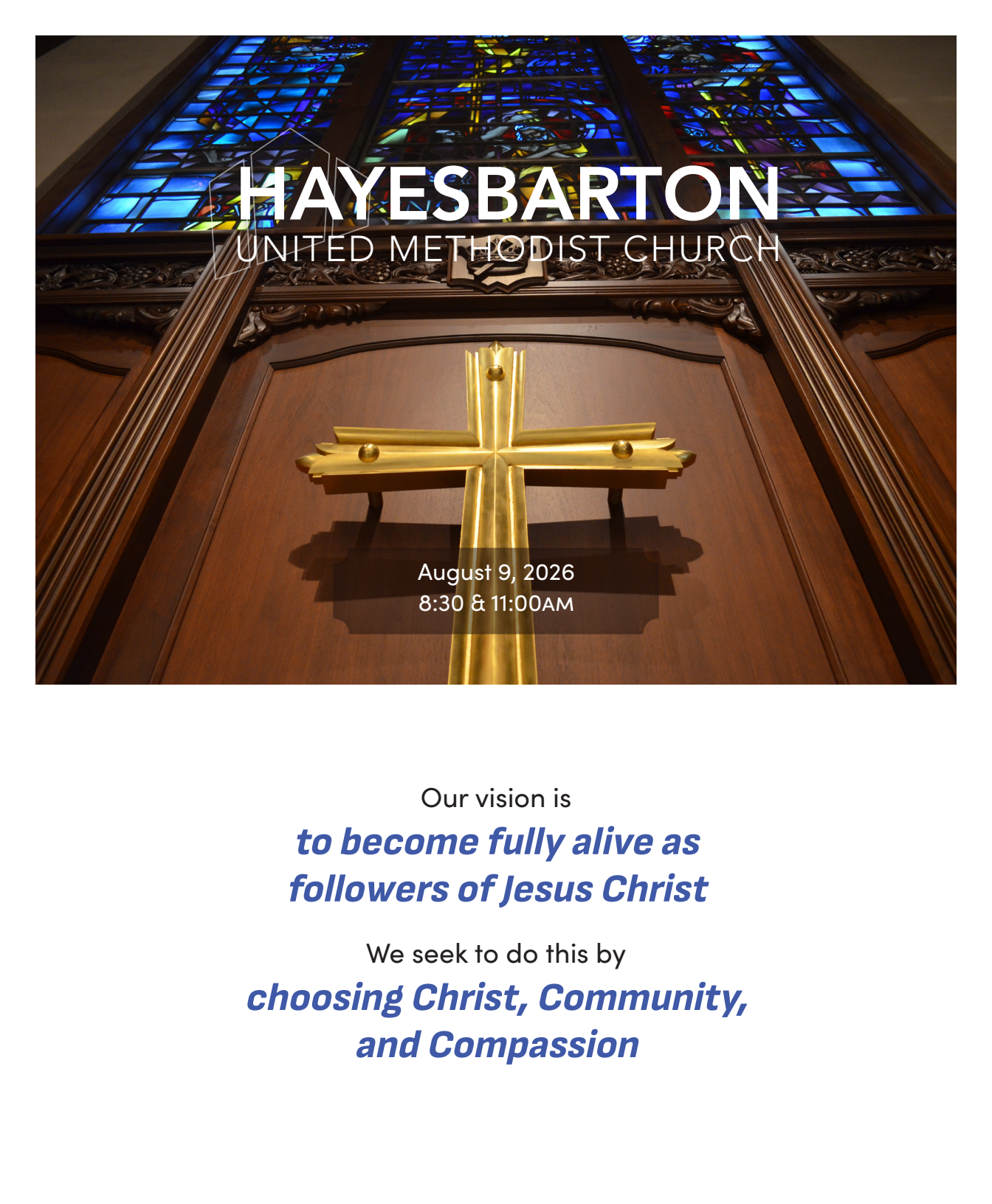




HAYESBARTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 2026
8:30 & 11:00AM

Our vision is
***to become fully alive as
followers of Jesus Christ***

We seek to do this by
***choosing Christ, Community,
and Compassion***



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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

USHERS (8:30)

Hunter Jones, Captain
Ben Clifton, David Hardy, Chris Taft,
Wes Vance, Andrew Tripp

USHERS (11:00)

Will Bynum, Patti & Wayne Young,
Susan & Brad Stimmel

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Annette Cass, Sue Zaytoun,
Lynn Kavcsak, Lynn Stellings

STEPHEN MINISTRY

PRAYER PARTNER (8:30)

Neill McLeod, Henry Campen

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our mother,
Sarah Stimmel, on her 100th birthday,
by Patti & Wayne Young
and Brad and Susan Stimmel

WELCOME

We're glad you're here! To learn more about Hayes Barton and getting involved, please contact Rev. Sarah Swandell (sswandell@hbumc.org).

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship. Nursery care is available. Ushers can assist you with seating and/or direct you to our nursery. If at any point you or your little one needs a break during the service, please feel free to step into our parlor, located in the hallway off the Stone Street entrance. The service will be streaming there, so you can continue to join us comfortably.

Restrooms and water fountains are available as you leave the sanctuary to your right, across the lobby and down the hall past the parlor, or to your left, through the double doors by the elevator, then on the right.

Want to receive emails from Hayes Barton about upcoming Bible studies, events and other offerings? Email Stephen Aber (saber@hbumc.org)

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Lindsey Jennings..... Pastor of Formation
Matt Ashburn Pastor of Visitation
Claire Watson..... Pastor of Youth Ministry

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Corey Ward..... Dir. Contemporary Music
Meghan Watson Dir. Children's Ministries
Robert White Maintenance & Security
Brooks Wicker..... Controller

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Have you ever wondered whether the moments that change your life are simply random or something more? As we follow Ruth into the fields of Bethlehem, we'll discover what faith looks like when God seems to be working through the ordinary moments of everyday life.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord will not forget the stranger, the hungry, or the weary.
We come to seek refuge under the shadow of God's wings.

The harvest is plentiful, and God's kindness is never exhausted.
We come to receive God's grace and to share it with others.

Let us worship the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Hymn #694

*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God,
You are the Lord of the harvest,
the giver of daily bread,
and the shelter for all who seek you.**

**Gather us into your field of grace today.
Open our eyes to your kindness.
Fill our empty places with hope.
Teach us to receive your blessings with gratitude.**

**May we, like Ruth, find refuge beneath your wings,
and discover again that your mercy is always more than enough.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ruth 2:1-13

Thomas Tripp (11:00)

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you." They answered, "The LORD bless you." Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment."

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?"

But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Ruth 2:14-23

At mealtime Boaz said to [Ruth], "Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, "Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles, and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her." So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin." Then Ruth the Moabite said, "He even said to me, 'Stay close by my servants, until they have finished all my harvest.' " Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise you might be bothered in another field." So she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests; and she lived with her mother-in-law.

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SERMON

Unexpected Friendships: The Meeting of Ruth and Boaz

Pastor David

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON (8:30)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pause for silent confession.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN (11:00) *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

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PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING OURSELVES

The Dennis W. "Bud" Cameron Christian Service Award

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To offer your tithes and offerings, visit hbumc.org/give
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OFFERTORY

You Are Not Alone
Chamber Choir (8:30) Chancel Choir (11:00)

Molly Ijames

When the sun spills glory on the road ahead,
or when looming rainclouds in the sky are spread,
every path is charted, every step is known,
I am walking with you; you are not alone.

*Do not be afraid, my beloved child, do not be dismayed, I am still your God.
I will never leave you; trust the truth you know:
I will journey with you everywhere you go.*

When the shadows deepen in the moonless night,
and the mist surrounds you, hiding stars from sight,
with the dark descending, dimming all you see,
look up, my beloved, lift your eyes to me.

When the winds of summer freshen youthful days,
when the autumn splendors fill midlife with praise.
When the snows of winter burden age with care,
through each turning season, you will find me there. *Refrain*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responses)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister continues

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The minister continues

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP (Gluten-free elements available)

*PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given
yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

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Theresa & Dick Stevens
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Jennifer Wlodarski

MARRIAGES

Tara Dorsett & Nick Ross:
August 8, 2026

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Government Leaders
Those Affected by
Natural Disasters
Our In-Crowd Members
We pray for peace and the end of conflict
around our world

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Pastors David, Sarah,
Lindsey, Matt, and Claire
Our HBUMC Ministry Team
District Superintendent David Joyner
Bishop Connie Shelton

HAYES BARTON HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER SEMINARY CONTINUES

Our six-week series of standalone classes continues during the 10:00am hour in the Fellowship Hall. No sign-up or preparation needed, just come as you are ready to learn and connect with others!

Today's Topic: Mission and Ministry with Pastor Lindsey

RECONNECT SUNDAY - AUGUST 30

As summer draws to a close, make plans to jump back into community at Hayes Barton on Sunday, August 30! Along with our regular worship schedule, we'll feature special programming for all ages during the Sunday School Hour:

- Youth will gather in the Joy Class Assembly Room to reconnect, while Parents of Youth meet in the Chapel to discuss supporting their teens this year.
- Children's Ministry families (birth–5th grade) will meet in Casper Holroyd Hall to preview the year, meet teachers, participate in the Blessing of the Backpacks, and celebrate milestone Bible presentations for 2-year-olds, Kindergartners, 5th graders, and first-time preschoolers. **Please register your child by Sunday, August 16 at hbumc.org/signups.**
- All other adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a pastor Q&A, connection, and ways to get involved. Each space will offer refreshments, ways to get connected, and upcoming event info. Email Pastor Lindsey with any questions!

CHILDREN & YOUTH VOLUNTEER TRAINING - AUGUST 23

If you're planning to volunteer in the Children's or Youth Ministries in the upcoming year, you will need to join us for Volunteer training, **August 23, at 2:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. (There will be NO makeup date)

SIGNUPS

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