



GARDEN & GLASS

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE MEMORIAL GARDEN & SANCTUARY WINDOWS

When you stand on the new patio of the Memorial Garden and face south, not only do you look upon the niches of the saints who built this church, you also look upon the glass windows that bring light to our worship in the sanctuary. Through June 2022, the Session would like to raise \$85,000 to cover the cost of sanctuary windows, as well as Phase III of the Memorial Garden upgrade. On Sunday, May 1st, we kicked off this campaign in worship.



GARDEN

In 2021, upon the conclusion of the Capital Campaign Ramp Project, the Memorial Garden Committee began planning for a major upgrade of the Memorial Garden that would truly honor the saints who are remembered there. Phase I and II were completed in the fall of 2021. The funds used for these phases had been collected over the years when niches were purchased or individuals made donations to the maintenance of the garden. **The Memorial Garden Committee now needs funds to pay for Phase III, which includes:** The installation of a pergola around the patio; new seating options; garden sculpture installation; reserve funds for future maintenance and repairs that may emerge with niches, the memorial wall, and garden upkeep.

GLASS



In 2019, the Session approved a plan to replace the windows in the sanctuary that were in disrepair. Six new windows were paid for and have been installed. We need to install four more windows, for a total cost of \$35,000.

If you feel led to give, please make your financial gift by June 2022. Gifts can be made in the following ways: Online at www.hmpc.org under the *Donate* tab, mail or deliver a check to the church made out to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, with "Garden & Glass" written on the memo line.



HMPC Spring Concert

THIS Sunday, May 15th | 4:30pm

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

SESSION

Session Update

- Approved the designation of \$120,891 as a church reserve fund to cover fixed expenses in the event of a catastrophic reduction in income
- Approved Pastor Mac Schafer's plan for a professional sabbatical from mid-July 2022 through mid-October 2022. The sabbatical potentially includes a tour of Reformation sites in Germany & Switzerland and a pilgrimage on the Chemin de Le Puy (France), Camino del Norte (Spain) and Camino Primitivo (Spain).
- 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.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY



Memorial Day Weekend

Fellowship Friday - May 27th

Fellowship is hosting a cookout!

We will have hamburger sliders, grilled chicken, potato salad, broccoli slaw, garden salad, chips, fruit, and dessert.

We will begin serving at 6:00pm, The movie will follow at 6:45pm. The movie is *Waking Ned Devine*, rated PG. About the movie: "A heartwarming comedy with a delightfully light touch, *Waking Ned Devine* finds feel-good humor in some unexpected -- and unexpectedly effective -- places. When a lottery winner dies of shock, his fellow townsfolk attempt to claim the money."

Please make reservations by Wednesday, May 25th! A donation of \$5 per adult would be appreciated. Children (age 10 and under) - \$3.

Register by calling the church office or sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea5a729a6f5c34-memorial>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS will take place August 8th- August 12th and our theme this year is *Discovery on Adventure Island*. We need volunteers in order to make this week a success! You may sign up to volunteer in the registration link. Per church policy, all volunteers working with children 12 and under must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the Director of Children and Family Ministries.



Sign-up: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/hmpcvbs>

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations!

Lindsey Moore & Rich Richards

Congratulations to Lindsey Moore & Rich Richards on their marriage on Saturday, May 7th in Wilmington, NC.

Rich is Hudson's Director of Youth Ministries & Interim Joyful Noise Director.

Lindsey has been regularly attending Hudson and can sometimes be found playing the flute or handbells! We celebrate with you and pray that God will give you a growing love on your journey together!



HMP FOUNDATION

Foundation Birthday Gifts

Thanks to the members and friends who have recently donated to the Foundation Birthday Fund:

Amy Tennant
Lynn, Reed and Eliza Jane Cummins
Frances Massey
Caroline Smart
Polly & Don Haydon
Yana Soler
Sonia Parikh
Nancy Appleby Brenner
Nancy & Mike Law
Barry Cobb
Grace Hutchinson and John Oldenburg



CONGRATULATIONS

New Hope Presbytery Outstanding Older Adult

Sandy Geiger



The members of Session feel strongly that Sandy's life service and care for others make her an outstanding candidate to receive this award.

Sandy has lived a life devoted to the service to our Lord Jesus Christ. During her career, she served six years

as a pediatric nurse and 23 years working for the State of Maryland Mental Health and Hygiene department. She worked in the area of addiction education, prevention, and treatment.

Sandy has been a member of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church since November 2004. She is currently finishing up the second year of her second term as a ruling elder, and is liaison for the Worship Committee. She serves on the Sacristy Guild, is an usher and on the Welcoming Team. Sandy is also a member of Hannah Circle, coordinates outreach to Capital Towers, delivers Meals on Wheels, participates in Brown Bag Lunch, Seeing the Word, Women at the Well, and is a regular office volunteer. In the past she served with Wake Interfaith Hospitality, was a Deacon, and served on the board of the Hudson Memorial Preschool and Mission Committee.

In her spare time, Sandy enjoys patio gardening, attending sporting events and decorating. She likes walking, and enjoys simple pleasures of life and sharing experiences with her two children and five grandchildren.

The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am



WH South

What Happened To The Disciples After Easter Morning?

Facilitated by Susan Grigg | Through May 29

Using the Gospels, Acts, and various commentaries, the class will discover the responses of the disciples

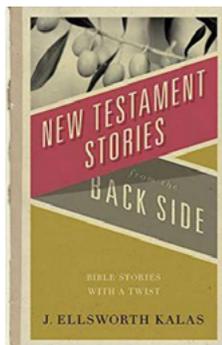


who encountered the empty tomb and the risen Christ. Our discussions will center on our responses as the ‘Easter People’ today.

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.



Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, May 17 | 6:30am | Chapel Patio

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

Labyrinth Carpet

Installed in Chapel



The transformation of the parlor to a chapel and multi-use space continues. Recently, new carpet was installed, which includes a labyrinth design.

Labyrinths have been used for

centuries within the Christian tradition as prayer and meditation tools. While Hudson has had an outside labyrinth for years (on the north end of our campus), this smaller labyrinth will allow for quiet meditation inside of our church building. The carpet was funded primarily through memorial gifts. The transformation of the parlor into a chapel comes out of a vision in the 2017 Session-approved Task Force Report. In recent months, the chapel has been used for silent prayer and Wednesday evening Lenten Prayer services run by our Board of Deacons.

Volunteer at the Food Bank



HMPC has dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. The only remaining date is: **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. [Please contact Beth Billman](#) with any questions.

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](#).

Tend My Sheep for May



This month the Mission Committee is collecting toiletry items for our friends and neighbors at Capital Towers. Capital Towers is an affordable housing community for seniors.

Hudson Memorial has a long-standing relationship with their community. Items collected will be distributed to residents. Thank you for considering a donation.

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*).

VAN MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed Van Ministry

The HMPC Van Ministry has been a part of our church for decades now. One of the things we do is drive seniors from the Capital Towers apartments to the Food Lion at Six Forks and Millbrook each Tuesday, and return them home after their shopping is done. As we now regroup, coming out of the Covid "hiatus," the ministry is looking for new volunteers to replace some of our merry drivers who have retired from service. The commitment is from 10am - 11:30am one Tuesday out of each month.

The church will run an MVR and requires that you have not had an infraction or DUI in the past 3 years to be considered. (You do not have to be a church member to participate!) If interested, please contact Dave Smart at dsmart1972@icloud.com.



This is an extremely rewarding service, so please consider being a volunteer with us!

Children's Faith Formation Library

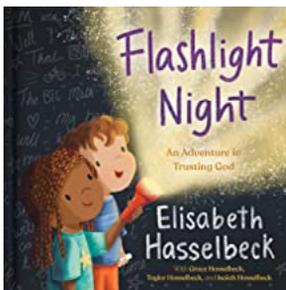


We are excited to announce new additions to our Children's Faith Formation Library! This library is located in the lobby by the Westminster Hall church entrance and contains wonderful stories for families to borrow to read at home. There are a wide variety of stories from the Bible and

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

Written by Elisabeth Hasselbeck, this story reminds us that little hearts can be anxious too—and that God is always listening to their prayers. Flashlight Night is narrated by a boy whose parents have used chalkboard paint to create a wall where he and his siblings can write out all their fears, cares, and concerns. The boy shares the wall with a friend, who records her own prayers. Later, 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 (and the children's faith) are still there, even in the dark, and that God hears every request. *"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."*

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!

Habitat for Humanity Children's Project

Recently some of our children participated in a fun Interfaith service project with Habitat for Humanity! Children were invited to come paint baffles to be used inside the Interfaith Build home we are currently participating in.

Interested in helping with the Interfaith project? There is another work day for people 16+ on Saturday, June 4th.

TO REGISTER, please sign up using BOTH links:

HMPC link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445ada82ca46-habitat>

Habitat link here: <http://vhub.at/interfaithbuild>



Mother's Day Tea at HMP

On May 5, we had our annual Mother's Day Tea at the preschool. It had been two years since we were last able to hold this event! Mothers and children enjoyed breakfast and snacks picnic-style on the West Lawn. The children presented the gifts that they have been working over the last couple of weeks to their moms. It was a special occasion for all!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Schedule May 15th

SUNDAY MORNING:

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Youth Music will not meet due to the Spring Concert!

MS/HS Youth Group will meet immediately after the Spring Concert for fellowship and dinner. Please bring \$5 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.



CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, May 15

9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation - WH
9:30 am - Explorers Class - Explorers Room
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH
11:45 am - Coffee & Conversation - Parlor/Chapel
1:00 pm - Inquirer's Class - Zoom
4:30 pm - Spring Concert - Sanctuary
5:30 pm - Youth Group (meets after the concert)

Monday, May 16

12:00pm - Seeing the Word
7:00 pm - Diaconate - WH South
7:00 pm - Finance - Zoom
7:30 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, May 20

11:00 am - HMP Graduation & Reception

Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

CHANCEL FLOWERS

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.

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