

YOUTH MINISTRY

Massanetta Youth Conference

Middle School Youth Have A “Blessed” Time At Massanetta

Last week, a small but mighty group of five Middle School boys returned from a few days at the Annual Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs in Virginia. This year’s conference theme was “Blessed Be”, a week based on the Beatitudes in Matthew’s Gospel. This time in the Shenandoah Valley, as you can see by the pictures, was filled with fun, engaging, energetic movement of the Holy Spirit. This is a trip that HMPC prioritizes for its Middle School youth and it will continue to do so in the future. If you see one of these boys around the church, be sure to ask them about their week. (Rich Richards and Coleman Bumgardner were the two advisors that accompanied them...they had a blast as well!)



Sabbatical



Friends, I am deeply grateful to the Personnel Committee and Session for their approval of a sabbatical for me. I will be on sabbatical from July 19th to October 13th. The HMPC Staff Policy Manual states, “Sabbatical Leave is qualitatively different from vacation or basic paid time

off. It is an opportunity for the individual to strategically disengage from regular and normal tasks so that ministry and mission may be viewed from a new perspective because of a planned time to focus. It is an extension of the Biblical concept of a Sabbath day. It is both an act of faith that God will sustain us through a period of reflection and changed activity and an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies.”

I have served Hudson for 13 wonderful years. The past two and a half years have been some of the most challenging of my 30 years in ministry: Forging ahead through the bell curves of the pandemic and working through an enormous amount of staff changes has been invigorating and tiring.

This sabbatical will be important for me to do what I often recommend people do on labyrinth walks: Release. Receive. Return. As I said in my sabbatical proposal to Personnel Committee and Session, Sabbatical will: **Release** me from day-to-day responsibility at HMPC for 3 months, open me up to **Receive** new insights from God through pilgrimage and (spiritual) tourism, **Return** me to HMPC rested, refreshed and restored to more balanced health.

There are two major themes for this sabbatical:

- Visiting major Reformation sites in Germany and Switzerland.
- Walking the Via Francigena from Lausanne, Switzerland to Rome, Italy.

For years I have been studying and teaching about the Reformation and the theology of the Reformers. I have never visited the sites in Germany and Switzerland associated with this seismic shift in church history. Places associated with Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin and others. Cities like Wittenberg, Erfurt, Wartburg, Geneva, and more. I look forward to visiting these places as a way of undergirding my learning,

teaching, and preaching.

As many of you know, long-distance hiking and pilgrimage has been something that has been transforming for me since 2016. The three great Christian pilgrimage destinations are Jerusalem, Rome, and Santiago. I went on a peacemaking trip to Israel-Palestinian Territories in 2006. I went to Santiago, Spain in 2016 (Camino Frances), 2019 (Camino Portuguese with my wife, Katy), and 2021 (Camino Frances with my daughter, Hannah). So, the final pilgrimage destination is Rome.



I will go to Rome on the Via Francigena, the ancient pilgrims' path that begins at Canterbury Cathedral in England, and ends in Rome, Italy. I will not be walking the whole thing, but will pick it up on the north end of Lake Geneva. For me, long-distance walking has slowed me

down and allowed me to reset emotionally, physically, and spiritually. While the destination of Rome will be wonderful, pilgrimage is about the journey and some of the meaningful work that can be done within oneself along the way.

Special thanks to Don Slater, Fred Woodward, John James, and Ken Krause who will be facilitating some of my faith formation/fellowship groups while I am gone. Associate Pastor Debbie Kirk will be coordinating worship, running staff meetings, and moderating the Session. This church is filled with wonderful lay leaders and staff who are creative and dedicated to Christ's calling through Hudson.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to re-center myself. It is a privilege that I do not take for granted. Please pray for me, as I will do the same for you as we are apart.

With Care,

Summer Simple Suppers

July 13 and August 3 | 6:00pm

Join us in Westminster Hall anytime between 6:00 and 7:00pm on the above listed dates. Come have a summer fresh and healthy meal and enjoy fellowship with each other! Cost of dinner is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Place your reservation at least 2 days before the supper by contacting the office at 919-787-1086 or by emailing susanbradshaw8@gmail.com



Fellowship Fridays

July 22 and August 3

Fellowship Committee has planned a fun event on a Friday evening of each month this summer. This is what's planned for July...

July 22nd at 6:00pm Ice Cream Social & Outdoor/Indoor Games for ALL Ages

Place your reservation at least 2 days before the event by contacting the office at 919-787-1086 or by emailing susanbradshaw8@gmail.com



Westminster Hall was filled with laughter and fun last Friday during Bingo night!



Overture Originating From Hudson Session Considered by 225th General Assembly

This past week at the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), an overture from the Presbytery of New Hope was considered that originated from Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church's Session. The overture was considered in the General Assembly Ministry Coordination Committee.

Overture GA-MC-02, is titled: "On Updating the Video Resource, *Who Are We Presbyterians*, with Accompanying Study Guide" and the rationale accompanying the overture says the following: In 2001, the denomination produced a seventeen-minute video called *Who Are We Presbyterians*, with an accompanying study guide written by Freda Gardner, Moderator of the 211th General Assembly (1999). The video packaging describes the video as, "an excellent tool for church school, officer training, new members class, confirmation class, retreats, midweek gatherings and much more." For many years this video resource was a relevant, concise introduction to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

This resource is almost nineteen years old and needs to be updated. The new video resource needs to:

- Communicate how the good news of Jesus Christ proclaimed by ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) continues to be life changing and relevant in this time and place.
- Communicate who we are as a denomination as we enter the 2020s.

- Move from DVD format to an online resource that can be pulled up on the denominational website or other video platforms to easily be shown to groups or viewed individually.
- "Provoke our questions and encourage us to share our experiences as one part of the whole people of God" (as stated in the 2001 study guide).

Furthermore, the Office of General Assembly needs a plan for financing and creating future introductory videos so that ministries do not face using "out-of-date" denominational resources. It is essential for outreach and engagement that the diverse ministries of the PC(USA) have a dynamic resource that concisely describes our history, who we are today, where we are headed, and the beauty of our connectional nature."

The above rationale wording was approved by Hudson's Session before being adopted by the Presbytery of New Hope and concurred by Coastal Carolina Presbytery and de Cristo Presbytery.



On June 30, the motion unanimously passed through the committee. It will go onto the larger plenary body of commissioners of the 225th of General Assembly for further consideration.

SESSION

Session Update

June 2022



- Voted to sustain the nominations of Billy Branch, Gretchen McDuffie, and Carolyn Scott for Deacon, and Dottie Burch for Elder. The Installation ceremony is Sunday, July 10, during worship.

- Approved the funding for first floor bathroom renovations, second floor ceiling upgrade, and steeple repairs.

- Ministry candidate Matt Moorman continues his journey to ordination under the care of HMPC.

July Special Offering Shelter Ministries

Our congregation has been involved with many different housing and shelter ministries. Whether we're helping out with Habitat for Humanity, Rebuild Together, or Hudson Handy Helpers, we have always been there to help people turn their houses into homes. Money raised for this special offering can be used to sponsor a Habitat House, assist with natural disaster relief, or any other shelter-related ministries that the Lord asks us to lend a helping hand to.



You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate, or by online giving specifically to Shelter Ministries through the church's website by clicking the QR code or visiting hmpc.org. You can text the donation

amount with the word "Shelter" to 888-906-0744.

Example text: 25 Shelter

You can also mail a check with Shelter Ministries in the memo line to the church office: 4921 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, 27609.

Adult & Youth(12+) Food Bank Volunteers Needed



HMPC has dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. The next dates are **Saturday, July 9 (9:00am-12:00pm)** and **Wednesday, August 3 (6:00-8:00pm)**

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of the church's website 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.

NRM Needs Your Help! Low Food Supply



We have heard from North Raleigh Ministries about the rapidly increasing need for food pantry assistance which has been growing for the past two and a half years as a result of pandemic-related factors. Now the sharp rise in cost of food means that the number of people who are food insecure is escalating at an alarming rate. Every group

who addresses this in large and small ways is struggling to meet the need, including the NRM food pantry, who is running out of food. Currently the Food Bank and Interfaith Food Shuttle, who supply much of what is distributed by food pantries, do not have the food supply (at bulk prices) to feed all of our neighbors in need.



NRM needs help to fill their shelves and feed a community that is experiencing significant financial hardship. They are currently providing food for 560 people each month and the need is growing.

Our Mission Committee has funds designated for Hunger Action and is able to make an additional financial contribution to NRM in addition to our ongoing commitment. Listed below are ways you may want to help personally by donating directly to NRM. They have let us know that financial donations enable them to purchase needed items in bulk at better prices that we can get if we buy them on our own. Both options are available using the following links:

1.) **A current list of food and household items can be found here.** <https://northraleighministries.com/pantry-donations>

2.) **Financial donations can be made here.** <https://northraleighministries.com/give>

Women at the Well

Thursday Evening Group Meetings



Mark your calendars! Meetings through December will be the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in a restaurant:

**July 21, August 18,
September 15, October 20,
November 17, December 15**

For questions or to join the distribution list, contact [Debbie Kirk](#).

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, July 5 | 6:30am | Zoom



All men are invited to join this group via Zoom 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.](#)

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Interested in Joining?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on **Sunday, July 10th**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [New Member Information Forms are available here.](#) Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.

Adult Summer Series

**Sundays | 9:30-10:20am
Through August 28
Westminster Hall**

Coming Up...

Sunday, July 3

All About Bees! Learn from A Beekeeper

Come learn about the lives of honey bees, one of God's remarkable creations, from a seasoned beekeeper and member of the Wake County Swarm Rescue Team. As stewards of God's creation, we are to care for all of God's creatures. When we neglect that responsibility, nature is out of balance. Bees are extremely essential for the health of people and the planet and climate change is threatening these important pollinators. Dr. Andy McRee will be at Hudson leading a discussion on caring for bees at his own home, and out in the community, as he is on



call to go "rescue" swarms, and safely move them.

Bees are fascinating, and we'd like for you to join us to learn more about them. Treats made with honey will be available!

Sunday, July 10

Interfaith Food Shuttle

The Interfaith Food Shuttle* staff will help us understand the importance of advocating for systemic change as part of our commitment as a Hunger Action Congregation.

**One of our mission partners*

Sunday, July 17

A Brief and A Bit Different View of The Old and New Testaments



Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will share some highlights of the Old Testament and facilitate conversation on how we interpret them in the 21st century.

BIRTHDAYS

July Birthdays

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colt Jackson, Dottie Davis 2. Tiffany Wheeler, Wynne Long 3. Avi Banerjee, Billy Poole, Leigh Betancourt 4. Andrea Mouw, Kathy White, Cate Madden 5. Lacey Sandlin, Logan Randolph 7. Anna Keen, Susan Krause, Debbie Bumgarner, P. J. Conger, Jimmie Spell, Charlie Onaya, Riley Anderson 8. Connery Bunn, Maddox Johnson, Michelle Philips 9. Dick Ives, Beth Billman, Marie Martin 10. Susan Bradshaw 11. Lauren Parker, Walt Lang 12. Jeri Thomas 13. Phil Hayden, Shelly Ayers 14. Rick Melling, Lee Playford 15. William Davidson, Karen Melling, Avery Claire Bevier 16. Trish Richardson, Cathy Bentlage | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Heidi Duggins, Sandra Acai, Sandy Cole, Kathy Seekamp, Ellie Vig, Richard Blanks, Tanner Hanks, Lisa Hoffman, Camden Christenbury 18. Teri Morris, Phyllis James, Ethan Page, Hannah Cox, Ashley Woolley 19. Bob Conder, Luke Dalzell, Nathan Edge, Jimmy Hulsey 20. Aleta Ash, Ogbeyialu Nduka, Morgan Plentl 21. Olivia Mercer, Robert Saleeby 22. Karen Layton 24. Ann Trent, Laura McHenry, Andrew Pate 26. Calesta Heres 27. Mitch Perry, Jenna Schindo, Katy Schafer, Keels Maxwell 28. Olivia Davidson, Terry Lamberson 29. Kelli Greene 30. Robert Atkinson, Ginny Conger, Patty Shaver 31. Brent Sharpe, Caroline Smart, Jackie Rogers |
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FINANCE

Financial Update

Review of Actual vs Budget HMPC General Fund (GF) Year to Date (YTD)

	YTD 2022 <u>ACTUAL</u>	YTD 2022 <u>BUDGET</u>	Favorable/ (Unfavorable) ACT VS <u>BUDGET</u>
PLEDGES	\$ 408,049	\$ 399,755	\$ 8,294
NON-PLEDGE/OTHER GF OFFERING	\$ 28,253	\$ 24,807	\$ 3,446
TOTAL GF OFFERINGS	\$ 436,302	\$ 424,562	\$ 11,740
TOTAL GF REVENUE	\$ 497,003	\$ 462,482	\$ 34,521
TOTAL GF EXPENSE	\$ 364,948	\$ 392,496	\$ 27,548
GF SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 132,055	\$ 69,986	\$ 62,069
AVAILABLE TO BORROW-NS BANK	\$ 50,000		
	Current Year		
CASH BALANCE	\$ 488,856		
BORROWED FROM BANK	\$ -		
NET GF CASH BALANCE	\$ 488,856		

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, July 3

9:30 am - Adult Education - Summer Series - WH
9:45 am - Summer Sing- Sanctuary
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH

Monday, July 4

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Office Closed

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

Tuesday, July 5

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

Friday, July 8

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, July 9

9:00 am - Adult/Youth Work Day at Food Bank
2:00 pm - Children's Work Day at Food Bank

MISSION

Children's 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 **July 9th, September 10th, and October 23rd** from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Registration link can be found [here](#).



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YOUTH MINISTRY

July Youth News

THIS SUNDAY:

Sunday School, regular evening Youth Group, and Youth Music on break until September 11

LOOKING AHEAD

July 10 - Movie on the Green - 8pm to 10pm
July 17-23 - Montreat Youth Conference
August 14 - Movie on the Green - 8pm to 10pm

