

# The Herald

## The Difference Is Worth the Distance

By Britt Hester, Minister of Youth & Christian Education

On Sunday, October 13, Tommy and I took our youth and a few adults to visit with Don and Betty Williams at Westminster Woods. A little over a year ago, Tommy began taking our youth out into the community to visit with members of our church who cannot regularly get to HAB for worship and other events. Typically, we bring hymnals along and sing together, while also sharing stories and offering prayer for one another. Our visit with Don and Betty was no different, and our time spent together was deeply meaningful for all who went.

Prior to our departure from Westminster Woods, Tommy and I stayed behind to talk with Don for a few minutes while the others made their way outside. As we spoke, Don talked about his transition to Westminster Woods and how the move caused him and Betty to consider looking at other churches due to the distance from HAB. He mentioned that they tried different churches nearby, some they liked and others that were not a good fit. But, as he was finishing his story he said, "But, ultimately there was nothing like HAB, and we continue to call it home. *The difference is worth the distance.*"

His words spoke to me in a powerful way. The difference is worth the distance. What is it that makes HAB different? What is it that causes someone who lives in St. Johns County to drive such a distance to worship and serve at HAB?

On our website we have a slogan that says, "A Different Way of Being Baptist." But what does that mean? I am sure if we collected answers from our congregation, the responses would vary, as do most things at HAB. But, isn't that one of the ways that HAB is different? Despite our differences (and there are many!), we are held together by One who

celebrates and uses our varied gifts to advance the kingdom of God on earth as it is heaven. Many churches celebrate the same thing, but at HAB there is a concerted effort to welcome all to the table. We seek to be a place where Jesus is honored and glorified through radical hospitality, deep worship, and compassionate outreach. And while we don't always get it right, it is that desire to be such a place that I believe draws people to this place. That is the difference that is worth the distance.



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## Community

By Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

The word community gets thrown around a lot—from talking about the importance of community to all the different communities that we are a part of. We all know that when we gather together with people we care about, something special happens. Community allows us to celebrate together, mourn together, and encourage each other. In the best sense community allows us to be the best version of ourselves.

For me that something special of community is very evident when we gather for worship every Sunday. On October 6 we joined with our fellow brothers and sisters to celebrate World Communion Sunday, and the importance of community was written on everyone's face. Our children worked hard during September to learn and engage with different traditions and communion practices. We talked about the importance of forgiveness before coming to the Table, Jesus' servanthood with foot-washing, and the practice of making bread for communion. We knew that our worship would be more impactful when we learned the importance of our practices.

On World Communion Sunday when our children processed in with breads from around the world and sang beautifully, I looked out in the congregation and saw the

pride beaming across your faces. I saw that our children leading in worship helped you connect to God. I saw that our youngest members and our oldest members connected through worship.

In that second I knew that this community at 4001 Hendricks Avenue was made a little bit stronger because when we all gather and worship God, our community is bound up in the love of God—and what a powerful bond that is.

### CROP Walk

Sunday, November 3

2:00 p.m. beginning at

South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church

You can participate in a one- or three-mile walk. Bring peanut butter to donate to UCOM. Donations go to alleviate hunger worldwide, and 25% stays here in Jacksonville at UCOM. You can donate online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/jacksonvillesouth>



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*40th Ruby Anniversary Gala  
Saturday, November 9 at The River Club*

### UCOM's 40th Anniversary!

Saturday, November 9, at the River Club, 1 Independent Drive #3500

Honorary Event Chair: **Nathaniel Washington**

**VIP ticket (arrive 5:30 p.m.):** \$150 per person, includes VIP reception, preview of auction items, silent auction, and dinner

**General Admission Ticket (arrive 6:30 p.m.):** \$75 per person, includes silent auction and dinner

To purchase tickets OR to make a donation, visit [ucomjax.org/gala](http://ucomjax.org/gala)

### UCOM Holiday Bags

We are collecting the items below for Thanksgiving and Christmas bags for UCOM clients. Please place items in the bin in the narthex.

Thanksgiving items are due by November 17, and Christmas items are due by December 15.

#### ITEMS NEEDED

Stuffing Mix  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Green Beans  
Gravy  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
French Fried Onions  
Canned Pumpkin  
Pie Crust Mix  
Condensed Milk  
Chicken Broth  
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes  
Cranberry Sauce



## HAB Welcomes Guest Preacher Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

On **Sunday, November 24, at 10:30 a.m.** we are delighted to welcome Paul Baxley as our guest preacher. A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Baxley has held pastorates and ministry positions in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia. Baxley is a graduate of Wake Forest University (Bachelor of Arts in Religion, 1991), Duke Divinity School (Master of Theological Studies, 1996), and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Doctor of Ministry, 2003).

Baxley previously was senior minister of The First Baptist Church of Henderson, North Carolina (2004-2010), where he also served as associate minister from 1992-1999. In addition, his ministry journey includes four years of service at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, where he directed the Lilly Grant Proposal Team from 2001-2002 and later served as director of Congregational Ministries and Vocational Awareness for the CBF partner school from 2002-2004.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**10:30 a.m. Combined Worship**

followed by Thanksgiving meal in the fellowship hall.

Reservations for the meal are required by Wednesday, November 20,

by contacting Laraine at [laraine@habchurch.com](mailto:laraine@habchurch.com) or 904-396-7745, ext. 333. (See menu on page 4.)

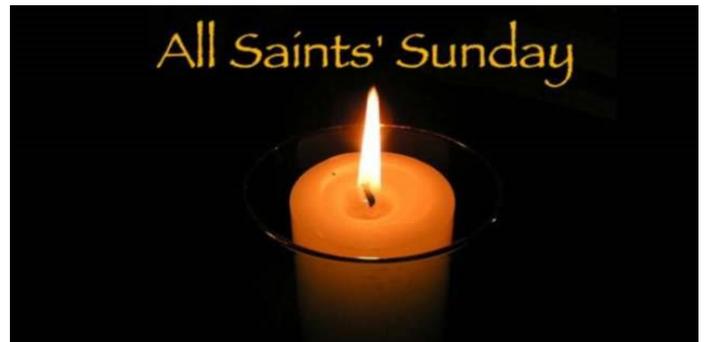


### Update from Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee has been very busy! We have received and reviewed over 70 resumes. These have come to us from as far away as Europe! We are currently conducting initial interview conference calls. We anticipate site visits with finalists in the coming month. Thank you for your continued prayers as we search for the next pastor God has chosen for us.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance for our Pastor Search Committee:

Lad Daniels (chair)  
 Mary Bridgman (vice chair)  
 Debbie Hagan (secretary)  
 Jordan England  
 Charlotte Haines  
 Joyce Hanson  
 Dawson McQuaig, Jr.  
 Elizabeth Spradley  
 Justin Weise



### Join us for All Saints' Sunday, November 3 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

On November 3, in both morning worship services, we will be observing the ancient church tradition known as All Saints' Day.

All Saints' Day started around the sixth or seventh century and is intended to be a day in which the church honors those members who have gone on to be with God during the previous year. We call them "saints" not in an official way, but as a term of endearment, expressing our love and appreciation for their life and their ministry in our midst throughout the years.

During the worship services, we will honor these members by printing their names in the worship bulletin, saying their names aloud, showing their picture during a slide show, and lighting candles (representing the light of eternal life in Christ). This is our way of remembering and honoring those dear ones that have gone on before us.

Please make plans to join us during one of our worship services.

## Kitchen Korner

By Sharon Maszy

If you are a cook or a baker, this is probably your favorite time of year. It's time to look through the magazines for ideas, scan your favorite cooking sites and then dig out those tried and true, family-favorite recipes. Pretty soon kitchens everywhere will be bustling with activity and sending out mouth-watering aromas. And the HAB kitchen is no different! If you are someone who enjoys the fruits of a good cook's efforts, our church is the place to be. We've ramped up our Wednesday night meals by adding a soup each week and a specialty salad. Feel free to come a little early; there's always a snack out to tide you over until we serve at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you on Wednesday!

To get your holiday season off to a warm and delicious start, you're invited to Thanksgiving lunch on Sunday, November 24, 2019, after our 10:30 combined worship service. It promises to be a tasty, traditional holiday meal with your church family. We do need reservations, please. Just contact Laraine at [laraine@habchurch.com](mailto:laraine@habchurch.com) or 904-396-7745, ext. 333, by Wednesday, November 20, 2019. (Our absolute deadline will be 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday.) This is always a great part of the Thanksgiving holiday. Please plan to join us!

### MENUS

#### Wednesday, November 6

Meatloaf, Caesar salad, mashed potatoes, broccoli soup, lima beans, carrot cake

#### Wednesday, November 13

Tequila lime chicken, Greek salad, tomato soup, yellow rice, pinto beans, cookies

#### Wednesday, November 20

Pork loin, Olive Garden salad, potato soup, spinach, risotto, chocolate cake

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

#### THANKSGIVING MEAL

Turkey, ham, cranberry salad, ambrosia salad, mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, dressing, gravy, sweet potato soufflé, dessert.

**Reservations needed by Wednesday, November 20. Contact Laraine at 904-396-7745, ext. 333.**

*All meals served with bread and beverages.*

## PedsCare Christmas Party

As you may be aware, there are many groups that meet on our campus weekly and throughout the year. Our Ambassador Team welcomes these groups and relates to them from time to time. One of the special groups that uses our facilities is PedsCare. Their Ambassador is **Amy Davis**. Amy and **Susan Stepp** share the following information about PedsCare:

The annual Christmas party is given for the families of all pediatric patients under the care of Community



Hospice. This includes children dealing with cancer and chronic illness. There are usually somewhere between 150-200 people in attendance. Everyone is treated to lunch, children get a visit from Santa along with a gift, and there are activities for the children including arts and crafts. The tables are festive, with holiday music in the background. The party provides a much-needed respite for the patient and his or her family members to be together in a fun setting that is not hospital- or treatment-related. HAB provides the lunch.

## Current Art Exhibit: Jane H. Monroe



Jane H. Monroe is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. Her parents, Evelyne and Karl Hanson, were members of HAB. Her first college degree was a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. There she experienced her first success in the art world when a professor of elementary art education asked to keep three of her works for a touring exhibit in North Carolina. After graduation she married a naval aviator who was stationed all around the country. At each station she engaged in some form of art activity in the local community.

After returning to Jacksonville, her participation in a monitored figure drawing class led to a recommendation that she enroll in figure drawing at the University of North Florida. This class induced further interest in the studio arts and led to her acquiring a Bachelor of Fine Arts, summa cum laude. Subsequently, she continued to expand her painting interests by working with other established artists in Jacksonville and such places as the Anderson Ranch Art Center, Colorado, and the Vermont Studio Center, Vermont. Her work has appeared as both an invited and guest artist in Jacksonville, Florida, and Highlands, North Carolina, and she has received various awards at many juried shows.

While her most recent work has concentrated on pure landscapes and landscapes incorporating both family and friends, she has also explored abstract painting, both in oils and acrylics. Her goal is to capture moments, moods, and the essence of subjects through the use of color, light, contrast, and textures.



### You're invited...

Jane's artwork will be displayed throughout the month of November. We invite you to take a look!

The transitional gallery in the narthex is open on Sunday mornings and at other times by appointment. To make an appointment, contact Laraine at [laraine@habchurch.com](mailto:laraine@habchurch.com) or 904-396-7745, ext. 333.



### Congratulations to...

...Joharen Gallardo on her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment at HAB!!!

### Sympathy to...

...Linda Baker in the death of her mother, Judith Lifka, on Monday, September 23, 2019.

...Garry & Dolly (Colwell) Andriessie in the death of Garry's cousin, Mick Gannon, on September 14, 2019, in Lester, England. The service was October 4 in England.

...Chuck, Charlie, & Julia Cuthbertson in the death of Susan Cuthbertson on Saturday, October 5, 2019. Susan was Chuck's wife and the mother of Charlie & Julia. The service for Susan was Saturday, October 12, in the sanctuary.



### LITTLE FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

Thursday, November 21

6:00-8:00 p.m.

at Industry West

1407 Atlantic Boulevard in San Marco Square

Come support our preschool, shop for the holidays, and have a great time with friends and families!

Tickets are \$40 per person, and hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. Contact Chelsea Weise at [littlefriends@habchurch.com](mailto:littlefriends@habchurch.com) to reserve your ticket.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

This year for Advent, some of our own church members are hard at work writing the devotions for our devotional guide! Keep an eye out for these devotional guides in the narthex. The first Sunday of Advent is December 1.



**DID YOU KNOW? You can give online at [habchurch.com/give](http://habchurch.com/give).**

The Offering Plate	For the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019		
	Sept '18 - Aug '19	Sept '19	Year-to-Date
Offerings and Other Revenue	\$ 1,186,312	\$ 99,876	\$ 99,876
Expenses	(1,218,821)	(94,357)	(94,357)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(32,509)	5,518	5,518
Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue	1,266,705	106,610	106,610
Above/(Below) Budget	(80,393)	(6,734)	(6,734)
# Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end)	21.47	22.65	

# November Calendar

## Sunday, November 3

### ALL SAINTS' 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  
 2:00 p.m. .... CROP Walk: South Jax Presbyterian  
 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  
 7:00 p.m. .... Burmese Church: Chapel

## Monday, November 4

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

## Tuesday, November 5

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

## Wednesday, November 6

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, November 10

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  
 6:00-7:15 p.m. .... Master Ringers: E-9  
 7:00 p.m. .... Burmese Church: Chapel

## Monday, November 11

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

## Wednesday, November 13

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

## Thursday, November 14

7:30 p.m. .... Ritz Chamber Players Concert: Sanctuary

## Sunday, November 17

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  
 7:00 p.m. .... Burmese Church: Chapel

## Monday, November 18

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

## Wednesday, November 20

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

## Thursday, November 21

6:00 p.m. .... Little Friends Fundraiser: Industry West

## Sunday, November 24

9:00-9:30 a.m. .... Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel  
 9:30-10:15 a.m. .... Sunday Bible Study  
**10:30-11:30 a.m. .... Combined Worship Service: Sanctuary**  
**11:45 a.m. .... Thanksgiving Meal: FH**  
*(reservations needed by November 20)*  
 4:00 p.m. .... UNF Choir Concert: 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

## Monday, November 25

8:00-9:00 a.m. .... Women's Monday Study: D-1  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

## Wednesday, November 27

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES  
 (Happy Thanksgiving!)

## Thursday, November 28

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



*HAB Singers and others enjoyed singing hymns with some of our members at Westminster Woods. See Britt's article on page 1.*



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