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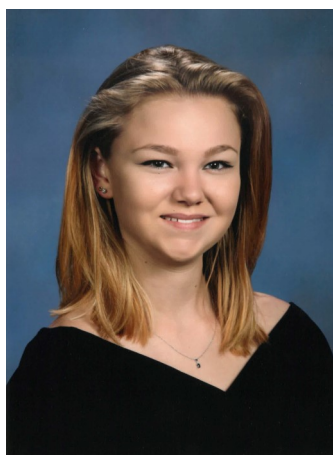
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When Our Youth Lead

By Britt Hester, Minister of Youth and Christian Education

Kenda Creasy Dean in her remarkable book *Practicing Passion* writes, "If commitment to Jesus Christ is not, ultimately, a life and death investment, then young people will invest their God-given passion elsewhere." These are harrowing, yet true words. And if we are being honest, the Church universal has not always done a great job of investing, much less empowering, our youth for leadership in the worship and service of Jesus Christ. I'm proud to say, however, that our church has a great history of providing outlets for our students to share their gifts and passion. One of those outlets is Youth Sunday. Each year our students are "given the keys" to our worship service on Sunday morning, and with the help of our staff, they plan and lead the entire service. I'm grateful to serve in place that values the leadership of youth in worship. In offering such opportunities, we reveal our commitment to cultivating a passion for Jesus Christ and God's kingdom in and among our young people. I believe there are few things that delight the heart of God more than this. As a sign of your commitment, I hope you will join us on Sunday, May 5, for Youth Sunday. And as we prepare, I invite you to pray for our youth as they prepare to lead us. Thank you for loving and supporting our youth!



Family Night with the Jumbo Shrimp

Saturday, May 18.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include admission to the game plus 90 minutes of all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks! The first 2,000 fans will receive a Jumbo Shrimp Beach Bag.

Please RSVP to Britt at britt@habchurch.com or 904-396-7745 x316 by May 7.

Do You Know What You're Missing?

By Julie Babcock, Church Librarian

Greetings from the HAB library and Media Center! Several newly published books have arrived at the library. Between those just in and other recent acquisitions, we have about 25 books that have been on best sellers lists recently just waiting for you to enjoy. *Educated*, *Becoming*, *Before We Were Yours*, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, and *Cemetery Road* are just a few of the newer books by your favorite authors.

We continue to try to recover books that have been checked out for weeks, months, even years. Letters were recently sent to tell you what we show is still checked out.

Looking for some volunteer hours? We would love to have you help us on Sunday mornings from 10:40 until 10:55 a.m. (Bonus: it's air-conditioned!) You can email me at babjc@comcast.net if you are willing to do this once every two months, or as a sub if someone is unable to work on their scheduled Sunday.

We have an awesome library with excellent Bible study resources and LOTS of fiction and non-fiction books of interest. Please stop by and see what you are missing!

HAB Hunger Initiative Opportunities

Pay It Forward on Wednesdays: When you pay for your meal, you can choose to add a little extra; the amount will go on a post-it on the board behind the cashiers. When we have good leftovers, San Marco Church picks them up to use in the free meals they give out on Wednesday nights at their church. Gene will use the money as it adds up on the post-its to supplement the donated food to make it a more complete meal. We plan to continue this effort as part of HAB's mission focus on hunger.

Weekly UCOM Donations: Every week in our bulletin we share weekly UCOM pantry needs. In addition to those specific needs, they are always collecting canned goods. You can place the items in the marked bin in the fellowship hall.

Sack Lunch Program Support: Bottled water, protein, fruit, sweets, extra items like Pop Tarts or trail mix, utensils, and napkins. Items must be non-perishable and not require a can opener. Please contact Jennifer Mayo about current needs for this ministry. Jennifer's number is 904-304-4118.

What's on the Menu?

May 1

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, lima beans, salad bar, bread, and carrot cake

May 8

Tequila Lime Chicken, yellow rice, green beans, salad bar, bread, and dessert

May 15

Pork loin, broccoli, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad bar, bread, and chocolate cake

May 22

Ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, salad bar, bread, and bread pudding

May 29

Mojo Baked Chicken, black beans and rice, plantains, vegetables, salad bar, bread, and Tres Leches

The Offering Plate			
	Sept '18 - Feb '19	Mar '19	Year To Date
Offerings and Other Revenue	\$ 613,763	\$ 93,034	\$ 706,797
Expenses	(615,636)	(93,570)	(709,206)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,872)	\$ (536)	\$ (2,409)
Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue	633,353	105,559	738,912
Above/(Below) Budget	(19,590)	(12,525)	(32,115)
# Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end)	31.40	31.37	

DID YOU KNOW? You can give online at habchurch.com/give.

Combine in the Summertime!

By Tommy Shapard, Minister of Music and Worship

In our Imagine 2020 conversations, the Worship Writing Team and Imagine 2020 Team were encouraged to figure out more ways to come together as a congregation in our Sunday morning worship, especially around the Christian practices of baptism, communion, and preaching. The final Imagine 2020 document contains this very goal. To that end, we have had more combined services so far this year than any other year previously since we moved to two worship services in 1999, particularly in November, December, and January. These combined services have involved a touch of creativity and imagination, especially at times entrusting our children and youth to take the lead.

As noted in our Imagine 2020 Vision, we have also explored other Christian worship traditions in our early service. In September, we held a morning jazz vespers around breakfast and conversation in the fellowship hall; in October, a Taizé service in the chapel; and in February, we worshipped together in the chancel area around the communion table with the morning's music centered on issues of social justice.

On Sunday, May 26, we will enter summertime, where we will worship together weekly at 10:30 a.m. for 15 weeks, returning to our regular Sunday worship times of 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on September 8. Coming together to worship in summer makes sense on many levels, but mostly because our attendance patterns change greatly and our resources—both financial and human (laity and staff)—are typically spread thin. Look for these 15 Sundays this summer to be more relaxed, refreshing, and creative. You never know what you might encounter from Sunday to Sunday this summer: you may hear a new vocal ensemble; a different preacher; an arrangement of an old hymn performed by our band; a creative presentation of a Scripture passage; a guest instrumentalist; or a displayed piece of sculpture.

In another sense, we will continue to be the people of God—but come together—during a time of year most often symbolized by opportunities to play, grow, and renew. This will be a time for our worship teams (8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) who work tirelessly throughout the year to take a kind of sabbath and dream and plan for the upcoming liturgical year. Our band will have the time to rehearse and learn new songs for the early service; new people will be able to train for sound, visuals, setting up band equipment, and streaming video; and our Sanctuary Choir will be able to take a break in August.

Join us at 10:30 a.m. during the summer as we join our voices to pray, contemplate, and partake—together, as the HAB family—committing ourselves to continue to serve and worship our one true God in ways that are vital and faithful.

Peace,

Tommy Shapard
Minister of Music and Worship

Join Us for worship at HAB,
10:30 a.m.,
May 26 – September 1



Congratulations to...

...Tracy & Bob Forster on the birth of their granddaughter, Annabelle Grace, on March 15, 2019, in Ft. Lauderdale. Annabelle weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. Baby, Mom, & Dad are all doing fine!

...Etta & Jim Booros on the birth of twin great-grandsons, Andrew James & Thomas Albert Rankins. Parents are Kristen & Tim Rankins, and big sister is Audrey. Everyone is doing well.

...Mary Ann & Scott Miller on the birth of their daughter, Elle McNeil Miller, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Elle weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Her big brother is Jack, and proud grandmother is Patti Carson.

Sympathy to...

...Patti Carson in the death of her uncle, Jay McGlon, on Thursday, April 4, 2019. The service was April 10 in Tallahassee.

...Bob & Ann Tomlin in the death of Bob's brother, William Andrew Tomlin, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The funeral was at Manchester Baptist Church in Manchester, Georgia, on April 13.



Linda Baker– Joined April 7, 2019

Linda has lived in Jacksonville for most of her life, moving here with her family when she was only seven years old. Now retired, she worked for a number of years as office manager in an accounting firm. She and her husband Bill, a chiropractor, lived in Orlando for 18 years. Bill passed away five years ago.

Raised in the Lutheran denomination, Linda comes to HAB from Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church. She loves to travel abroad and especially enjoys cruises. Other hobbies and interests include reading, shopping, cooking, baking, playing piano and antique cars. In addition, she particularly enjoys wearing hats. Her "family" includes a Shetland Sheepdog and several cats.

"I am grateful the Lord led me to Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church," says Linda. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone and appreciates the warm welcome she has received.

Matthew Repper– Joined April 14, 2019

Second grader Matthew Repper joined HAB by profession of faith on Palm Sunday. He comes from a long line of HAB members that began with his grandparents (Karl and Julie Kronquist). His mother Karla Repper is an active member of the church; she is on several committees and teaches youth Sunday school. His two great-aunts, Debbie Hagan and Susan Howell, are also very active members. Matthew participates in Sunday school, Wednesday night kids' activities, and children's choir. He joins his older brother (Lucas), who has already been baptized. Matthew is an outgoing kid who loves sports, reading, and anything Star Wars!



Celebrating Our Alleluias

by Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

Alleluia! You might have heard some sort of shouting on Easter morning from our community garden. If you remember from my last article, I talked about our children's tradition of "burying our alleluias" the first Sunday of Lent. We do so to represent our Lenten journey toward Easter.

On Easter morning we walked out to the garden to see the beautiful flowers that have sprouted up from our buried alleluias. After we have seen and celebrated our Alleluias, do we celebrate and move on, or do we continue to tend to our flowers? That is the question we must now answer as we move through the Easter season.

Are we people who celebrate Easter and just wait for Christmas or Pentecost or some other holy day? Or are we people who lean into the resurrection story? Are we people who continue to go to the garden and water the soil and pluck the weeds? Are we people who celebrate the resurrection and then leave unchanged, or are we people who celebrate the resurrection and live a transformed alleluia life?

Just like our alleluia flowers we, as resurrection people, change and develop. We get to learn and be transformed. Just as a flower grows and develops petals and pollen, we too get the chance to live into a beautiful new life that has been cultivated from a seed.

So go now and be people of the resurrection—constantly living into the transforming power of Jesus.

HUBBARD HOUSE MOTHER'S DAY MINISTRY

We are providing 50 bags that include essential items for women while they stay at Hubbard House as well as a small gift for 30 children. Each \$10 donation provides one bag and is a great way to let these women know we are thinking of them during this challenging time in their lives. Please submit your donations by May 8, making checks payable to HAB and designating "Hubbard House" in the memo section. For more info, please e-mail Shirley Dasher at ccssd@comcast.net.



Parents, Do Your Kids Go WILD in the Summer?

They'll fit right in at our VBS this year where life is wild and God is good! Let the good times ROAR and sign your kids up for VBS at HAB this summer!

Your kids will learn about the untamable love of God for all of us! The MANE event is July 8-12 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (AND IT'S FREE!) You can learn more and sign up on our website at habchurch.com/childrens-ministry.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, May 1

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym
 6:30 p.m. Master Ringers Spring Concert: Sanctuary
 7:15 p.m. Practice for Youth Sunday: Sanctuary

Saturday, May 4

5:00 Youth Sunday Rehearsal: Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Youth Banquet: FH

Sunday, May 5– YOUTH SUNDAY

9:15-10:15 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 10:30-11:30 a.m. Combined Worship: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Master Ringers: E-9
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Tuesday, May 7

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry: D-1
 7:00 p.m. LiterARTure Event: Chapel

Wednesday, May 8

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, & More: E-wing
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Moms Meet-Up: Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym
 6:30-6:55 p.m. Ministry Budget Q&A: Chapel
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Muffins with MOMS: Chapel
 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-noon. Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Wednesday, May 15

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, & More: E-wing
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Moms Meet-Up: Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym
 6:30 p.m. Called Business Meeting (if needed): Chapel
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

LiterARTure Event

Can the Holocaust be Memorialized? Join us for a special LiterARTure conversation about Holocaust Remembrance on Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. Using examples of visual art, poetry and prose, art lecturer Cindy Edelman and author Stacey Goldring will explore how artists and writers interpret the darkest of evils.

Sunday, May 19

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-noon. Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 4:30-5:00 p.m. HAB Ringers: E-9
 5:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth: Choir Room
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Master Ringers: E-9
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Women's Book Study: D-1
 5:30 p.m. Sulzbacher Feeding: Sulzbacher Center

Wednesday, May 22

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, & More: E-wing
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Moms Meet-Up: Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym
 6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Sunday, May 26

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Combined SUMMER Worship: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 4:30-5:00 p.m. HAB Ringers: E-9
 5:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth: Choir Room
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Master Ringers: E-9
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Wednesday, May 29

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, & More: E-wing
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Moms Meet-Up: Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym
 6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

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