



the weekly Window

September 2nd, 2022

FALL KICKOFF

FALL PROGRAMS BEGIN NEXT WEEK!

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

MORNING

Starting at 9:00am

Coffee available in Welcome Lounge

9:00-10:00am

First Day of The Gathering 9:00 Class - Room 200

Same Kind of Different As Me

Movie-viewing Part 1 & Discussion

9:30-10:20am

The Gathering 9:30 classes

WH North: Presbyterian Ponderings

WH South: "Biblical Couples: Good and Bad"

10:30-11:30am

Worship - Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall

11:30am-12:15pm

Children's Music - Geneva Hall

Wee Worshipers (3-5 yrs), Joyful Noise (Grade K-4)

Coffee & Conversation for Parents - Chapel

Youth Sunday School - GH Rooms

-Explorers Class (5th-7th) - Explorers Room

-Growing Disciples Class (8th-12th) - HS Room

AFTERNOON

4:15-5:00pm

First Day of Youth Music!

Westminster Hall South

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Youth Group Kick Off

Bring \$5 for dinner!

**Parents are invited to come at 6:30pm
for a 30 minute Parent/Director meeting.**

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

-  September 18 - New Members/ Inquirers' Class
-  October 9 - Children's Communion Class
-  October 16 - Children's Sabbath
-  October 23 - Fall Festival (at St. Mark's)
-  November 6 - Homecoming Celebration
-  November 27 - Hanging of the Greens
-  December 11 - Christmas Pageant
-  December 18 - Christmas Joy Concert

Children's News

Sunday School Registration

Parents of infants - 4th graders: **Be sure to fill out your registration form for the 2022-2023 school year!**

Link to form for Sunday School aged children:

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Link to form for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrcgyU68vJcBJgH1PLQJReCvjs7gyKkKQml5iFYAaOgXojOO/viewform?usp=sf_link

Fall Nursery Hours



Nursery will be open until 12:15pm on Sundays to allow parents to go to Coffee & Conversation and allow their siblings to stay for music.

Volunteer Opportunities

Join us for child-friendly volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank on September 10th and October 23rd from 2-4 pm. Please register for both you AND your child [here](#).

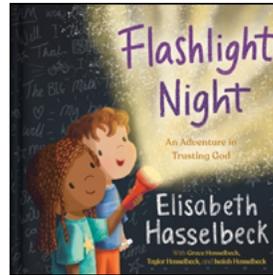


Communion Education Class



We will have a Communion Education class for children and their parents immediately following Worship on October 9th. Debbie will walk the children through the meaning of communion in an age-appropriate way. Plan to stay and join us!

Sunday School This Week - September 4



This week we will read *Flashlight Night: An Adventure in Trusting God*. Flashlight Night is about a family who uses chalkboard paint to create a wall where a child and his siblings can write out all their fears, cares, and concerns. They visit the chalkboard wall at dusk with a flashlight. The boy's mom shines the light on some prayers and turns it off at other times, pointing out that their prayers are still there, even in the dark, and that God hears every request.

*"Sometimes we see God's yes,
and other times we don't.
But just because it hasn't happened,
doesn't mean it won't.*

*"Even when it's dark and dim
and when we cannot see,
let's choose to place our trust in God.
He's close to you and me."*

MISSION

September Tend My Sheep DIAPERS FOR ST. SAVIOUR'S



This month, the Mission Committee will be collecting diapers for infants (and adults), along with wipes and children's books for the St. Saviour's Center in Raleigh. St. Saviour's is a community service organization that addresses unmet needs for low-income residents of Wake County.

The center is looking for infant diapers (size 5 is especially needed) as well as adult sizes. They are also collecting wipes and gently-used children's books for ages 0-5. **Please bring donations to the church office by Sunday, September 25.** Realizing diapers can be rather bulky and a bit of a struggle to carry - the center has an online service that can be utilized for immediate impact. Click [here](#) for online donations.



Weekly Music Ministry Schedule

Kicks off the week of Sept. 11

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals - Wednesdays - 7:30-9:00pm - Sanctuary
Singers always welcome!

Hudson Handbells

Rehearsals - Wednesdays (starting 9/14) - 6:15-7:15pm
Westminster Hall South

Youth Music

(Grades 5-12)

Sundays, 4:15-5:00pm in Westminster Hall South

Children's Music

(3 years old - 4th grade)

Sundays, 11:30am-12:15pm in Geneva Hall

Handbell Workshops

This week! Sept 6 at 6:30 pm
September 13 at 6:30 pm

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. These will be held in Westminster Hall.

For more information, reach out to [Barbara](#).

Fall Youth News

Youth Group Kick-Off

September 11 | 5:00-7:00pm

Dinner will be served! Bring a friend!
Bring \$5 for dinner!

Parents are invited to come at 6:30pm
for a 30 minute Parent/Director meeting.

Fall Sunday School

We have some exciting changes in youth ministry for the upcoming year. The biggest news is that we will offer two Sunday morning classes for youth at a different time than before. These classes will be at **11:35am** immediately following worship.

Explorers' Class: 5th-7th grade youth
Sundays, 11:35am in the Explorers' Room

Growing Disciples Class: 8th-12th grade youth
Sundays, 11:35am in the High School Room

Note: Confirmation Class has been postponed until next year when both rising 8th and 9th grades will combine to form a large class.

Youth Sunday Evenings

Handbells & Dinner

5th grade to 12th grade

4:15pm to 5:30pm

Come and experience the wonderful world of handbells and have dinner with other youth and advisors!

Youth Group

6th-12th grade

5:30-7:00pm

Middle School Retreat

September 30-October 1

Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Camp Kanata

Grades 6-8

\$85 for the two-day retreat.

Contact [Rich Richards](#) to register.

Sabbatical Update

Walking Down Church History Lane

Hands down my favorite reading at Princeton Theological Seminary was Justo Gonzalez's *History of Christianity Volume I & II*. Gonzalez's writing is so accessible! This, coupled with my hunger to learn more about the history of the spread of Christianity, kept me deeply engaged.

I had a great professor too: In 1996, Dr. Jamie Deming was a recent grad from the Ph.D. program at the University of Notre Dame in church history. (He also liked to "mix it up" on the basketball court with us students. He was a fantastic athlete!)

I share this because I am finding that as I get further into Italy on the Via Francigena, it is a "locational refresher" on some of what I read in Dr. Gonzalez's book and heard about from Dr. Deming.

After crossing into Italy at St. Bernard's Pass, the first big city I came to was Aosta. Aosta is the birth place of the 11th century Archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm. He was a monk, philosopher, and theologian. He famously made important arguments about the existence of God, also known as *ontological arguments*, laid out in his work *Discourse on the Existence of God*.



As I continued to walk, I took a day trip, via train, to Milan (an hour north of the Via Francigena pilgrims' path). One of my destinations in Milan was the 4th century Basilica of St. Ambrose. (See photo on left) In church history, Ambrose was a pillar of strength in the fight against Arianism. Arianism was an early heresy within the church that suggested that Jesus was a creation of God the Father, not the "essence" of God from the beginning of time (think "begotten, not made"). Ambrose was a leader of the church as several councils were working out the language of the Nicene Creed through the 4th century. He was a defender of what is now considered (in the West) orthodox Christianity.



The Basilica of St. Ambrose is his final resting place and you can literally view his body in the crypt of the basilica.



Tomb of St. Augustine

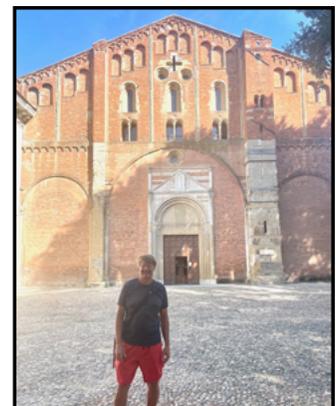
Further down the pilgrims' path is the city of Pavia, where St. Augustine of Hippo's tomb can be found in the Church of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro. While much of Augustine's life occurred in Northern Africa, he was baptized by Ambrose in Milan.

It is hard to overstate Augustine's impact on the theology of the Protestant and Catholic Church. His works include *City of God*, *Confessions* and *On Christian Doctrine*. While many of you might struggle with some of his theological ideas today, his frameworks on the Holy Spirit, original sin, Just War Theory, predestination, free will, and more have been wrestled with and applied by various traditions and church leaders through the centuries. Indeed just a few days before writing this I heard St. Augustine of Hippo being quoted in a podcast!

One final note, I have just downloaded Justo Gonzalez's *History of Christianity Volume I* on audio books on my phone. I'm looking forward to listening to it as I walk through corn and soybean fields on my way to Rome. While I have used sections of it for teaching over the years, I haven't read it cover to cover since seminary. This pilgrimage is prompting me to revisit it and Christianity's 2,000+ year history.

I want to thank the congregation for this opportunity for learning and refreshing my body, mind, and spirit.

With Care,



Mac in front of the Church of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro in Pavia, Italy where St. Augustine is buried.

End-of-Summer Fellowship Lunch

We had almost 100 people attend our End-of-Summer Lunch last Sunday! Thanks to the Fellowship Committee and volunteers for making it such a great event.



Homecoming Celebration

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 6th for a good ol' Church Homecoming Celebration! Invite your family members who grew up in the church, former members and others who might be interested in coming home for a Sunday.

Guests are invited to join 10:30am worship, as well as the Homecoming celebration that will follow. We will have a big lunch, fellowship, entertainment, and more!

For questions, please contact Shawn Jackson at shawn_jackson2004@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE
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**HOMECOMING
CELEBRATION
BARBECUE**

Food • Fellowship • Entertainment

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 11:45am

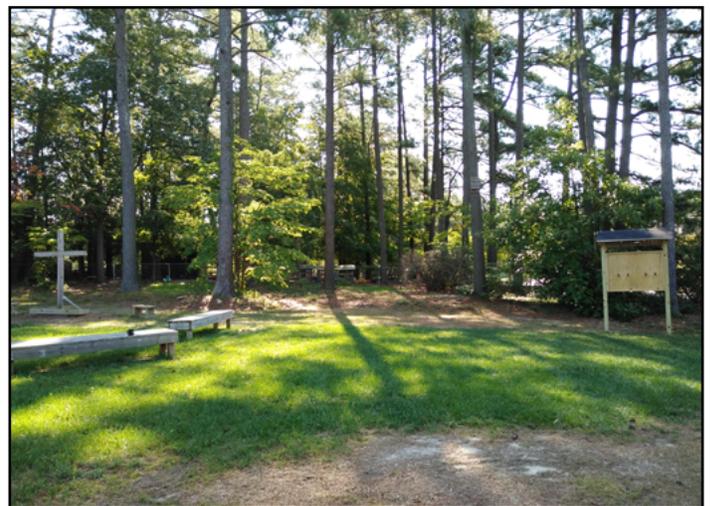
HMPC Boy Scout Project



We have a beautiful new addition to the church property, thanks to one of the Boy Scouts in our sponsored troop at Hudson! Upcoming high school senior Sajen Kleeberghas completed his Eagle project by building an information kiosk for the outdoor worship area.

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church has sponsored Troop 376 "Building Boys into Men" since 1961. Boy Scout Troop 376 is led by Ray Kelling. Gary Alexander said, "I am so impressed with the way Ray has offered leadership for so many years. My son Dan Alexander joined Troop 376 in the mid-90s and stayed with the troop until graduation. At the time, he had his neighborhood friends, church youth group, high school friends and the Boy Scouts. The Scouts were by far his (and my) favorite. This group of young men had a lot of fun and learned about much more than outdoor skills."

For information, attend a scout meeting on Tuesdays 7:15-8:45pm at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Geneva Hall (2nd floor) or contact Scoutmaster Ray Kelling at 919-630-8933 rkelling1@nc.rr.com or Asst. Scoutmaster Richard Rogers at rogersjr85@gmail.com.



Outdoor worship area in the Langley Lot

Sunday Morning Offerings: Fall 2022

About The Gathering

Everyone is invited to join us each Sunday morning for a variety of offerings as part of your sabbath practice through opportunities that nurture our bodies, minds and spirits through different formats. Some are more physically active, others are through hands-on experiences, some are inside, and some are outside. The Adult Committee provides offerings designed to equip adults living out their faith in the world in the areas of current issues and culture; Bible study; peacemaking, justice and mission; spiritual formation and practice; and reformed theology. A variety of resources including classic theological literature, current books, music, and media are used to engage us in sharing faith with one another. All are designed for adults of any age and stage in life and faith to encourage our thoughtful engagement with scripture, vigorous discussion of challenging issues, and reflective consideration of spiritual practices.

NEW THIS FALL!

"The 9:00 Class"
Starts next week, September 11!
9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Facilitated by

Susan Bradshaw, Dottie Burch and Linda Meeks

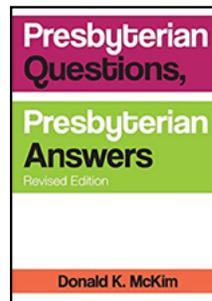


This earlier class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and fellowship. We begin the fall semester with a movie and discussion of *Same Kind of Different as Me* starring Renee Zellweger, Greg Kinnear, and John Voight.

This true story is about three people from dramatically different backgrounds, who develop a surprising bond and friendship through a local soup kitchen where two are volunteering and one is experiencing homelessness. Each of them learns about themselves and each other, and finds their lives changed in ways they never expected. This series will occur Sept 11, 18 and 25.

9:30-10:20am | WH North

Facilitated by Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg,
 John James, Gil Graybill



"Presbyterian Ponderings" is a discussion-based class that welcomes visitors and does not require any advance reading or preparation. From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as the Bible, Humanity, the Church, and Salvation. **The fall session we will be using *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* by Donald McKim as a primary resource.** Participants do not need the book.

9:30-10:20am | WH South

Facilitated by Susan Grigg, Jimmy Hulsey, Ron Ash

In this group are members of the "John Knox" and "Mixed Adults" classes along with newer members and guests who enjoy a presentation and discussion format. **The fall semester begins with consideration of "The Church and Social Issues."** The class will review how our faith tradition guides us as we approach the many complex issues of the 21st century and how we are called to respond to the challenges and opportunities before us.

"Biblical Couples: Good and Bad"

September 11 and 18

Biblical couples of the Old and New Testaments will be discussed. Instances of both good and downright bad husbands and wives will be described. The nature of the relationship between men and women in Biblical times will aid in our understanding of early church views on marriage. Facilitated by Ron Ash.

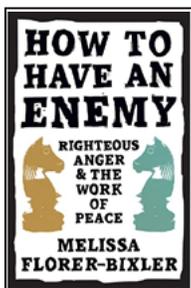
Presbyterian Pint

Upcoming: Sept. 22 & Oct. 27



Men of the church are welcome to join us at 7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [John James](#) to be added to the distribution list.

Fall Book Study



These are troubled times, and the news each day is filled with atrocities that the human community is dealing with, from the Russian invasion of Ukraine to the epidemic of mass shootings across our country. However we respond, systemic change is necessary in order to stop the cycles that cause these and other destructive behaviors to flourish. As people of a particular faith tradition, we have tools that enable us to be prayerful and thoughtful as followers of Jesus. The Adult Education Committee is offering a book study this fall for those who would like to explore biblical and theological guidance that will assist us in identifying what it means to get into "good trouble" in the words of the late John Lewis. We will be using *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace* by Melissa Florer-Bixler, Pastor of the Raleigh Mennonite Church, as the foundation for our conversations.

The book study will be offered in two sections each Sunday evening. **Study begins on September 18 and concludes on November 20.**

Section A - In person from 5:00-6:30pm

Section B - On Zoom from 7:00-8:30 pm

To register or for more information, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

You may purchase the book on your own or we will order it for you (cost is \$12.00). To pay: click [here](#) or pay by check (write "Sunday night book study" on the memo line) or cash no later than September 8. You can put the payment in the bookkeeper's box in Room 100.

Women at the Well

Women at the Well begins the fall schedule in September and welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! There are two groups, each with different format, time and content. Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss the intersection of culture and faith and our own spiritual journeys.

The Weekly Group Begins Wednesday, September 14

The weekly group meets Wednesday morning from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. This group offers a hybrid format and will be using the book *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans for the fall semester. Conversations will cover our longing for spiritual wholeness found in the church and in other places as we experience the grace and love of God. You may purchase your own book or we will purchase it for you (\$14.00). **To register, email dkirk@hmpc.org or call the church office no later than September 5.** To pay online for a book, click [here](#). Pay by check (write "WATW book" on the memo line) or cash by September 8.

The Monthly Group Begins Thursday, September 22

The monthly group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm (sometimes the third Thursday to avoid holidays) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. Participants will receive podcast information a week before each meeting. To be added to the distribution list, email dkirk@hmpc.org
Fall Dates: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, September 6 | 6:30am | Patio



All men are invited to join this group (in person this week) for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina. We look at the passage that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday. **The study revolves around 3 questions:** What is a word or phrase that stands out to you? Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. What is Christ calling you to through the passage?

No previous Bible study experience is needed. It is a great group of guys who are welcoming and wise in their comments. For our in-person meetings, coffee and Bibles are provided. **If you have questions or would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact [Don Slater](#) (while Mac is on sabbatical).**

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, September 4

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North

Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH 227,236

Tuesday, September 6

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
12:30 pm - Single Way - WH North
6:30 pm - Handbell Workshop - WH South
7:00 pm - Session - Zoom
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - GH Room 234

Wednesday, September 7

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, September 9

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, September 10

6:00 pm - Youngish Adult Gathering

SOCIAL MEDIA

Join Our Social Media Community!

Hudson Memorial is active on Twitter (HudsonMemPC) & Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), as well as Facebook (HudsonMPC). Follow us & like us! Our Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts have daily quotes, photos, info about upcoming events, poetry, prayer or scripture.



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INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on **Sunday, September 18th**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [New Member Information Forms are available here](#). Contact [Debbie Kirk](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org) with any questions.