

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

JULY 3, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## SUMMER SERIES

JULY 5 | 9:30 | WH North

Facilitated by Pastor Marguerite  
**The 1st Amendment & Religion**

"Separation of church and state" is something Americans hear all the time. It comes from the First Amendment of the US Constitution, but like much of the US Constitution, it has been contested in court and interpreted and re-interpreted over time. This class



will go over the Founders' original intent and later jurisprudence in modern interpretation, ending with what it means to you.

JULY 12 & 19 | 9:30 | WH North

Facilitated by Tim & Elizabeth Peeler

## Making Peace: Take 2

(with new content)

If you missed our winter 6-week "Making Peace" Sunday school series, here's your chance to jump in!

Elizabeth and Tim Peeler are leading an abbreviated summer edition that hits the highlights and opens the door to fresh conversation.

For those who did attend before—yes, you should absolutely come back. This isn't a repeat. It's new content about the cultural forces shaping how we talk (or don't talk) to one another.

How did music, movies, and even our nation's 250th birthday become flashpoints for division? Why does honest conversation feel harder with neighbors, coworkers, or even the person in the pew beside you?

Next Sunday, July 12, we're tackling the influence of news media and social media—and sharing ways to navigate through the noise.



## SUMMER SUPPER SALAD NIGHT

Wednesday, July 8

6:00pm

Westminster Hall

RSVP by July 6 to the church office or [HERE](#).

July's Summer Supper will include Caprese Pasta Salad, Chicken Salad with Grapes and Pecans (Winston's recipe!), Cowboy Caviar, Spinach Salad, Sourdough Bread, and desserts. \$6 per person - Kids under 5 eat free. RSVP to the church office or by clicking [THIS LINK](#).



**LAST SUNDAY'S  
MEALS ON WHEELS  
MEAL-PACKING  
EVENT WAS A  
SUCCESS! READ  
ALL ABOUT IT  
ON PAGE 3.**



## Welcome, New Members!

### Tate and Matt Edwards

Tate and Matt Edwards joined Hudson last Sunday, June 28. They have two children, Wyatt and Carson. Tate was born in Texas and grew up in Beaufort, SC. She is a Campaign Development Director at Blood Cancer United. She enjoys spending time with her family, days at the pool, reading, and snowboarding. Matt was born and raised in Columbia, SC. He is a Service Center Manager at Southeastern Freight Lines. In his free time he enjoys playing golf, going to the gym, watching sports, snowboarding, traveling, pool days with the family, and cooking.

If you see Tate and Matt around the church, be sure to say hello!



## Meet Eric Earle CRE Intern at Hudson

Eric is a native North Carolinian, having grown up in Oxford, NC, and a graduate of NC State University. He and his wife, Karen, live in Wake Forest and are very active members of Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, where Eric is a personnel Elder and Karen is a Stephen Minister. They are proud parents of a daughter, Grace, who attends college in Charlotte. They are also proud parents of two adult German Shepherds, Sheba and Lady.

Eric has recently completed the Pathways Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary and has now entered the internship stage of fulfilling the requirements to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) in the New Hope Presbytery.

### Eric's personal ministry statement is:

"I feel strongly that God has called me to reach out to ALL people I encounter in my life, whether in my daily walk or on Sundays, and share with them the same compassion, hope, love, grace, forgiveness, and peace, that has been given to me by God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."



### Information from Session:

Session approved the application of a ruling elder at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, Eric Earle, to work as an unpaid intern at HMPC so he can complete the requirements for becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) in the PCUSA. CREs are also known as "lay pastors," servants who complete a certificate-level of education at seminary rather than an MDiv, work as an intern for ten weeks under the guidance of a PCUSA minister and congregation, and are then approved by COM to serve particular congregations on a contract basis.

### Interested in joining?

Our next Inquirers' Class will be  
**August 23 after worship.**

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

## Be a part of the Avery County Mission Trip Team! (even if you can't make it in person)

Show your support with a 2026 Avery County Mission Trip t-shirt! Whether you've served on a past trip, support the ministry through prayer or giving, or simply want to cheer on the team, we'd love for you to wear a shirt and join us in spirit as we serve our neighbors in Avery County.

**Shirts are \$20 - ORDER BY JULY 5**



Order [HERE](#)



Pay [HERE](#)



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Shirt back:



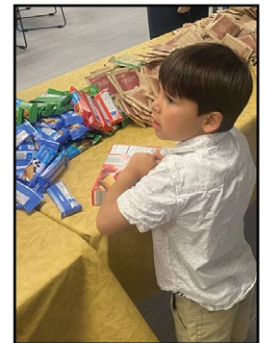
## Meals On Wheels Meal-Packing Event



Thanks to our super dedicated Mission Committee Members - Lauren Janarella and Max Delgado (District Manager for Aldi) - they brought all the components for 500 Individual Meals of

Oatmeal, Juice Drinks, Canned Peaches and Fruit Bars that were packed by a dedicated cadre of HMPC Members in Westminster Hall Sunday morning before our regular church service. The items were purchased by the available funds from the Mission Committee. The meals were delivered to Meals on Wheels on June 29.

MANY THANKS to all who volunteered their time and efforts to pack the meals and box them for delivery! AND, MANY THANKS to all the members of HMPC who generously contributed to our Mission Committee fund, which allowed us to purchase all the meal components for Sunday's annual event.



See a special message from Wake County Meals On Wheels on our Facebook page [HERE](#).



Wake Interfaith Immigration Network

## From Stranger to Neighbor

Summer education series to gather, learn,  
& grow with people of faith



4 sessions | June–August

Join with people of many faiths to explore the call to welcome the stranger – through sacred texts, histories, and the question of what we can do right now.

Each meeting stands alone; come to one or many  
**more info: [wakeinterfaithimmigration.org](http://wakeinterfaithimmigration.org)**

## From Stranger to Neighbor

Register for the next installment of Wake Interfaith Immigration Network's summer education series, From Stranger to Neighbor: **Sunday, July 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm** at Millbrook United Methodist Church.

In this session, Dive Deeper, they will look deeper into our sacred texts to examine how the call to love our neighbor has been interpreted over the centuries. If you missed the first meeting, that's okay; we invite you to jump into the exploration with us.

**Registration is requested - [register now.](#)**

Each meeting of From Stranger to Neighbor stands alone, so attend one or more, and tell your friends!

### Our Full Summer Education Series:

- "Dive Deeper" - July 12
- "In the Past" - August 9
- "In the Present" - Week of August 23-26 (exact date TBD)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

### Support Our Montreat Youth Trip with Meal Donations!

We have 17 meals to make for 25 people for our Montreat Youth Trip in mid July. We're looking for folks to donate baked goods, snacks, casseroles, condiments, grocery items, and more. All desired donations (specific casseroles, etc.) are detailed on the sign-up sheet. Any support is greatly appreciated!



All non-perishable items can be dropped off at church in the kitchen (look for a bin) or brought **Sunday morning, July 12**. We will have coolers to pack the food that morning.

**Sign up to help [HERE.](#)**

## Hymn Survey

Let us know about your favorite hymns! Click [HERE](#) to fill out the short survey.

**Come to our HYMN SING service on July 26 at 10:30!**





# Faithful Stewardship: May 2026 Financial Update

Through May 2026, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church continues to demonstrate financial health through faithful giving and disciplined spending.



## \$84,489 Year-To-Date Surplus

This surplus is \$24,156 higher than our budgeted expectation of \$60,333.



### Pledges Are \$19,115 Over Budget

Regular pledges reached \$370,807 YTD, providing a strong foundation for our ministries.



### Revenue Surpasses Budgetary Goals

Total General Fund revenue of 494,523 is 3.6% (\$17,197) ahead of our year-to-date projections.



### Careful Spending Below Budgeted Limits

Church expenses are \$6,958 under budget, while Preschool expenses are \$66,791 under budget.



## Middle School Massanetta Conference

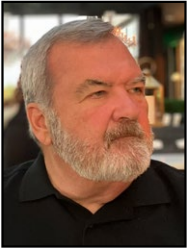


This past week, sixteen of our youth attended the Massanetta Middle School Conference. There, they learned about peace, specifically how to find it within ourselves and spread it out into our world. They played, sang, danced, and connected through both rocking chair conversations and slip-n-sliding. We also could not be more proud of HMPC graduate Hayes Atkinson, who has served at Massanetta as an advocate for the past three summers and lead advocate the past two. He has left a positive impact on HMPC and Massanetta, and we pray for him as he continues to what is next! See you next summer, Netta! *(Merritt Liebman)*



# MEMORIALS

## Celebration of Life Service - Walter Palmer



Former Hudson Member Walter Palmer entered God's everlasting kingdom on November 23, 2025. There will be a Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Life Service at Hudson Memorial on **Saturday, July 11, at 11:00**. If you cannot make it in person, you can view the livestream [HERE](#).

Walter was a faithful member of Hudson from 1978-2003, where he served as an Elder and was active on many committees.

Please keep Carol, Chelsea, Sean and wife Michaela in your prayers.

### WALTER PALMER OBITUARY

Walter was raised and educated in New Jersey. His career has been in the pharmaceutical industry, holding various roles in plant and engineering management. These companies included Squibb in Princeton, NJ; Bristol-Myers Squibb in Raleigh, NC; Glaxo Smith Kline in Oak Hill, NY; Formulated Solutions in Tampa, FL. He retired 4 years ago from his position of COO at the boutique coffee company, "Buddy Brew" based in Tampa.

Walter and wife, Carol, met and were married in Martinsville, NJ, in 1976. They have two amazing children and one terrific daughter-in-law. Sean and Michaela live in Orlando, FL, and daughter, Chelsea, lives in Charlotte, NC.

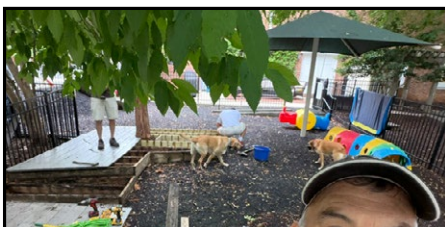
Along with his love for God, Walter had a big heart for his dear family and many wonderful friends. He enjoyed using his God-given talents to benefit every church he was involved in. He served for many years as an Elder, chairing the finance, stewardship, personnel and music/worship committees.

Free time was spent at the beach, boating, water-skiing, reading, enjoying history. Walter and Carol have enjoyed music in their lives and loved attending concerts, going to the theatre or just listening to music at home. His favorites were classical and Broadway show tunes.

## PROPERTY

### Our Volunteers Have Been Hard At Work!

After a car accidentally drove onto our playground after hours, we faced damage to our fence and wooden decking. The damaged decking was removed by volunteers Ken Krause, Harry Bowles, Will Eichler, and John Oldenburg. Rather than replace the decking, the preschool has opted to replace it with rubberized mulch.



In addition to the volunteer work, the damaged fence sections were professionally replaced. Dorothy is also working with Masonry Medics to install bollards in front of the fence to prevent any kind of similar accident in the future.



## CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 5

- 9:30 am - Adult Summer Series - Westminster North
- 9:30 am - Summer Sing - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH, Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North

### Monday, July 6

- Preschool - Summer Session 2 Begins
- 6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

### Tuesday, July 7

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom

### Wednesday, July 8

- 6:00 pm - Summer Supper - Westminster North

### Thursday, July 9

- 10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Room 200
- 7:00 pm - Giving Ministry Team Kick-off - WH South

### Saturday, July 11

- 11:00 am - Memorial Service - Walter Palmer - Sanctuary