

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 8, 2026



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, May 17	Spring Music Worship Sunday - 10:30 Worship - Reception to follow
Sunday, May 31	Graduation Sunday - 10:30 Worship
Sunday, June 7	Summer Sing begins - 9:30am Sundays - Choir loft - All singers welcome!
Sunday, June 7	Summer Art Show opens - Westminster Hall - See details on page 4
Wednesday, June 10	Summer Supper - 6:00pm - Westminster Hall
June 17 - 19	Arts Camp for Children - Register SOON - See details on page 4
Friday, June 26	Fellowship Friday: Indoor Movie Night - 4:30pm
Wednesday, July 8	Summer Supper - 6:00pm - Westminster Hall
Friday, July 31	Fellowship Friday: BINGO - 6:30pm in Westminster Hall
August 3 - 7	Vacation Bible School - HMPC Campus
Wednesday, Aug. 12	Summer Supper - 6:00pm - Westminster Hall
Friday, August 21	Fellowship Friday: Live Music Event - Hudson's back yard



SPRING MUSIC WORSHIP SUNDAY

"Let the World in Concert Sing!"

Next Sunday, May 17
10:30am in the Sanctuary
Reception to follow

On Sunday, May 17, we will have a special musical service with all of our ensembles and choirs helping lead worship! This includes Joyful Noise, Chancel Choir, Men's and Women's Choruses, Youth Bells, and Hudson Handbells. Thanks be to God for Hudson's Music Ministry!

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Last Sunday, twelve of our youth completed their Confirmation journey! Thanks be to God for this wonderful group of 8th and 9th graders. More photos on page 2.



This Sunday for Mothers' Day, bring a photo of your mother to Westminster Hall before worship to be displayed during Fellowship time. Include your name and your mother's name with the photo.

Confirmation Sunday - May 3



Graduations

If you are or have a member of your family who is graduating from college, grad school, or high school this spring, we invite you to share the below information with [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) by **May 20th**.

Let us know the...

- Name
- Degree
- Institution
- Honors, etc



Feel free to share a photo as well. These will be published in the May 29 issue of the Weekly Window.

5TH-12TH GRADE FAMILIES:

JOIN US FOR OUR

FINAL COOKOUT

SUNDAY, MAY 17

5:00-7:00 PM

DURANT TRAILS POOL

EMAIL YOUTH@HMPC.ORG

TO RSVP AND TO SIGN UP TO
BRING A SIDE DISH.

Interested in Helping with Youth Ministry?

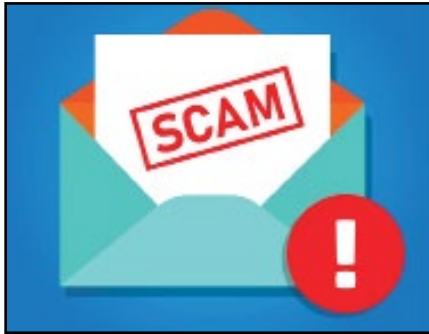
LOTS OF WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

From baking cookies to spending time with our middle and high schoolers each week starting this fall, there are so many ways to support youth ministry here at HMPC! If you feel called to any of the roles listed on the form, please indicate your interest, and Merritt will reach out to you. You can find the form [HERE](#).



The youth program is growing - students are bringing friends, and we have 19 people from Hudson going to Massanetta this summer and 25 heading to Montreat. We are excited for this momentum to continue and for all the ways our youth and the greater HMPC community can connect!

Current Scams to Be Aware Of EVITES & GIFT CARD TEXT MESSAGES



Many people in our community have recently been affected by scam emails and text messages. Some of the most common right now include false invitations from **Evite**, as well as text messages that appear to come from Pastor Marguerite—but are not actually from her.

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

Please keep the following in mind:

- HMPC staff will never contact you by text or email to ask for gift cards or financial information.
- **Some Evite scam emails look very convincing.** If you receive an Evite, **do not click any links.** If you think it might be real, contact the sender directly using a **trusted** phone number or email to confirm.
- Scam messages may include phrases like “confidential” or ask you not to call the sender.
- **Do not click on links in text messages** unless you are completely sure of the sender. When in doubt, use the church directory to verify.
- If possible, use the “report spam” or “report phishing” option on your device or email.

We share this as a reminder to stay alert and look out for one another. If you are ever unsure about a message, please don't hesitate to reach out to the church office.

Growing Our Reach Together PROGRESS ON A MISSION STUDY GOAL

We're grateful to share that our church's presence on social media continues to grow in exciting ways - and it's happening because of you.

Strengthening our online presence was one of the objectives identified in the Mission Study, and we're encouraged by the growth we have seen as we've leaned into this work together.

Highlights - Based on numbers since January 1, 2026:



- Hudson's Instagram has had a **744%** increase in accounts reached (with 47,836 total post views this year)

- In addition to our followers, our content is reaching **4,000 more non-members** a month than in 2025
- We've had **550%** more clicks on our website and an **18.6%** increase in profile visits from visitors who want to know more about Hudson.



- Hudson's Facebook had a **46%** increase in post views since the beginning of the year.
- **13%** increase in engagement (Likes, shares, and comments)
- Our Facebook profile page visits are up **91%** since 2025

These numbers represent more than just growth - they reflect new opportunities to share God's love, invite others into our community, and extend the ministry of Hudson beyond our walls.

Thank you for the ways you are already engaging with our posts. **Each like, comment, and share helps our message reach further**, as social media platforms show our content to more people when there is active engagement. It's a simple but meaningful way to support the life and outreach of our church. *(Lesley Ash Jacobsen)*

Join Our Social Media Community!



@HudsonMPC



@HudsonMemorialPC

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

HMPC Arts Camp: Our Final Push for Registration!



At this time, we only have 12 children signed up and will have to make the decision soon whether we'll be holding our 2026 Arts Camp this year or reorganizing and trying again next year. **If you are interested, please sign up soon!**

ARTS CAMP FOR AGES K-5: June 17, 18 & 19 | 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join us as we explore and celebrate God's creation through drama, music, and visual art. Our theme hymn for this year is *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*. This camp is open to children currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. This event is open to the public so invite a friend to join you! Dinner will be served each evening before we begin our art rotations. The cost is \$30 for the first child and \$25 for each additional sibling. We look forward to a time of faith and fun with your children!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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 and 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.** We already have some great submissions, from painting to quilting to woodworking!

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. (Book list on the next page!) 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

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, May 10 | 9:00 | Room 200

Book of Revelation - Facilitated by Don Slater



Presbyterian Ponderings

"Judah, from Isaiah to Exile"

May 10, 9:30 | WH NORTH

This spring, Presbyterian Ponderings has been following 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 in all human affairs.

Jerusalem falls in 586 BC! Who saw that coming, besides the prophets Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and the mother-in-law of every King of Judah? We'll look at the timeline of Jerusalem's destruction and the emergence of a new prophet, Ezekiel, who warns the Israelites (again!) that they need to obey God, or even worse fates will befall them.

As always, the Ponderings class welcomes visitors – no advance reading or other requirements. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Westminster Hall North (near the kitchen). Come ponder with us!

The Seekers

9:30 | CHAPEL | May 10

Roger Howard will lead a class on what Scripture tells us about Immigrants and Immigration.

Women At The Well

THURSDAY, MAY 28 | 6:00PM

Final Evening Gathering of the Spring Home of Grace Hutchinson



Our evening WATW group is wrapping up until the fall - We hope you will join us for our final gathering of the spring! Our meeting will be a social and we encourage women to bring a recommendation of a book or author (devotion, inspirational or study) for summer reading.

Contact Kay Emanuel ckemanuel@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or learning more. All women of the church are welcome!

Waking Up With The Word

Men's Bible Study Every Tuesday

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30am - Zoom



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.

Summer Reading List

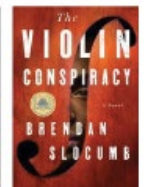
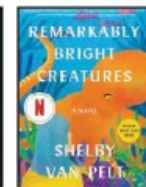
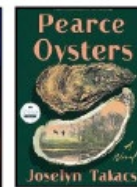
As part of our summer worship theme, August will be focused on literature. Pastor Marguerite has created an adult summer reading list for you to prepare for the literature portion of the summer. Enjoy!

Mona's Eyes - Thomas Schlessler

Pearce Oysters - Joselyn Takacs

Remarkably Bright Creatures - Shelley van Pelt

The Violin Conspiracy - Brendan Slocumb



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

An Update from the PNC

We are underway.

The Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church Pastoral Nominating Committee is three meetings into our work to define and recruit our church's next head of staff. We selected a moderator for the PNC and made other assignments for recording our work and communication to the session and to the congregation. We have a strong and diverse collection of both long-time and new church members, all with varied interests in our faith journeys.

At this point in the process, we are collecting information about our church, pouring through the mission study report, annual report and congregational feedback. We are beginning to discern the first necessary steps we will take to make this important decision.

We have set an aggressive schedule for our meetings, even through the summer as we work around our personal and work schedules. We plan to meet regularly. The work is detailed and everyone is bringing their expertise to our discussions.

Our committee is confidential but we intend to be as transparent as possible and share what we can about our work and progress. Look for updates in the Weekly Window.

Tim Peeler, External Communications

PRESCHOOL TRIKE-A-THON

The Preschool had a blast on Wednesday at their annual Trike-a-Thon to raise money for St Jude's. Thanks to all of our energetic children and those who donated to the cause. Our fundraising total was over \$5,200!



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.

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 - Raleigh 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.



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)

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.

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

To The Church Triumphant Patricia Hedrick

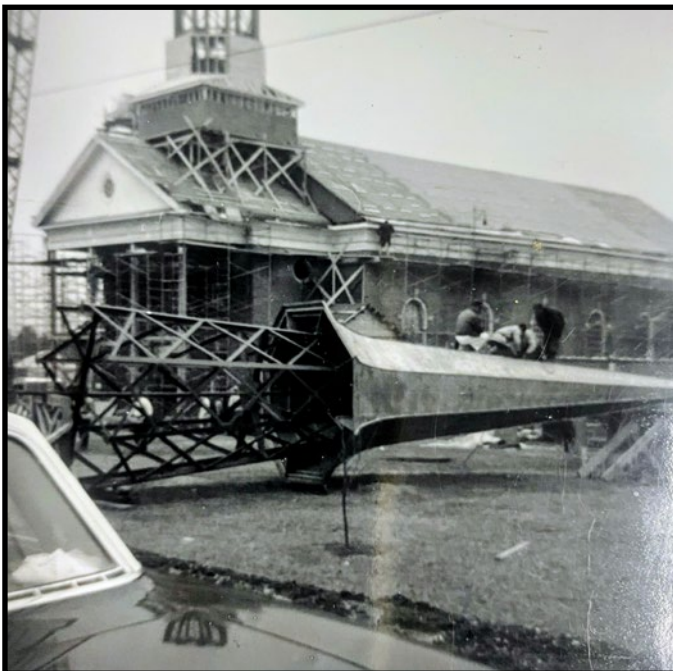


Hudson member Patricia Owen Hedrick entered God's everlasting kingdom on May 4, 2026. You can read her obituary [HERE](#). Memorial service details have not been finalized yet.

Thanks be to God for the life of Pat Hedrick. Please keep her family in your prayers.

HUDSON HISTORY

We have a new treasure to add to Hudson's archives! This photo of the steeple construction was from Anne Kelley's personal collection and her family shared it at her memorial service last Saturday. What a special look at our building's earliest days!



This Week at Hudson

Sunday, May 10 - Mothers' Day

- 9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
- 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Westminster North
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - Chapel
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North

Monday, May 11

- 9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, May 12

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom
- 11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther Circle - Chapel
- 6:45 pm - Preschool Board - Westminster North
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - Geneva Hall
- 7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off-site

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

- 10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Room 200

Saturday, May 16

- 10:00 am - Music Worship Sunday Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm - Young-ish Adult Gathering - Glover-Hurd house
- 6:00 pm - PCM of Raleigh Spring Soiree Fundraiser - A Place at the Table