

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 1, 2026



MAY 3 IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 3, twelve of our youth will stand before the congregation to be confirmed in the life of the church. Confirmation is not a finish line, but rather a meaningful step in each student's faith journey as they begin to more fully claim what they believe and reflect on how they relate to God, the greater Church, and the HMPC community.

This year's confirmation class explored faith through a unique podcast-style curriculum, where students listened and reflected on their own about the different elements of the Presbyterian faith. They explored the *Big God, Big Questions* curriculum which holds topics like "What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?" and "Will you devote yourself to the Church's teaching?"

The journey culminated with our Confirmation Retreat in Montreat, where conversations from throughout the year became personal and tangible. Through scripture study, discussion, shared meals, games, and long conversations in the van and around tables, students reflected on what they believe, how they experience God, and what it means to be disciples in the world today.

One of the most meaningful parts of the retreat was witnessing the ways these students showed up for one another. From laughter and vulnerability to deep questions and honest reflections, they embodied what it means to be a community of faith. They discussed not only what they already believe, but also what they still hope to learn and how they can lean on God and the HMPC community as they continue growing in faith.

Confirmation Sunday will be a celebration not only of these students, but of the promises the church makes to walk alongside them. During worship, the confirmands will help lead the service as they publicly affirm their faith and are welcomed more fully into the life and ministry of the church.

Thanks be to God for this wonderful group of 8th and 9th graders. Spending time with them at Montreat reminded me that faith is formed not only through learning, but through community, conversation, laughter, honesty, and showing up for one another along the journey. (*Merritt Liebman, Director of Youth Ministries*)

Get to know our Confirmands on page 2!

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? OPPORTUNITY THIS SUNDAY

Inquirers' Class after Worship on May 3

HMPC will hold its next Inquirers' Class after worship in the Karl Hudson Room on May 3. Please consider attending the class and joining HMPC for your spiritual life! Questions? You can contact Cary Dickerson at cdickerson@hmpc.org.

RSVP for the class [HERE](#).



GET TO KNOW THE CONFIRMANDS...

DARCY RYAN AUTRY

Child of Ryan and Jenn Autry
8th grader at Endeavor Charter
Favorite subject: Social Studies
School activities: Musicals and National Junior Honor Society
Favorite memory at Hudson: Massanetta and having youth group at my house. We had water games and ice cream sundaes.
Favorite hobby: Playing rugby and doing my own nails.
Fun fact: I serve on youth committee at HMPC.

TREVOR ALLEN BOONE

Child of Kelly and Kelly Boone
9th grader at Trinity Academy
Favorite subject: History
School activities: Track, a rock band, cross country
Favorite memory at Hudson: Montreat last year - Going to Asheville on a free afternoon.
Favorite hobby outside of school: Drums
Fun fact: I was born on Easter.

ELENA MAE DALZELL

Child of Luke and Meredith Dalzell
8th grader at Magellan Charter School
Favorite subject: History
Favorite memory at Hudson: The confirmation retreat
Favorite hobby outside of school: Dance and art
Fun fact: I failed a sourdough starter.

KATHERINE ELIZABETH DICKERSON

Child of Cary and Daniel Dickerson
8th grader at Magellan Charter School
Favorite subject: History and science
Favorite memory at Hudson: Youth group, spending time with friends, sardines!
Favorite hobby outside of school: Gymnastics
Fun fact: I have three dogs.

ELLIE JOY GATTEN

Child of Jeanna Gatten
8th grader at Heritage Middle
Favorite subject: Performing arts
School activities: Theater, track
Favorite memory at Hudson: Youth group - playing sardines
Favorite hobby outside of school: Dance
Fun fact: I've been coming to HMPC since before I was born.

BANKS DONNA HEPP

Child of Jodie and Michael Hepp
8th grader at Magellan Charter School
Favorite subject: Science
School activities: Leadership Team
Favorite memory at Hudson: Coming to youth group & bells.
Favorite hobby outside of school: Aerial Sling
Fun fact: I'm terrible at reading and writing but I can read sheet music.

WALTER MCRAE HINSON

Child of Sallie and Angus Hinson
9th grader at Enloe
Favorite subject: Chorus
School activities: Chorus
Favorite memory at Hudson: Youth group dinners, sitting around the table and talking.
Favorite hobby outside of school: Rock climbing
Fun fact: My best Rubik's Cube solve is 32 seconds.

WHITNEY ADDISON MILLER

Child of Bonnie and Daniel Miller
8th grader at Pine Hollow Middle School
Favorite subject: Math
Favorite memory at Hudson: I like youth group in general. I like the weekly Sunday dinners, all the retreats and mission trips.
Favorite hobby: I do year-round swimming for the TAC Titans.
Fun fact: I like arts and crafts, like painting and drawing.

APRIL LUCILLE MORRIS

Child of Angie Bell-Morris and Roger Morris
8th grader at West Millbrook
Favorite subject: English
School activities: Dance
Favorite memory at Hudson: The first time I went to Massanetta.
Favorite hobby outside of school: Dance
Fun fact: My cousin plays for the Phillies.

HENRY NYE NEIGHBORS

Child of Katherine and Josh Neighbors
8th grader at Moore Square
Favorite subject: P.E.
School activities: Baseball team
Favorite memory at Hudson: Youth group - playing sardines and scaring Mrs. Cary!
Favorite hobbies: Hanging out with friends and playing baseball.
Fun fact: I make friends easily.

RONALD DRAKE SHARPE

Child of Brent and Michelle Sharpe
9th grader at Wake Forest High
Favorite subject: Engineering
Favorite memory at Hudson: Pastor Mac's sermons
Favorite hobby outside of school: Video games - Super Hexagon
Fun fact: I play the drums.

AUGUST JAMES TWEEDIE

Child of Marie Wallden and James Tweedie
9th grader at Enloe
Favorite subject: Math
School activities: Track, cross country
Favorite memory at Hudson: Youth group dinners - Being able to be present and forget about other things going on in life.
Favorite hobby outside of school: Reading
Fun fact: I likes cats more than dogs.

MISSION

Offering of Letters Last Sunday



On behalf of the Mission Committee and our Offering of Letters partner, Bread for the World, many thanks to the **50** HMPC members and students who joined us this past Sunday to write letters to our US Senators and Congressional Representatives asking for their support to pass the pending Farm Bill. The Farm Bill includes SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC

(Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program) benefits in the United States, plus various offshore nutrition programs coordinated through the US Agency for International Development. Without these nutrition programs, many of the 14.9% of the US population who are food insecure would be in dire circumstances. In many areas of the world, the food programs of USAID are the difference between life and death. Your voices do count with our elected officials. HMPC members wrote **over 100 letters** on Sunday!

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.” – Proverbs 19:17



During the event, we played a video created by Youth Elder Kessler Dickerson relevant to the subject of food insecurity. This is the description of the video from C-SPAN's website: *Roots of Freedom: The Struggles and Tensions of Rural American Agriculture* was the first-prize high school east winner in C-SPAN Classroom's StudentCam documentary contest. Kessler Dickerson and Charlotte Ligon, tenth graders at Millbrook Magnet High School in Raleigh NC, produced this video on the 2026 theme: "America's 250th Anniversary: Exploring the American Story through the Declaration of Independence." C-SPAN Classroom's StudentCam video documentary contest is an annual national competition in which middle and high school students produce a documentary on a specific theme. Congratulations to Kessler! **Watch the video [HERE](#).**

May & June Special Offering - Shelter Ministries



For May and June, our Special Offering will support the Shelter Ministries fund - which covers our contribution to the annual Habitat Build, the Avery County Adult Mission Trip, and maintains reserves to send aid when disaster strikes, as we saw most recently with Hurricane Helene in Western NC. You can give by placing in the offering plate (designated to "Shelter Ministries"), or giving online (go to hmpc.org or scan the QR code).

May & June Tend My Sheep Offering - Rescue Mission

In May and June we are collecting men's boxer brief underwear in all sizes, men's sizes M-XL white t-shirts, toothpaste, and wide-tooth and fine-tooth combs for Raleigh Rescue Mission. For nearly 60 years, the Raleigh Rescue Mission has served those experiencing homelessness in our community - offering shelter, hope, and the love of Christ to more than 750,000 men, women, and children. Through comprehensive life programming and a steadfast commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty, Raleigh Rescue Mission walks alongside individuals and families toward lasting transformation.



MISSION

Drivers Needed: Meals On Wheels Of Wake County

Meals on Wheels of Wake County is seeking volunteers to help deliver hot meals to our homebound neighbors. Hudson has been a proud partner of this ministry for many years, supported by a dedicated group of volunteers. Over time, our volunteer pool has grown smaller, and we are hoping to rebuild and renew this meaningful outreach.



Could you offer one to two hours of your time each month to make a big difference in someone's day?

Volunteering is simple and flexible. You can choose a delivery route that fits your schedule—whether monthly, weekly, or occasionally when you have availability.

To get started, apply online at wakemow.org or contact Melissa Evers at 919-390-1997.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3

- 9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
- 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Karl Hudson Room
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - Chapel
- 10:30 am - Worship (Confirmation Sunday) - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Reception/Fellowship - Westminster North
- 11:30 am - Inquirer's Class - Karl Hudson Room
- 11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall
- 11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
- 11:45 am - Youth Bells - Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm - Officer Training - WH, Welcome Lounge
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group (Walk to NH)
- 5:30 pm - Book Study "The Best of Enemies" - Room 200

Monday, May 4

- 9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm - HMPC Foundation - Zoom
- 6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, May 5

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
- 11:30 am - Single Way - Cape Fear Seafood
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, May 6

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Room 200/Zoom
- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 7

- 9:30 am - Staff Calendaring Meeting - Room 200
- 6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Room 200

Interfaith Habitat Build

We had a wonderful day at this year's Habitat for Humanity build! It's always a meaningful experience to work alongside the future homebuyers and our interfaith community, using our hands to help provide affordable housing right here in Raleigh. This year we partnered with The Fountain of Raleigh and hosted a tailgate lunch for about 35 volunteers and Habitat staff, making it a special day of both service and fellowship. *(Lauren Parikh)*



MEMORIALS

Celebration of Life Service - May 2 - Anne Kelley



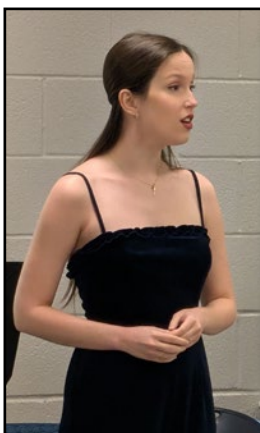
Hudson member Anne Kelley entered God's everlasting kingdom on March 6, 2026, at 100 years old. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection & Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, May 2, at 2:00pm, at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. If you cannot make it in person, the livestream link for Anne's service can be found [HERE](#) or will be available on the homepage of hmhc.org. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Anne's obituary can be found [HERE](#). Thanks be to God for the life of Anne.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry's Spring Recital



Last Sunday's recital was a wonderful celebration of music, featuring 9 musicians and an audience of nearly 60. Musicians included Jenn Autry, Sarah Bedini, Nancy Brenner, Hunter Cox, Lindsey & Rich Richards, Tetyana Ryabchikova, Johannes van Die, and Dan Vig. The afternoon concluded with a reception, offering time for fellowship and connection. Thanks be to God for the incredible talent and energy of Hudson's Music Ministry.



WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Summer 2026 Worship Theme: Make It This Summer!

Dear HMPC Friends and Family,

Whether you're in town or not this summer, we invite you to make it!

Yes, that means making it to worship and fellowship dinners so that your presence can bless our community and our community will hopefully bless you.

But it also means, we're challenging our congregation this summer to focus on making more than doing.



Makoto Fujimura's book, *Art+Faith, A Theology of Making*, inspires us to think of God the Creator and ourselves as "little-c" creators as the starting point for all spiritual activity. The gospel isn't just "plumbing theology" to fix what's wrong with the world. It is a "making theology" that requires a creative leap of

faith to learn how to coexist in the mystery of what God is doing with us and the world – what we, as creative creatures, can make to help reveal the love, hope, and faith of God to the world.

The theme will be celebrated differently each month of the summer:

JUNE – VISUAL ARTS

JULY – MUSIC

AUGUST – LITERATURE

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

To kick it off, we're inviting everyone who makes wall hangings of photographs, who paints, draws, sculpts, throws pots, makes quilts, or other visual art forms, to

submit your work from May 17-31 for a congregational art show that will open June 7. Pick out a favorite work to share with your faith community and fill out the submission form, then bring it to the office between May 17-31 for safekeeping until the art show is set to open (June 7).

Please fill out [THIS FORM](#) if you plan to bring an item to present in the art show.

In July, we'll focus on musical arts as creative expressions of spirituality, and for August, Pastor Marguerite will preach on novels to unpack the power of literature to grow empathy and understanding. In the meantime, if you want to read Fujimura's book, you may find it [HERE](#). An excerpt follows:

God's design in Eden, even before the Fall, was to sing Creation into being and invite God's creatures to sing with God, to co-create into the Creation. A narrative of our own creation is embedded in Creation. The Christian narrative is all about the New, all about the beginning. And part of that ushering in of the New is God's marker in us, called imagination, which makes us unique in the animal kingdom. We can create into Creation something unique and particular. – p. 9

On June 14 we will be asking officers-elect to serve

with "energy, intelligence, imagination, and love." Make It This Summer! invites all of us to imagine what new things God is asking us to co-create at Hudson Memorial.

See you there – when you can make it.

- Marguerite



CAMPUS MINISTRY

PCM of Raleigh Spring Fundraiser - May 16, 2026 | 6:00-8:30pm

Hudson member Beth Billman, who serves on the board of Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh, invites you to support PCM through an upcoming fundraising event. PCM will host a social gathering in May, and we would love for you to join us! It will be at [A Place at the Table \(300 W. Hargett Street #50\)](#), on May 16 from 6:00-8:30. Heavy hors d'oeuvres & Mocktails will be served. A limited number of event tickets are available, so be sure to reserve your spot soon. In addition, a 50/50 raffle is underway—tickets are \$50 each, and the winning ticket will be drawn on May 16 (you do not need to be present to win).

Details: • 50/50 Raffle Tickets: \$50 each | • Event Tickets: \$15 each (limited to 75)

Purchase soiree or raffle tickets [HERE](#).

In recent years, PCM's funding from the Presbytery has declined significantly. As we look ahead, PCM has set a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for 2026. Your support—through attending, participating in the raffle, or making a donation—makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Upcoming Staff Change



Personnel Committee received with regret the resignation of Erica Hairston on April 13, 2026. She and her wife will be moving to Connecticut to strengthen family ties in all sorts of ways. We are so grateful for Erica's intelligence, energy, imagination and love.

She has handled our Finances and Business Office affairs with calm, grace, and competence. She will be greatly missed by all who have worked with her.

Because Erica cares deeply about HMPC, she graciously gave us almost three months' notice. Her last day will be July 2. Personnel is now taking this time to analyze the best way forward for staffing our Business Office functions, with Erica's input and possibility of her helping the transition with remote work. Please pray that our efforts will result in a continued high level of office function at HMPC. We wish Erica, Juju, and their families the best.



May Birthdays

- 1 - Carol Clemens, Sandy Geiger, Libby Rogers
- 2 - Morgan Dickinson, Nora Kelley
- 3 - Caroline Cook
- 4 - Andrew Dudeck
- 5 - Don Haydon
- 6 - Kelly D. Boone, Walker Sanderson
- 7 - William Branch, Whitney Miller
- 8 - Allie Sharpe, Ellis Peterson, Marie Wallden, Angus Hinson, Madison Cranford,
- 9 - Thomas Apple, Retta Crosson, Ace Ornt, Lesley Ash Jacobsen
- 10 - Paul Simson, Stephanie Mason
- 11 - Jill Hovis, Jack McHenry
- 12 - Richard Skinner, Nedda Parangi
- 13 - Tony Bedini, Holden Long, Theresa Ash, Linda Ornt, Owen Bevier, Robert Turnbull
- 15 - Maddie Graybill, Grayson Harris
- 16 - Colton Bowles, Sid Ward
- 17 - Bill Flueckinger, Orji Nduka
- 18 - Amanda Holser
- 19 - Ahn Ya, Lynne Duncan, Laura Perry, Katy Turnbull
- 21 - Jay Bowles, Scott Hanks, Sonia Allen
- 22 - Shawn Jackson, John James, Camden Hughes
- 23 - Rebecca Keen
- 24 - Andy Plyler, Charlotte Burch, Peter Farrell
- 26 - Greg Flueckinger, Don Jones
- 27 - Eva Peterson
- 28 - Jennine Dilger
- 29 - Kate Griffin, Chip Magee, Delores Ussery
- 31 - Sophie Carter

PROPERTY

Construction Update: Temporary Access Changes



Construction has begun on Hudson's new wheelchair-accessible family restroom! However, construction can be unpredictable. Our contractor recently discovered that the drain tie-in point is farther back than expected. This means that our construction zone has expanded. Because of this, **the 1st floor men's restroom and elevator is expected to be inaccessible until May 11.**

Getting Around: If you need to travel through the 1st floor, please plan to use the indoor ramp and Welcome Lounge to bypass the construction area.

Restroom Options: The 1st floor women's restroom will remain open as normal. For men, please use the upstairs restrooms, the restroom in the narthex, or the restroom in the infant classroom on the preschool hallway.

The restrooms in the infant classroom and narthex are also stair-free alternatives to the women's restroom for those coming from the sanctuary.

Also, due to construction-related challenges and elevator closure, you may notice a few small changes in worship in the coming weeks—the choir will not be wearing robes as usual, and the handbells will remain in the Sanctuary for an extended length of time.

Join Our Social Media Community!



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Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, May 3 | 9:00 | Room 200

Book of Revelation - Facilitated by Don Slater



Presbyterian Ponderings

"Judah, from Isaiah to Exile"

May 3, 9:30 | **KARL HUDSON ROOM**

This spring, Presbyterian Ponderings will follow PCUSA's *The Present Word* series titled "Judah, From Isaiah to Exile." We will dip into the Old Testament and consider how God, through prophets and other leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah so that we may come to see the hand of God in our own lives and all human affairs.

This week we will examine the later years of Jeremiah's ministry and prophecy, amid chaotic times for the nation of Judah. John James will lead the discussion.

As always, the Ponderings class welcomes visitors – no advance reading or other requirements. We usually meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Westminster Hall North (near the kitchen) but this week we will be in the **Karl Hudson Room**. Come ponder with us!

The Seekers

9:30am | **CHAPEL** | May 3

Amazing Old Testament Stories

Facilitated by Ron Ash

Almost 90 stories in the Old Testament describe fascinating and miraculous events. The Books of Genesis, Daniel, and Kings are the sources of these stories, but they are not often

part of our Sunday sermons. We will discuss some of these narratives that were meant to inspire people of faith at the time. Are there lessons for us today?



Swanson, John August. *Daniel*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Waking Up With The Word

Men's Bible Study Every Tuesday at 6:30am

Meeting Location Alternates Weekly on Zoom & In-person on the Westminster Hall Patio



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. On Zoom we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Lesley at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30am - WH Patio

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30am - Zoom

FELLOWSHIP

Single Way May Lunch

Tuesday, May 5 | 11:30 | Cape Fear Seafood



Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. For our May lunch, we are meeting at Cape Fear Seafood, 832 Spring Forest Road.

If you know of anyone who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome, so please join us!



Please call Ruth Herpich at 919-280-0049 by May 1 with your reservation.