



Hudson's 2022 Confirmation Class

By Rich Richards

On a warm, Monday evening, a week into Eastertide, the HMPC Session had its monthly meeting, but this one looked, felt and *smelled* a bit different than others during the year. This Session meeting included younger guests than usual--Guests that are to be our newest members of the church. They welcomed the 2022 Confirmation Class, mentors and Confirmation teachers to a tasty dinner prepared by Hope Parangi and members of the Session. Nine 8th graders and their mentors gathered and chatted with the Session members as music played in the background, making it feel like a party! After dinner, Pastor Mac had prepared an intentional liturgical art installation in the middle of a large circle of chairs in Westminster Hall, and paved the way for an evening of meaningful sharing from the Confirmands, Session members, mentors and staff. This included everyone passing the light of Christ to one another in a symbolic act of Christ's love.

Congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2022 and thanks to all the mentors and teachers for their time and care for these young people. Remember, the youth of our church are not fixtures of the future, but rather partners of the present.



PERSONNEL

Important News About HMPC Staff

The winds of change continue to blow at Hudson as we move into Eastertide:



Pat Cash, Church Business Administrator, has faithfully served Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in that position since 2009, and has worked in the church office since 2001. She will be changing careers and will become a full-time Nanny for her newest grandson.

Pat has been a tremendously dedicated administrator here at Hudson and we thank God for her service to the church. While we know that there is no “replacing” Pat, please know that the Personnel Committee will be prayerfully discerning how to move forward with the Church Business Administrator position, as it has been a hub of congregational support and stability.

Pat's last day at Hudson will be Tuesday, June 14th.



The Personnel Committee would also like to inform the congregation that after a period of discernment, it has unanimously affirmed dropping “Interim” from Rich Richard's title to make him our Director of Youth Ministries. As we continue to come through the pandemic, we are excited that Rich will go on summer trips with

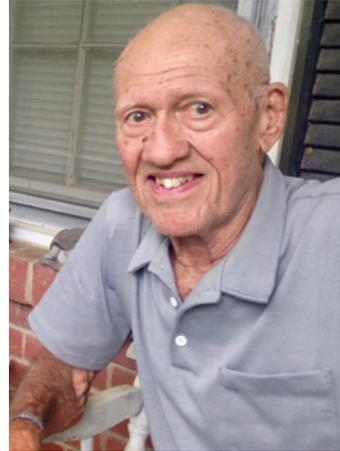
our youth and use his creative gifts to build a program that values discipleship, relationships, joy, and care for students, parents and leaders.

We ask that the congregation would continue to pray for the Session as we move forward with our calling to boldly worship, educate, fellowship, care, and reach out to a world in need of spiritual grounding and nurture in Jesus Christ.

We are thankful for Pat Cash and Rich Richards and their part in propelling HMPC's ministry forward!

HMPC MEMBER NEWS

Well Wishes Pete Peterson



We wish HMPC charter member Pete Peterson God's blessing as he moves to Hickory, NC to be closer to his children. We will be praying for Pete through this transition.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations Susie Bradshaw & Brody Rogerson

Congratulations to HMPC member Susie Bradshaw & Brody Rogerson who were married on Saturday, April 23, 2020.

We celebrate this special occasion with other HMPC members: Tom & Mary Mac, Tripp & Susan (parents of the bride), McLean and Davis Bradshaw.

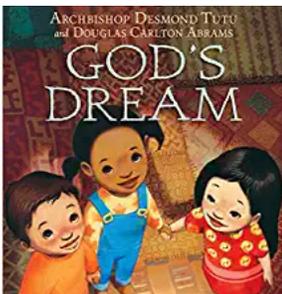


Children & Family Volunteer Opportunities at the Food Bank

Please join us for a family-friendly volunteer day at the Food Bank! This event is for children from 5 to 11 years old and guardians are required to attend. Projects include labeling donations and sorting produce. **Our volunteer dates are rapidly approaching!** The dates are May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, September 10th, and October 23rd from 2-4 pm. Registration link can be found [here](#).

Children's Faith Formation Library

We are excited to announce new additions to our Children's Faith Formation Library! This library is located in the lobby by the Westminster Hall church entrance and contains wonderful stories for families to borrow to read at home. There are a wide variety of stories from the Bible and books about who God is. We have also added beautiful books about Kindness, Inclusion, Diversity, Friendship, and Self-Expression. These books can serve as great conversation starters with our children about these important values at the center of our faith.



New Book of the Week

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has a vision of God's dream, which he shares here with the youngest of listeners. It involves people who reach out and hold each other's hands, but sometimes get angry and hurt each other — and say

they're sorry and forgive. It's a wish that everyone will see they are brothers and sisters, no matter their way of speaking to God, no matter the size of their nose or the shade of their skin. Aided by vibrant artwork evoking such images as a rainbow and a sharing circle, Tutu offers the essence of his Ubuntu philosophy, a wisdom so clear and crystalline that even the smallest child can understand.

Whether you have small children at home or just have few minutes to spare after worship, we hope you will stop by the library and take a look!

Last Chance to Register! Summer Arts Camp

Last chance to sign up for Hudson Memorial's first Arts Camp for children! We only have a few spots left and will be ordering all of our supplies next week. The camp will take place **Wednesday, June 15th-Friday, June 17th, from 5:30-7:30pm each night**. This opportunity is open to children currently enrolled in Kindergarten-5th grade. Children will explore drama, music, and the visual arts! Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional



sibling, which includes dinner being served each night. This event is open to the community, so we would love for you to bring a friend. Registration link [here](#).

HMPC Youth - May 1st

SUNDAY MORNING:

Explorers' Class - 9:30am in the Explorers' Room

It's Confirmation Sunday! There will be NO Confirmation Class.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

4:30pm - Youth Music - WH

Middle School Youth Group will NOT meet

High School Youth Group - North Hills Night!
Please arrive by 5:00pm and bring \$10 for dinner.

College Graduations

If you are or have a member of your family graduating from college this spring, please send the below information to [Lesley Ash-Jacobsen](#).

Let us know the...

- Name
- Degree
- Institution
- Honors
- Anything else you think might be helpful.

SESSION

Session Update

- Session voted to accept the class of 9 Confirmands into membership. The Confirmands will stand before the congregation on Sunday, May 1.
- Session voted to sustain the nomination of Jay Cummins as ruling Elder class of 2025, to be installed and ordained on Sunday, June 5.
- Session voted to approve a proposal from the Mission committee to use the \$25,000 surplus from the 2021 operating budget. The funds will be directed to three specific hunger programs sponsored by the Interfaith Food Shuttle.

DEACONS

Deacons Ministry



One of the most important things Deacons do is pray with and for others and for the needs of the world. The Lent Evening Prayer services are a very special opportunity that Deacons look forward to, and this year they appreciated using the recently updated chapel space. As the space is completed, they will be considering other opportunities when they might utilize the space to meet with others for prayer and additional services/activities.



FAITH FORMATION

Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Mac



**Monday, May 2nd | Noon
Westminster Hall South**

This group continues to study *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart D. Ehrman. The group is asked to be prepared to discuss pages 147-212.

Waking Up With The Word Tuesday, May 3 | 6:30am | WH Patio

All men are invited to join this group on the WH Patio 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 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.](#)



Women at the Well Next Evening Gathering: May 12



The Women at the Well monthly group's next meeting will be on **May 12 at 6:00pm** at **La Rancherita**. If you have questions or would like to be added to the distribution list, let Debbie Kirk know at dkirk@hmpe.org.

The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am

WH South

"How Good Do We Have To Be?"

Facilitated by Ron Ash | May 1

This class will be based on the book by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Topics include guilt, forgiveness, and imperfections we sense in parents, spouses, friends, and ourselves. The class will try to put our feelings of inadequacy and guilt into perspective - and learn to accept ourselves and others even when we and they are less than perfect. The story of Adam and Eve will be woven into our discussion.

What Happened To The Disciples After Easter Morning?

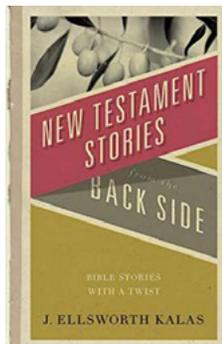
Facilitated by Susan Grigg | May 8, 15, 22, 29

Using the Gospels, Acts, and various commentaries, the class will discover the responses of the disciples who encountered the empty tomb and the risen Christ. Our discussions will center on our responses as the 'Easter People' today.

WH North

"New Testament Stories from the Back Side" Led by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward | Through June 5

"Ponderings" is a conversation all are welcome to join any Sunday, no preparation needed. We use scripture, commentaries, and current events to frame our discussions. Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward facilitate the group. We're currently discussing the book *New Testament Stories from the Back Side*, in which J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into selected New Testament stories by entering them through the "back side" -- through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens", or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.



Healing Together:

An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride

Wednesday, May 11 | 7:00-9:00pm
White Memorial Presbyterian Church

HMPC Deacons invite you to "Healing Together: An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride". Almost a year ago, White Memorial staff invited several congregations to partner with them in sponsoring an event to assist us in dealing with some of the issues that Covid-19 was causing and/or making more acute. HMPC agreed that this kind of resource is much needed, and on behalf of our church made the financial commitment to participate. Debbie Kirk agreed to serve on the planning team. We are pleased that after months of Covid-related changes in scheduling we now have a firm date for the event! Our Deacons will be attending and invite all members of our church to attend as well. For questions, contact [Debbie Kirk](#) or an HMPC Deacon.

Registration link is on [White Memorial's homepage](#).

"More than ever before we are coming into cultural awareness about the reality of trauma and the need to understand it and address it, both individually and collectively. But what is trauma? How does it impact us? How do we heal from it? And what, if anything, do our spirituality and our communities of faith have to do with our ability to mend our wounds? In this talk, psychologist Dr. Hillary McBride will share neuroscience and research-based psychological insights in accessible, meaningful, and practical ways so we can better understand and live into how we heal, in our own journeys and alongside one another."



Registration is required but there is no cost for participants, thanks to the generosity of the sponsoring churches. This event is Hosted and Sponsored by White Memorial Presbyterian Church and Co-Sponsored by Christ Church, Edenton Street Methodist

Church, First Presbyterian Church, Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Hayes Barton United Methodist Church and Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

HMPC Mission Update



The HMPC Mission Committee is proud to announce that Hudson Memorial has officially been designated as a Certified Hunger Action Congregation by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This designation is the culmination of several years of

hard work by members of the congregation. Many thanks to the original Hunger Action Team who took the idea of making hunger and food insecurity the church's primary focus and turned it into a plan of action. Earning this designation was an important goal for this group. Task force members Beth Billman, JoLee Carpenito, Carol Clemens, Mitch Perry, Glenn Schindo, Carolyn Scott and Debbie Kirk are to be congratulated for this success. We wanted to let you know of the impact we are making in the world around us.

The following is a list of our efforts and funding at work:

- \$2200 was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, this was designated for tornado relief in Kentucky.
- \$5700 was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, this was designated for Ukraine relief efforts.
- Our monthly special offerings and Tend My Sheep collections have been successful. Thanks to the members of Hudson we have made the following donations:
 - \$1055 to Capital Towers
 - \$1010 to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC
 - 155 pounds of food to the Food Bank
 - 66 pairs of pants to Note in the Pocket
 - 113 bathroom items to Green Chair Project
 - 40 bags of canned goods to North Raleigh Ministries
- We continue to offer monthly volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank.
- Members deliver food to vulnerable members of the community through Meals on Wheels.
- Hudson continues to be a partner with the Interfaith Coalition of Habitat for Humanity.

Special Offering for May

Hunger Action/ Food Ministries



This month's special offering is for HMPC's Hunger Action and Food Ministries. Please consider making a generous donation to help our neighbors in need. You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. Text donation amount with the word "hunger" to 888-906-0744 (*Example: 25 hunger*).



Beth Billman and Emily Cobb dropping off canned goods (collected at the Easter Cancake Breakfast) at North Raleigh Ministries.

Volunteer at the Food Bank



HMPC has dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. These dates are:

Saturday, May 7
Wednesday, June 8

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of [hmpc.org](#).

After following the link, click the "Sign Up" button next to the shift you'd like to attend, then follow the website's prompts to either create a new account and register, or login to an existing account. Please note that registration through the website is required before volunteering.

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.

Spring Concert Next Month!

Sunday, May 15th | 4:30pm | Sanctuary

Presented By The Musical Ensembles Of
Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church:

Wee Worshipers

Joyful Noise

Youth Music

Hudson Handbell Ringers

Chancel Men's Chorus

Chancel Women's Chorus

Chancel Choir

And Other Vocal & Instrumental Musicians
From The Congregation

Reception to follow hosted by Presbyterian Women.

*When in Our Music
God is Glorified!*
SPRING CONCERT

Spring Concert Reception Volunteers Needed!

Presbyterian Women hosts a light fellowship reception following the Concert. Please sign up for a volunteer position and/or to contribute a food item for this Celebration in Song. You can also sign-up by emailing your selected volunteer post to Sharon Cole at sharoncole@carolina.rr.com.

PW THANKS YOU!

Sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C044BAFAF2BA6F94-2022](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BAFAF2BA6F94-2022)

May Birthdays



- 1 - Carol Clemens, Sandy Geiger, Libby Rogers
- 2 - Morgan Dickinson, Nora Kelley
- 3 - Gene Brown, Ashley Poling, Caroline Cook
- 4 - Samantha Hague, Andrew Dudeck, Olene Franks
- 5 - Don Haydon
- 6 - Kelly D. Boone
- 7 - Pete Peterson, William Branch, Whitney Miller
- 8 - Alana Conder, Allie Sharpe, Ellis Peterson, Marie Wallden
- 9 - Thomas Apple, Retta Crosson, Ace Ornt, Lesley Ash-Jacobsen
- 10 - Paul Simson, Jennifer Pierotti
- 11 - Jill Hovis, Jack McHenry
- 12 - Richard Skinner, Cecil Shearon, Elaine Thomas, Nedda Parangi
- 13 - Tony Bedini, Holden Long, Theresa Ash, Linda Ornt, Owen Bevier
- 15 - Julianne Pierotti, Maddie Graybill, Katie Bumgarner, Grayson Harris
- 16 - Jason Clemens, Rachel Moore, Colton Bowles
- 17 - Bill Flueckinger, Ben Woodward, Orji Nduka
- 18 - Amanda Holser
- 19 - Ahn Ya, Lynne Duncan, Laura Perry
- 20 - Karen Brewer
- 21 - Jay Bowles, Scott Hanks, Sonia Allen, Nathan Ash
- 22 - Shawn Jackson, John James, Cebe Keever
- 23 - Ryan Tice, Cynthia Woodward, Rebecca Keen
- 24 - Andy Plyler, Charlotte Burch
- 26 - Greg Flueckinger
- 27 - Kay Peedin, Eva Peterson
- 29 - Tillie Tingen, Kate Griffin, Chip Magee, Emma Sanspree, Dolores Ussery
- 30 - Zach Edmister
- 31 - Fran Betancourt, Holland Page, Harriet Fletcher

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, May 1

9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation - WH
9:30 am - Explorers Class - Explorers Room
10:30 am - Worship - Confirmation Sunday
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH
11:45 am - Coffee & Conversation - Parlor/Chapel
4:30 pm - Youth Music - WH
5:00 pm - HS Youth Group - North Hills

Monday, May 2

12:00 pm - Brown Bag Lunch with Mac - Parlor
5:00 pm - Personnel (TBD)
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

Tuesday, May 3

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

Wednesday, May 4

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Zoom
6:00 pm - Children's Ministry
6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 5

7:00 pm - Deacon Orientation

Saturday, May 7

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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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INQUIRER'S CLASS

Interested in Joining?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on **Sunday, May 15th**.

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.

