

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

AUGUST 7, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUMMER SUPPER



LAST SUMMER SUPPER OF 2026!

Wednesday, August 12
Westminster Hall | 6:00pm

\$6 Per Person | Kids Under 5 Eat Free

"Farm Fresh Fare", including, but not limited to, old fashioned tomato and cucumber sandwiches, BLTs, and tasty accompaniments that will make your mouth water!

RSVP BY THIS MONDAY, AUGUST 10

by calling the office 919-787-1086 or by clicking [THIS LINK](#). Paper RSVP slips will be available by church doors this Sunday.

THEOLOGY & THE ARTS SUMMER SERIES

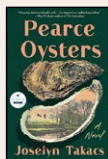


AUGUST'S THEME IS LITERATURE

As part of our summer worship theme, August will be focused on literature. Pastor Marguerite has created an adult summer reading list for you to prepare for the month. See below list of dates that correspond with each novel.



Marguerite's second sermon of the series will be this Sunday, and she will focus on *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.



SERMON SCHEDULE

August 9: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* - Shelley van Pelt (Also a Netflix movie if you didn't get to read it!)

August 16: *Pearce Oysters* - Joselyn Takacs

August 23: *Mona's Eyes* - Thomas Schlessner



This Sunday, August 9 - Summer Series

A Presentation by the Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip Team



"Tales of the Avery County Mission Trip!"

This Sunday, join us at 9:30 in Westminster Hall, where members of the Mission Trip Team will present an overview of their time in Avery County and the various houses for which they worked. Come be impressed by how leaders of your church have joined together in this worthy effort! Avery County H4H and Charlotte H4H partnered with the office of the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) to replace homes for families who lost theirs during Hurricane Helene.

A MESSAGE FROM MARGUERITE

From the Pastor's Perspective



Dear HMPC Friends and Family,

I continue to be grateful for all the grace you extend to me as we continue in our journey of transitional ministry together. As your pastor, I would like to add my perspective on a couple of church leadership questions I know some of you have.

A very important goal during transitional ministry is to for a congregation to come to understand itself as accurately as possible and be able to communicate that self-understanding to potential pastoral candidates. The more honest the churches and candidates are about who they are, the better they can discern when a call is a good match.

The revised Matthew 25 statement recently approved by the Session represents work that was done over a span of months to understand better where HMPC stands on Matthew 25 now, four years after adopting it. Every Matthew 25 church has the flexibility to adopt the initiative in any way that furthers the mission and vision of the church, and the new statement reflects what the Session felt was most authentic to the congregation's current perspective. The statement does not capture what some want Matthew 25 to be, and it does not capture what those who are uncomfortable with the initiative want it to be. What it does capture is that we have a diversity of theological perspectives about the role the church should take pursuing justice, and that information is vital for pastoral candidates to know about HMPC.

Similarly, the PCUSA General Assembly met this summer and took actions, some of which will come to the presbyteries over the next twelve months for a vote. I am working with leadership to schedule a time when we can gather to learn more about these and any other GA actions you wish to discuss, and share our perspectives on them. Please stay tuned for details about this in future Windows newsletters.

Meanwhile, as you read about the actions or anything else you see leadership in our church doing, I hope you'll celebrate the diversity of witness in the church and grow stronger in what you believe as well as in understanding what others believe. Having disagreements over church leadership decisions is a perfect way to make our vision statement more than words. We welcome with the love of Christ not just people we want to join HMPC, but also those with different perspectives. We trust in the grace of Christ to reach mutual understanding rather than mutual agreement. And we grow with the help of Christ discerning how to rightly respond to anything we consider wrong – beginning first with the wrongs that belong to us. I so appreciate your being part of the HMPC family.

Marguerite



MEMBERSHIP

Interested in joining HMPC?

**Our next Inquirers' Class
will be August 23 after worship.**

Sign up [HERE](#) or contact Cary Dickerson if you have any questions at cdickerson@hmpc.org.



August Special Offering: Hunger Action Fund



This July and August we invite you to support our special offering collection for the Hunger Action Fund. As a Hunger Action congregation, it is our primary mission to help provide food and vital resources to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community and beyond. Join us in being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or [donate online \(QR code to left\)](#).

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Friday August 21: Live Music on the Lawn 6:00pm - West Lawn - All ages welcome.

The Champagne Corollas will be here playing some live classic rock hits! HMPC Member Steve Jesseph is the bassist for the band. About the band: "Champagne Corollas are four guys here in Raleigh who've been playing music together for a decade because they truly love music. Their music ranges from traditional rock'n'roll to bluegrass and everything in between."



We'll have a hot dog bar with all the fixins, beans, salads, slaw, chips, drinks, and desserts! There will also be popcorn and outdoor games for the whole family to enjoy! Bring a chair or blanket if you want a place to sit, and come enjoy the music and fellowship.

Scan the QR code or [RSVP HERE](#) (or let the church office know) by 8/15 to help us plan the food.



There is no charge, but donations will be appreciated. Westminster Hall will be available if it's too hot or if it rains. Hope to see you there!

Tend My Sheep

BRING ITEMS THIS SUNDAY!

Our Tend My Sheep offering for July and August is for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake and Johnston Counties for their Back to School Drive. The Clubs now have 10 locations serving over 1,000 boys and girls across our growing counties. We will be collecting items noted in the list below. Click [HERE](#) to see the full list of needed supplies and more info about the Back to School event.

PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS BY AUGUST 12 SO THEY CAN BE READY FOR A BIG BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT.

Please place your donations in the bins on either side of the Sanctuary or the bin in the Narthex. THANK YOU!

Writing Utensils

Pencils and ink pens, Colored pencils and Crayons
Washable markers, Highlighters, Dry erase markers

Paper & Notebooks

Wide-ruled and college-ruled notebooks
Composition notebooks
Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide or college-ruled)
Graph paper
Index cards (ruled or blank)

Organization Supplies

Pocket folders
1" or 2" binders
Binder dividers
Pencil pouches or pencil boxes

Basic Classroom Supplies

Scissors (kid and teen sizes)
Glue sticks and Elmer's glue
Rulers
Erasers (block or pencil-top)
Manual pencil sharpeners with covers
Sticky notes
Calculators

Hygiene & Extras:

Tissues (travel or classroom size)
Hand sanitizer (travel size preferred) / Disinfecting wipes
Lunch boxes



A WONDERFUL WEEK AT VBS!



Hudson was transformed into a snowy wonderland this past week for Vacation Bible School! Through this year's theme, "Snowball Mountain Challenge," 108 children explored faith, friendship, and the many ways God helps us face life's challenges.

Each day was filled with energy and creativity. The children participated in lively energizers, conducted science experiments, played instruments, enjoyed snacks, and learned new songs, including music in Spanish and sign language. We are grateful for a wonderful week of learning, laughter, music, and faith at Hudson!



A heartfelt "thank you" goes to the **60 volunteers** who shared their time, talents, and enthusiasm throughout the week. Their care and dedication helped make VBS a joyful and meaningful experience for everyone involved.





Hello, Hudson Memorial!

I would like to give a special thanks to John Whisler, who has agreed to chair the Property Committee following the retirement of Karen Melling and Allie Maples as co-chairs.

The Property Committee is glad to share another Monthly Property Summary to help keep the congregation connected with the upkeep of our facilities. As the staff liaison, I am here to answer two questions each month:

- What did we accomplish in the past month?
- How much did it cost to maintain our church property?

Here's your July Property Summary!

– Hannah Woodcock, Administrative Coordinator

July Property Summary

What did we accomplish in July?

Playground Restoration — Following a vehicle accidentally driving onto the playground in early June, Dorothy led restoration during June and July. Work included fence replacement, installation of vehicle barriers, removal of damaged wood with the help of volunteers, and installation of rubberized mulch. Two trees on the upper playground were also removed during this time (unrelated to the incident).

HVAC — Chiller Update: We have been navigating significant HVAC challenges this summer. Chiller 1 is currently operating at reduced capacity, with only 1 of 3 condensers functioning. Given the large cost of repair, addressing it has involved the Property Committee, chiller subcommittee, and Session for funding approval. These parties will also revisit replacing Chiller 2 later this year or early next year. Parts for Chiller 1 were ordered July 20 and should be shipped on Friday, August 7th.

In the meantime, our single condenser has been holding up well. We are grateful for John Whisler and Rick Melling, who have been lending their engineering brains. Five supplemental AC units have also been purchased to assist in the interim and have been performing wonderfully through VBS. Thanks to Ken Krause for setting them up!

Parking Lot Re-Striping — Quotes Obtained: Three quotes have been gathered for parking lot re-striping. The Property Committee is reviewing and will determine the priority of this task.

Painting: Laric, our sexton, performed touch-up painting in the elevator corridor and has finished refinishing two exterior benches, the one by the Cranbrook entrance and the one by the sanctuary entrance. They look great! (Photo below)



Fire Extinguisher & First Aid Inspection: Bob Stowe performed his monthly inspection of fire extinguishers and first aid kits throughout the building. Thank you, Bob!

Pest Control: Massey sprayed for ants, which had increased following a rainy period.

July Property Expenses

Bathroom Renovation: \$22,829
New Carpet: \$6,521
Utilities: \$5,579 (water, electricity, garbage, and gas)
Monthly Cleaning Fee: \$3,350
Insurance: \$3,085
Elevator Bi-Annual Contract: \$1,274
Fire Alarm Inspection: \$1,059
Monthly Lawn Fee: \$1,014
Van Repairs: \$863
Miscellaneous: \$524
Cleaning Supplies: \$522
HVAC: \$420

Total: \$47,040

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am - Adult Summer Series - Westminster North
9:30 am - Summer Sing - Sanctuary
10:30 am - Worship (VBS Performance) - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North

Monday, August 10

7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, August 11

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
6:45pm - Preschool Board - Westminster South
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Welcome Team - Karl Hudson Room
7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, August 12

6:00pm - Summer Supper - Westminster Hall

Thursday, August 13

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Hudson Room
7:00 pm - Giving Ministry Team - WH South

August 14-15

Women's Connection Conference at Montreat

June 2026 Financial Performance Summary



Year-to-Date General Fund Surplus

\$59,540

Year-to-Date General Fund Surplus

June 2026 Year-to-Date Financial Performance

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total GF Revenue	\$552,482	\$553,792	-\$1,310 -
Total GF Expense	\$492,943	\$511,743	+\$18,800 +
Final Surplus	\$59,540	\$42,049	+\$17,491 +

Strategic Financial Assessment



Revenue Inflection Point Reached

Total revenue has dipped into a deficit for the first time in 2026.



Non-Pledge Shortfall Trailing by 17.1%

Offerings are \$10,173 behind budget, a gap now too large for pledge overages to mask.



Yield Management Success

Dividend income reached \$3,030, hitting 85% of the annual target.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

PCM Back to School BBQ

Help our students kick off the semester at our PCM Back to School BBQ Fundraiser

Sunday, August 16 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | 27 Horne St, Raleigh, NC

Join us for good food, relaxed conversation, and a chance to meet the Presbyterian Campus Ministry students, staff, and Board of Directors.



Meal options:

Adult \$20 - Pork, baked beans, cole slaw, hush puppies, a cookie & drink

Kids \$10 - Pork, mac and cheese, hush puppies, a cookie and drink

Meals will be prepped for take out, but if you'd like to hang out and eat with our students, please bring a chair or blanket.

Please pre-order your meals by using the QR code or by clicking [HERE](#).

