



the weekly Window

July 2, 2021

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

Fellowship



July 4th Cookout Following Worship

We invite all friends and members who are in town on Sunday, July 4th for a Cook Out following worship on the West Lawn (11:30ish). Come to worship dressed casual then stick around afterwards. We'll have tables and chairs set up under the shade of the trees. We will have burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian options and other typical 4th of July fare. It will be a great chance to celebrate the holiday weekend and catch up with your church friends you haven't seen in a while. See you Sunday!

Worship & The Arts



Welcome Nancy Howard to the Pulpit

Sunday, July 11th

On Sunday, July 11th The Reverend Nancy Howard will be preaching. Nancy is an honorably retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and served congregations in Indiana prior to moving to North Carolina with her husband Roger a few years ago. Most Sunday's Nancy can be found in the choir loft of HMPC. She is the proud mother of HMPC member Laura McHenry and loves her grandkids who are also active at the church.

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 this Sunday's 10:30 am service.](#)

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 Rachael McConnell if you have any questions.](#)

Adult Faith Formation



Brown Bag with Pastor Mac

Brown Bag will resume on August 2nd.

Waking Up with the Word

July 6 - 6:30 am

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am at the via Zoom. The group studies the scripture text that will be preached on the following Sunday. No previous Bible study experience is needed. The group centers their study around three questions - 1. What is a word or phrase that stands out to you in the text? 2. Allow that word or phrase to prompt a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. 3. What is Christ calling you to through the scripture text? [Don Slater](#) for more information.

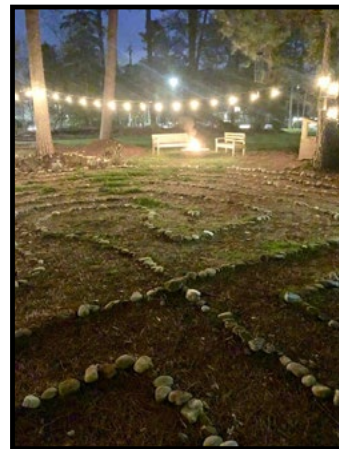


Letting Go at the Labyrinth

Sunday, July 11 8 pm

The Adult Education Committee invites you to join us on Sunday, July 11 at 8:00pm for a short sunset ceremony under the lights at the Labyrinth! We will be faithfully letting go of some of the worries we have been carrying for the last fifteen months by participating in a labyrinth walk of release and renewal that is followed by a time of prayer, fellowship and light refreshments at the firepit after your walk.

Depending on number of attendees, we will conclude between 9:00 and 9:30pm. We would love to see you, so [please email Debbie Kirk](#) if you can join us! In the event it rains, event will be rescheduled.



Preschool

Summer is Here!

The first session of summer at HMP wrapped up this week, it was so nice to be back after missing last summer! Throughout the month of June our children enjoyed pleasant temperatures, stroller rides, sprinkler fun, bug hunts and so much more. We look forward to taking a little time off and returning for our second session on July 12th.



Children's Ministry

2021 VBS

Volunteers Needed



**August 9-13
9 am to Noon**

This year we are beyond excited to bring back our week-long VBS program August

9th-13th!

Our passenger cars are filling up and we need conductors and engineers to keep us going. Okay, enough with the train metaphors!

If you have been looking for a chance to bring the good news of Jesus, have fun, and hang out with some awesome children, please consider volunteering to serve as a crew leader, rotation leader (Bible Stories, Science, Recreation!) nursery caregiver, or decor specialist.

Our days will be from 9 am-12 Noon Monday-Friday. Beat the heat as we will be inside since the church is now open safely! Our current policy will be masks required for volunteers and children over the age of 5.

We do not want to turn any child away if we do not have to and our volunteers help us bring the Gospel and the fun to all [Sign up here](#) and if you have any questions, [contact Rachael McConnell](#).

Inquirer's Class

Sunday, July 18

The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on Sunday, July 18. in-person and Zoom options available. 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](#). Please submit the forms no later than Wednesday, July 14.

[Please contact Debbie Kirk if you are interested.](#)



Leadership

Special Thanks to Ministry Team Chairs

This is the time of year when many of the boards, ministry teams and committees rotate leadership. We want to take a moment to thank those who chaired some of our ministry teams through one of the most difficult times in our churches history. It is fair to say these friends blazed new ground and had to be incredibly creative in their work this past year. We thank the following outgoing chairs. Your leadership has been a shining light to us all through a dark time and we thank you for your dedicated service to Christ's church.

- Tom Carpenito, Foundation Board
- Emily Cobb, Memorial Garden Committee
- Cary Dickerson, Mission Committee
- Sarah Edge, Hudson Memorial Preschool Board
- Marsha Flueckinger, Nominating Committee
- Monica Maxwell, Youth Committee
- Laura McHenry, Giving Ministry Team
- Linda Meeks, Moderator of the Deacons
- John Whisler, Hudson Connects



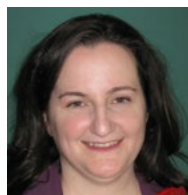
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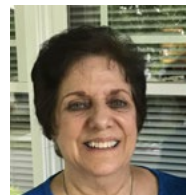
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Monica
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Laura
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Youth Mission Trip Recap

by Lilly Graybill

From June 15-17, 14 of our high school youth group members went on a mission trip to serve several organizations within the Raleigh-Durham area. We partnered with the [Raleigh Youth Mission](#) at First Presbyterian Church downtown. We did several different and unique activities together, and learned so much about the area around us.

On the first day, Tuesday, we drove down to [Healing Transitions](#) to learn and tour their facility. At this organization, it helps several people recover from addiction and alcoholism, and provides long term care for several months. Healing Transitions helps so many people get back to the life they want to live, and was an unique experience to meet some of the people who were recovering and hear their stories. In the afternoon, we walked down to the legislative building to talk with [Jay Chaudhuri](#), the state senator from our district. Our youth group was able to learn more about the government, and discuss some of the bills currently in the senate. We were so appreciative to be able to talk to him, and it was so cool to be able to get a peek into the life of a senator and see what he does.

On Wednesday, we went over to Durham to visit [Farm Church](#). Farm Church is an organization that encourages volunteers to come work on their small farm, and then they have worship afterwards as a group. They donate all the food they grow to local shelters and food banks. I was tasked with weeding and planting new crops, and it was really enjoyable, even though I don't spend much time gardening. It felt so nice to put my hands in the dirt and get dirty, and also to be able to socialize with new people. In the afternoon, we went for an urban walk downtown to see the recent changes the city has made due to the recent movements. It was really educational to see why some of the statues were taken down and why some names

changed. On this walk, we went to [Carroll's Kitchen](#). This lovely restaurant helps employ women who need a job and financial stability. It teaches them how to cook and prepare food, and serve amazing Kolaches. I will definitely be taking my family and friends there, because the food was absolutely stellar!

On Thursday, we went over to the [Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC](#) to go sort food and work in their garden. My group sorted through huge bins of sweet potatoes, picking out the rotten ones. We then put them in bags so they could be redistributed to people in the community. I've never seen so many potatoes, but it was really fun to work and be able to get to know people in our youth group and other people working alongside our group. After that, we went to [A Place at the Table](#) to eat lunch. This restaurant is a "pay what you can" place, so they are able to provide people with amazing food even if they may not be able to afford it fully. It also helps employ people in need of a job or if they are experiencing homelessness. The food there was absolutely delicious, and they have a wide menu to choose from. Me and my family have been here several times, and it's always scrumptious food!

Overall, it was a wonderful experience. Even though it was a short week, and it wasn't an overnight trip, I still had so much fun learning about all these places in my community. There were so many unique places and experiences that I would've never thought to go to. I'm so appreciative for our wonderful Youth Director Frank and Raleigh Youth Mission for putting this all together, because it was a very fun and educational week! :)



Youth Programs

- **The Massanetta Middle School Conference** was June 22-25. The theme for the conference was “Rooted in Love.” Thank you for keeping our wonderful group of 15 in your prayers as we visit our denomination’s historic Conference Center in Virginia. Special thanks to Ashley Edmister and Kelly Capps for chaperoning. See pics below of the youth at Massanetta
- **Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)** – All 20 participants are reminded to print and start your Symptom Tracker Form on July 4th. The detail letter has already been emailed to all participants.
- **Rising Fifth Grade Youth (current 4th graders)** and Parent E-mail Information Needed – The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class (for grades 5-7) and the middle school youth group (grades 5-8) are excited about the rising fifth grade youth that will be moving into the church’s youth program this fall. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please e-mail the

following information to hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com : the youth’s name, school, and e-mail address, and parent’s name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.

- **2021 – 2022 Confirmation Class - Current 7th Graders and Older** – It’s time to start thinking about Confirmation for the 2021-22 Program Year – Please watch your mail and email closely for registration information for our next class starting in late August/ Early September.
- **VBS Youth Volunteers Needed** - Are you ready to serve during the most fun week of the summer?! Join us for VBS this year, we need you! Serving during VBS is a great, fun, and air-conditioned way to gain volunteer hours. This year we are doing something new as well: Have you always wanted to be a character at Disney World? Want some practice before high school/college mascot tryouts? Do people often say “You’re quite a character!” Become one of the most beloved parts of VBS by volunteering to be one of the Bible Buddies come alive! Check out the description on the volunteer sign up or e-mail Rachael McConnell (rmcconnell@hmpc.org) or text her (512-966-0384) for more info! Sign up here: vbspro.events/p/hmpcvbs2021



Missions

July Special Offering

Care of Candidates

During July, will be receiving a special offering to support candidates to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Money raised for the Care of Candidates Special Offering can be used to provide assistance to members who are pursuing a seminary education. Your generous contributions will enable the church to continue providing this support. You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it to the church, [donate online](#), or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 candidates).

July Tend My Sheep

This year, we are going local with our school supply drive!

Green Magnet Elementary is our neighbor just a couple blocks north of Hudson. Green is a Title I school, which means the school receives federal funds due to at least 40% of their students are considered low-income. They appreciate us reaching out with an offer of help.

The school's social worker identified these items as most needed: Backpacks (24 needed), crayons (12 or 24 packs), glue sticks, wide-ruled composition books, #2 pencils, blue or black pens, round-tipped scissors, and rulers.

The backpacks are a more expensive item that many families have a harder time affording, especially if they have multiple kids. Donations will be collected on Saturday, July 24th from 11 am – 1 pm and at the service on Sunday, July 25th.



Deacon Ministry

Prayers for Households



Prayer is foundational to the ministry of the Deacons and we consider it a privilege to pray with and for our church family. The Deacons are praying for 7 member households each week,

with the goal of praying for each and every member of our congregation. These households are listed below so the congregation can join in praying for them as well. Each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. If you have a specific request for prayer, you can submit a prayer request at [HMPC.org](#) or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line. Arline Seaman is the Deacon on Call for June. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Juanita & Ken Ross*
- *Jim Rutherford*
- *Patti and Robert Saleeby*
- *Dickens, Beau, Harper, Emma and Ford Sanchez*
- *Karin, Mike, Lacey, Sarah and Holly Sandlin*
- *Carolyn, Jared, Briant and Emma Sanspree*
- *Katy, Mac, Hunter, Hannah, Tory and Skye Schafer*

Session Policy & The Pandemic

As we continue to go through the pandemic we want to remind the congregation of the following policies set by the Session.

Masks are:


- to be worn in the sanctuary for worship, weddings and memorial services.
- to be worn when walking the hallways of the church while Hudson Memorial Preschool is in session (M-F 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- no longer required for group meetings in rooms at the church for those **who have been fully vaccinated**.
- not required for any church gathering/meeting outdoors.
- to be worn when working with children under the age of 12 indoors.

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](#) - examples - [mschafer@hmpc.org](#), [dkirk@hmpc.org](#).


There have been some spam emails being sent, making them look like they are coming from the church. In those cases, the "from" email address is not correct. If you receive those, please do not respond or click on any links.




Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



Mail to
HMPC
4921 Six Forks Rd.
Raleigh 27609



Online at [HMPC.ORG](#)



Text to Give to
888-906-0744

July Birthdays



1. Colt Jackson, Dottie Davis
2. Tiffany Wheeler, Wynne Long
3. Avi Banerjee, Billy Poole, Leigh Betancourt
4. Andrea Mouw, Kathy White, Cate Madden
5. Lacey Sandlin, Logan Randolph
7. Anna Keen, Susan Krause, Debbie Bumgarner, P. J. Conger, Jimmie Spell, Charlie Onaya
8. Connery Bunn, Maddox Johnson, Michelle Philips
9. Dick Ives, Beth Billman, Marie Martin
10. Susan Bradshaw
11. Lauren Parker, Walt Lang
12. Jeri Thomas
13. Phil Hayden, Shelly Ayers
14. Rick Melling, Lee Playford
15. William Davidson, Karen Melling
16. Trish Richardson, Cathy Bentlage

17. Heidi Duggins, Sandra Acai, Sandy Cole, Kathy Seekamp, Ellie Vig, Richard Blanks, Tanner Hanks, Lisa Hoffman
18. Teri Morris, Phyllis James, Ethan Page, Hannah Cox
19. Bob Conder, Luke Dalzell, Nathan Edge, Jimmy Hulsey
20. Aleta Ash, Ogbeyialu Nduka, Morgan Plentl
21. Brooke Baur, Olivia Mercer, Robert Saleeby
22. Karen Layton
24. Ann Trent, Laura McHenry, Andrew Pate
26. Calesta Heres
27. Mitch Perry, Jenna Schindo, Katy Schafer, Keels Maxwell
28. Olivia Davidson, Terry Lamberson
30. Robert Atkinson, Ginny Conger, Patty Shaver
31. Brent Sharpe, Caroline Smart, Jackie Rogers

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Calendar

Sunday, July 4

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Labyrinth Green
- 11:45 am - West Lawn Cookout

Monday, July 5

- Church Office Closed
- 6:30 pm - Personnel - Zoom
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, July 6

- Church Office Closed
- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
- 1:30 pm - Single Way - Winston's Grille
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, July 7

- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 6:30 pm - Children's Committee
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, July 11

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Labyrinth Green
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 12 Noon - Hudson Connects - Room 200
- 8 pm - Letting Go at the Labyrinth



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

In June we collected
314 pounds of food and
household products for
Interfaith Food Shuttle!
Thank you for your
generous donations!

