



October 2019

## *Learning to Listen*

by Britt Hester, Minister of Youth and Christian Education

I have a confession to make: I'm not a good listener. If you've been around me for more than a few minutes you know that I'm quite extroverted and like to talk. If you didn't know that, just talk to Courtney and ask her what it's like living with me. I like to talk. I like engaging with people and sharing stories and memories. I like talking about things that matter (faith, family, relationships, etc.) and I like talking about trivial matters (sports, weather, food, etc.). I like to talk about anything and everything.

Yet I find there are times when I dominate the conversation. It's not so much that I enjoy listening to myself talk as it is that I tend to process my thoughts through speech. Speaking helps me flesh out what thoughts and ideas are simmering in my mind. Lately, however, I've realized how detrimental that can be when it comes to forming deep and meaningful relationships.

Recently I finished the book *The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches Are Transforming Mission, Discipleship, and Community*. In the book, the authors highlight the importance of listening for the sake of transformation both individually and communally. In their chapter called "Presencing," the authors write, "Listening is perhaps the greatest demonstration that you do not conceive of yourself as God and that you honor others as worth listening to." Ouch!

As a minister, my job requires that I talk. But I'm learning that listening—the art of eliminating distractions, clearing your mind, and intentionally being present with God and others—leads to deep and abiding connection that has the power to transform our understanding of God and each other. Holy listening is the pathway to authentic and holistic community. So, with that in mind, I'm going to practice. I'm going to practice the discipline of not preparing my response while another is talking or looking at my phone while a friend updates me on their life. I want to be a better listener for the sake of my own growth as a Christian, but also for the sake of our life together. Will you join me?

# *Welcome, New Members!*

## **David Orr**

*Joined August 18, 2019*

David has lived in Jacksonville for the past 30 years. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville in 1970 and spent most of his career in operations management and technical railroad engineering management, beginning at Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which was later acquired by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, which in turn became part of CSX. Work took David to Louisville, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana; Baltimore, Maryland; and ultimately to Jacksonville. David married our own Dora Pope in 2018, several years after the death of his first wife, Sandy. He has three grown sons, two in the Nashville area and one in Jacksonville.



David also has five grandchildren, including two grandsons who both graduated from University of Tennessee—one now lives in Knoxville, the other in Jackson, Mississippi. His granddaughters are ages 15, 12 and eight. The two younger girls live in Franklin, Tennessee, and the eldest lives in Jacksonville. Already involved in HAB Sunday Bible Study (teaching lectionary classes from time to time) and preparing communion trays and Sunday morning refreshments, David will be assisting the Properties Committee with project management for work planned for the HAB campus. David first visited HAB at the invitation of Dawson and Sylvia McQuaig, who were neighbors at that time. They later introduced him to Dora, for which he is very grateful. In his spare time, David enjoys woodworking, model railroading, golf, and University of Tennessee football. He serves as Vice President and Director of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Historical Society, for which he also writes quarterly magazine and e-newsletter articles and chairs the archive committee.

## **Shalini Charles**

*Joined September 1, 2019*

Shali re-joined HAB from Bayshore Baptist Church in Tampa, where she had moved from Jacksonville as a result of job responsibilities with her employer, a British-based firm. Returning to Jacksonville in 2016, she established her own consulting business in information technology and information technology-enabled services. Born in India, Shali is the daughter of Colonel Joshua Charles, who died in 1987, and Florence Charles. Florence Charles retired from the Bangalore Baptist Hospital after 32 years as secretary of the mission office, where she worked with our own Bill Mason in the early 1970s to help set up the Baptist Hospital in India. Shali's brother Suresh is a chef and hotel management consultant and also runs a nature resort on a coffee estate in the mountains of southern India. His wife, also named Shalini, is dean of a catering and hotel management school in India. Their daughter, Shali's niece Serah, is a corporate attorney in Mumbai. Shali has a large family of cousins, aunts, and uncles scattered throughout the US, UK, Dubai, and India. Already involved in Sunday Bible Study and Sanctuary Choir at HAB, Shali enjoys cooking and traveling in her spare time.



## *Kitchen Corner: Remembering MVP Bill English*

by Sharon Maszy

If you had come into the kitchen on our first Wednesday night back after the summer break, surely you would have noticed the big, gaping hole. No, it was not in the floor or the ceiling or even the back wall. It was an invisible hole, but there nonetheless. It was our first time to cook on Wednesday night without Bill English. There was a beautiful memorial service for Bill in our sanctuary on September 7. Everyone that spoke did a great job of honoring Bill's memory. But...it didn't really seem like he was gone until he didn't pop into the kitchen and call out, "Tell me what to do!"

Bill impacted a lot of the ministry at HAB. For years, we've been the beneficiaries of his training and experience as an educator. He was a "tech" guy and was a force in moving our church forward in that area too. He always offered to teach you to do a PowerPoint or—okay—noting the dismayed look on your face, volunteered just to do it for you.

But on Wednesday night, it was that steady, positive, supportive, energetic guy we missed. Bill was up for trying any task. He started off in the kitchen learning to make yeast bread from scratch. He got very good at that. Over time, he made, or helped someone make, probably every meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert we serve. Although preparing the dessert was not his favorite assignment!

I wish we framed and mounted aprons like they do football jerseys at Player's Grille. You know, with the star player's name embroidered on the back. We'd have a special ceremony when we hung up the one that said Bill English. His apron would be right up next to those of Cathy Alexander's and Jim Carter's.

We're back to our regular schedule of serving dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There's always a snack out for the early birds. This fall we've added a soup to the menu. Come find soup, a special salad every week, and dessert under the tent. Children's meals are always available too. Vespers and children's and youth ministry programs follow the meal.

Come join us; there's always room at the table at HAB.

Sharon Maszy

## *OCTOBER MENUS*

### **October 2**

Spaghetti and meatballs, bread, cornbread, pumpkin bread, Olive Garden salad, potato soup, brownies

### **October 9**

Eye of round, bread, cornbread, pumpkin bread, Greek salad, tomato soup, twice-baked potato casserole, green beans, carrot cake

### **October 16**

Shrimp and grits, bread, cornbread, pumpkin bread, Caesar salad, soup, corn/sausage, lemon bars

### **October 23**

Company chicken, bread, cornbread, pumpkin bread, Greek salad, soup, wild rice, broccoli, coconut cake

### **October 30 FALL FESTIVAL**

Pork sliders and hot dogs, slaw, chips, and cupcakes

## *Children and Worship*

Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

When you work with children long enough, you could easily write a book of the hilarious things they say, but you could also write a book about the moments that change your life. One of those moments for me is watching our children engage in worship.

It might seem like a small thing for a child to take communion or sing from a hymnal. As I watch our children do those practices, I see all the work that has gone into making that moment happen. For children worship can be a scary, unfamiliar place where they might feel as if they do not belong. It is the learning and the watching that makes meaning out of our traditions.

If you have ever spent any time around children, you will know they are great at imitating adults in their lives. They are also just as great at imitating adults during worship. Picking up a hymnal and singing “watermelon, cantaloupe” instead of the right words. They are great at asking those “why, what, and when” questions during worship.

Through imitation and question-asking our children are slowly beginning to understand what worship is all about. Those things require our engagement with our children. It takes explaining why people are passing money around the sanctuary, or why we light a candle before we start the service.

Soon you will see our children carrying worship bags around the sanctuary. These bags are put together as a family to help the children better engage with worship. The children will have their own Bibles, their own order of worship, and supplies that will help them better learn the Doxology or the Gloria Patri.

Children give us the chance, during worship, to worship without restraint. To sing at the top of our lungs or pray with such conviction over seemingly the smallest of things. Even more, they give us the chance to learn right beside them as we explore what worship truly means.

## ***FALL FESTIVAL 2019***

**Join us on October 30,  
5:30-7:00 p.m. for our  
annual FALL FESTIVAL!  
This is a fun evening, not  
only for our church family,  
but also families in our  
community. Let's show  
them the HAB hospitality  
by decorating our cars for  
TRUNK OR TREAT!**

**We'll have delicious  
food, fun games,  
bounce houses, and  
more, so be sure to  
invite YOUR friends and  
neighbors too!**

## ***Need Some Down Time? Volunteer in the Library!***

by Julie Babcock

The library/media center is back in full swing with our Wednesday night activities up and running! We have added several new books over the summer, and three or four more by your favorite authors are due for release in the next few months.

We are NOT accepting donations at this time unless they are current titles you have read and we don't already have in our holdings.

HELP! For health and other reasons, we have lost three of our helpers on Sunday mornings. If you can spare about 20 minutes, help is needed from 10:40-10:55. If you are willing to do this once every two months, please call me at 904-731-9359. I would be most grateful! I also could use someone on Wednesday nights to help reshelve books, tidy up the stacks, and any other small chores that need to be done. This would be every week or two throughout the year. Call me at the number above if you can make this commitment.

If you have never been to the library or haven't been in a long time, you will be surprised at the size and variety of our holdings. We are in C wing, just down from the back door to the office, across the breezeway from the choir room. Do stop by when you get a chance. Any member of HAB can borrow our fiction or reference/resources.

Here's hoping to see you in YOUR library sometime soon!

### ***Revised Common Lectionary Readings:***

#### **October 6**

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Lamentations 3:19-26  
Psalm 137  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

#### **October 13**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

#### **October 20**

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

#### **October 27**

Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

## ***NEWS FROM THE CHURCH FAMILY***

### **Thank You**

I want to send a big heartfelt thank you to my HAB family. That send-off was a moving expression of your love for me. I want you to know I love you right back! My move to Atlanta was smooth. Classes start this week. I am on my way to becoming an ordained minister. So many truly talented ministers have called HAB home...I'm eager to add my name to that list.

*Love you all in Christ,*  
Co'Relous Bryant

### **Sympathy to...**

...Janet & Frank Metcalf in the death of Janet's brother, Donald Barnes, on Thursday, September 19, 2019.

...Shali Charles in the death of her uncle, Sam Kumar, on September 15, 2019.

...Rosemary English & family in the death of Bill English, her husband, on Sunday, August 18, 2019. Bill's memorial service was September 7 at HAB.

...Jack Williams & family in the death of Jack's wife Norma on Friday, September 6, 2019. There was a memorial service at HAB on Monday, September 16.

# THE OFFERING PLATE

The Offering Plate		For the Fiscal Year beginning Sept. 1, 2018		
	Sept '18-July '19	Aug '19	Year to Date	
Offerings & Other Revenue	\$1,064,184	\$122,128	\$1,186,312	
Expenses	(1,117,600)	(101,221)	(1,218,821)	
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(53,416)	20,907	(32,509)	
Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue	1,161,146	105,559	1,266,705	
Above/(Below) Budget	(96,962)	16,569	(80,393)	
# Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end)	15.49	21.47		

## *A Note from Kyle*

Once again, you have answered the call and responded to a need. While we did not meet our budget goal, we did finish strong financially in the month of August.

Our fiscal year allows us two opportunities to focus on and highlight the monetary needs of the church. Beginning the fiscal year on September 1 gives a natural opportunity to talk finances in August. In addition, after a busy summer of ministry and spending, a good financial boost is welcomed. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

As we continue to prepare for our new pastor, it is important to remain financially faithful and put us on strong financial footing for the future. As we give thanks for faithfulness in August, we must look forward to our next opportunity to make a significant gain, the month of December. As the pastor search process moves along, December will be critical in many ways. Knowing you as I do, you will respond accordingly.

Gratefully,  
Kyle Reese

# OCTOBER 2019

## Tuesday, October 1

1:00 p.m.....Prayer Shawl Ministry: D-1

## Wednesday, October 2

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Meal Served: FH  
6:30-6:55 p.m.....Vespers: Chapel  
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group: Gym  
6:00-7:00 p.m.....Kids Music, Missions, and More: E-wing  
7:00-8:30 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

## Sunday, October 6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:45-9:45 a.m.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
9:30-10:00 a.m.....Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel  
10:00-10:45 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study  
11:00 a.m-Noon.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel  
4:30-5:00 p.m.....HAB Ringers: E-9  
5:00-6:00 p.m.....HAB Singers: Choir Room  
6:15 p.m.....Youth SNAC  
6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.....Master Ringers: E-9  
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

## Monday, October 7

8:00-9:00 a.m.....Men's Monday Study: D-1

## Wednesday, October 9

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Meal Served: FH  
6:00-7:00 p.m.....Art Exhibit Opening Reception: Narthex  
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group: Gym  
6:00-7:00 p.m.....Kids Music, Missions, and More: E-wing  
7:00-8:30 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

## Sunday, October 13

8:45-9:45 a.m.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
9:30-10:00 a.m.....Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel  
10:00-10:45 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study  
11:00 a.m-Noon.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel  
4:30-5:00 p.m.....HAB Ringers: E-9  
5:00-6:00 p.m.....HAB Singers: Choir Room  
6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.....Master Ringers: E-9  
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

## Monday, October 14

8:00-9:00 a.m.....Women's Monday Study: D-1

## Wednesday, October 16

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Meal Served: FH  
5:30-6:30 p.m.....Deacon Meeting: D-1  
6:30-6:55 p.m.....Vespers: Chapel  
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group: Gym  
6:00-7:00 p.m.....Kids Music, Missions, and More: E-wing  
7:00-8:30 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

## Sunday, October 20

8:45-9:45 a.m.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
9:30-10:00 a.m.....Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel  
10:00-10:45 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study  
11:00 a.m-Noon.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel  
4:30-5:00 p.m.....HAB Ringers: E-9  
5:00-6:00 p.m.....HAB Singers: Choir Room  
6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.....Master Ringers: E-9  
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

## Monday, October 21

8:00-9:00 a.m.....Men's Monday Study: D-1  
5:30-6:45 p.m.....Sulzbacher Feeding

## Wednesday, October 23

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Meal Served: FH  
6:30-6:55 p.m.....Vespers:Chapel  
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group: Gym  
6:00-7:00 p.m.....Kids Music, Missions, and More: E-wing  
7:00-8:30 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

## Sunday, October 27

8:45-9:45 a.m.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
9:30-10:00 a.m.....Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel  
10:00-10:45 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study  
11:00 a.m-Noon.....Worship Service: Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel  
4:30-5:00 p.m.....HAB Ringers: E-9  
5:00-6:00 p.m.....HAB Singers: Choir Room  
6:00-7:15 p.m.....Master Ringers: E-9  
6:15 p.m.....Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

## Monday, October 28

8:00-9:00 a.m.....Women's Monday Study: D-1

## Wednesday, October 30-FALL FESTIVAL

5:30-7:00 p.m.....FALL FESTIVAL!  
Join us in the parking lot for food, fun, and fellowship with our neighbors! Decorate your car for Trunk or Treat, invite your friends, and let's have a GREAT TIME TOGETHER!  
7:00-8:30 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

## SAVE THE DATE!

**CROP Walk 2019** will be on **Sunday, November 3, 2:00 p.m.** at South Jax Presbyterian! Proceeds from CROP Walk support Church World Service and **25 percent stays local and will be donated to UCOM!** More details coming VERY soon!





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