



Exciting Times at HAB!

By B.J. Hutto, Pastor

It's a joy to get to write to you today. Spring is beautiful, summer is coming, and we are in the midst of celebrating Christ's resurrection during this Easter season. If you weren't able to take part in any of our Easter celebrations—our worship services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday; or our children's event on that Saturday that hosted over a hundred families from our church and community—then I would encourage you to go online and find them! Certainly, gratitude is due to Tommy and Laraine and the other church staff who coordinated and helped lead them, but none of these services could have happened without determined, committed efforts from dozens of church members. Not only did these things happen, but they were extraordinary successes! The entire weekend was beautiful and well-done, a testament to this church and to its commitment to celebrating the Good News.

We have other things coming up as well! This May will be extremely significant, as *all five of its Sundays* will be specific celebrations within the life of the church.

Sunday, May 1, will be our church's Youth Sunday (11:00 a.m. combined service). We'll welcome members of our church's youth group into worship leadership, and it's an important opportunity. They get the chance to exercise the gifts that God has given them within the community that's nurtured them. And they also get to "try on" worship leadership for themselves: they get to see themselves in these aspects of Christian ministry and thereby learn something about these things that they might not have before. As they do so, they might also learn something new about themselves!

On Sunday, May 8, as the world around us celebrates Mother's Day, we too will celebrate. That morning, in the chapel from 9:30-10:00, we will be offering a brunch for mothers and families and, indeed, our entire church family, so that we can come together in celebration of the ways we love and have been loved in our lives. There will also be a photography station set up, if you want to have special photos taken to commemorate the day!

Sunday, May 15, will be another 11:00 combined service, as we come together for our annual Baccalaureate celebration. In a lot of churches, this service is focused solely on high school graduates. However, here at HAB—while we will certainly celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors and send them forward on their next journeys with our blessings—we will also celebrate other academic and/or developmental accomplishments within our family of faith: college, graduate school, professional certifications, even the graduates of Little Friends Preschool! If you or someone you know is graduating or has earned a diploma/certification since this service last spring, please make sure we know, so that we can celebrate y'all as well!

Sunday, May 22, will be Promotion Sunday. This is a Sunday where we will bless and acknowledge members of our family who—at the end of a school year—are setting down another marker on their lives' journeys. This celebration will not just be for them, however; it will be a reminder that as we all grow in our lives we are also called to grow in our faith, and it will be a chance for each of us to recommit ourselves to that labor of love.

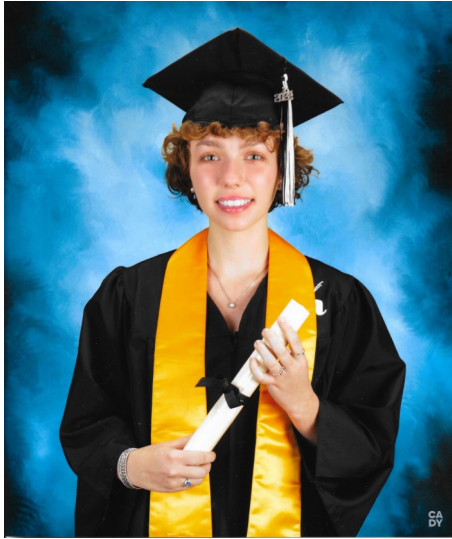
Finally, on **Sunday, May 29**, at the end of worship, our church family will be presented with and have a chance to approve our next year's ministry budget. The document that will be presented will be the product of dedicated work by a number of leaders, committees, and staff members, so when the opportunity arises, please go through it carefully.

As we do so, please let's keep in mind that it is more than a business document, and that what it's talking about is more than simply numbers. Each line in that budget—and each number next to it—represents an aspect of our church's life and ministries. They, in fact, represent the very things that I've been laying out above: the ways in which we care for one another, celebrate our lives together, love our neighbors, love our God, and grow in our own walks with one another and our Lord. These are important things! And they are vital to our church and our community. Between now and then, we should all reflect on them and on their place in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. And then, on the 29th, ask ourselves if we can commit ourselves to supporting them—not just to match a certain number on a spreadsheet, but instead to ensure these acts of Christlike love and service continue.

Five Sundays, five emphases, five different aspects of living into The Good News of Jesus Christ. These are exciting times at HAB, and I feel so very blessed to be here celebrating them with you all!

B.J. Hutto, Ph.D., Pastor

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Claire Aho



Carson Haines



Victoria "Tori" Reese

Not pictured: Daniel DeLong, Delani Folsom



Service with a Smile

By Rev. Britt Hester, Minister of Youth & Christian Education

One of the first experiences I had as a new minister on staff at HAB was serving at the Sulzbacher Center in downtown Jacksonville. I went with a group of students and adults to serve the meal to our brothers and sisters in need. After arriving, we were instructed to wash our hands, put on an apron, and don a hairnet. Of course, the youth got a good laugh out of me wearing the hairnet.

But the laughter didn't stop at the hairnet. We smiled and laughed as we told stories in the serving line. It was in the serving line that I got to know our youth and adults better. While the work of preparing and serving the plates is repetitive, it goes quickly when you are sharing it with friends.

Since that first visit, I have served at the Sulzbacher Center at least a dozen times. And every time I go back, I have a new experience that makes me appreciate the work

Sulzbacher does in our community, while it also helps me get to know members of our congregation on a deeper level. There is something about serving together that unites people in a unique way. Sometimes the smallest acts of love produce the largest return on investment.

The good news for all of us is that the opportunity to experience this for yourself is available again. During the pandemic, Sulzbacher suspended their volunteer operations out of caution. Since that time, our cooking and serving teams were sidelined. I am happy to report, however, that our first group of cooks and servers provided the meal on Monday, April 18. It was the first time a group from the church provided the meal in almost two years! It felt great to be back in the kitchen!

Look for some cool pictures on the next page!



As Britt mentioned in his article on page 2, HAB has returned to cooking and serving at Sulzbacher homeless shelter! We hope to create several teams of cooks and servers. HAB has been assigned the third Monday of each month, and depending on how many volunteers we have, each person would probably serve only every third or fourth month. If interested, please contact Joyce Hanson at 904-399-1573 or hansonj68@gmail.com for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?

Sunday, May 1
YOUTH SUNDAY
9:45 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Combined Worship

Sunday, May 8
MOTHER'S DAY
8:45 Worship
9:30-10:00 Mother's Day Brunch
(chapel)
10:00 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Worship

Sunday, May 15
BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
9:45 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Combined Worship
2:00 Quarterly Conference by Zoom

Sunday, May 22
PROMOTION SUNDAY
8:45 Worship
9:45 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Worship

Sunday, May 29
SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS
(Memorial weekend through Labor Day)
9:45 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Combined Worship





New Member



Welcome Janelle Ganey back to HAB! A former member, Janelle has been serving God at other churches for the last few years. As of April 3, she has re-joined HAB, and we're so happy to have her! Check back next month for more info about Janelle.

Faith Foundations: *Images of Religious Diversity*

By Nancy Felton, Art Ministry Team

Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church is fortunate to present a photographic exhibit of 25 area houses of worship on loan from OneJax, a non-profit organization committed to promoting interfaith respect, acceptance, and inclusion. OneJax continues the proud tradition of community engagement and education, which began in 1970 as a local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and was later known as the National Conference for Community and Justice. In 2005, the Jacksonville chapter disaffiliated from its national group and formed OneJax.

This exhibit speaks to the rich diversity of faith traditions observed in northeast Florida. The original collection was created in 1994 through the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) for interfaith education and outreach.

Award-winning and nationally recognized photographer Ivy Bigbee was commissioned to create this photographic essay, which enables each congregation to tell its own faith story.

World-renowned architect Frank Gehry once said, "Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness." The photographs lining the walls of HAB's transitional gallery give testimony about these communities, past and present. The photography reveals the stories of our collective identity at places where lives intersect. It offers a window into the souls of these places and our neighbors who love them.

Jacksonville has welcomed an array of people representing cultures, ethnicities, and faith traditions spanning the globe. Ours is a community where diverse faiths have found a home and the freedom to worship. Perhaps, this is a community where difference can be celebrated, and where many relationships become richly textured.

For over 75 years Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church has embraced its community and intentionally created a place of acceptance and mutual respect for these brothers and sisters of ours. As the pandemic continues to recede, we look forward to continuing these conversations as we love all of our neighbors: those of our shared faith, those of other faiths, and those who claim no faith at all.



Korean First Baptist Church



St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church



Sympathy to...

- ...Anita & Lad Daniels in the death of Anita's sister, Dorothy McCombs, on Saturday, April 23, 2022, in Georgia.
- ...Dolly Colwell & Garry Andriesse in the death of Dolly's sister-in-law, Nancy Snook, on Saturday, April 23, 2022.
- ...Anne Moseley & family in the death of her husband, Jim Moseley Sr., on Monday, March 28, 2022. The memorial service was Thursday, April 21, in our sanctuary.
- ...the family and friends of Lil Bledsoe, who died Wednesday, March 30, 2022. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 22, at Fruit Cove Baptist Church.
- ...Gene Rosamond and family in the death of her husband, Tom Rosamond, on Saturday, April 9, 2022. The funeral was Thursday, April 14, in our sanctuary.
- ...Diane & Morris Berry in the death of Morris' brother, Terry Berry, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Terry's service was Saturday, April 23, at Chets Creek Church-Southside, Jacksonville.

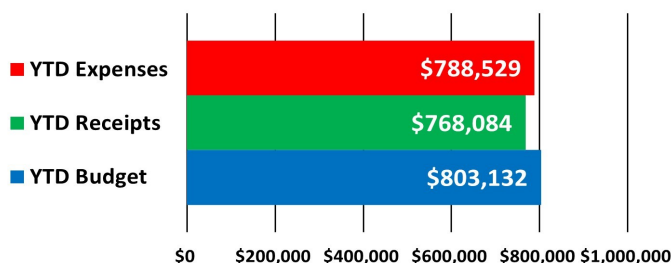
Thank you...

Many thanks and love to our HAB family in the death of Morris' brother Terry. Your phone calls and cards were received by thankful and grateful hearts. Your thoughtfulness sustained us through this difficult time and will continue for days, weeks, and months to come. Terry was a very important part of our family. It seems that each person has gifts that can be shared in every family. Terry was always happy and smiling with a kind word for everyone. One of his favorite sayings was "It's all good." Terry always led the family in prayer on holidays and family gatherings. He was a kind and gentle man to everyone and shined with love for Jesus. Terry B. Berry will be missed by all that knew him.—Sincerely, Morris and Diane Berry and the entire Berry family

"Take B.J. with you!"

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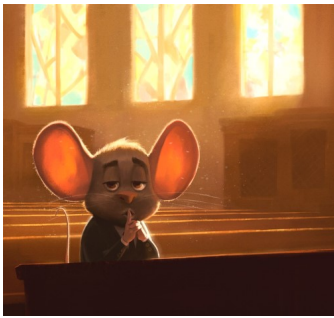
Budget Year-to-Date at 4/21/2022



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE Sunday, May 15

We are going to celebrate our graduates! **If you know of someone who has graduated from high school, college, or graduate school—or who has achieved any other professional certification or training—please contact Laraine at 904-396-7745, ext. 333, or laraine@habchurch.com so that we can reach out to them and invite them to take part.**

DID YOU KNOW? You can give online at habchurch.com; choose "Donate" and then choose "Give."



From the Church Mouse

April might have been a very busy month for the Easter Bunny, but the Mouse thought it was relatively quiet around HAB, not counting the beautiful Easter observances.

But there's still lots of wonderful news to share.....

Look at this beautiful cross! **Julie Babcock** commissioned this unique piece designed for her 80th birthday by a jewelry maker in Apalachicola. It features the four liturgical colors, a dove with olive leaves, and a rainbow. The cross was made with frit, glazed, and then baked. Frit is a mixture of silica and fluxes, which is fused at high temperature to make glass. Julie is a stained-glass artist, so what an appropriate commemoration of a special birthday.



Speaking of crosses! To celebrate Easter and symbolize the resurrection of our Lord, the Discovery Sunday Bible Study class set up a cross in the columbarium garden. Several members brought flowers. **Diane Berry** attached them to the cross. It was beautiful! This is a tradition in the making, the Mouse is sure.



As you know, the Burmese church has been meeting on our campus for several years. This faithful congregation now has their own church property! Congratulations to Agape Baptist Church led by **Pastor Lian Khual**. This is quite an accomplishment, many hours of work and dedication to God's purpose. Thank you to **Lad Daniels**



who worked tirelessly with the pastor and members of the congregation to bring this huge project to a blessed completion. Our own **Dr. B.J. Hutto** preached at their dedication service Easter afternoon.

The Winston Family YMCA has a gala each year to celebrate their donors and friends who help create the impact of this YMCA on its community. This year **Hugh Greene** was the recipient of the W. W. Gay Community Impact Award. This honor was to recognize the strong contribution Hugh has made to our Northeast Florida community.



We had some milestone birthdays in the month of April! **Ann Carter** celebrated her 96th birthday on tax day, April 15. And **Mary Harper** turned 106 on April 28. What a blessing these two ladies have been to our church! Pictured at left is what **202 combined**



years of love, grace, and wisdom look like.

Carol Campbell tells us that her mother, **Peggy Campbell**, turned 101 on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2022! Peggy was the first female president of the Chamber of Commerce in Putnam County. She enjoyed snow skiing into her 70s and played the piano for Sunday school at First Baptist Palatka until she was 95. Peggy saw the first man walk on the moon and lived through World War II, the Great Depression, women gaining the right to vote, and color TV coming into homes. What a remarkable woman!



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The Center for Healthy Churches is pleased to welcome **Dr. Kyle Reese** to their team. In this position, Kyle will serve as consultant and coach, along with such colleagues as Bill Wilson, who has been a consultant for HAB, and Matt Cook, who served as our interim pastor during 2020. The Center for Healthy Churches exists to build up the church of Christ by offering hope, help, and healing to churches and clergy members in need.

If you know of events that need to be celebrated (yours or others'), please e-mail the Mouse at churchmouse@habchurch.com so your church family can rejoice in these milestones and special recognitions!

May is always a busy, busy month for families. Keep the Mouse in the loop. Let us share your accomplishments, milestones, and joys.



Kitchen Korner

By Sharon Maszy

We don't commemorate the exact dates but sometime after Easter and before his ascension to heaven, it is recorded in the Gospels, Jesus appeared to the disciples and his followers 11 times! He talked to them. He walked with them. He ate with them. Like the early Christians, we observe almost every important event in our lives by the sharing of food. Our Easter table this year was a wonderful array of dishes, a veritable feast. On holidays, we look forward to sharing certain dishes that have become a tradition in the family—old-fashioned greens, potato salad, broccoli casserole, not to mention deviled eggs. The sharing of foods leads naturally to the sharing of recipes. A cook always feels a glow of success when someone asks for the recipe!

I was blessed recently by the sharing of a whole cookbook of recipes. Barbara Buice and I once had a conversation about rhubarb pie. I must have confessed I liked it but had never made it and couldn't recall having a recipe for it. Barbara recently downsized and came across a cookbook with three recipes for rhubarb pie, *The Grange Cookbook, Pennsylvania State, 1972*. She remembered our conversation and so thoughtfully gave the cookbook to Eleanor Rogers to pass on to me. What a treasure! I swear I'm going to make rhubarb pie sometime soon.

Another old-fashioned recipe that brings back memories is Watergate Salad. I had never made that either. Judy Kermitz planned the menu for the April luncheon at the Towers. Bette Len Mitchell and I made Watergate Salad. It can't be good for you, but it is delicious and a very pretty dish. I couldn't resist making it again for our family Easter. I don't think it will make the cut for inclusion on the traditional list of must-have dishes, but for some of us, it bought back sweet memories of our mothers' meals on special occasions. I'm adding it to my collection of favorites.

We will be having Wednesday night fellowship meals through the month of May. Treat yourself to sharing a good meal with your church family at HAB.

Authentic Watergate Salad

1 small box instant pistachio pudding mix
 1 20-oz. can crushed pineapple with juice, undrained
 1 cup miniature marshmallows
 ½ cup chopped nuts (we used pecans)
 1 ¾ cup non-dairy whipped topping

Stir pudding mix, pineapple with juice, marshmallows, and nuts in a large bowl until well blended.
 Gently stir in whipped topping.
 Refrigerate one hour or until ready to serve.

Wednesday Night Suppers 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Reservations are required by Monday for the following Wednesday by contacting Laraine at laraine@habchurch.com or 904-396-7745, ext. 333. Cost: Adults \$9, children \$5, immediate family maximum \$20.

May Menus

May 4

Fish, side dish, salad, roll, lemon bars

May 11

Meatloaf, side dish, salad, roll, carrot cake

May 18

Spaghetti & meatballs, side dish, salad, roll, peach cobbler

May 25

Poppy seed chicken, rice, side dish, salad, roll, brownies

Children's Option is chicken nuggets & fries.



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