ADVENT 2026

Advent Giving Guide

A year-end offering for our neighbors, near and far



Advent

HAYESBARTON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Dear Hayes Barton,

As we celebrate the Advent season together, there is an abundance of ways to support our community. We have compiled this Advent Giving Guide in the hopes that our congregation will provide financial donations to the listed funds and organizations as a special year-end Advent offering.

Throughout this guide, you will find everything you need to give directly to our HBUMC benevolence and Outreach funds, as well as to our 2026 Outreach grant recipients and our 2026 Humble Hearts Bazaar grant recipients. Please note that we will not collect cash or checks this year; please use the links provided to give online.

As always, we encourage you to make donations in honor of or in memory of your loved ones as a beautiful holiday gift. We will have cards located at the front desk of the church. Once you have made your financial donations, feel free to retrieve your cards through December 31!

From helping replenish our InAsMuch Fund to donating directly to our nonprofit partners, we hope that you will give generously this Advent season as together we seek to love our neighbors well.

With warm Advent wishes,

THE HBUMC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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GIVE TO HBUMC FUNDS

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Online gifts only this year. No cash or checks.

THIS GUIDE ONLINE

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Find the digital version with every giving link.

GIVE THROUGH HAYES BARTON

HBUMC Funds

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

HBUMC's Pastor's Discretionary Fund provides financial assistance to members of our community who are in need of support (this includes rent and utility assistance, as well as other unplanned community requests prayerfully determined by the pastors). Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, we were able to use our PDF fund abundantly throughout 2026. Your continued generosity allows our pastors to respond to needs as they arise. Go to hbumc.org/give and select "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" from the drop-down menu.

InAsMuch Fund

"Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these… you have done it to me" (Matthew 25:40).
HBUMC's InAsMuch Fund allows us to live into these words as we seek to love Christ through our neighbors. This fund allows our Outreach Committee to support special, non-budgeted opportunities as they arise throughout our community. As we look ahead to 2027, we hope to strengthen this fund so that we can respond generously when unexpected needs and opportunities arise. Your gifts will help us make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. Go to hbumc.org/give and select "Inasmuch Fund" from the drop-down menu.

Youth Missions

Our HBUMC youth serve each summer through Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and Cross Connection, two Christian ministries that mobilize volunteers to provide vital home repairs for low-income families. ASP focuses on making homes in Central Appalachia "warmer, safer, and drier," while our Cross Connection team will be serving in Eastern NC on similar repair projects. Your gifts to this fund directly support our youth as they participate in this meaningful, hands-on service. Go to hbumc.org/give and select "Missions-Domestic-Youth" from the drop-down menu.

CSA Farm to Fridge Program

Our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farmers, Elvin and Madeline Eaton of Fairport Farms in Kittrell, NC, grow and donate organic produce to the local Farm to Fridge Program. This program provides fresh produce at no cost to families in some of North Carolina's most food-insecure communities. The Eatons even grow produce during the winter months specifically to support this important ministry. Please donate in $25 increments to support the Eatons in this valuable work. Click here to give online. Choose "CSA-Donations" from the drop-down menu and add "Farm to Fridge" in the Memo box.

A GIFT IN SOMEONE'S NAME

Give in honor or in memory of a loved one

Once you have made your gift, pick up a card at the church front desk to share with the person you are honoring. Cards are available through December 31.

CLOSE TO HOME

2027 Local Outreach Ministry Partners

The following organizations received grants from HBUMC in 2026 and have been selected as Outreach Ministry Partners for 2027. In addition to financial support, we are committed to building deeper relationships with these organizations through service, fellowship, prayer, and opportunities to learn more about their work in our community.

BELONG NC

Founded by HBUMC member Arienne Morton, BELONG NC provides programs for refugees and immigrants to feel safe and confident to explore conversational English, job skills training, and preschool programming. On April 24th, our HBUMC youth will join Highland UMC to put on a carnival benefiting children and families associated with Belong NC. All are invited, and we hope you will put this date on your calendar. It will be a great opportunity to learn about the great work Belong NC is doing. Click here to give.

Family Promise of the Triangle

Family Promise empowers families to prevent or overcome homelessness and transition toward stability. In 2027, we will work with Family Promise to support residents in their temporary housing location through fellowship and various projects. You can learn more on January 30th, when Development and Communications Director Jeff Babajtis joins us during Scattered to Serve. Click here to give.

Neighbor Health

The mission of Neighbor Health is to serve Christ by loving our neighbors through excellent, compassionate, and accessible healthcare. In 2027, we will continue to work with Neighbor Health by providing food backpacks for providers to distribute to patients struggling with food insecurity. We have also committed to praying for every provider at Neighbor Health throughout the year. We hope you'll join us in September for a Scattered to Serve food packing event, where you can hear firsthand about the impact of Neighbor Health in Raleigh. Click here to give.

Refugee Hope Partners

Refugee Hope Partners engages, equips, and encourages refugees in Wake County. In 2027, we will support RHP through their homework help program, by providing rides to medical appointments, and by sponsoring and supporting their annual Thrive K (5K) fundraiser on May 1st. Click here to give.

Wee Care

Co-founded by HBUMC members Laurie Harrell and Ellen Safrit, Wee Care provides free preschool education for economically disadvantaged children. Wee Care equips students with social, emotional, and cognitive skills and confidence to succeed in kindergarten. Throughout the year, HBUMC members are invited to support the Wee Care Backpack Buddies program, and we are excited to explore more ways to support this amazing organization. Click here to give.

AROUND THE WORLD

2027 International Outreach Partners

The following organizations received grants from the HBUMC Outreach Committee in 2026 and are longtime ministry partners that Hayes Barton has supported for several years.

Costa Rica Mission Projects

Will Bailey, a missionary from North Carolina, has served in Costa Rica for more than 20 years. Over that time, Will and his family have built strong relationships in the communities they serve and continue to welcome mission teams each year. Costa Rica Mission Projects provides early childhood education, higher education opportunities for young women, and counseling services for those facing mental health challenges. Click here to give.

Hearts and Hands for Haiti

Hearts and Hands for Haiti works alongside Haitian communities to provide opportunities for education, job training, and spiritual growth. Their programs also help meet essential needs, including food and shelter, while equipping individuals to build stronger futures for themselves and their communities. Click here to give.

ZOE Empowers

Zoe Empowers works with vulnerable children and families affected by poverty and the global orphan crisis. Through its empowerment model, ZOE helps young people develop the skills and resources needed to become self-sufficient and overcome extreme poverty. Hayes Barton currently sponsors a working group of approximately 100 children in Rwanda. Click here to give.

ORGANIZED BY THEME

Outreach & Humble Hearts Bazaar Nonprofit Partners

The following organizations received grants in 2026 through the HBUMC Outreach Committee and the Humble Hearts Bazaar. We are grateful to support these nonprofits doing meaningful work in our community and beyond. We invite you to learn more about these organizations and consider supporting their important missions.

✦ HEALTHCARE

Alliance Medical Ministry

Alliance Medical Ministry provides access to quality healthcare for working, uninsured adults across Wake County. Click here to give.

Foundation of Hope

Foundation of Hope strives to conquer mental illness by investing in groundbreaking scientific research and mental health initiatives. Click here to give.

SouthLight

SouthLight is a trusted provider of quality service for substance use and mental health treatment needs in Central North Carolina. They help individuals gain the tools needed to build a strong foundation for long-term mental wellness. Every year their work helps transform the lives of more than 8,000 people. Click here to give.

Walk for Hope

Through Foundation of Hope's annual Walk for Hope, thousands of participants come together in Raleigh each year to show solidarity for family, friends, and community members living with mental illness. 100% of money raised by the walk goes directly to fund local mental health research at the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Psychiatry. Click here to give and select "HOPE - General Team Donation" from the drop-down menu.

Urban Ministries

Urban Ministries seeks to provide help and opportunities to those who are struggling with hunger, healthcare, and homelessness. Click here to give.

✦ HUNGER RELIEF

A Place at the Table

A Place at the Table is Raleigh's first pay-what-you-can cafe, providing community and delicious food for all regardless of financial means to pay. Click here to give.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels empowers local community programs to improve the health and quality of life of the seniors they serve so that no one is left hungry or isolated. Click here to give.

✦ CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Boys & Girls Clubs

Boys & Girls Clubs have been helping Wake County youth reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens for over 50 years. Click here to give.

Diaper Train

Diaper Train is the only diaper bank exclusively serving Wake County, providing diapers and wipes to families along with support to increase their mental health, physical health, and overall well-being. Click here to give.

The Hope Center at Pullen

The Hope Center at Pullen empowers emerging adults who are transitioning out of foster care in Wake County with the support and connections needed for a safe and stable adulthood. Click here to give.

Christian Life Home

Christian Life Home is a compassionate Raleigh maternity home for young women experiencing unplanned or crisis pregnancies. Click here to give.

Haven House Services

Haven House Services is "the place where youth who need help find it." Their programming promotes safety, support, and success among Raleigh's youth ages 6-24. Click here to give.

Longleaf Learning Collective

Founded by HBUMC member Sarah Spencer, Longleaf Learning Collective is dedicated to building and supporting communities through outdoor programs and immersive nature experiences. Longleaf's goal is to empower individuals to become stewards of the environment while fostering a sense of belonging and connection. Click here to give.

Methodist Home for Children

Methodist Home for Children provides safe, stable homes where children can thrive by building upon the social, physical, emotional, and spiritual strengths of children, youth, and families. Through foster care, adoption, early childhood services, juvenile justice, and more, Methodist Home for Children has provided excellent care for children across North Carolina since 1899. Click here to give.

Note in the Pocket

Note in the Pocket improves educational equity by addressing clothing insecurity. Working across Wake County and Durham County, Note in the Pocket works with local schools to provide quality clothing to families with dignity and love. Click here to give.

The Resiliency Collaborative

The Resiliency Collaborative partners with high school students and families to cultivate the conditions for youth to thrive academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. With a holistic model that combines academic support, mental health resources, and leadership opportunities, we provide youth with the skills and confidence to take their next step, whether college, career, or community leadership. Click here to give.

SAFEchild

SAFEchild, which stands for "Stop Abuse for Every Child," is the only organization in Wake County that offers a full range of child abuse prevention and intervention services to children and families at no cost. SAFEchild is working to ensure that every child in our community has the right to grow up in an environment that is free from abuse and neglect. Click here to give.

Shepherd Youth Ranch

Shepherd Youth Ranch provides hope and restoration to those who are hurting through the unique bond between people and horses and the unconditional love of Christ. Click here to give.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Neighbor to Neighbor is working to make "neighbor" a verb throughout Wake County. By mentoring youth, creating shared spaces where neighbors can come together, and offering social enterprise and job training, Neighbor to Neighbor helps Wake County families overcome the effects of poverty. Click here to give.

The Poe Center

The Poe Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to positively impacting the lives of North Carolina youth through health education. Their expert health educators partner with schools and organizations across the state to provide health education to children and adults. Click here to give.

Riverside Ranch

Riverside Ranch is a therapeutic center that supports individuals with special needs and those navigating grief through community, interaction with horses, and engagement with nature. Click here to give.

Safe Families for Children

Safe Families for Children equips local volunteers to provide informal, family-like support to families experiencing a crisis. Their goal is to see families strengthened and supported by their community. With a community of support, they believe children can be safe and families remain intact. Click here to give.

✦ SUPPORT FOR WOMEN

Helen Wright Center for Women

Part of Urban Ministries of Wake County, the Helen Wright Center is a low-barrier emergency shelter for single, adult women experiencing homelessness. The Helen Wright Center offers a safe supportive environment with structured opportunities for women to regain self-sufficiency and independence. Click here to give.

Hope and Vine

Hope and Vine provides mentoring, employment, and connection to equip women who have aged out of foster care to live with purpose and freedom. They long to see all women healthy, self-sustaining, and thriving after foster care. Click here to give.

The Women's Center

The Women's Center provides stability and housing to single women experiencing homelessness. As Wake County's only day shelter for single women experiencing homelessness, the Women's Center provides case management and coordinated services alongside food and other basic needs. Click here to give.

✦ EMPOWERMENT & JOB SKILLS TRAINING

The Encouraging Place

The Encouraging Place fosters racial harmony, empowers women, and creates spaces where Raleigh community members feel valued and heard. The Encouraging Place is committed to shaping a strong community against inequality and injustice, promoting a place where we all can thrive peacefully. Click here to give.

StepUp Ministry

StepUp Ministry empowers people across Wake County to transform their lives through employment and life skills training. StepUp Ministry works to create a safe and thriving community where all have stability, equal opportunities, and purpose. Click here to give.

Postscript Outreach

Postscript Outreach enhances the lives of the disconnected, working to combat loneliness by building authentic connections through creativity and meaningful conversation. Click here to give.

✦ POVERTY RELIEF

NeighborUp

NeighborUp (formerly Dorcas Ministries) equips and empowers our neighbors in need with basic essentials and valuable skills so they can continue their journey toward success, building a community where every neighbor thrives. Click here to give.

Seasons Village

Seasons Village exists to cultivate lasting change by creating pathways out of poverty for single mothers and their children. Click here to give.

Oak City Cares

Oak City Cares connects individuals and families who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness to coordinated services that create a path to stable housing and renewed hope. The goal of Oak City Cares is to make homelessness in our community rare, brief, and non-recurring. Click here to give.

✦ HOUSING

Families Together

Through direct support and advocacy, Families Together assist families with children as they transition from homelessness to sustainable housing and stable homes. Click here to give.

The Green Chair Project

The Green Chair Project provides much-needed furniture and home essentials to families in Wake County. Click here to give.

GRACE Home

Part of Prison Aftercare Ministries, Grace Home seeks to empower formerly incarcerated women through a structured residence and transition program during the crucial months after their release. Click here to give.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity helps Wake County families build and improve their homes, along with advocating for affordable housing throughout our community. Click here to give.