



the weekly Window

October 22, 2021

Out to the life and ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)

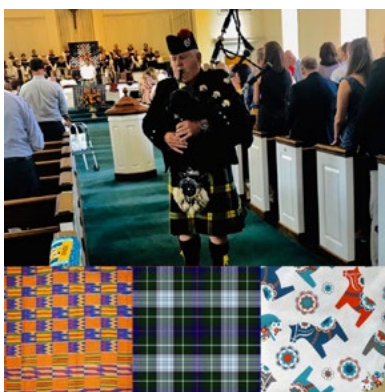
Kirkin' O' Tartan

Kirkin' O' Tartan with A Modern Slant

Sunday, October 24

This Sunday in worship, bring fabric from your family heritage and wear clothing that represents your family's historical country of origin. We will celebrate a modern version of a Kirkin' O' th' Tartan service. In the 18th century, Scottish clans secretly brought their family tartan to be blessed at their church. On October 24th, we will expand this tradition beyond our Presbyterian/Scottish heritage and ask people to bring fabric that represents their family heritage from all nations to be blessed. We'll celebrate where we come from and our family history inclusively.

This is a great chance for parents (and grandparents) to talk to their kids (and grandkids) about their family history in preparation for worship that day. Knowing our family history can give us a sense of grounding and belonging, much like our faith. We hope you participate by bringing fabric to be blessed and wearing clothing that represents a country of origin.



Welcoming & Fellowship

Fall Festival! 4-6 pm This Sunday!



This year's Fall Festival is once again sponsored jointly with St. Mark's Methodist Church. It will be held on Sunday, October 24th from 4 – 6 pm in our parking lot. We will have the full range of activities including decorated trunks, an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, games and food trucks. This will be a great time for fun and fellowship with both

our neighbors at St. Mark's and the greater community. Plan now to be a part of this afternoon of fun. If you are available to volunteer, use this link to sign up [Volunteers for Fall Festival: Hudson and St. Mark's Fall Festival \(signupgenius.com\)](#). Collection containers for donations of "peanut free" wrapped candy and treats will be near entrances to the church. These can be dropped off on Sunday morning. We will also have collection bins at the event for contributions needed by North Raleigh Ministries for the Thanksgiving meals they provide. Items needed include instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, and gravy packets. To provide a safe environment for our children, masks are encouraged. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Grace Hutchinson at Fghdukefan@aol.com. Join us on the 24th for some great fall fun!



Belonging By Giving of Your Time

By Fred Woodward

The obvious part of our mission is to encourage you to financially support the ministries of the church, but there is more to it than that.

Over the next week or so, you should get one of our 2022 pledge brochures in the mail. They will also be available in the pews and in the church office. On the back, you will find a new section titled Time and Talent. There is a list of twenty-eight areas of interest and a write-in line for “other”. We are asking you to make a pledge of your self to some ministry of the church. We hope that this will be in addition to your financial pledge, but even if you can’t commit financially, you can offer your time.

Mac has a very simple formula for getting connected and staying connected to the Hudson community. First, attend worship regularly. Congratulations. You are off to a good start.

Second. Find a small group activity that feeds your spirit. I enjoy the Waking With the Word men’s bible study. We meet every Tuesday morning at 6:30, alternating weeks between in person and Zoom. The conversations are both challenging and uplifting, and I’ve gotten to really know some people that I never would have known otherwise. Let Mac if you’d like to get on that email list.

Third. Share your talent in some ministry of the church. I developed an unexpected talent while serving on the Memorial Garden Committee. I learned how to

prepare and close the niches in the columbarium when we place the remains of a loved one there. I’ve been doing that for seventeen years and it gives me a real sense of purpose to play a small role in that process.

The scripture we chose to accompany our theme of Belonging is Nehemiah 10:35, “We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord”. We obligate ourselves ... year by year. It is a choice. A good choice. I’m Fred Woodward and, for me, belonging to Hudson means being part of a larger purpose. Thank you.



COVID 19

Hudson’s Current Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub Team, Personnel Committee or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board. All below policies are subject to change.

- Church staff can work from the office or at home.
- For preschool drop off, no parents come inside the building.
- The preschool is following NCDHHS tool kit and guidance.
- Groups of any size can gather outside without masks. Eating outside on church property is permitted.
- Masks are required at all times inside the church building. Exceptions to this are:
 - Vaccinated speakers, soloists and small singing groups in worship who are appropriately socially distant from the congregation.
 - Staff who are working alone in their office.
- Sunday worship children’s message volunteers must wear masks when giving their talk because the children are not socially distant from the speaker.
- Employees of HMPC (church and preschool) are required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisor.
- Any volunteer working with children 12 and under at HMPC will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.
- Groups are not allowed to eat together inside the church buildings. The exception to this rule is preschool children have lunch and snack time in their class bubble.

Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, October 26th

6:30 am ZOOM



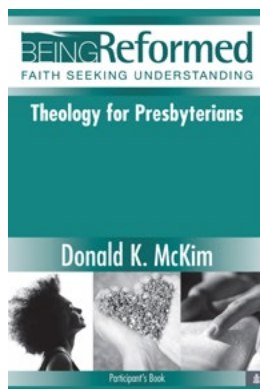
All men are invited to join this group for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient bible study process called Lectio Divina. We look at the passage that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday. The study revolves around three questions:

- 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 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 Pastor Mac.](#)

Presbyterian Pint

The Presbyterian Pint is working their way through *Being Reformed: Theology of Presbyterians*. Location to be determined. Complete brief reading for lesson 2: God for Presbyterians. [Mac has a few more booklets if you want to jump in the study.](#)



Fellowship Friday

Friday, October 29 6:45 pm
Movie on the West Lawn
The Ghost & Mr. Chicken



Don Knotts stars as a timid typesetter who hasn't a ghost of a chance of becoming a reporter – until he decides to solve a murder mystery and ends up spending a fright-filled night in a haunted house! Timeless comedy classic. Bring a picnic and a portable chair. (We can also provide a chair if needed) Drinks and popcorn provided

“Re Gathering”

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 - 10:20

WH South In this group are members of the “John Knox” and “Mixed Adults” classes along with newer members and guests. They enjoy a presentation and discussion format. Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will lead “Exploring the Presence of God” on October 24 and 31. Rev. Aleta Ash facilitates November 7, 14 and 21 with the theme “Disciples: Them and Us, Then and Now.”

Westminster Hall Patio Join us for “Patio Ponderings” facilitated by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg and Fred Woodward. This informal group is for all who would like to consider faith in light of contemporary issues. If you would like a place to share what challenges and opportunities you have right now and how your faith is informing your life, please join us! Topics and resources will be guided by the group and may include information (i.e., book study) and transformation as we connect with others. This Sunday’s topic is “Where do you find your peace?” In these chaotic times, do you struggle to find peace in your heart and mind? Come share your strategies and hear others as we explore this topic together.



Parlor - Silent Reflection and Prayer For those who need a quiet space to be still and mindful, the Parlor is available. Suggestions of ways to use the space are provided using



Words to Build On: Words of Scripture for Remembrance and Reflection and guides for personal prayer. The opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of the light of Christ and or in memory or honor of someone will be available. This will be one option for the space, another is just to sit quietly, pray if you would like, etc. In order to keep the sanctity of the space, the area is not for visiting.

Labyrinth Self-Guided Labyrinth Walking Meditations - Another outside option that will require social distancing but not masks will be a self-guided Labyrinth Meditation option. A guide to walking meditations and suggested material for reflection and some Sundays tokens of focus to carry on your journey will be available at the Labyrinth on or in front of the Welcome Box.



Youth on Sundays

Sunday Mornings:

- Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet this week at our regular time, 9:30am in the Explorers Room on the second floor.
- Confirmation Class (8th grade) will also be meeting at the regular time in the Confirmation Room. See you there!
- **Next Sunday, October 31st, The Explorers and Confirmation Classes will not be meeting.**
- **Bagels Are Back!** Starting on Sunday, November 6th, we will have “Bagels in the Breezeway” (since due to COVID there is no eating in the building). This will be the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday Afternoons:

- Middle School and High School Youth Group 5:00pm to 6:30pm. NOTE: This year the afternoon schedule is a bit different than previous years. Also, there will NOT be a meal component as a part of youth group this year. Snacks and drinks although will be provided on a week to week basis.
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm - Youth Music with Barbara - Youth interested in participating in the music program here at HMPC. WH North
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm Youth Group (Middle School grade 6-8 and High School grade 9-12) Come join us for recreation, study, mission and worship activities.

Coming Up

- **This Sunday - Church-Wide Fall Festival, Sunday, October 24, 4pm-6pm.** Youth are encouraged to not only participate with their families by bringing out a decorated “trunk” BUT to also volunteer to work with the children during the festival. If you are interested in helping with Children’s Ministry, please contact Rich Richards or Cary Dickerson.
- **Sunday, October 31 there will be NO EXPLORERS, CONFIRMATION or YOUTH GROUP.**
- **College Students: Montreat College Conference 2022!** If you are a college-aged-student and wish to continue the depth, magic, fun and Christian fellowship of a Montreat Youth Conference then come with Hudson this Winter to the Montreat College Conference. (January 2-5, 2022) If you are interested in registering, please contact Rich Richards.

[Contact Rich Richards here](#)

Youth Group

Decision to Return to 6th - 12th grades for Youth Group

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Youth Committee of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church decided to return to the traditional Middle School model of 6th-8th grades for evening youth group activities effective immediately. These activities include weekly Sunday afternoon/evening Youth Group, Presbytery Retreats, (New Hope Presbytery Fall Retreats) National Conferences (Massanetta Middle School Conference during the summer months) and any other 6th-8th grade youth activities offered by the PC(USA).

This will NOT affect the Sunday morning Sunday school “Explorers Class” which will remain as a 5th to 7th grade class. This will also NOT affect Youth Music on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:00pm. 5th graders are welcomed to continue with Barbara’s leadership during this time.

Music Corner

Bagpiper This Sunday

Bagpiper Emily Sprague is joining us this Sunday to help us celebrate Kirkin’ O’ th’ Tartan. She will play *Highland Cathedral*, *Scotland the Brave* and several hymn arrangements both inside and outside the church. You won’t want to miss this celebration.



Hudson Handbells

The Hudson Handbell Ringers played last Sunday, October 17th.



Peace and Global Witness



Special Offering for PCUSA - Peace and Global Witness

We will be receiving a Special Offering for Peacemaking and Global Witness in October. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. HMPC will use 25% of this Offering for Hunger Action, Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You may drop your donation in the church's mailbox (under the large oak, across from the office,) mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 peace).

Hands-On Service Event

The Hunger Action Team sponsored a HANDS-ON service event on Sunday, October 17th following Worship. Hudson packed 1,000 Breakfast Bags for Meals On Wheels. These bags are being distributed to their clients.



Tend My Sheep

The October Tend My Sheep collection will be holiday dinner items for the food pantry at North Raleigh Ministries. On Sunday morning, Oct. 24, we will collect instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing and gravy packets or jars. These will be assembled into bags at NRM to be distributed to families in need shortly before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed at North Raleigh Ministries to sort food donations and assemble bags, especially during the week of Nov. 1-5.



Rise Against Hunger

The Mission Committee would like to invite everyone to join us for a meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger. We will be packing 10,000 meals to help alleviate hunger worldwide.

The Mission Committee has committed to funding 10,000 meals. If you would like to donate funds for additional meals please contact Pat Cash.

- When: Sunday, November 7 at 2:00pm
- Where: Rise Against Hunger facility 3200 Wellington Court, Suite 112 Raleigh
- Who: HMPC members-space limited to 50 people
- Register using this link:

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002vmViQAI>

Contact Beth Billman with any questions at bethbillman@gmail.com

Volunteer at the Food Bank

The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment with the Food Bank. We have set up two standing monthly volunteer shifts: the second Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm and the third Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Use the link below to see the dates we will be working and to sign up to participate.

The Food Bank does require that volunteers be masked inside the warehouse. Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent, over 16 do not need a parent in attendance; youth may be able to count these as service hours.

[Please contact Beth Billman](#), with any questions.

https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0225&console_type=event_list&event_id=21&ht=1&res_code=HudsonMemorial



Calendar

Sunday, October 24

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshippers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226; Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 4 pm - Fall Festival

Monday, October 25

- 9:45 am - Preschool Chapel - Langley Lot
- 7 pm - Session - WH Patio
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - WH North, 227, 236

Tuesday, October 26

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - West Lawn
- 6:30 pm - Property - Zoom
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, October 27

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 28

- 7 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Beverage Co.

Friday, October 29

- 6:45 pm - Thank God It is Fellowship Friday - Movie on West Lawn

Saturday, October 30

- 8:30 am - Elder Retreat - HMPC Campus

Sunday, October 31

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshippers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226; Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship

Online Community

Stay in community with us. We can be found online at:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)

Follow us and like us!



Worship & The Arts

Live-Streaming Sunday Worship

For those unable to attend worship in person, we will be live streaming the services. Please know that the live streams will also be recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel, as well as the church website.

[Click here to live-stream or watch recording of this Sunday's 10:30 am service.](#)

Sound Technicians Needed - We are in great need of people to help run our sound system and stream our service. All that is required are good ears and a willingness to learn. [If interested, contact Barbara Loehr-Fox](#), or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, Barton Meeks, plus new streamers, Sarah Bedini, Erik Jacobsen, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono.

Nursery is Open



on Sundays!

Our nursery is open during worship. Your children from birth to 3 years old will be safely taken care of by our compassionate, trained, and responsible childcare

workers.

[Contact Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.](#)

Chancel Guild

Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103 or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086.



Mail to
HMPC
4921 Six Forks Rd.
Raleigh 27609

Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



Online at HMPC.ORG



Text to Give to
888-906-0744

Personnel

Sunday Morning Childcare Workers

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for caring, reliable childcare workers for our church nursery! This is a part-time opportunity on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - noon. Please send a resume or inquiry email to [Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries](#)

Organist/Music Assistant

We are beginning our search to fill the part-time organist position here at Hudson. [Please click here for more information.](#)

If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact anyone on the Search Committee: Barbara Loehr-Fox, Emily Brown, Carol Cox and Dan Vig.

From the HMPC Staff

Staff Email Addresses

When you receive an email from one of Hudson's staff members, please verify that the email address is their first initial then last name @hmpc.org - example - mschafer@hmpc.org. Do not respond or click in church emails if the from address is not like the example.

Staff Directory

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Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children & Family Ministries – cdickerson@hmpc.org

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Carol Yeargin, Organist – carolyeargin@gmail.com

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Dorothy Roche, Preschool Director – droche@hmpc.org

Joyce Hawkins, Assistant Preschool Director – jhawkins@hmpc.org

Hope Parangi, Church Hostess – hparangi@yahoo.com

New Members

Welcome New Members

Jason and Mary

Cates Bevier -

Jason was born and raised in Jasper, IN, and moved to Raleigh after pharmacy school to be close to family members. Mary Cates was born in Charlotte and

moved to Raleigh when she was 3. Both Jason and Mary Cates are pharmacists. They have 2 daughters who keep them very busy, so hobbies are limited at this time. The Bevier's have 2 dogs, Gandalf and Loki and a shetland pony names Charkie.



Megan Christenbury - Megan grew up in Illinois and moved to North Carolina in 2004. She is in Sales with



Johnson and Johnson. Megan and her husband, Andrew, have 2 children, and own Mordecai Beverage Company. Megan loves running and the outdoors, and are hoping to meet new people and make new friends at Hudson. The Christenburys have 2 dogs, Penny & Luna.

Teresita "Tere" (sounds like Terry) Mendoza - Tere was born in Mexico City, Mexico and grew up in Los Angeles, CA. She is a retired public school reading teacher. She loves the water, and languages - both spoken and written and is an avid reader. Tere has a cat named Peeta, who is overweight, but the cat doesn't seem to mind it too much.





November Birthdays

- 2 - Michelle Thompson-Mann, Dorothy McDermott
- 3 - Jim Crosson
- 4 - Tripp McDuffie, John Hall
- 5 - Heather Monroe
- 6 - Justin Smith, Mgbo Nkpa, Chris Page, Martin Playford
- 7 - Matthew McDougal, Jordan Parker, Anson Randolph
- 8 - Monica Fitzgerald, Alexandra McIntire, Will Keever, Davis Bradshaw
- 9 - Allie Maples, Rob Duggins, Maureen Thomas
- 12 - Emily Duggins, Connor Smith
- 13 - Emily Bigger, Dot Medlin, Elizabeth Forehand, Sandra Vasher, Meredith Dalzell, Bryson Guy, Garrett Guy
- 14 - Kenny Capps, Madelyn Sue Johnson, Melissa Keever, Janet Carr
- 15 - Alice Njoroge
- 16 - Darrin Komono
- 18 - Ken Krause, Judy James, Jane Hamner
- 19 - Hollis Peterson, Ed Holzinger, Jackson Lynch
- 20 - Joan Lester, Lee Hammond, Kate Fertin, Anna Fertin
- 21 - Amy Hunnicutt, Taylor Martin
- 22 - Ron Cole
- 23 - James Dickerson, Drak Thi
- 24 - Brad Harris, Bob Terry
- 25 - Logan Huesgen, Sandy Goodale
- 27 - Maegan Smith, Spencer Rogers
- 28 - Kirk Richardson, Roger Howard
- 29 - Rob Tice
- 30 - Ellen Lightsey, Renee McDougal

Children's Ministry

Music for Children

Pre-Elementary: Wee Worshippers, Room 225 9:30 am

Children are invited to participate in our pre-K music program called the Wee Worshippers during the 9:30 hour. Children will sing and play instruments to age appropriate music. They will even join Joyful Noise to perform in worship a few times throughout the year!

Joyful Noise: Grades K-4, Geneva Hall/Music Room 9:30 am

Joyful Noise is our Elementary age music program led by Gina Hayek. Using games and activities and playing instruments, children learn about Bible stories appropriate to their age and development. Joyful Noise children will have the opportunity to lead worship a few times a year through music and simple pageants.

Recommendations for Ruling Elders and Deacons And Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon consider members to begin their service in May 2022.

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us. As prescribed in the Book of Order, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee's work.

If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), fill out this form and drop it off at the church office or talk with Carol Clemens, Chair of the Nominating Committee. [You may also click here to fill out a recommendation form online.](#) We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve.

Member's Name _____

Consider for the office of: ☐ Ruling Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ Nominating Committee

Offices held at HMPC and other committee activity or mission involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name: _____