

Haymarket Herald

July 2020

The Gospel of Mark **REV. ALLAN SMITH** **TO BE PRESENTED** **AS ASSOCIATE** **PASTOR**



On Sunday, July 12, Rev. Allan Smith will preach a sermon and be introduced to the congregation in a Q&A session by our Search Committee chaired by Morgan Jones. The church members will then vote whether or not to call Allan as our new Associate Pastor for Community Outreach. I hope you will vote “Yes.”

Allan is from Greenville, SC and graduated from the University of Virginia in 2005 with a B.A. in Economics. He took a job with Capital One in Richmond and became a Senior Operations Analyst. While in Richmond he joined Second Baptist Church and volunteered extensively with youth and college students. The congregation elected him as a deacon. Allan sensed God calling him into ministry and so he entered Duke Divinity School in 2011 and sought out various ministry experiences, including a wide range of ministry experiences at Ridge Road Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC and two summer positions in youth ministry at churches in Houston, TX.

After graduating from Duke with his Master of Divinity degree in 2014, he joined the staff of Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC as Associate Minister for Students, where he served through the summer of 2019. Two of his references are ministers who are members at Greystone and they report that Allan had a wonderful ministry with students. They commented on his deep faith in Christ, his authenticity, and his great love for his congregation. He got the teenagers involved in the Raleigh community, and helped draw more teens from the community into the church youth program.

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MARK YOUR **CALENDARS!**

July 12th is right around the corner. Our candidate for Associate Pastor of Community Outreach: Rev. Allan Smith will be preaching in person on that Sunday. This will be the opportunity for church members to meet Rev. Smith in person and then cast a ballot to decide if he is the one called to be our new Associate Pastor.

This process has been going on for over a year now and our specific call to this candidate has been in place since February. COVID-19 set our schedule back for several months, but we are now in a position to meet him and decide this question.

The schedule for July 12th will be necessarily longer because of this:

- Rev. Allan Smith will preach the morning service at 11:00 am
- All church members will remain after the service and participate in a Q&A time with Rev. Smith.
- After the Q&A a business meeting will be called to order so we can vote on Rev. Smith

It is critical that we have a minimum of 30 church members to vote on this very important question. The more members that can weigh in the better.

We will be maintaining social distancing rules in the fellowship hall and if the assembled crowd is larger than what we can safely handle in the Fellowship Hall we will move to the park next door.

Because we know some members won't be comfortable attending in person we will also provide a Zoom invitation. Using Zoom from the safety of ones own home will allow participation in the Q&A and voting during the business meeting.

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He developed good relationships with people of all ages at the church. Our Search Committee also found Allan to be a friendly, intelligent, and very open minister—easy to talk to! Allan felt called to pursue ministry roles with expanded responsibilities, and felt it was best for the church to leave his position proactively at the end of summer 2019 so that new student ministry leadership could be in place for the school year. He comes to Haymarket following a season of discernment of what God would have him to do in this next season of ministry.

I have enjoyed getting to know Allan and give him my full support. Please plan to hear him preach and meet him on Sunday, July 12. You will also hear from Morgan Jones, Chair of our Search Committee, as well as the other committee members. Then stay for the Q&A in the fellowship hall and vote for him as our Associate Pastor for Community Outreach.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mark Your Calendars continued

The details about the zoom meeting will be sent to church members next week.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting either in person or via zoom so your vote can be counted.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me: Morgan Jones, morgan@my-hbc.org or contact the church office.

Morgan Jones
Search Committee, Chairperson



DEACONS BENCH

Members and Friends of HBC,
As I was driving to Richmond last week and listening to the radio the hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," was played. Suddenly, I was taken back many years to my Vacation Bible School days. I was 13 years old and it was "family night" at the end of Bible School. My class was singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" at the closing of the program. Over all these the years, whenever I hear that hymn, I think about that night.

It is a wonderful gospel hymn and makes you smile and feel good. As I drove, I was singing along and by the end of the hymn, I was smiling, happy and felt peaceful.

Our months and days have not been real peaceful or happy with the pandemic and protests. There have been lots of changes in routine, illness, loss of jobs, loss of loved ones, fear, uncertainty and isolation. Hearing this hymn made me realize that we need to remember we have someone to lean on in times of trouble!

I researched a little about this hymn. It was published in 1887. The music is by Anthony J. Showalter and the lyrics are by Elisah Hoffman. Mr. Showalter was inspired by a verse from Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." Two of his closest friends had lost their wives and he was writing notes of condolences to them and came upon this verse.

His Arms are Powerful---When God Guides---God Provides. In the first two verses of the hymn we have fellowship, joy, blessings and peace when we lean on Him. He lights our path day by day.

His Arms are Protective---He gathers us to Him, when we stray he searches for us and carries us to safety. I don't need to dread, I don't need to fear, I have perfect peace with my Lord so near. I am safe from all alarms, I am secure in the Everlasting Arms.



Updated Church Directories are now available for pickup at the church office and will be sent out soon via email to our church friends and family. Please continue to give us updated information as it becomes available.

I would encourage you to pull this hymn up on you tube or maybe you have it on a CD at home, and listen to it as I did last week. It will send you on your way feeling more strengthened, more blessed, and more secure!

Bernice Pearson, Deacon
July Deacon of the Month



CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Happy July!!!! We are excited to have the church doors open again and be welcoming families back into the sanctuary. If you have been like me, maybe you have been a little apprehensive about walking back into the church. To be completely honest, my apprehension has less to do with the virus and more to do with how I will keep my two children quietly sitting in the service for an hour. I know one of my children will nail it like it was a graded test and make me proud. The other, well, I'm afraid he'll make me want to crawl under the pew in embarrassment. I have had to psych myself up for our impending return. I know if I had to sit through church service as a child, my children can do the same. I just need to be organized and have a plan!

I shared with my children that, for the time being, they would not be going to Sunday School. They were more than devastated. I will admit I was impressed and happy to know that they loved Sunday School so much and that they really wanted Sunday School back!! Haymarket Baptist Church's Sunday School teachers deserve some high praise! Thank you ladies!! After sharing that they would be in the service with us, I told them each to select a bag of their choice to fill up with activities for the service. My son picked his new backpack and my daughter picked her colorful bag. I told them that they needed enough quiet time activities to keep them busy for an hour. Letting them select what they play with, draw, read, etc. seemed more

constructive; at least this way they're invested.

Let's hope that philosophy works out. Here are some things in our quiet bag – in case you would like to create one too:

- Imagination magnets (brilliant travel magnet set: children can create all sorts of designs and patterns – we bought ours at Target a few years ago. It's been a lifesaver on long car rides too).
- Boogie Boards (a digital etch-a-sketch) – (some inexpensive ones can be found on Amazon)
- Etch-A-Sketch
- Dot To Dot Books
- Coloring Books
- Crayons (as opposed to markers that might leave a mark on the pews)
- Plain paper
- Sticker Activity Books (we love these....ok fine, I personally love these)
- Favorite reading book
- Favorite dolls/action figures

Whenever you feel comfortable coming back to church with your family, we look forward to seeing you! And I will happily share our quiet bag with you if yours gets left behind.

Christy Wisor
Children's Committee Chairperson

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY	
July 3	Patty Carey
July 9	Jackie Cafferty
July 12	Becky Black
July 13	Dottie Swain
	Guerry Drey
July 15	Sharon Jinks
July 19	Lauren Cafferty
July 20	Jan Gray
July 21	Beckie Thompson
July 24	Bill Thompson
	Amy Carter-Stewart
July 25	Faith Wisor
July 26	Jeff Davis
	Marvin Gray
July 27	John Workman



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are finishing up our study on "Your Battles Belong to the Lord" by Joyce Meyer. It has been a great study and very timely for how life has been these last months. I think one of the things I learned in this study was to "rest in the Lord." That phrase has really stuck with me and brought peace. With all the unrest, illness, deaths, insecurities, it is hard to keep the faith. Then we should remember in God's word we are told that these times would come. We know that there will be difficulties to face but God promises to be with us.

We will start on Monday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. with a study on the book of Joshua. You can join us on Zoom on Mondays, or you can watch the Women's Bible Study on my-hbc.org website. At this point, we do not know when we will be meeting at the church. *Any ladies of the church who have not been in the Bible Study before and would like to join us , please let me know and I will get a study guide for Joshua to you. If you would like to join us by Zoom please let me or Ernestine Meyer know and we will give you the needed information to do that. I also send out a weekly email that expands some on the lesson we will be doing. You can email me at: bernieandrayer@comcast.net, or text me: 540-270-9940*

Be safe!
Bernice Pearson



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hello Church Family, Happy Summer! It's been an interesting summer at your preschool and kindergarten! We cancelled all four weeks of summer camp due to the pandemic. There were a lot of disappointed families, but it is what we had to do.

We held an outdoor Kindergarten graduation with all precautions on June 8, 9, and 10, one class at a time, and each family in a 9 foot circle, 9 feet apart. Each student stood and was recognized. The parents were thrilled that we were able to do something for graduation even though it was nothing like we normally do. No singing, no cake...but it was a sweet memory maker, for sure.

As Director, I have spent many hours attending workshops and webinars on how to reopen our preschool safely. Our accrediting bodies, CDC, VA Dept of Health, Division of Licensing, other area schools, and zoom meetings are really helping me to get smart on good ideas to share with the Preschool Council. We are waiting on Prince William County Schools to decide their plan for the fall. Their plan affects our staff, and many student families. At this point we are gathering information, and waiting to see what our enrollment looks like and the potential for our staff to return. We are communicating with our school attorney and making sure we have things lined up correctly. The Preschool Council made an outstanding decision to purchase a sanitizing machine- COVID or not- it's a great piece of equipment to help us sanitize all the toys, and do it in a productive, time-saving way. We hope to do some fundraising in the fall to offset some of this cost. Stay tuned for more details next month.

Have a wonderful month,
In His Service,

Laurie Frasz, Director, HBCPK



DEACONS ANNOUNCE FOUR NEW DEACON CANDIDATES

The Deacons, after carefully considering suggestions from the congregation, have announced the names of four new Deacon candidates. These people will be voted on by the congregation at the next business meeting (which has not yet been scheduled because of the Coronavirus). Here are the names:

- Brad Ginn
- Regina Moore
- Ruth Anne Sawyer
- Dinah Thompson

PASTOR'S SERMON SERIES Pastor Continues Sermon Series on "The Life of King David"

Throughout July and August, Pastor Mark Olson will continue preaching a sermon series on "The Life of King David". Encourage members of your family and friends to tune in to our church website, www.my-hbc.org to experience these challenging messages:

- July 5
God Calls David to Serve Him as Israel's King
1 Samuel 16:1-13
- July 12
Rev. Allan Smith preaching in view of a call
- July 19
The Greatest Underdog Story
1 Samuel 16:14-17:58
- July 26
Hunted by a King
1 Samuel. chapters 18-22
- Aug. 2
The Most Dangerous Temptation: Revenge
1 Samuel chapters 23-26
- Aug. 9
Becoming Israel's King
2 Samuel 2:1-5:5
- Aug. 16
David Conquers Jerusalem
2 Samuel 5:6-16



SECURITY OFFICERS FOR JULY

We greatly appreciate these officers dedicating their time and effort towards the safety of our members and visitors.

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| July 5 | Randy Anderson |
| July 12 | Randy Anderson |
| July 19 | Coire O'Neal |
| July 26 | Randy Anderson |

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