

A wide-angle photograph of the interior of the Hayes Barton United Methodist Church. The sanctuary features a high, vaulted wooden ceiling with exposed beams. The floor is made of large, dark stone tiles. Rows of dark wooden pews are filled with people, mostly seen from the back, looking towards the front. At the front of the church, there is a large, colorful stained glass window depicting a religious scene. To the left and right of the central window are tall, narrow stained glass windows. A large, ornate organ is visible on the left side of the front. A green altar cloth is on the front table, and a cross is visible on the wall behind it. The lighting is warm and focused on the front of the sanctuary.

HAYESBARTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18, 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***

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

GREETERS (11:00)

Katherine Anderson

USHERS (8:30)

Tyler Morris

USHERS (11:00)

Fil Stidham, Captain

George Anderson, Glenn Bell,
Henry Campen, Ronnie Harrell,
Joey Propst, Ronny Rogers

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Annette Cass, Sue Zaytoun,
Scott Gibson & Tim Edwards

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**](mailto:prayer@hbumc.org).



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GATHERING AND PRAISE

Jesus takes children into his arms and blesses them simply because of who they are – not because of what they accomplished, produced, or contributed. What does his embrace reveal about belonging and the truth that we are beloved before we ever achieve a thing?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, “Let the children come to me,
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

We are beloved children of God, welcomed just as we are.

Before we ever sought God, God was already seeking us.

God’s grace goes before us, behind us, and is with us always.

Come, let us worship the One in whom we find our belonging.

Let us worship the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymn #400

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, you created us in your goodness and call us your beloved children. Quiet the voices that tell us we must strive to be enough, and help us receive the gift of who you have made us to be.

Give us the trusting hearts of children, the courage to come before you just as we are, and the wisdom to see your image in one another. We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, and through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:27-31

Jane Gable (8:30)
Sam Tripp (11:00)

So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Meghan Watson

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10

"The Friend of Little Children," from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

Jesus' friends were arguing. Who was the most important helper in God's kingdom? They wanted to know.

"I am!" James said.

"No, you're not!" said Peter. "I am!"

"Nonsense," Matthew said. "I'm the cleverest!"

"No, you're not!"

"Yes, I am!"

"Yes!" "No!" "Am, too!"

This silliness went on and on like that for some time. You see, Jesus' friends had started thinking they had to do something to make themselves special to Jesus – that if they were the cleverest or the nicest or something, Jesus would like them best.

But they had forgotten something. Something God had been teaching God's people all through the years: that no matter how clever you are, or how good you are, or how rich you are, or how nice you are, or how important you are – none of it makes any difference. Because God's love is a gift and, as anyone will tell you, the whole thing about a gift is, it's free. All you have to do is reach out your hands and take it.

So while Jesus' friends were arguing, some people who knew all about getting gifts – in fact, you might say they were gift-experts – had come to see Jesus. Who were they? They were little children.

Jesus' helpers tried to send them away. "Jesus doesn't have time for you!" they said. "He's too tired." But they were wrong. Jesus always had time for children. **"Don't ever send them away!"** Jesus said. **"Bring the little ones to me."**

Now, if you had been there, what do you think – would you have had to line up quietly to see Jesus? Do you think Jesus would have asked you how good you'd been before he'd give you a hug? Would you have had to be on your best behavior? And get dressed up? And not speak until you're spoken to?

Or...would you have done just what these children did – run straight up to Jesus and let him pick you up in his arms and swing you and kiss you and hug you and then sit you on his lap and listen to your stories?

You see, children loved Jesus, and they knew they didn't need to do anything special for Jesus to love them. All they needed to do was to run into his arms. And so that's just what they did.

Well, after all the laughing and games, Jesus turned to his helpers and said, **"No matter how big you grow, never grow up so much that you lose your child's heart: full of trust in God. Be like these children. They are the most important in my kingdom."**

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

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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)

*RESPONSE HYMN (11:00)

Hymn #611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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
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OFFERTORY

It Fell upon a Summer Day
Chamber Choir (8:30) Chancel Choir (11:00)

K. Lee Scott

It fell upon a summer day, when Jesus walked in Galilee;
The mothers from a village brought their children to his knee.
He took them in his arms, and laid his hands on each remembered head;
“Suffer these little ones to come to me,” he gently said.

“Forbid them not; unless you hear the childlike hearts within,
Unto My Kingdom ye may come, but may not enter in.”
O Father, grant this childlike heart, that I may come to Christ
And feel his hands on me in blessing laid, love giving, strong to heal.

*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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#384

Alternate Tune: HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in heart or in posture.
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Dave Welsh
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BIRTHS

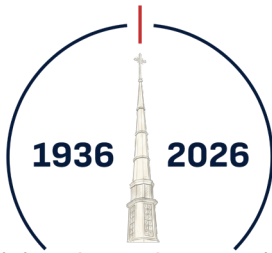
Georgia Kate Booth,
daughter of Jennifer & Justin: October 5

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



Living the **Red Letter Life**
Stewardship at Hayes Barton

LIVING THE RED LETTER LIFE: 2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As we celebrate 90 years of ministry, we give thanks for the generations of faithful people whose generosity has made our church's worship, discipleship, care, and outreach possible.

Our 2027 Stewardship theme, **Living the Red Letter Life**, invites us to put Jesus' words into action through love, generosity, compassion, and service. As we look toward the next chapter of Hayes Barton's ministry, every pledge helps us plan faithfully and continue sharing the love of Christ with our community and beyond.

HOW TO PLEDGE

Pledge online anytime at **hbumc.org/give**, using the QR code, or complete a Commitment Card and return it to the church office. Our 2027 goal is \$3,100,000. Every pledge helps us plan faithfully and carry Hayes Barton's ministry forward.



FALL FORMATION & STUDIES

Join us this season for our ongoing Fall Formation classes and small group studies as we dive deeper into fellowship and spiritual growth together across our ministries. Sign up: **hbumc.org/signups**

FALL MIDDAY PRAYER

Tuesdays

Oct. 13 – Nov. 10 | Noon | Online
Pause in the middle of your day for guided prayer with Pastor Lindsey.

JAMES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays

Oct. 14 – Nov. 11 | 11am or 4pm
Explore how James connects faith with the way we live each day.

CHRIST OF THE CELTS

Wednesdays

Oct. 14 – Nov. 11 | 6:30pm
Explore Celtic Christianity and a vision of faith rooted in original blessing and creation.

FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

There are many upcoming dates through the end of 2026 available.

HAYES BARTON HIGHLIGHTS

ALL SAINTS CANDLEBEARERS

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who've entered eternal life in the past year. In all three worship services, we'll have a procession of candle-bearers as we speak aloud the names of our departed. Instructions will be provided. Thank you for helping us honor those we've loved who now rest in the eternal arms. Sign up: hbumc.org/signups

STOCK THE PANTRY FOR WEECARE

For 20 years Wee Care has provided high quality education for preschool children preparing each student for kindergarten and beyond. Wee Care has expanded to 20 children, and we need your support! Each week they prepare backpacks for the children to allow them to have food on the weekends. We are looking for your support to provide food donations. Sign up: hbumc.org/signups

HUMBLE HEART BAZAAR

Calling all crafters! Come join us for our first-ever **Bazaar Craft Night on Sunday, October 25**, from 5:00-7:00pm. We invite all adult church members to come help us create three unique ornaments that will be sold at our Bazaar Marketplace craft table in November. hbumc.org/bazaar

We'll supply the materials, teach you how to make the crafts, and provide snacks. You just need to come ready for fellowship and crafting! **Questions?** Contact Brooke Fork (bfork1@gmail.com) or Lora Tripp (lorataylor@gmail.com).

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Hayes Barton and White Memorial are partnering with Rise Against Hunger. Join us at **White Memorial Presbyterian Church, November 7 at 10:00am**, as we package over 10,000 meals to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now around the world. Register at hbumc.org/signups, and consider a donation towards our event goal!

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