



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARGUERITE "BACK TO CHURCH" POTLUCK, CAT SURVEY, HMPC MISSION STUDY



Dear HMPC Friends & Family,
August brings butterflies, katydids and cicadas, dog days as well as a few yellow leaves and surprisingly cool mornings to remind us that seasons are transitioning. I know many of you welcome the end of fogged up windows on humid mornings and

the arrival of sweater weather. At the same time, may all of you carry memories of special summer times – camps, retreats, beaches and mountains, family time or tours of special places – that will remind you how blessed and abundant life can be.



As the traditional school calendar tells us, with “back to school” comes a sense of “back to work.” I’ve also always thought of the Sunday

after Labor Day as “National Back to Church Day.” That’s September 7 this year. We’re inviting all of you and anyone who wants to celebrate that day – back to church, back to hope and community and love. No classes will be held, only a big ol’ fried chicken lunch with potluck sides after worship in Westminster. Good food, reconnection, and learning what your giving will bring in the fall programming will make for a great celebration.



But speaking of back to work – if you receive the invitation to take the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) starting August 24, please do put that

bit of work on your calendar and make sure it’s done by September 14. You have three weeks to get it done! We hope we’ll receive at least 150 responses – about as many cat pictures as we received this summer – but if you want to overachieve, make it 200! Your results will be interpreted by Holy Cow! Consultants with members of the Mission Study Team (MST) and Session in Westminster on Saturday, October 4. On October 30, the MST will share the most impactful findings with you on a congregational Zoom.

Also, mark your calendars for September 21 at 5:00pm, when the MST will share the most intriguing results from their demographic, community interview, and HMPC financial analysis research. We have all been surprised – and affirmed – by what we’re learning and can’t wait to share it with you for continued conversation and discernment. In November, we will use all this information in our common work of creating a vision statement and goals and objectives. NOTE: our COMMON work. The MST doesn’t create the vision statement -- it will hone all the input that YOU provide on November 9. The MST also doesn’t create the goals and objectives to work toward the vision: those of you attending worship on November 23 will create these and discuss priorities. The MST must organize and report on activities that YOU do to discern God’s vision for HMPC in the near future.

It continues to be an honor and privilege to labor with you in this transitional time at HMPC.

Blessings,

Marguerite



Questions You Might Have About the CAT



The church will soon send out a link to a survey called the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) that we are using to gather information about the church's health and priorities. There will be detailed instructions in the email accompanying the link. The Mission Study Team has already customized the survey to fit our congregation. There will be a congregational meeting on Zoom on October 30 to discuss the results of our CAT.

If you have more questions, you might want to read the following materials from *Holy Cow!*, which is the consulting company that produces the CAT. Click the blue links below:

[After the CAT](#)

[All About the CAT](#)

Save the Date!

Put Sunday, **September 21 at 5:00pm** on your calendars for a church-wide Zoom meeting. The



Mission Study Team will share the results of our demographic, finance, and community studies and take your questions.

On October 30, we will share the results of the CAT with you and discuss the ways they describe our church and its possibilities for ministry.

Did You Write on the Memorable Moments Timeline Yet?



There's still time to add to our fabulous timeline! So far, we have notes about **weddings, baptisms, mission trips, building improvements, special worship services, and more!** We hope

more people will add to this growing collection of meaningful Hudson memories.

If you are able, please write your memories on the timeline in the hall near the chapel or on one of the sticky notes provided. Place your memory on the timeline at the appropriate date. If you are not able to make it to church in person, contact mst@hmhc.org and let us know your memory and we can add it to the timeline for you.

Join us for the

**BACK TO CHURCH
POTLUCK**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Fried & baked chicken will be provided. All are welcome to attend, but if you would like to contribute a side or dessert, sign up using the link [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmhc.org



LAST Young-ish Adult Meetup of the Summer This Saturday!



Our final young(ish) adult summer gathering will be **this Saturday, Aug. 23**, and we would love to have you join us! We will be meeting at the **Sneaky Penguin (7449 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, 27615)** at **4:00pm** for some fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Single Way Luncheon

Tuesday, September 2, 11:30am

Cape Fear Seafood Co.

832 Spring Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609

Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship.

Please contact Ruth Herpich at (919) 280-0049 by August 31 if you plan to attend so she can give the



restaurant a seating count. If you know of anyone who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome, so please join us!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUDSON

This Sunday, August 24

9:30am Summer Series:

FINAL session of our "Getting to Know You" Series! Join us in Westminster Hall North to learn more about the Peeler family.

10:30am Worship:

Pastor Marguerite will preach a sermon called "Healing Power" based on Jeremiah 1:4-10, and Luke 13:10-17.

HMPC musicians Jennifer Autry, Lindsey Richards, and Tetyana Ryabchikova will share a special offertory.

We hope your children will join us during the Children's Message for the annual **Blessing of the Backpacks!** All students (children and MS/HS youth) can bring their bags up during the Children's Message to receive a blessing for the new school year and a new backpack tag!



After Worship:

We will hold an **Inquirers' Class**. Join us in the Karl Hudson Room to learn more about membership. Please consider attending the class and joining HMPC for your spiritual life! RSVP [HERE](#). Contact [Cary Dickerson](#) with questions.



Sunday, August 24

9:30 am - Adult Summer Series - WH North
9:30 am - Summer Sing with Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Inquirers' Class - Karl Hudson Room

Monday, August 25

7:00 pm - Session - Westminster South
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - WH Patio
8:30 am - Preschool Staff Meeting & Breakfast - WHN
6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
6:00 pm - ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) - Rm 200
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 am - Preschool CPR Training - Chapel
12:30 pm - Recital Rehearsal - Chapel
6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - WH South
6:00 pm - Handbell Workshop - WH North
7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mala Pata

Thursday, August 28

8:30 am - Preschool Fire Extinguisher Training - WHN
10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
12:00 pm - Recital Rehearsal - Chapel
6:00 pm - Bell Polishing & Pizza - Westminster Hall

Friday, August 29

10:30 am - Preschool Open House

**SUNDAY PROGRAMS
KICK OFF
SEPTEMBER 14!**
**MORE DETAILS ABOUT FALL
PROGRAMMING IN NEXT
WEEK'S NEWSLETTER!**



MISSION

August Tend My Sheep CANNED FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NC



This month we are collecting canned food for the Food Bank. You can place items in the bins by the Sanctuary entrances throughout the month of August.

- **Canned Fruits** (*peaches, pears, oranges, pineapple, fruit cups, etc.*)
- **Canned Vegetables** (*tomatoes, green beans, carrots, corn, yuca, etc.*)
- **Canned Meats** (*chicken, salmon, tuna, pork, etc.*)
- **Canned Beans** (*pinto, black, kidney, cannellinis, chickpeas, baked beans, etc.*)
- **Canned Soup** (*tomato, beef stew, chicken noodle, etc.*)
- **Canned Dairy** (*evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk, media crema, coconut milk, etc.*)



Hudson Handy Helpers



Handy Helpers are still active and available to help! We respond to requests from members and outside friends to help them with household maintenance, moving to new locations, hauling furniture or donations to NRM or ReStore, and the dump. We can handle repairs

such as minor plumbing repairs, replacing electrical switches and minor appliance repairs, and building ramps or attaching handle rails, and installing grab bars in bathrooms or entrance ways. We also will consult for you with outside contractors.

If you would like to volunteer for Handy Helpers or need help, please let us know. Contact your Deacon, the church office, or Mike Law (ddelaw1965@

verizon.net or 717-439-0677).



Thank you to the congregation for all your financial support.

August Special Offering PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. Funds collected during this month's

special offering will be split evenly, they will be used to aid those affected by the Texas Hill Country flooding and for continued assistance to western NC in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or [donate online](#). To text to give, send your donation amount with the word "PDA" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 PDA)



One More Handbell Workshop!

August 27 at 6:00 pm | WH North

Have you ever...



- wanted to learn more about bell ringing?
- wanted to try your hand at ringing a bell?
- rang in the past but are feeling rusty?

These workshops are for you! You will have some hands-on ringing experiences and grow in your appreciation for this fun and meaningful music ministry. For more information, reach out to [Barbara Loehr-Fox](#).

Photo below: Fun & learning at last week's workshop!



HMPC Recital

Sunday, September 7 | 3:00pm | Chapel

Nancy Appleby Brenner, mezzo-soprano
Tetyana Ryabchikova, piano

Two of our favorite musicians will present a recital for you. They will perform some beloved favorite pieces from sacred and secular repertoire, as well as new music by Phil Hayden. You won't want to miss this free concert!



Join The Chancel Choir!

Rehearsals Begin September 3

Wednesdays - 7:30-9:00pm - Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir is Hudson's vibrant, active adult choir. Our goal is to glorify God through music in worship and to offer a small group experience where joys and concerns are shared. Hudson's Men's and Women's Choruses are part of the fun. Favorite events are the Christmas Joy worship service and our Spring Music Sunday. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. New singers always welcome!

Presbyterian Pint

7:00pm | Wednesday, August 27

**LOCATION & DAY CHANGE
FOR THIS MONTH:**

Mala Pata

(Restaurant next to Mordecai Bev Co.)

2431 Crabtree Blvd Suite 102

Raleigh, NC 27604

Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment.



We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) to be added to the distribution list. **We normally meet Thursdays, but note this week's meeting will be Wednesday.**

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Aug. 26 | 6:30am | WH Patio



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that is preached on for the

upcoming Sunday four times, with interspersed questions: *What's a word or phrase that stands out to you?*

Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought you have on the passage or a metaphor? What is Christ calling you to through the passage?

No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. On Zoom we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Lesley at lash-jacobsen@hmhc.org. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have,