

Haymarket Herald

June 2026

Are You

Here?

The Gospel of Mark

Welcoming Summer
Guests to Worship

If this summer is like the past few summers, we will have many different guests join us for worship throughout the summer. I would like to ask all HBC members and regular attenders to give a warm welcome to every guest who worships with us this summer.

In June, we will probably see lots of children and teenagers who are worshipping with us because they have signed up to attend our late-June Vacation Bible School. Please welcome them with a cheerful “hello!” and your friendliest smile. If they hear about the way Jesus loves them when they attend VBS, and see that same love in the warm greetings of our members, they may decide they want to return and find out more about Jesus. You can make it more likely they will return by giving them a warm welcome.

Throughout the summer, some adults, teens and children who have recently moved to Haymarket or Gainesville will see our church as they drive down Washington Street and they will decide to visit our worship service the next Sunday. But whether or not they will ever come for a second visit depends largely on the type of welcome they receive on their first visit. I don’t mean that you have to go over the top with your welcome. A reserved, “Good morning, it’s good to have you worship with us,” will do just fine.

Sometimes you will see a worship guest and realize, “I’ve seen this woman before,” but you will not remember her name. Don’t be embarrassed. She probably doesn’t remember your name either. Just say, “Hi! I’m Karen King, it’s nice to have you here today!” The visitor will decide if she wants to tell you her name or not.

Of course, the great majority of people you will greet on Sunday are members or regular attenders. But please be sure to give a warm welcome to the dozens of men, women, teenagers, and children who will worship with us this summer. It is the best way to first communicate the love of Jesus for all who come as guests to worship with us.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Musings from A Musician's Perspective

As we enter the month of June, we find ourselves standing at the threshold of summer—a season filled with opportunities for rest, family time, vacations, and new experiences. While our schedules may change during these warmer months, God's faithfulness remains constant.

The psalmist reminds us, "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Every day is a gift from God, and every season offers unique opportunities to grow in our relationship with Him. Summer can provide much-needed refreshment, but it should also be a time of spiritual renewal.

I encourage you to remain connected to the life of our church throughout the summer. Continue gathering for worship, studying God's Word, and serving others. Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, make time for prayer and reflection. Let the beauty of God's creation around you remind you of His power, creativity, and love.

I'm so grateful to Sarah Atkinson, Karen King, and Liz Payne, who have spent a lot of time and energy to plan and coordinate Vacation Bible School. Thank you to the many volunteers who will arrive with cheerful hearts to share the love of Christ with children in our community. Oftentimes, this might be our only opportunity to interact with many of the children. God has given each of us an opportunity to plant seeds of the light and love of Christ. I pray that our lessons touch each heart that arrives that week, whether they are students or volunteers.

June is also a wonderful month to celebrate fathers and father figures. We thank God for the men who lead, encourage, protect, and model Christ-like character in their homes and communities. Their influence leaves a lasting impact on future generations.

As a church family, let us continue to seek ways to share the love of Christ with those around us. A simple invitation to church, a kind word of encouragement, or an act of service can open doors for God to work in someone's life.

Thank you for your faithfulness, prayers, and commitment to the ministry of our church. It is a joy to serve alongside you as we seek to glorify God and make disciples.

May the Lord bless you and your family with a joyful, safe, and Christ-centered summer.

In Christ,
Pastor John



DEACON'S BENCH

This Summer, Let Your Light Shine

One of the things I enjoy about living in Virginia is experiencing the beauty of the four seasons. As winter gives way to spring's colorful blooms, many people look forward to the warm summer days. With the school year ending and summer vacations on the horizon, those sunny, warm days will be here before we know it. As a kid, I remember counting down the days until summer break began. As I got older, my dad suggested I find a summer job. Then, during college, my summers were a busy mix of work, summer classes, and a little bit of fun. After graduating, summer breaks quickly became distant memories as real-world work began. As a parent, I enjoyed watching my kids get excited about summer and the hours of fun at the park and community pool. Now, as I look forward to becoming a grandparent, summer will hold a new and special significance.

A few years ago, Regina Moore authored an article for the Deacon's Bench about what it means to be Christian—letting your light shine through your actions. She referenced Matthew 5:16 (NIV), which says, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your Father in heaven." Everyone has a special moment or summer memory that's meaningful to them. This summer, take a moment to reflect and refocus on how you can let your light shine brightly. Like sunlight provides the energy for plants to grow, remind yourself of the importance of shining your light. There may be an opportunity to share your summer experiences with a friend, a parent, a sibling, or a child. Your story

might encourage someone who's about to start college, begin a new career, start a family, or enjoy retirement. Your encouragement could be the little light that helps someone embrace a new chapter in their life.

There are about 230 references to the word "light" throughout the Bible, highlighting the importance of our faith in God. First, in Genesis 1:3-4 (NIV), it says, "And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness." In Revelation 21:23 (NIV), we learn about the New Jerusalem and how "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp." While there are many other references, one is beautifully expressed in the song *Thy Word*, co-written by singer-songwriter Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, which references Psalm 119:105 (NIV): "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path," emphasizing how our faith in God illuminates our path.

Last summer, I had the wonderful opportunity to volunteer for VBS, where I helped with the music rotation. It was such a joy to see the kids' excitement and enthusiasm over those five days! This year's VBS theme is Kingdom Quest, which emphasizes the understanding that Jesus is the light of the world—and encourages us to follow that light wherever it leads. The memory verse for Kingdom Quest is John 8:12 (NIV): "Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, 'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life.'" I'm excited to volunteer again and help with the music rotation. One song that comes to mind to use during this year's VBS music rotation is "This Little Light of Mine." It reminds me that being kind, loving, patient, and forgiving are ways to live out our faith, follow Jesus Christ, and let our light shine and be an example to others.

Keith Bishton
Deacon of the Month



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22 -26

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching! We're excited that 69 children have signed up, and we can't wait to kick off the fun. This year's theme will encourage children to discover what it means to follow Jesus and live in God's kingdom through exciting Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and other engaging activities.

We are truly blessed to have many wonderful volunteers and youth helpers who are helping make this year's VBS a memorable experience for everyone involved. We're looking forward to another fantastic week together!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- June 3 Samuel Saw
- June 6 Skip Fairall
Mary Francis Jones
- June 7 Suzie Bailey
- June 12 Ron Updegraff
- June 13 Ernestine Meyer
- June 16 Gilbert Duckett
Max Elkins
Kristin Olson
- June 17 Gayle Hindle
- June 18 Kennedy Cackowski
- June 21 Karen Frazier
- June 28 Patti Hessenauer
John Majette
- June 29 Manuella Tatchim

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH AND NEW NURSERY CLASS

We are still looking for 2 nursery volunteers for Sunday School – 1 teacher and 1 assistant. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Karen King, Nursery Coordinator at (703) 795-9127 or karenking1234@gmail.com.

Sunday's at 9:30am

Adult Class
J.O.Y. – Room 14

Children/Youth Classes
Children (age 4 through 5th grade) – Room 49
Youth (6th grade through high school) – Youth Rm

Sunday's at 9:45am

Deaf Ministry Class
Praising Hands – Fellowship Hall

Adult Class
Formations – Room 45

We hope you will join us on Sunday mornings as we grow together in faith and fellowship!





PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,

That's a wrap on 37 years of ministry and outreach via the preschool program at HBC! We had 5 preschool graduation programs that each included 2-3 classes per show featuring a western theme – such as “Happy Trails to You”, and “I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad”! Kindergarten finished up their year by releasing butterflies, enjoying field day and a family picnic (held inside due to rain!), many special days and events culminating in the Awards Assembly and Graduation program. This year they will be singing the Chris Tomlin song “How Good it is” for the Awards Assembly, and for graduation – an entire collage of patriotic tunes interwoven with part of the constitution and serving the Lord in our country. I wanted to give a special thank you to **Pastor Mark** – every year he prays over these students and their parents at graduation and these students just love him from the years of his chapel services for us! I also want to thank members of the preschool council who came and cut and served cake and supported all our graduates and their families – **Joan Duckett, Susan Kaczmarek, Linda Olson and Lowell Parkes** (and Lucy!)

Most of our Kindergarten students soared with reading – up to 3rd grade level books, while some excelled in our Iowa Assessments and others memorized every Bible verse this year! We are sending them out armed with truth, academic skills and direction! Using the accelerated reading program 2nd semester – we have a required number of books

to complete and test on...it's 12...but many of our children read over 50 books and took comprehension quizzes on each one! Amazing progress and lucky 1st grade teachers to come! The students memorized 33 Bible verses this year, all the books of the Bible, the 10 commandments, the Lord's Prayer, Fruit of the Spirit, 23rd Psalm and John 3:16...they could rival MANY adults in their scripture recall!

We spent several days just cleaning the classrooms – every toy, teaching aid, and closet...the blinds, walls, every table, chair and shelf! And now it's on to summer camp for June. We will enjoy a visit from Leesburg Animal Park, bringing a tarantula, a hedgehog and several other critters. We will rent a moon bounce for space camp and have a visit from Mr. Wilson (Glen Echo Aquarium) during ocean week! We love to have fun while learning! Several of our teachers will be joining you at **Vacation Bible School** as support and teachers – we are happy to partner with you for children to come to know Jesus better!

Adding in a few other “thank you’s” to **John Majette** for his leadership of our music program for Kindergarten, and to **Laura Harrigan** in the church office who lends support, especially with security and fob issues. We have been grateful to **Tory Madsen** and his awesome help with moving chairs, risers and tables...and fixing the potties or equipment, and of course – killing the occasional mouse or wasp that bothers us girls and kids at the school!

Hope your summer is wonderful, safe and memory making! I will be here most of the summer placing children into classes, touring families, preparing next year's calendars, purchasing supplies, completing licensing and various inspections, cleaning carpets, planning teacher in-service, updating the website and teacher training logs, and hiring some new personnel – it will be a busy 6 weeks until everyone comes back and we do it all again – for 38 years at HBCPK and my 23rd year to serve as your school's director!

Love,
Laurie Frasz
HBCPK Director

HopeTree Golf Tournament



Sweet Julia Grace Field Day



Mother's Day

MAY HIGHLIGHTS



ASL Spring Concert





CLASS OF 2026

Preschool and Kindergarten Graduations



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
						
1 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 7:00 Church Council ^H	2 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	3 5:30 Potluck Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	4	5	6 8:30 Men's Bible Study	
7 Graduate Recognition 8:00 Deacon Meeting 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	8 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H	9 3:00 Advanced ASL Class 6:30 Stewardship Meeting ^Z	10 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	11	12	13 8:30 Men's Bible Study
14 Communion 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship	15 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 11:00 Women's Bible Study Luncheon	16 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	17 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	18	19	20 8:30 Men's Bible Study
21 Father's Day 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship	22 9:00 VBS 6:00 Youth VBS	23 9:00 VBS 3:00 Advanced ASL Class 6:00 Youth VBS	24 9:00 VBS 6:00 Youth VBS	25 9:00 VBS	26 9:00 VBS <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	27 8:30 Men's Bible Study
28 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship	29	30 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	<u>Key to Abbreviations</u> Z – Zoom H – Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)			

SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN JUNE 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP	FLOWER COMMITTEE
June 7	TBA	9:15am Linda Hankey 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	TBA (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Karen King <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Missy Baker Ernestine Meyer <u>JAM</u> Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek	<u>Sunday School</u> Cyndy Coffey Kristin Olson <u>Worship</u> Diane Weaver Linda Olson	Kathy Razmgar
June 14	TBA	9:15am Linda Hankey 10:15am Kendall Frazier Wanda Leap	TBA (captain) Johno Cain Susan Kaczmarek	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Johno Cain	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Missy Baker Leslie Pritchler <u>JAM</u> Christy Wisor Kristin Olson	<u>Sunday School</u> Karen King Erin Adams <u>Worship</u> Carol Dixon Tisha Brown	Bernice Pearson
June 21	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Shannon Barham Bernice Pearson	Keenan Bayol (captain) Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Brenda Sellers Aranka Montoro <u>JAM</u> Karen King Leslie Pritchler	<u>Sunday School</u> Brenda Sellers Kathy Razmgar <u>Worship</u> Lisa Dillard Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
June 28	TBA	9:15am Linda Olson 10:15am Sarah Atkinson Jed Atkinson	Jason Hudson (captain) Paul Sellers Karen King Keith Bishton	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Johno Cain Kathy Kennedy <u>JAM</u> Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	<u>Sunday School</u> Karen King TBA <u>Worship</u> Ernestine Meyers Linda Hankey	Cheryl Cox

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE: Keith Bishton (571) 330-2943

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