January 2020		Stephen Ministry Month	
Sat.	1/04	9a-12:30p Pickleball	Casper Holroyd Hall
Sun.	1/05	Epiphany Sunday	
	7:45a-12:45p	Shuttle Service	
	8:30 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	8:45 am	LightHouse Worship	Holroyd Hall
	9:50 am	Sunday School for All Ages	
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	UMYF	FH
Tue.	1/07	7:30 am Men's Breakfast	FH
	11:45 am	Weekday Communion	Chapel
	6:30-9p	Pickleball	Casper Holroyd Hall
	6:30 pm	UMM Dinner	FH
	7:00 pm	Phoenix Group	136
Wed.	1/08	1:45 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parlor
	5:00 pm	Wednesday Dinner	FH
	5:30 pm	Children's Choirs	
	6:00 pm	Puzzle Clutch	245
	6:30 pm	Adult, Youth, Children's programs	
	7:30 pm	Confirmation Orientation	Sanctuary
		Weekday Preschool Registration	
1/08 - 2/03			
Thu.	1/09	7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast	APATT
	8-10 am	Coffee w/Pastor Adam	Café Carolina
	10:00 am	Pastor's Lectionary Study	202
	11:15 pm	Grand Age Club	offsite
Fri.	1/10	5:30 pm Elementary Movie Night	FH
		Helen Wright Center Meal	offsite
Sat.	1/11	9a-12:30p Pickleball	Casper Holroyd Hall
Sun.	1/12	Baptism of the Lord	
	7:45a-12:45p	Shuttle Service	
	8:30 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	8:45 am	LightHouse Worship	Holroyd Hall
	9:50 am	Sunday School for All Ages	
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Preschool Fun Day	CFH
	3:00 pm	Raleigh Camerata Concert	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	UMYF	FH

Grand Age Club: Thursdays, 11:15 am

12/26, 01/02: No meetings

01/09: Trip to Raleigh Union Station

For questions - Harriet Habel, 919-787-2350.

Memorial Gifts through Dec. 18

In Honor of **Ann & Dale Benson** to the Special Music Fund by Rob & Linda Grew.

In Memory of **Christine Ward Chappell** by Trudy Chappell Conrad.

In Honor of **Trudy Conrad** to the Pastors Discretionary Fund by Sherry Conrad Frye.

In Memory of **Faye Eury** to the Eury Family Missions Endowment by James & Barbara Nichols and Walt & Mary Penn Sherlin.

In Memory of **Tom Jarrell** to the Pastors Discretionary Fund by Ken & Melanie Crockett.

In Memory of **R. Horace Johnson:**

- to the Stroud Music Endowment Fund by Joyce Stroud.

- to the Seekers' Benevolent Fund by Allen & Kathy Hayes.

In Honor of **Leslie Koscielniak** to the Starnes Class Fund by Ladies of the Universal Christ Bible Study.

In Memory of **Larry Royster** by Margaret Ellis.

In Honor of **Molly White & Blair Holland** by Michael & Karen Peeler.

Attendance

12/15	(8:30) 280	(LH) 118	(11:00) 446	(SS) 553
12/22	(8:30) 302	(LH) 209	(11:00) 515	(SS) 263

November Finance Update

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Revenues	\$174,793	\$2,312,348
Pledged	\$155,452	\$1,987,262
Unpledged	\$19,341	\$325,086
Expenses	\$232,735	\$2,499,002
Net	(\$57,942)	(\$186,654)
Pledged Total		\$2,418,820

Registration for Hayes Barton's preschool (HBUMP) begins January 3 at 8am and ends on February 3 at 1pm. Tours are encouraged; visit hbump.org/tuition to learn more.

PROFESSIONAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 7AM

300 W. Hargett Street Suite 50

JOIN HAYES BARTON MEN AT

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

RALEIGH'S PAY-AS-YOU-CAN
RESTAURANT & MISSION

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

DISCIPLINE MANDATED POSITIONS

Council Chair	Debbie Walter	2020
Recording Secretary	Alicia Morris	2021
Lay Leader	Bob Morrison	2020
Finance Chair	Ranse Stokes	2022
Staff Parish Chair	Gena Jones	2021
Board of Trustees Chair	Andy Adams	2020
Church Treasurer	Frank Brown	2020
Lay Leadership	Rick Clayton, Senior Pastor	
UMM President	Mike Stephens	2020
UMW President	Penny Hage; Casey Parvin	2020
Youth Representative	Stratton Collins	2020
Youth Representative	Olivia Skaggs	2020
Church Historian	Deanna Drescher	2021
Native American Representative	Jennifer Cates	2020
Pastor Emeritus	Kermit Braswell	

PATHWAY LAY COORDINATORS

Administration	Henry Jones	2022
Formation	Leslie Koscielniak	2022
	Christian Fowler	2022
Connection	Rebecca Wilder	2022
Worship	Rick Barbour	2022
Support	Emily Barbour	2020
Fellowship	Melissa Ferrell	2021
Outreach	Matt Kirby	2021

Lay Members to Annual Conference 2020

Patti Young	Dudley Gwaltney	Russell Carter
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AT-LARGE MEMBERS

2020	2021	2022
Neil Bentley	Ellen Campen	Billy Blackburn
Robert Littleton	Chris Poor	Ann Bowers
Amy Rogers	Kirk Warner	Sally Martin
	Clark Womack	Matt Middleton
		Marcus Smith
		Mark Von Weihe

STAFF

Stephen Aber	Davis Coster	Tim Price
Susan Baldwin	Doug Gill	Karen Skaggs
Adam Charville	Laurie Harrell	Michael Trexler
Rick Clayton	Blair Holland	Molly White
Rachel Carter	Amy Piland	Russell Wilcox

WORSHIP PATHWAY

Lay Coordinator: Rick Barbour

Staff Liaison: Rick Clayton

Worship Service Team

STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton	
TEAM LEADER	Rick Barbour	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Rick Barbour	Leslie Ball	Lynda Covington
Lyn Flammia	Sarah Ellington	Sam Manooch
Christian Fowler	Lynn Kavcsak	Aimee Rich
	Eric Skaggs	
Ex-Officio:		
Molly White - Associate Pastor		
Adam Charville - Associate Pastor		
Mike Trexler - Dir. Creative Arts		
Blair Holland - Dir. Contemporary Music		
Stephen Aber - Asst. Dir. Creative Arts		
Anna Stidham - Admin Asst. - Membership		
Usher Chair - Frank Brown (8:30); Gary Hines (LH); John Armfield (11:00)		
LightHouse Rep - Ruth Bryan		
Crucifer & Acolytes Rep. - Suzanne Templeton		
Lacy McMahon, Connie Fowler, Elizabeth Murray,		
Ashley Seamster (5th grade Acolytes)		
Communion Ministry - Mary Ellen Jordan & Alicia Morris		
Altar Guild - Peggy Underwood		
Altar Guild Flower - Halie Sue Clifton		
Bereavement Ministry - Jan Woodard		

Creative Arts Team

STAFF CONTACT	Mike Trexler
TEAM LEADER	Jimmy Rogers
Total Members	8
Ex-Officio:	Susan Stevens; Stephen Aber

Technical Arts Team

STAFF CONTACT	Kelly Donaldson
Total Members	11

Altar Guild Team

STAFF CONTACT	Anna Stidham
TEAM LEADER	Peggy Underwood
Total Members	15 (Chairpersons only)

Altar Flowers Team

STAFF CONTACT	Anna Stidham
TEAM LEADER	Halie Sue Clifton
Total Members	6

Baptism Team

STAFF CONTACT	Amy Piland
TEAM LEADER	Ashley Parker
Total Members	12

Wedding Team

STAFF CONTACT	Jerry Lachapelle
Total Members	21

HBUMC Staff Directory (919-832-6435)

Staff Member	phone	email	Staff Member	phone	email
Rick Clayton	x1115	rclayton@hbumc.org	Karen Skaggs	x1122	kskaggs@hbumc.org
Adam Charville	x1124	acharville@hbumc.org	Kelly Donaldson	x1136	kdonaldson@hbumc.org
Molly White	x1114	mwhite@hbumc.org	Laurie Harrell	x1113	lharrell@hbumc.org
Amy Piland	x1127	apiland@hbumc.org	Marshall Parker	x1121	mparker@hbumc.org
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			Tim Price	x1143	tprice@hbumc.org
			Tricia Ligon	x1132	tligon@hbumc.org

FELLOWSHIP PATHWAY		
Lay Coordinator: Melissa Ferrell		
Staff Liaison: Amy Piland		
Special Events Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Amy Piland	
TEAM LEADER	Vanessa Poston	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Will Eckstein	Megan Deans	Kim Dowdle
Bonnie Hopkins	Trey Deans	Brooke Fork
Dave Rose	Marcy Miller	Dick Fowler
Carrie Barzola	Chris Miller	Carol Hagy
	Jessica Moore	Penny Link
	Caitlyn Noble	
	John Noble	
Décor Resources Team		
TEAM LEADER	Polly Robertson/ Betsy Anne Lumsden	
Total Members	5	
Reception Team		
TEAM LEADER	Sylvia Gill	
Total Members	11	
Kitchen Ministry Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Tracy Vinson	
TEAM LEADER	Mamie Jo Coker	
Total Members	10	
United Methodist Men		
TEAM LEADER	Mike Stephens	
Board Members (Committed through 2020)		
Marshall Parker	Bruce Harkness	Robert White
Total Members	40	
United Methodist Women		
TEAM LEADER	Penny Hage & Casey Parvin	
Board Members (Committed through 2021)		
Ellen Safrit	Allison Crabtree	Jennifer Hollerung
Grayson Nichols	Andy Fowler	Laura Kirby
Katie Hendrick	Teeny Massey	Jennifer Cates
Donna Seligson	Connie Fowler	Jackie Abbott
Total Members	278	
Recreation Ministry Team		
TEAM LEADER	TBD	
Total Members	7	

FORMATION PATHWAY		
Lay Coordinators: Leslie Koscielniak & Christian Fowler		
Staff Liaison: Molly White		
Formation Ministry Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Molly White	
TEAM LEADER	Leslie Koscielniak	
Youth Ministry Support Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Davis Coster & Rachel Carter	
TEAM LEADER	Bo Walker	
Total Members	12	
Scholarship Selection Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Davis Coster & Rachel Carter	
TEAM LEADER	Tim Crawford	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Lynda Covington	Courtney Bolen	Suzette Acree
Tim Crawford	Jon Carr	Nelson Brugh
Joy Ruhmann	Ray Oliveira	Mike Busick
	Eric Stevens	Andy Fowler
Children's Department Staff Contacts		
Nursery - Anna Sledge		
Preschool - Karen Skaggs		
Elementary - Laurie Harrell		
Library Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Molly White	
LIBRARIAN	Dawn Cummings	
Total Members	5	
Family Ministry Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Molly White	
TEAM LEADER	TBD	
Total Members		
Retreat Ministry Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Molly White	
TEAM LEADER	Lora Tripp	
Total Members	6	

Earthkeepers

Earthkeepers is a creation care ministry of the United Methodist Church designed to provide training for individuals just like you to empower you to get involved in your community and local congregation for the sake of God's creation. Training consists primarily of the theological basis for why creation matters to Christians, and community organizing skills training designed to help you define and plan a project that you can carry out in your local context.



**Saturday, Feb. 8: 9 am-5 pm
and Sunday, Feb. 9: 1-4 pm**

Trinity UMC (2019 E. Nash St. in Southport)
will host the Earthkeepers training.

If you'd like more information or to register, please contact:

Rev. Pat Watkins
jpatdenise@mac.com or 804-357-7098

Wednesday Dinners Start 1/08 (5-6:30 pm)

(age 0-4: free; age 5-12: \$4; age 13+: \$7; family max: \$20)

1/08: Chicken Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

1/15: Spaghetti, Steamed Veggies, Baked Apples, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert

3 Ways to Make Dinner Reservations

1. Online - go to www.hbumc.org/signups
2. Call 919-832-6435; leave a message on x1134
3. Sign up for the next dinner at the dinner 1 week prior.

For questions about making reservations, please contact Melanie, miversen@hbumc.org or 919-832-6435 x1112.

ADMINISTRATION PATHWAY		
Lay Coordinator: Henry Jones		
Staff Liaison: Rick Clayton		
Finance Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Tim Price; Russell Wilcox	
TEAM LEADER	Ranse Stokes	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Vance Brantley	Henry Campen	Kayce Collier
Chase Cranford	John Gonella	Gary Johnson
Joelyn Harrington	Wil Spears	Ray Oliveira
Haze Lancaster		Lee Ragsdale
Tyler Morris		Laura Stanziale
Ex-Officio:		
Past Finance Chair - Kevin Anderson		
Administration Pathway Lay Coordinator - Henry Jones		
Church Treasurer - Frank Brown		
Lay Leader - Bob Morrison		
Stewardship Team Leader - Steve Byrd		
Lay Member to Annual Conference - Dudley Gwaltney		
Stewardship Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Tim Price; Russell Wilcox	
TEAM LEADER	Steve Byrd	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Ken Bryant	Will Cobb	Chris Bailey
Sean Timmons	Teresa Cope	Steven Dawson
Sherry Thomas	Christopher Meredith	Sutton Flythe
Suzanne Walker	Mark Rostick	Rob Jamison
David Welsh		Sally Woods
Ex-Officio:		
Finance Team Leader - Ranse Stokes		
Permanent Endowment Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Tim Price; Russell Wilcox	
TEAM LEADER	Mike Constantino	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Chip Anderson	Trey Bailey	TY Baker
Ken Crockett	Daniel Finch	Tripp Lumpkin
Damon Race	Steve Fordham	
Jane Watson	Allan Keyes	
Ex-Officio:		
Finance Team Leader - Ranse Stokes		
Past PEC Chair - Tom Hines		
Trustees Team Leader - TBD		
Safe Sanctuaries Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Janey Hunter; Tim Price	
TEAM LEADER	Dayle Flammia	
TBD Trustees Chair	Bo Walker	
Dayle Flammia	Dan Bowers	
Staff Parish Relations Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Tim Price; Russell Wilcox	
TEAM LEADER	Gena Jones	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Sandra Byrd	Allison Eckstein	Carolyn Carter
Scott Mauzy	Todd Erbst	Sherry Huffer
Kade Ross	Gena Jones	Sue Robertson
		Dave Sherlin
Ex-Officio:		
Past SPRC Chair - Gene Davis		
Past SPRC Chair - Greg Weaver		
Lay Member to Annual Conference - Patti Young		

Board of Trustees Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Russell Wilcox	
TEAM LEADER	Andy Adams	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Susan Carr	Chad Carter	Trish Bynum
Trevor Spear	Gary Cline	Craig Cain
Warren Smith	Kelly Minsley	Anne Scruggs
Jessica Williams	Andy Wright	Kristi Talley
Lay Member to Annual Conference - Russell Carter		
Ex-Officio: Insurance - Bob Ramseur		
Ex-Officio: Parsonage - Tom Blalock		
Parsonage Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Russell Wilcox	
TEAM LEADER	Sue Robertson	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Jonathan Goad	Tom Blalock	Gail Veasey
Day Preschool Board Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Laurie Harrell	
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Mary-Kathryn Connor	
TEAM LEADER	Katie Cork	
BOOKKEEPER	Laura Vann	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Katie Cork	TJ Barringer	Allison Crabtree
Matt Haverkamp	Danielle Edwards	Ashley Hair
Jeff Hendrick	Chris Nichols	Paul Holscher
	Ellen O'Connor	Beth Swartz
		Mary Whitfield

OUTREACH PATHWAY		
Lay Coordinator: Matt Kirby		
Staff Liaison: Adam Charville		
Outreach Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Adam Charville; Tim Price	
TEAM LEADER	Matt Kirby	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Jim Jones	Beth Baker	Richard Ellson
Chris Talley	Heather Mauzy	Janet Gruchacz
John Gripman	Michael Murray	Bryan Lowrance
	Mike Rees	Nancy Stamey
	John Thomas	Lora Tripp
Ex-Officio:		
UMW Rep. - Connie Fowler		
Church & Society Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Molly White	
TEAM LEADER	TBD	
Total Members		

Celebrate Epiphany on January 6 at 7 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will celebrate Epiphany in a service that is a longstanding tradition for the congregation in which they celebrate Christ, Light of the world, and our commission to share that light with the world. It is a music filled and joyous celebration. The guest preacher is the Rev. Claire Clyburn, pastor at First UMC in Graham.

Holy Trinity is located at 2723 Clark Ave. (corner of Clark & Brooks). For questions, contact office@htcl.org or 919-828-1687.

CONNECTION PATHWAY		
Lay Coordinator: Rebecca Wilder		
Staff Liaison: Rick Clayton/ Amy Piland		
Welcome Ministry Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Amy Piland	
TEAM LEADER	TBD	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Brenda Betz	Terry Bryant	Allison Dawson
Allison Crumpler	Jana Ferris	Miriam Lang
Tonia Hayes	Sue Keyes	Shannon Oliveira
Sunshine Watkins	Elizabeth Womack	Debra Perkinson
		Ann See
Lay Leadership Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Rick Clayton; Amy Piland	
Committed Through (Year-end)		
2020	2021	2022
Melanie Crockett	Jennie Hayman	Elizabeth Cates
Craig Crowther	Sherry Nelson	Matt Fortier
Ronnie Harrell	Jeff Powell	Walt Sherlin
Lacy McMahon		Drew Stokley
Ex-Officio: Lay Leader - Bob Morrison		
Communications Team		
STAFF CONTACT	Susan Baldwin	
TEAM LEADER	Rebecca Wilder	
Total Members	12	

SUPPORT PATHWAY	
Lay Coordinator: Emily Barbour	
Staff Liaison: Adam Charville	
Congregational Care Ministry Team	
STAFF CONTACT	Adam Charville
TEAM LEADERS:	
At Home Communion	Bill & Lanier Murr
Cancer Support	Mary Lib Gallagher
Chronic Illness Support Group	Emily Grimes
Mourning Glories	Becky Balentine, Sally Lazar
Prayer Shawl	Larry Hines
Stephen Ministry	Becky Balentine
Volunteer Patient Advocate	Annette Cass
AED Ministry Team	
STAFF CONTACT	Adam Charville
TEAM LEADER	Trish Bynum
Total Members	26
Bereavement Team	
STAFF CONTACT	Adam Charville
TEAM LEADER	Jan & Thad Woodard
Total Members	12
In-Crowd Ministry Team	
STAFF CONTACT	Becky Balentine / Adam Charville
TEAM LEADERS:	
In-Crowd Prayer Ministry	Sharon Thomas
Visiting Friends	Jennifer Hollerung, Betsy Way & Angela Sutton
Prayer Ministries	
STAFF CONTACT	Adam Charville
TEAM LEADER	Shelly Greer & Sherry Wathern
TEAM LEADERS:	
Silent Retreats	Mary June Jones
Prayer Partners for Staff	Ann Thompson
Prayer Warriors	Jan & Todd Erb

Making Wednesday Night Connections! Join Us Again Starting January 8

Wednesday night dinners, classes, and small groups resume on January 8, 2020. Our groups meet from 6:30-7:30 (unless noted otherwise) when nursery care and Children's Spiritual Academy is available for the children. Check with the group facilitator for more information about meeting days, books, and other information.

If you are looking for in-depth Bible Study (and aren't we all!), then Disciple is the way to go! It's not too late to join one of our Disciple classes! Because Disciple classes are divided equally among Old and New Testament study, the groups will begin New Testament study soon – that's the perfect time to dive into Disciple. But, any time you'd like to begin with Bible Study is a good time.

Our **Disciple I – Fast Track** class resumes on January 15. The group will begin studying the New Testament on January 29. The class meets in Room 328 with class facilitators Dudley Gwaltney and Hunter Jones.

DudleyGwaltney@aol.com or hhjones@mindspring.com

Our **Disciple – Under the Tree of Life** resumes on January 8. The group will be studying the Psalms for a few weeks, and will begin John and Revelation on Jan. 22. The class meets in Room 336 with class facilitator Pastor Molly. Note: this class meets from 6:30-8:30pm. mwhite@hbmc.org

Pastor Adam continues to facilitate his **Books and Bibles**

class in Room 250 on January 8. The class will spend time together studying the marks of a Christian life. New members are always welcome to join this lively group!

acharville@hbmc.org

We're pleased to offer a new Wednesday night offering for the Winter/Spring called **Being Like Boaz: Community Caretakers**. Facilitated by John Thomas and friends, the group will focus on cultivating a heart for service in our community, on Biblical servanthood, and practical ways to live out our faith in our Raleigh community. The group will gather in Room 322 beginning on January 22.

jbthomas52@gmail.com

For another new opportunity for conversation and fellowship, come together to work jigsaw puzzles with the **Puzzle Clutch!** On Wednesday nights, avid and amateur puzzlers meet in Room 245 over a jigsaw puzzle. What a fun way to spend an evening with friends! Contact Dawn Cummings for more information. dawncummings3@gmail.com

And remember that we also have nursery care, Children's Spiritual Academy, various covenants groups, and choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights. Make connecting on Wednesday nights your New Year's Resolution!

Making Room at the Inn

“On September 26, the White House issued an Executive Order (EO 13888) that may drastically reduce, if not entirely stop, the resettlement of refugees in our state. We are deeply concerned that this executive order will prolong family separation for refugee families, create chaos and confusion about where refugees can be resettled, and leave refugees, former refugees, and United States citizens without supportive services. The administration has also proposed a refugee admissions goal of 18,000 refugees for this year, which stands in stark contrast to the historic average goal of 95,000 refugees here in the United States.

Our Christian faith calls us to extend hospitality and offer a chance for refugees to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. As United Methodists, we are called to ‘provide wherever possible pastoral care and crisis intervention to refugees.’ (Book of Resolutions, 3281) This proposal is contrary to Scripture,

which calls us to ‘show hospitality to strangers,’ particularly those in need (Lev. 19:33-34; Matt. 25:35; Heb. 13:2).

In response, we invite you to contact your Senators and Representatives to let them know that welcoming refugees is an important matter of love and justice. May we all embrace a Christian witness which ‘makes room at the inn’ (Luke 2:7) for our brothers and sisters across the world.”

From North Carolina Bishops:

Bp. Paul L. Leeland, Western NC Conference UMC

Bp. Lawrence J. McCleskey, Retired

Bp. Charlene P. Kammerer, Retired

Bp. Hope Morgan Ward, NC Conference UMC

Bp. Carlton P. Minnick, Jr., Retired

Bp. William H. Willimon, Retired

Bp. Charles N. Crutchfield, Retired

Pickleball Dates

Tuesdays, January 7, 21 & 28, 6:30-9 pm

Saturdays, January 4 & 18, 9 am-12:30 pm

For questions, contact Janice: jfwaterm@gmail.com

Save the Date: March Retreat

Saturday, March 28th, 2020, 9 am to 1 pm in the FH

Presenter: J. Dana Trent, author of

One Breath at a Time: A Skeptic's Guide to Christian Meditation

Title: Bread of Life: Nourishment for the Lenten Journey

Scripture contains no shortage of writings on Jesus' contemplative life. Throughout the New Testament, Jesus's exterior life - his ministry and service - is juxtaposed to his interior life: his spiritual practices. In this way, we are reminded that our faith is about both action *and* contemplation. This Lent, you are invited to partake in a half-day retreat on the examination of Jesus' spiritual life as an accessible example for our modern path. We will learn more about Biblical and theological aspects of contemplative practice, as well as practical tools to nourish and equip us for the journey - both in times of wilderness and flourishing. Literal and metaphorical soul food will be provided throughout the retreat. Registration Details will be available after the first of the year.

Rosebud

Elizabeth Ross “Ellie Ross” Farmer, daughter of Emily Turner Marsland and Robert Farmer, was born on December 4.

Sympathy and Love to

✠ to Autney Nelms on the death of her mother, Lou Reavis, on December 12. Her service was held on Monday, December 16, at First Baptist Church in Henderson.

✠ Mary Penn Sherlin and family on the death of her mother, Anne Fitzsimmons, on December 9. Her service was held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church on December 13 in Charlotte.

Next New Member Class Starts in January

Classes meet on January 22, 26, 29 & February 2 in the Chapel.

New Members join on February 9 at 11:00 am.

For information, contact Amy at apiland@hbumc.org.

Year-End Giving

Gifts must be received by 12/31 or, if mailed, postmarked by 12/31, to meet IRS regulations. Gifts of securities must be transferred into HB's gift account by 12/31. Please give your broker a few days to accomplish gift transfers, and PLEASE let Russell Wilcox know of any stock gift to the church.

Online Giving is on the HB website. Call Russell Wilcox if you need help. Note: If you wish to prepay your 2020 pledge online, let Russell know. The system will post your gift to your 2019 pledge unless we make an adjustment before it is posted.

Pledges can also be made online!

Charitable IRA distribution: IRA owners, age 70 1/2 and older, may make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity, such as HBUMC. The distribution will be made free of federal income tax and the gift qualifies toward satisfying the donor's 2019 required minimum distribution (RMD). If you have completed your 2019 RMD, consider paying next year's pledge in Jan. 2020 from your 2020 RMD.

The Business Office will be open December 26-31. For questions, contact Russell Wilcox at 919-832-6435 x1118, 919-369-2501 (cell) or rwilcox@hbumc.org.

Baptism on December 15

Mary Margaret “Maggie” Watson, daughter of Liz & Jay Watson

Confirmands on December 15

Rivers Coleman Setliff: Mentor - Jim Jones

Hollis Elizabeth Baker: Mentor - Betty Ann Scott

Second Annual Chili Cook Off! Saturday, January 25, 2020

Calling all chili masters! Do you have a famous chili recipe among your family and friends? We would love for you to make a crock pot of your special chili (chicken, beef, veggie, whatever is your specialty!) and share it with others at the chili dinner. At the dinner, we will have tasting cups for everyone to have a bite of your delicious chili. After all the pots of chili are tasted, everyone will vote on the best chili. It will be exciting to see who will be the Chili Champion of Hayes Barton this year! Jonathan Mauldin will be defending his title. He will need some strong competition.

Please contact Lisa Coster, lisacoster85@gmail.com or 919-889-2692, to sign up.

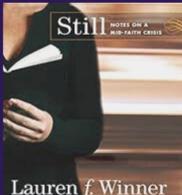
Elementary Movie Night Friday, January 10, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Come enjoy a movie in the FH.
lharrell@hbumc.org

Preschool Fun Day Sunday, January 12, 3:00 pm

Come enjoy a movie in the CFH.
kskaggs@hbumc.org

Women's One and Done Book Study
with Pastor Molly
Wednesday, January 8 9:30-11:00



STILL: NOTES ON A MID-FAITH CRISIS
BY LAUREN F. WINNER

We're having a Wednesday Morning Women one-and-done book study! Looking for a funny and faithful book to read over the holidays? *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis* by Lauren Winner is just what you're looking for. Read it over the holidays and meet to discuss the book on Wednesday, January 8, from 9:30-11:00. Contact Pastor Molly for more information: mwhite@hbumc.org.



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DECEMBER 29: 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;
Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23

11 am: Molly White
"Visions and Dreams"
Joseph and the Holy Family flee Bethlehem and the wrath of King Herod on this First Sunday After Christmas. We'll explore the context of their flight to Egypt and of Herod's tyranny.
Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23

8:45 am LightHouse:
Adam Charville
"A Fulfilling Birth"
Jesus didn't stay in the manger long. There are prophecies to fulfill and the world is turned upside down. How does Christ's birth change and fulfill something in your life?
Matthew 2:13-23

JANUARY 5: Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

8:30/11 am: Rick Clayton
"Follow"

Jesus' epiphany celebrates his manifestation to the world, but it also demonstrates how he was recognized for his unique role in salvation history. As Jesus was sent by God into our world and was recognized for who he was, so the Lord has chosen us to be his followers. Let us hear the Master's call and willingly chose to follow him.
Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12

8:45 am LightHouse: Molly White
"Arise, Shine!"
On this Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem to visit the Christ Child. The light of Christ dawned up on the world and the world would never be the same! Come, praise the Lord, the Light of the World!!
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12