

# The Vision

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UNIVERSITY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

As we walk through this broken world with our eyes open we will see injustice. The Gospel calls us to love those in oppression with more than words...to actually be doers of justice. The big question is "What can we do?"

Micah had his eyes open as he walked through his world filled with oppression and injustice. He threw his hands up...not as a sign of giving up but as a sign pointing up! Micah shares 6 things we can do in this broken world so that we can be salt and light.

Feel. Hear. Speak. Look. Do. Rejoice.

Will you take a journey with me over the next few weeks to be both hearers and doers of the word. Both desiring and doing justice. Let's **Journey to Justice** together. You can find new resources each week at [universityhills.org/justice](http://universityhills.org/justice).

The first stop on this journey to justice is to feel what God feels. Micah 1:8 says "For this I will lament and wail..." Please join me Saturday for a day of fasting, prayer, and lament for racial justice. You might choose to skip one meal or all your meals. You might choose to go without screens instead of food. Or fasting may look like something else for you. As we pray let's ask the Lord for His heart for those experiencing injustice today and ask Him to come and be all of our help.

Let's press in together and tune into The Gospel Coalition's "Night of Lament for Racial Justice" with John Onwuchekwa, Trillia Newbell, David Platt, and many more. You can participate [HERE](#) at 7pm on Saturday.

Looking forward to being on this journey with you.

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# Indoor Worship | Sunday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m.

We are excited to continue meeting inside the Worship Center. While it will be a different experience coming in, being seated and exiting, we will still be the church family praising God together.

We are working to make our church as safe as is reasonably possible. Please keep the following key points in mind:

- It is important that each person pursue the safest worship experience for themselves and their families. We will continue to stream our worship time online, still spending time together in spirit and love.
- Wave at your friends and share your love from a safe distance! We will practice social distancing – 6 feet apart as we enter, are seated and exit. Ushers will help us with the new arrangements, and we will have signs to remind us.
- You can watch a video about the plans for Sunday morning [HERE](#).
- Another way to show our love is to wear face masks for the protection of others and yourself. We recommend that face masks be worn if you are within 6 ft. of people other than those you live with.
- We will continue to provide a “no-touch” experience with doors open, offering collection in a designated place, no paper worship documents, no Bibles or hymnals available in the chairs.
- Plan to stay home and join us online if you have any of the following Covid19 symptoms:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
- The lyrics and order of worship can be found on the Church App (download the app [HERE](#)). If you would like a printed copy, please print at home and bring with you on Sunday. You may also use your mobile device to view the lyrics.

## Who was Annie Armstrong?

Annie Armstrong served as the first Executive Director of Woman's Missionary Union, the largest protestant women's organization in the world. She led the formation of missions organizations for children, first called Sunbeams. She raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish communities and gained support for the first black, female missionaries. She secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough. She advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people. In 1934 the Home Missions offering was renamed in her honor to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example. Please join us to help our current North American missionaries with your donation towards our \$10,000 goal.

All money received goes directly to our missionaries on the field in North America.

Woman's Missionary Union of UHBC

# UNIVERSITY HILLS

## Steps to Regathering

We desire to care for one another well as we step back into regathering. The Ministry Development Team will evaluate safety guidelines and transitions for each step in light of current recommendations from government, healthcare, and church leaders. While we do not know exact dates for each step, we will keep the church updated through each transition.

### Outdoor Worship

We will continue to livestream the service. All other activities will be online.

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### Indoor Worship

Careful social distancing guidelines and cleaning efforts. We will continue to livestream the service. All other activities will be online.

### Connect Groups

In-person and online options available. We will continue to livestream the service. All other activities will be online.

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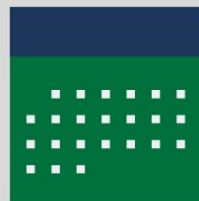
### Kids | Students

In-person events and activities. More in-person Connect Group options. We will continue to livestream the service.

### Midweek | Events

Wednesday evening activities and special events resume. Evaluate online options and social distancing / cleaning efforts.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

The UHBC Family extends our love and best wishes to  
Komla Edem Agedzi and Nadia Kudawoo Agedzi  
in the birth of a daughter,

**Evelyn Ruth Agedzi.**

Evelyn was born at 5:14 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020 at  
Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte  
and at birth weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured  
21 inches in length.

Her big sister is Eleanor Ingrid Agedzi.

Evelyn was born on Eleanor's sixth birthday!

Edem has been an active member of UHBC since July 18,  
2004 and Nadia since June 12, 2016. They are members  
of the Young Marrieds Connect Group.



Parents Edem and Nadia  
and big sister, Eleanor

## CONGRATULATIONS

The UHBC Family extends our love and best wishes to

**Rebekah Hope Gardner and Daniel Bennett Bogue**

who were united in Holy Matrimony on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

The wedding, originally scheduled for March 21st, was changed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Reverend Richard Allen "Bo" Riley, Jr., pastor of University Hills Baptist Church, officiated at the 3:00 p.m. ceremony which was held at the home of the brides' parents in Harrisburg, NC.

Rebekah, daughter of David Lee Gardner and Angela Caudle Gardner, was born in Charlotte (Mecklenburg County), NC and grew up in Harrisburg (Cabarrus County), NC. She attended Harrisburg Elementary School, J.N. Fries Middle School, C. C. Griffin Middle School and Central Cabarrus High School graduating with the Class of 2007.

She furthered her education at Wingate (NC) University and in 2011 earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Fashion and Design Merchandising with a Minor in Marketing from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC.

Rebekah, a life-long member of UHBC, was baptized into membership September 12, 1999 and for five years was co-leader with Blair Austin of the Young Professionals Connect Group. She also formerly served UHBC as Student Ministry Intern for a couple of years. In April 2018 she moved to Nashville, TN where she accepted a position with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board in Franklin. She is currently the Events and Communications Coordinator there.

Daniel, son of Michael William Bogue and Caroline Harvey Bogue, was born in Memphis, TN but grew up in Columbus, MS. He attended New Hope Elementary School, New Hope Middle School and New Hope High School, graduating with the Class of 2009. He furthered his education at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, MS and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg where, in 2014, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Human Performance and Recreation. His home church is Fairview Baptist in Columbus, MS, where he led the Young Men's Group for three years and also served as Deacon. He is employed as Technical Service Representative with R J Young in Nashville.

Rebekah and Daniel met in Nashville in January 2019. They have been attending Judson Baptist Church in Nashville where they plan to become members after the COVID-19 restrictions are eased.

They are making their home in Columbia, TN, 45 minutes south of downtown Nashville.







## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

The UHBC Family extends our love and best wishes to one of our homebound members,

**Bill Stiles**

who celebrated his **90th** birthday this week.

Rees William Stiles was born June 16, 1930 in Steuben County, New York and grew up in the town of Corning. He served three years with the New York National Guard before entering in the United States Air Force in 1950, serving four years. His military duty took him and his bride to Wichita Falls, TX where their first child was born. Following his discharge they returned to Corning where they planned to rear their family. Bill spent most of his adult life as an automobile mechanic. During the summer of 1966, his job relocated the family to Charlotte, NC where they settled. He was employed for several years with the Queen City Rambler Dealership. After that he was employed for several years with Rowe Industrial Corporation in Charlotte.

Bill and Jeanene Hope ReSue were united in marriage December 15, 1950 and enjoyed 66 years and 10 months together before her passing on October 11, 2017, four weeks before her 87th birthday. They met during their high school years at Corning Free Academy.

Their marriage was blessed with 4 children: Rees William Stiles, Jr., Roger Lynn Stiles (now deceased), Tracie Ann Stiles Taylor, and Brian Keith Stiles. He family has grown to include 15 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Bill and Jeanene began attending University Hills in 2012. He made a profession of faith and was baptized into church membership December 9, 2012, attending services faithfully until failing health prohibited.

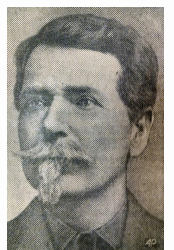
Remember Bill in prayer as he has passed this milestone. He is currently recovering from a broken hip at Huntersville (NC) Rehabilitation Center.

## THE HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 (also known as Saint Joseph's Day) since the Middle Ages. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America where it is still observed on March 19.

Outside of Catholic tradition, Father's Day was not celebrated in the United States until the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day by celebrating fathers and male parenting. Following the successful promotion of Mother's Day in Grafton, WV by Anna Marie Jarvis, the first observance of a "Father's Day" was held on July 5, 1908 in Fairmont, WV at the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South. Grace Golden Clayton was mourning the loss of her own father, when in December 1907 the Monongah Mining Disaster in nearby Monongah killed 361 men, 250 of them fathers, leaving around a thousand fatherless children. Mrs. Clayton suggested that her pastor honor all of those fathers. Following this, the celebration was not promoted vigorously. Some time passed before another push for the celebration.

On June 19, 1910, a Father's Day celebration was held at the YMCA in Spokane, WA by Sonora Smart Dodd. She wanted to honor her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, who was a widower raised his six children in that community. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the event was deferred to the third Sunday of June. Several local clergymen adopted the idea, and on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city.



William Jackson Smart

It was slow to take hold nationwide, after several attempts failed with a resistant Congress. President Woodrow Wilson hoped to establish the holiday in 1916, but Congress would not, President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed throughout the nation, but he stopped short at issuing a national proclamation. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when in 1972 President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

This year, as we celebrate Father's Day on June 21, 2020, we are not able to have our traditional rose arrangements as in the past due to the Corona Virus restrictions and having been out of the church for so many weeks. The floral arrangement in the service Sunday morning is placed by you, the UHBC Family, to the Glory of God and in loving honor and memory of all of the fathers of our fellowship. In honoring all of our fathers, we recognize the oldest father of our congregation, Allen Roy Tolbert, 93, who is pictured here with his wife, Willa, and their children, Gary and Terri Tolbert and Pam and Dana Hall. We also recognize the newest father, Trey Brian Kennedy, pictured here with his wife, Alexis, and their baby son, Benjamin "Ben" Mark, born June 7th.



## 2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. If you know a date you would like to reserve for altar flowers, please contact **Avery Phillips** by phone or text at **704-773-2908**.

Sundays currently available are:

June 28  
 July 5, 12  
 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
 September 6, 20  
 October 4, 25

**Poinsettias will grace the sanctuary on December 20th.**



\*Note: Due to the restrictions in place for our worship services in the sanctuary while the COVID- 19 Pandemic is affecting what we do, there will be no paper handouts at the services such as worship folders. During this time we will run the information about the Altar Flowers that are placed by individuals, families, or the church family in the Newsletter each week.

### Sunday, June 14, 2020



The flowers in last Sunday's worship service were given to the Glory of God by Sharon Adams Quinby in loving memory of her husband

**Richard Orland Quinby**

**June 11, 1941 – September 30, 2013**



The red rose bud vase was placed in last Sunday's service in celebration of the birth of **Benjamin Mark Kennedy.**

Ben was born June 7, 2020 and is the first child of Trey and Alexis Kennedy.

### Sunday, June 21, 2020

The flowers in our worship service this morning have been given to the Glory of God by the UHBC Family in loving honor and memory of all of the fathers of our fellowship.

The red rose bud vase has been placed in our service today in celebration of the birth of

**Evelyn Ruth Agedzi.**

Evelyn was born May 22, 2020 and is the daughter of Edem and Nadia Agedzi and little sister of Eleanor.

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### CONNECT GROUP Leaders of the Week

Adult A: Mark Williams

Babies: Amanda Kees and Christy Duncan

We are so grateful for these Connect Group Leaders! Pray that the Lord continue to use them to grow Gospel centered community in their Connect Groups and to multiply Connect Groups by raising up and sending out new leaders.

Do you want to experience a Connect Group? Jump in any Sunday at 9:15 a.m.!

Check out [universityhills.org](http://universityhills.org) for a complete list of Connect Groups.