

Haymarket Herald

October 2026



Musings from a Musician's Perspective

"A Season of Gratitude and Growth"

October is one of my favorite times of the year. The temperatures begin to cool, the leaves start changing colors, and everywhere we look we are reminded that God is at work in the changing seasons.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, **"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."**

As the seasons around us change, there are also seasons in our lives and in the life of the church. Some seasons bring excitement and new beginnings! Others bring challenges that stretch our faith. But through every season, one thing remains the same: **God remains the same. He is faithful in every season.**

This truth has taken on an even deeper meaning for our church family in recent months as we received the unexpected news of Pastor Mark's brain tumor. The outpouring of love and support the Olson family has felt in a time where news like this stops us in our tracks, has been comforting. As the shepherd of this church, it reminds us of how quickly life can change and how precious each day is. There are moments when we simply do not have all the answers, but we can hold tightly to the One who does.

As Mark is progressing through his treatments, I have been deeply moved by the way our church family has surrounded him and his family with love, prayer, and support. As our pastor, Mark has faithfully served as a shepherd to this congregation. Leading us, caring for us, praying for us, and walking alongside us through so many seasons of life. But in this season, I have loved watching that picture turn around in such a beautiful way. The shepherd who has spent so much time caring for the flock is now being cared for by the flock.

The words of Psalm 46:1 are especially meaningful during times like these. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." That is what the church is meant to be. When one of us hurts, we hurt together. When one of us needs strength, we help carry the load. And when the one who often so leads and cares for us needs to be surrounded, we have the privilege of surrounding him. Every prayer, phone call, card, meal, encouraging word, and quiet act of kindness is a reminder to Mark and the Olson family that they are not walking this road alone.

What a beautiful testimony of the love of Christ within our congregation. May we continue to care for our shepherd, pray faithfully for his healing and strength, and remind him through our words and actions just how deeply he and his family are loved.

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October, also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the many ways God continues to work among us at Haymarket Baptist Church. Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to gather as a church family – to worship, sing, pray, study God’s Word, encourage one another, and grow together in our faith.

I am especially thankful for everyone who helps lead our congregation in worship. Music has a wonderful way of expressing what is sometimes difficult to put into words. Whether through a familiar hymn, the sound of the choir, the organ and piano, or the voices of our congregation singing together, our music reminds us that worship is something we share.

I am equally thankful for the children, youth, families, teachers, volunteers, and church members who faithfully participate in the ministries of our church. Every lesson taught, prayer offered, meal shared, song sung, and word of encouragement is another seed planted for God’s Kingdom.

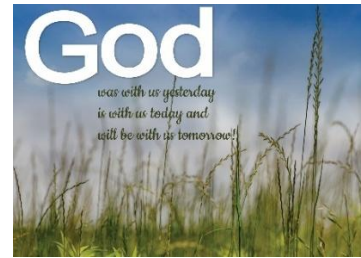
October also reminds us that change can be beautiful. We may not always know what the next season will bring, but we know the One who walks with us through every season. This month, I encourage each of us to ask a simple question: **“Lord, how can You use me in this season?”**

In order to ask that question, we have to be ready for His answer. Perhaps God is calling you to serve in a new way. Maybe God is asking you to encourage someone who is struggling. Maybe He is inviting you to spend more time in prayer or Scripture. Or perhaps He is simply reminding you to slow down and recognize the blessings that are already around you.

Whatever this season holds, may we continue moving forward together – loving God, loving one another, and faithfully serving the community God has placed around us.

I am grateful to serve alongside each of you, and I look forward to all that God has in store for us this fall. Happy October!

In Christ,
John Majette
Associate Pastor & Minister of Music



DEACON’S BENCH

The Constant in an Ever-Changing World

It’s hard to believe we’re already beginning to feel the transition into fall. The air is getting a little cooler, the leaves are starting to change color, and each day seems to bring just a little less sunlight. I have to admit, I have a bit of a love-hate relationship with change. There are certainly changes I look forward to, and I love the beauty in the fresh start that comes with a new season. But oftentimes, change can also make me feel a little anxious and uncertain. I am someone that tends to thrive on structure and the familiar to find comfort. Maybe you can relate.

When I find myself feeling that way, I try to look for comfort in the fact that our Heavenly Father never changes.

Psalms 102:27 says, “But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

This is a promise that no one else could make to us aside from the Lord. So much of life is constantly changing. The seasons change. Our circumstances change. Our plans change. Relationships change. Our children grow, our families evolve, and we ourselves are continually becoming different people than we were before. Sometimes those changes are exciting. Sometimes they are difficult. Sometimes they are unexpected. But through every single one of them, God remains the same.

Malachi 3:6 tells us, “I the Lord do not change.”

When everything around us feels uncertain, we can rest in the certainty of who He is. His love doesn't

change with our circumstances. His faithfulness doesn't depend on whether we have everything figured out. He is still God on the days when life feels steady, and He is still God on the days when we don't know what comes next.

Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

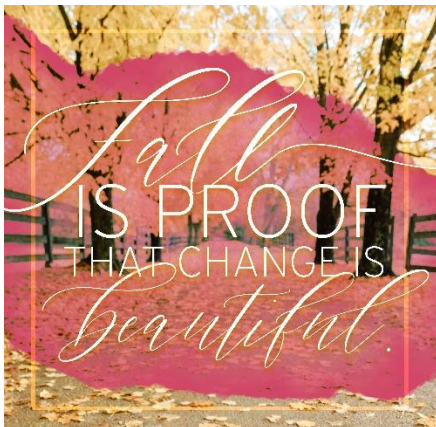
Yesterday. Today. Forever.

Those words bring me so much comfort. The Jesus who was faithful to me yesterday is faithful to me today. And when tomorrow comes, He will still be there. There is no shifting in Him. No uncertainty. No wondering which version of God we will find when we come to Him. He is constant.

When you are feeling tempted to worry about changes happening around you, I encourage you to remember that you don't always need to know what will happen next. The Lord is walking through it with you. As we welcome Fall, I hope we can all take a deep breath and enjoy the beauty of this season without being afraid of the changes that come with it.

The God who was with us yesterday is with us today, and He will be with us tomorrow.

In His Service,
Taylor Crickenberger
Deacon of the Month



HAYMARKET DAY COMING SOON!

Saturday, October 17th
10:00am – 4:00pm

Haymarket Day is always a favorite in the community, and we're excited to celebrate another wonderful event with the Town of Haymarket.

Haymarket Baptist Church will once again be part of the festivities with **face painting, passing out bubble wands, games, and fall pictures**. And, of course, we'll enjoy the **Town of Haymarket parade!**

Our Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers. We need help with:

- Greeters to pass out information about HBC and upcoming events
- Face painting
- Passing out bubble wands
- Serving a light breakfast and lunch to those working the event
- Providing security and keeping an Active eye on the doors
- Setting up games
- Helping with games and activities
- Clean-up

If you would like to help, please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the nursery window at church.

We look forward to a fun-filled day of fellowship, community, and celebration. Come join us and help make Haymarket Day a wonderful event for everyone!



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We invite your children to join us for Children's Worship following the Children's Sermon, approximately 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

- **Bible Adventurers:** Ages 4–1st grade • Room 49 upstairs
- **Jesus and Me (JAM):** 2nd–5th grades • Room 45 upstairs

Nursery is also provided during the Worship Service for children ages 6 weeks–3 years from 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Is your church directory outdated or are you new to the church? If you would like a digital copy or paper copy of the church directory, please email Laura in the church office at laura@my-hbc.org and she will provide you with the latest version.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us Sunday mornings for Sunday School as we grow together in faith and fellowship!

Adult Classes

J.O.Y.

Room 14 • 9:30 a.m.

Formations

Room 45 • 9:45 a.m.

Praising Hands

Fellowship Hall • 9:45 a.m.

Children & Youth Classes

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Nursery

Ages 6 weeks–3 years • Nursery

Children

Ages 4–5th grade • Room 49

Youth

5th grade–high school • Youth Room

**5th graders may choose to attend either the Children's or Youth Sunday School class*





GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS & LOTS OF FUN

A good time was had by ALL at our annual picnic on Saturday, September 19th! 🌞🍔

There was plenty of delicious food to go around, including burgers, hot dogs, mouthwatering brisket prepared by Wayne Pritcher, and savory chicken and vegetable kabobs made by Keith Bishton. Add in all the wonderful side dishes and an exceptional array of desserts, and we certainly did not leave hungry!

Johno was in charge of the games, and I think everyone would agree that he did a fantastic job keeping the fun going! There was plenty of laughter and good-natured fun throughout the afternoon. 😊🎯

The children and our youth had a wonderful time, too. Fishing and feeding the turtles proved to be a big hit! 🐟🐢

And then came the best surprise of the day – Pastor Mark and Linda stopped by for a short visit! It was wonderful to see them, and Pastor Mark looked great! Their visit was a special treat and certainly added to the day.

The Outreach Committee sends a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who came, brought side dishes and desserts, helped with the cooking, games, set-up, and clean-up, and simply helped make the day such a success. It truly takes our church family to make an event like this special – and you all made it one to remember! ❤️



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 2	Drew Blincoe John Burke Jean Fairall
October 8	Dawn Miles
October 9	Warren Thompson, Sr.
October 14	Jackson Dillard
October 16	Johno Cain
October 19	Cody Adams
October 23	Claudia Brawley
October 26	Ruby Savage Ginny Williams
October 27	Giti Fardad
October 29	Wanda Leap Jacob Vasquez
October 30	Rommari Lambert



WORSHIP FROM HOME

Are you unable to make it to church because of illness, transportation or something else? Are you aware that every Saturday we email the bulletin and prayer requests to everyone and supply a link so that you can watch the service from home on your computer?

If you aren't receiving the email, please contact Laura in the church office at laura@my-hbc.org so that we can add you to our email list.



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,

What a wonderful start to the school year...our new playground has been a huge hit, and a big improvement! Our original big piece was 23 years old, so it was time to replace it! The children are delighted, as are the teachers who no longer need to sweep gravel each day. We also earned some fundraising dollars with gift wrap and a spirit night at Manhattan Pizza – all funds earned via fundraising will go toward our new playground piece and the rubber surfacing. It was quite expensive – many thousands, so it will take some time to earn funds toward that bit of progress! We enjoyed wearing red, white and blue on Patriot Day and praying for our country/soldiers/first responders all around our flagpole for “See You at the Pole”. We welcomed our dads and moms who are police officers to share their profession with the children...they even brought a working dog named Wilson, who was the biggest hit! We welcomed parents for our “parent coffee”, we had school picture days, we baked apple pies in kindergarten, started chapel services, and got everyone settled into the school routine! Our staff enjoyed putting a basket together for Pastor Mark and Linda – filled with all the things they enjoy and cards from the kids and teachers...we are praying for you each day Pastor Mark...we miss you at HBCPK! Spiritually we've learned about Creation, Adam and Eve, the Tower of Babel and Noah's Ark. We have memorized our first Bible verses, and learned about Obeying the First Time we are told...we even have a song called "I Can Obey".

October is fast approaching! So we will begin our discussions about Fall and all the things God made for us to enjoy this season...pumpkins, changing leaves, squirrels gathering acorns, cooler weather days, and pretty sunsets! This month we are looking

forward to the Firefighters coming to our school and we will honor them with goody baskets for their fire station house. We will learn about stop, drop and roll. We've already started fire drill practices so the children are prepared to talk about that with the firefighters. Our K students will attend their first field trip to Maple Tree Farm. We will welcome Pause Coffee Cart on October 16th from 8:45am – 12:45pm in the parking lot. Two other big events are: 1) Back to School Night October 19th and 20th with a wonderful book fair, and Greek Olive Oil and sourdough bread available for purchase, and our lovely All School Art Gallery! A well-attended and well-loved event for all school families. Church members are welcomed to view the books at the book fair during the day Monday and Tuesday. Bible study will take place in the sanctuary on October 19th... thanks for the flexibility! 2) Harvest Hoedown which is our annual alternative to Halloween...with pony rides, pumpkins, indoor rodeo, art projects and trail mix snack on October 28th and 29th.

Kindergarten is learning the books of the Bible currently! In October they will begin reading groups! Pre-K has learned “the vowels” and will begin consonants this month, and learn to blend them with a vowel...beginning reading readiness. Our 2's and 3's have learned about colors and shapes, lots of school routines, and an intro to numbers and age-appropriate themes. We've been all about Apples...now we'll move on to Pumpkins! We will start details about Operation Christmas Child at the end of the month for our 4's. We will wrap up some of our bigger fundraisers and look for a couple more things to help us offset the cost of the playground.

We hope you have a wonderful start to fall yourself! Stay healthy, and in love with all that God has created for our eyes to see and our ears to hear!

With love and blessings for October,
Mrs. Laurie Frasz
Director of HBCPK





Promotion Sunday



Preschool New Playground and Police Visit



Children's Worship and Choir





CHURCH picnic

September 2026





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
  						
Key to Abbreviations Z – Zoom H – Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)						
4 Communion 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	5 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 7:00 Church Council ^H	6 3:00 Advanced Signed English Class	7 5:30 Potluck Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	8	9	10 8:30 Men's Bible Study
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN OCTOBER 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Oct 4	Randy Anderson	9:15am Missy Baker 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	J.T. Frazier (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	Children Lucy Parkes Karen King Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	Bible Adventurers Sarah Atkinson Ernestine Meyer JAM Susan Kaczmarek Manuella Tatchim	Sunday School Cindy Coffey Kristin Olson Worship Carol Dixon Missy Baker	Kathy Razmgar
Oct 11	Randy Anderson	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Joyce Fairfax Barbara Nicoletto	Johnno Cain (captain) Linda Hankey Austin Duckett Nora Blincoe	Children Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler Youth Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain	Bible Adventurers Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant JAM Christy Wisor Kristin Olson	Sunday School Karen King Susan Kaczmarek Worship Diane Weaver Wanda Leap	Bernice Pearson
Oct 18	Randy Anderson	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Bernice Pearson Linda Hankey	Keenan Bayol (captain) Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek Bob Coffey	Children Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	Bible Adventurers Brenda Sellers Aranka Montoro JAM Karen King Leslie Pritchler	Sunday School Brenda Sellers Kathy Razmgar Worship Lisa Dillard Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Oct 25	Randy Anderson	9:15am Manuella Tatchim 10:15am Sarah Atkinson Jed Atkinson	Jason Hudson (captain) Paul Sellers Keith Bishton Karen King	Children Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey Youth Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	Bible Adventurers Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy JAM Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Sunday School Missy Baker Susan Kaczmarek Worship Ernestine Meyer Linda Hankey	Cheryl Cox

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