

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OCTOBER 2, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



2027 GIVING CAMPAIGN

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity

Minute for Mission - Sept. 27 - John Williams



Good morning! The artwork on the cover of today's bulletin is gorgeous, isn't it? Every detail is rich with meaning. Thank you, Lesley, for creating that image and sharing your talents so graciously with all of us.

Lesley is a great example of the meaning of this year's Stewardship theme, "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity." Many of us have grown up in Hudson. Many of us are

second or even third generation families of Hudson. Many of us have been members long enough to feel our Roots in Faith strengthen; and entwine with the roots of our fellow members. From those roots, we grow with God's grace, and generously share our time, talents, and treasures so that everyone around us feels God's Spirit at work.

I think back to the beginnings of this Church. Karl Hudson saw a need for a Presbyterian church on the outskirts of Raleigh and donated bricks for its construction. Those bricks are the roots of Geneva Hall. As the early families worshipping in that space grew, they recognized additional

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World Communion Sunday invites us to think about the people outside our church building. This Sunday, the CEO of Raleigh Rescue Mission, joins Pastor Marguerite in a dialogue sermon about how the giving of time, talent and treasure at Hudson impacts people beyond our church.

Get your outdoor chairs and pets
(or a photo) ready for NEXT Sunday!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Next Sunday, October 11
10:30 Outdoor Worship



Please note:
*This service
will NOT be
livestreamed.*



2027 Giving Ministry - Minute for Mission - John Williams (Continued from cover page)

needs in the community. Their outpouring of generosity led to the development of the Frankie Lemmon Memorial Preschool. The talented leaders and staff at Hudson Memorial have continued focusing ever since on the fundamental importance of early education. The church generously supports an outstanding Preschool that grows the spiritual lives of our children in a loving environment resting solidly on the bricks donated by Karl Hudson.



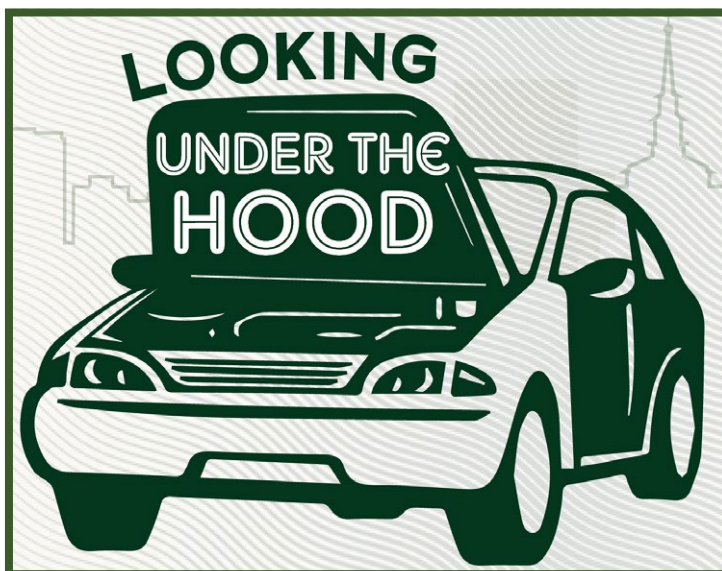
My church life has always been rooted at Hudson Memorial. I attended Sunday School followed by church service; attended Youth Group; attended Confirmation class, and was married here. I was baptized at Hudson as was the rest of my family. My sister was married here. I have celebrated the lives and memories of many people who are pillars of faith in this church. We share our Faith with the entire church family through the work of the Diaconate, the Session, the Music Ministry, the Foundation, and the Giving Ministry.

The church's generosity furthers Christ's mission through its outreach to the community in so many ways. The church actively supports and participates with North Raleigh Ministries, the Food Bank, Campus Ministries, and Meals on Wheels, to name just a few. The first rehearsal space for the Raleigh Ringers was at Hudson. The Sewing Guild made scarves, hats, blankets, and bandages for relief efforts around the world. The roots of Capital Towers, an affordable housing site for older adults, were developed by the generosity of key Hudson members.

We are blessed with so many of you whose roots in this church are flourishing and who are moved to share your Faith so generously. What you give and what you do are essential. I think of letters written, homes built, families nourished with home-cooked meals, comforting prayers shared at bedsides, prisoners who no longer feel like they are forgotten souls, uplifting music in a comfortable worship environment, and services held and quiet periods of reflection in the beautiful setting visible through those windows. Yes, all of this is the reality of God's Spirit moving in you.

On behalf of the entire Giving Ministry Team, my prayer is that your Faith in Christ nourishes the roots you are growing in this church; that your Faith opens your heart to new ways to show your Faith in action; and that your Faith leads you to abundantly share your time, talent, and treasures during this Stewardship season. Know that all you give in Christ is returned with joyous Thanksgiving. Thank you.

I think that's enough from me. Let's hear from others what "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity" means to them in this video. [Giving Ministry Video can be viewed [HERE](#).]



Under the Hood: HMPC Finances

We're talking all about giving during this year's Giving Campaign. But what happens to monetary gifts after they are given to the church? Come check out the "Under the Hood" presentation by HMPC's Finance and Foundation teams during the Fellowship time in Westminster Hall after worship on **October 18**. They will give you an idea of the monetary ins and outs of HMPC ministry and allow you to ask questions. See you there!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

HMPC Leadership Retreat



Last Saturday, HMPC deacons, elders, committee chairs, and staff gathered for a Leadership Retreat focused on becoming more effective leaders and better supporting our church community. The group spent the day learning, sharing ideas, and working through a wide range of material, with plenty of fellowship and fun along the way! We're grateful for the time and energy these leaders give to HMPC.



WORSHIP

October Worship Preview



Sunday, October 11 – Join us for an outdoor **Blessing of the Animals** service on the west lawn! Bring a chair, a pet (or a photo of one) as we celebrate and give thanks for all of God's creation.

Sunday, October 18 – Rev. Jimmy Hulsey, chair of the Giving Team, will preach as we continue our 2027 Giving Campaign, "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity." Following worship, we invite you to "Under the Hood" to learn more about HMPC Finances and how it all works.



Sunday, October 25 – Celebrate **Reformation Sunday** with bagpipes, followed by the Youth Group's pancake brunch fundraiser and the Fall Festival at St. Mark's UMC.

Youth Kickoff

On Sunday, September 20, forty-five of our youth and their families gathered in Westminster Hall for our youth kickoff! We learned about the year ahead, shared a meal together, and played games as we began another year of youth ministry at HMPC.



This year, our youth are focusing on the theme “Trust in God.” Throughout the year, we’ll explore the idea that faith does not always have to feel or look a certain way. Instead, our youth are

encouraged to bring their hopes, fears, joys, and doubts to God and to one another.

We close each youth gathering by saying our youth benediction together:



“May you know that you are loved, may you go knowing you matter, and may you carry God’s light wherever you go.”

We are excited for all that this year holds!



WHO: Everyone is invited! Come enjoy brunch and support HMPC Youth.

WHAT: A pancake brunch hosted by HMPC Youth. Pancakes and fellowship are on us! Free admission, but donations appreciated.

WHEN: Sunday, October 25 from 11:30-12:30

WHERE: Westminster Hall

WHY: Your donations help make youth trips accessible to all of our youth and support the cost of the many opportunities we offer throughout the year, including service trips, weekend retreats, ski trips, and summer faith formation trips.

Come hungry, enjoy some pancakes, and give what you feel called to give to support our youth! If you are not able to make it but still feel called to donate, you can do so [HERE](#), be sure to specify 'pancake' in the memo!

RSVP FOR THE BRUNCH [HERE](#)

COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

This Sunday is Rise Against Hunger from 4:00-6:00, and many of our youth and their families are participating. Afterward, we are meeting nearby for dinner! Be sure to check your weekly email from Merritt for more details!

Next Sunday, October 11, we will meet at HMPC from 5:00 - 7:00 for youth group - games, dinner, and devotion! We will see you then, 5th - 12th graders!

FALL FESTIVAL

Our Fall Festival is coming up, and there are lots of ways to participate—whether you have a few minutes to volunteer, a bag of candy to donate, or simply want to bring your family and enjoy the evening!

1. Attend the event!

October 25 - 3-5pm - St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Bring your children, invite a friend or neighbor, and come enjoy an evening of fun, food, games, and fellowship!

2. Donate Halloween candy!

Help us stock up for Trunk or Treat! Candy donations can be dropped off in the Karl Hudson Room.

3. Shop our Amazon Wish List!

A quick and easy way to contribute—no need to remember to bring your donations to church! Simply choose an item from our Wish List and have it delivered directly to us. **Amazon Wish List** [HERE](#).

4. Volunteer or decorate your trunk!

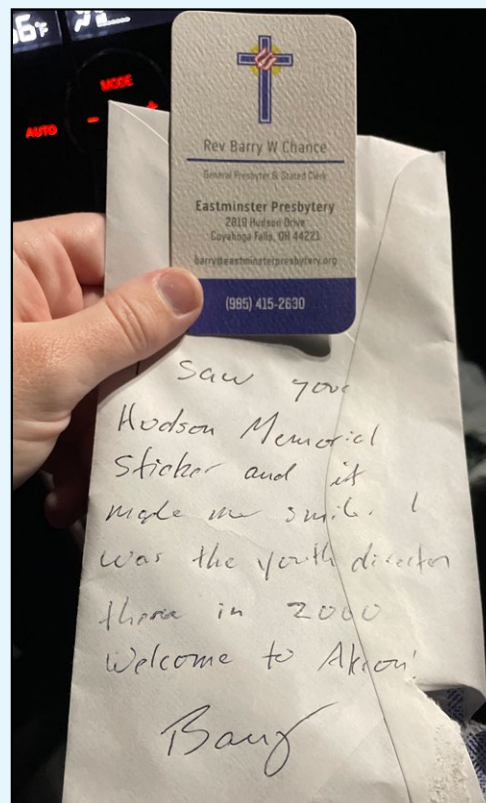
We need volunteers to cook and serve hot dogs, supervise games, and help with set-up and clean-up. You can also join the fun by decorating your trunk for Trunk or Treat! If you don't want to purchase decorations, we have some VBS decorations you are welcome to dig through!

We need volunteers of all ages to help make this a fun and memorable event for our church families and community. There's a place for everyone—so come join us and be part of the fun! **Sign-Up Genius** [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmpc.org.



A Funny Thing Happened

Hudson member Lilly Graybill is currently getting a second bachelors degree of Medical Laboratory Sciences through Miami University of Ohio. She works part time at Summa Hospital in Akron, Ohio. After working the late evening shift and going to her car at 11:30 PM she found this on her windshield. Small world!



"I saw your Hudson Memorial sticker and it made me smile. I was the youth director there in 2000. Welcome to Akron! - Barry"

Making a Joyful Noise This Fall! 🎵

This children have been enjoying getting to know our new Children's Music Director, Nicole Flowers. They have been exploring all kinds of instruments and learning new games. If you haven't met Nicole yet, be sure to say hello!



Women at the Well

Weekly Group

Wednesday, October 7 | 9:15am | Chapel

The focus in October for WATW is **TRUST IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST**.

"I do not understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us." - Anne Lamott

How many of us have said yes when we meant no, then spent the rest of the day feeling resentful? We often feel guilty about prioritizing our own needs – whether it's family expectations, social obligations, or that engrained habit of putting everyone else first.



In the book, **TELL ME MORE**, we will be reading chapter 5, entitled **NO**. Many Christians feel guilty to saying “no” to demands on their time. We will be discussing these two important questions on Wednesday, October 7. How does Jesus’ habit of withdrawing to pray model the holy use of boundaries?

How does saying a healthy “no” protect your ability to give a wholehearted “yes” to God’s primary callings in your life?

We want to Live in Grace and Walk in Love. We would love you to join us. For in person participation, we meet in the chapel each Wednesday from 9:15-10:30. If you are unable to attend in person, you can email Judie Greenawalt for the Zoom link at jkgreenawalt@bellsouth.net. For other questions, contact Barbara Coleman at colemanbar@gmail.com.



Sunday Adult Education

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9:00 - Room 200

"Beatitudes" with Don Slater

Presbyterian Ponderings

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9:30 - WH North

"Faith and Fame"

Facilitated by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, Fred Woodward



The Ponderings class is beginning the fall with a four-week series called "Faith and Fame," where we discuss well-known people from the past and present who are good role models for Christian living (whether they were active in church or not).



Johnny Cash and Bono (of the rock group U2) might seem like an odd pairing. Both pursued showbiz success but struggled with the temptations associated with it. Both took risky stands in the name of peace, justice, and healing. What lessons can we draw from these two professing Christians?

The Seekers

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9:30 - WH South

"Lost Tribes of Israel" with Bob Stowe

MISSION

Rise Against Hunger Meal-packing Event

THIS Sunday, Oct. 4 - 4:00-6:00pm

The Mission Committee is pleased to announce that 80 of our members and children have signed up for the meal packing event at Rise Against Hunger on October 4 at 3200 Wellington Court, Suite 112, Raleigh. Setup is at 3:30 and packing begins at 4:00. Given the available volunteers, the Committee voted to increase the number of meals to be packed to 14,256 with an additional donation of \$1,000.

ONLINE SAFETY

Gift Card Scam is Back!

This past week, people in our community have been affected by scam emails and text messages that appear to come from Pastor Marguerite—but are **not actually from her**. Most of these are asking for gift cards or money, a favor, or a meeting/phone call. Many are marked "Confidential".

If you receive a message that seems unusual, please use caution. If a text or email claims to be from Pastor Marguerite or another individual staff member and asks for money, gift cards, a favor, or personal information, **it is a scam**. Do not respond. Delete the message and block the sender.

Marguerite's email is msirriner@hmpc.org - If the message is not from this email, it is **not** her.

HMPC staff will never contact you by text or email to ask for gift cards or financial information.

How Hudson Memorial Requests Financial Support

- **Annual pledges and pledge fulfillment** are communicated through worship announcements, church publications, and official church communications.

- **Special offerings** for missions and ministry partners are announced in the bulletin, newsletter, and worship services. On rare occasions, a mission partner may request gift card donations, but these requests will always be communicated through official church channels.

- **General offerings** are received during worship services or may be delivered to the church office during regular business hours. These requests come from the church as a whole, **not from an individual staff member**. Checks should always be made payable to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.



CELEBRATIONS

Last Sunday we recognized Aleta Ash for her years of ministry at Hudson Memorial. Thank you, Aleta, for all you have done for us! Happy FULL retirement!



FELLOWSHIP

Single Way

SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS MONTH! DINNER ON OCTOBER 8

Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship.



This month, the group is doing something a little different. **We will be meeting at 5:00pm on Thursday, October 8, at 1961** (at the North Hills Club, 4824 Yadkin Drive in Raleigh).

Please text Joan Lester at 919-783-0310 with your reservation by Tuesday, October 6th, if you plan to attend, or call her after 9:30am.

This will be at 1961, the new fancier restaurant at the North Hills Club. **Please note that payment is credit card only** - No cash accepted. No raggedy jeans, and no indoor hats for men. If you know of anyone who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation.



CALENDAR

Sunday, October 4

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Westminster North
9:30 am - The Seekers - Westminster South
10:30 am - Worship (World Communion Sunday) - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North
11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall
11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
11:45 am - Youth Bells - Westminster South
4:00 pm - Rise Against Hunger - 3200 Wellington Ct #112
6:00 pm - Youth Dinner - Off-site

Monday, October 5

9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva or Sanctuary
6:00 pm - Boy Scout Event - Westminster Hall (Both sides)
6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
6:30 pm - P.E.O. Meeting - Room 200
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, October 6

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WMH Patio
10:00 am - Personnel Meeting - Westminster South
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Welcome Team - Karl Hudson Room

Wednesday, October 7

9:15 am - Women at the Well (Weekly) - Chapel//Zoom
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 8

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
11:30 am - Single Way - 1961 at the North Hills Club
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Karl Hudson Room

October Birthdays



- 1 - Janey Dewar
- 2 - Cyndi Harris
- 3 - Merritt Liebman, Lauren Parikh, Susan Jones
- 5 - Lisa Williams, Jerilyn Seitz, Jeanne Hoffman, Owen Ward
- 6 - James Cobb
- 7 - Emily Cobb
- 9 - Melinda Dickinson, Anne Brown
- 10 - Stacy Smith, Phyllis Cheeley, Chris Woolley
- 11 - Holly Carter
- 13 - Jack Lynch
- 15 - Michelle Sharpe, Danny Miller, Iva Stowe
- 16 - Bethany Osborn-Reed
- 17 - Bob Monroe, Lana Bowles
- 18 - Paul Liebman, John Crone
- 19 - Patrick Carpenito, Starr Maxwell, Gabriela Genova
- 20 - Maggie Schneider
- 21 - Traci Weaver, Joseph Genova, Benjamin Brouwer
- 22 - Doug Goodale
- 23 - Ashley Banerjee
- 25 - Molly James, Pat Balletta, Emsley Jackson, Mimi Johnson, Laura Jones
- 26 - Jay Cummins
- 27 - Marilyn Webb, Maverick Delgado
- 28 - Sawyer McHenry, Anish Banerjee, Autumn Osborn-Reed
- 29 - Emma Baker, Abby Baker, Ruth Herpich
- 30 - Drew Keen, Don Slater, Collin Carter
- 31 - Harper Sanchez

INTERESTED IN JOINING HMPC THIS FALL?

Our Next Inquirers' Class

will be NOVEMBER 15 after worship.



Sign up [HERE](#) or contact Cary Dickerson if you have any questions at cdickerson@hmpc.org.

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