



HAYESBARTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 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)

Leah & John Callaway,
Mary Craven & Dennis Poteat

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Annette Cass, Shelly Greer,
Lynn Kavcsak

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of
Jane and Tom Solomon,
and in honor of Frances and Jim Tims,
by Thom Solomon and Cam Tims.

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)

To submit a confidential or shared prayer request to the clergy, please email prayer@hbumc.org.

PASTORAL STAFF

David Beam..... Lead Pastor
Sarah Swandell Pastor of Support
Lindsey Jennings..... Pastor of Formation
Matt Ashburn Pastor of Visitation
Claire Watson..... Pastor of Youth Ministry

LAY STAFF

Stephen Aber Organist/Communications
Jessie Barringer Finance Assistant
Becky Balentine..... Dir. InCrowd Ministry
Alexi Batchelor..... Org. Development Manager
Austin Bowling Technical Arts
Tina Colly Administrative Coordinator
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Jason Trice..... Dir. Outreach & Fellowship
Corey Ward..... Dir. Contemporary Music
Meghan Watson Dir. Children's Ministries
Robert White Maintenance & Security
Brooks Wicker..... Controller

GATHERING AND PRAISE

What comes to mind when you hear the word courage? We often think of bold heroes and dramatic moments, but the book of Ruth invites us to see courage in a different way. Sometimes ordinary acts of faith can become the very place where God does extraordinary work.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the way forward is uncertain, God is with us.
Give us courage to walk by faith.

When love asks us to remain, God is with us.
Give us courage to be faithful.

When loss gives way to new life, God is with us.
Give us courage to hope again.

Wherever God may lead us, we will not journey alone.
Let us worship the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Hymn #577

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and gracious God, you are our refuge and our strength.

**As you were faithful to Ruth and Naomi,
be faithful to us in every season of our lives.**

**When the way before us is uncertain, give us courage.
When sorrow has emptied us, fill us with hope once more.**

**By your Spirit, guide our steps, renew our hearts,
and teach us to trust in the steadfast love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ruth 4:1–8

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over, friend; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here"; so they sat down. He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal.

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Meghan Watson

SECOND LESSON

Ruth 4:9–22

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses."

Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.” So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David. Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

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SERMON

Pastor David

Unexpected Friendships: The Courage We Find in One Another

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)

Hymn #508

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom

IMMIGRATION TEAM UPDATE

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

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

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please pass the attendance register. Visitors, please share your contact information.

To offer your tithes and offerings, visit hbumc.org/give
or mail checks to: HBUMC, 2209 Fairview Rd, Raleigh NC 27608

OFFERTORY

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

Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear even in your hour of sorrow,
the gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard, may hardness never turn your heart to stone.

May you always remember when the shadows fall –
You do not walk alone.

*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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#140

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

*Stand as you are able. CCLI License # 2367044

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 6

A Called Charge Conference is being held to vote upon an amendment in a Building Lease Agreement with Verizon. Those required to attend a Called Charge Conference include members of the Church Council, who are eligible to vote. All church members are invited to attend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

To submit a confidential or shared prayer request to the clergy, please email prayer@hbumc.org.

PRAYER LIST

Zack Anstett
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Trish Holmes
Dianne Hudson
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Chuck Kavcsak
Penny Link
Steve Motter
Chelle Porter
Our Seminarian, Owen Ragsdale
Jim Riggins
Sue Robertson
Neil Rudolph
Susanne Stephenson
Theresa & Dick Stevens
Victoria Sullivan
Susan Ward
Dave Welsh
Jennifer Wlodarski

DEATHS

Mary Jane Hunt: August 16, 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

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
- 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.
- 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 - TODAY

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 **TODAY at 2:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

FEAST OF CREATION DINNER AND WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 1

The Hayes Barton Creation Care Team invites you to join us on September 1st for a delicious feast in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30–6:30pm. This meal will be sourced locally and prepared by Chef Netta from the Spring Forest Farm and Faith Community in Hillsborough. At 6:30, immediately following dinner, we will move into the sanctuary for a family-friendly worship service. Register your meal choice: hbumc.org/signups

REFUGEE HOPE PARTNERS HOMEWORK HELP

Join us on Tuesday, September 15, from 4:15–6:00pm as we partner with Refugee Hope Partners to encourage elementary school students through after-school homework help. hbumc.org/signups

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