THE WEEKLY
WINDOW
OUT TO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 30, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARGUERITE

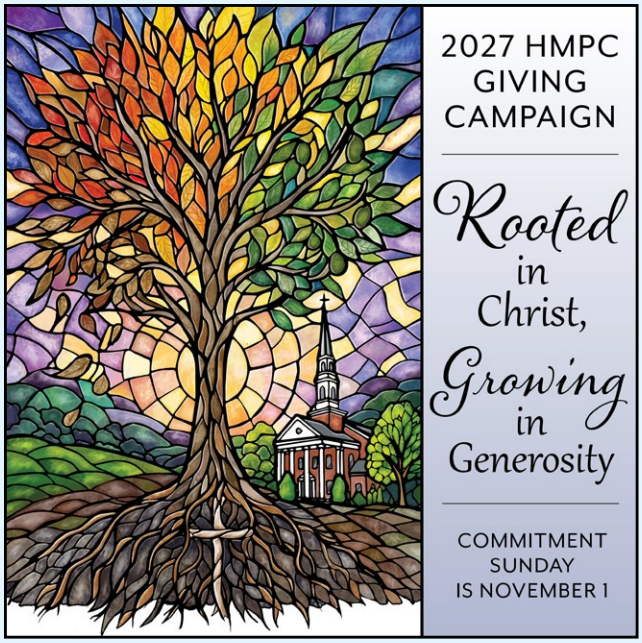
Dear HMPC Friends and Family,

We are fast approaching the holidays as we begin the month of November (and Eastern Standard Time this Sunday!) First, we lift up all the blessings we're grateful for, then with the first Sunday of Advent, confess how many more blessings we are still waiting for. The season of Thanksgiving and Advent perfectly matches the idea of "already/not yet" – so much to be grateful for, and yet still so much to yearn for.

Maybe you're the kind of person who makes lists. My husband Mark makes lists for everything, so much so that sometimes he admits to being a little embarrassed by the habit. But I remind him what I learned at Princeton Seminary studying the culture of the Ancient Near East – the earliest form of writing we have is that of lists. What we have and what we need formed the earliest communications known to humankind. So if you feel a need to write down the blessing you have and the blessings you don't have yet, you'd be joining in the thousands-year journey of human beings who have felt the same need, and were blessed by the exercise.

Worship this November will focus on the last phrase of our vision statement: We seek to grow with the help of Christ. The essence of this statement embraces our Reformed heritage: we know we don't have it right yet, we need to keep being open to trying new ways as the Holy Spirit leads us. We may fail, but with the help of Christ, we won't fail to learn what God would have us learn from failure. That lesson from failure always bears fruit for discipleship, but we are so afraid of failure we sometimes miss those opportunities to grow. That's why the statement emphasizes the help of Christ. That is what we all need – maybe to face the holidays with a little more serenity than freneticism.

I'm grateful for your faithfulness in supporting me, the staff, and the ministry of Hudson Memorial in so many beautiful ways during our transition time together. I know that uncertain futures can produce anxiety, but I think your faith in God's faithfulness has alleviated much of that anxiety and allowed new ideas and energies to flow forth. Thank you, and thanks be to God. - *Pastor Marguerite*



COMMUNION, COMMITMENT, & ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY ON NOV. 1

This Sunday is a wonderful day to attend worship at Hudson. We will serve communion by intinction, as is our custom on the first Sunday of the month. We will ask everyone who is pledging for 2027 to come forward and put a pledge card in the basket (if you've already turned it in, put a blank one in and thank you!) We will also remember those Hudson members and former members who have died and entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints' Day. We invite you to come enjoy cake and fellowship in Westminster Hall after worship. It promises to be a beautiful morning of celebration for what we have because of others' giving, and what we hope we will have because of joining together in our commitment to giving for the future. Please join us.

Usher Training

Date: Sunday, November 8
Duration: 45 minutes, following Worship service
Where: Front of Sanctuary
Who Should Attend: New Ushers, Substitute-list Ushers, and Current Ushers

Mark your calendars for an **Usher Training Session on Sunday, November 8, 2026.** This 45-minute training will walk through usher duties before, during, and after Worship, including current HMPC Emergency Procedures.

We'll cover welcoming worshipers, attendance procedures, offering collection, Communion Sundays, and Sanctuary opening and closing procedures. Whether you are a seasoned usher or serving for the first time, this session will help ensure we provide a warm and organized worship experience for all.

Two Guest Preachers in November

HMPC (and the choir!) will welcome Rev. Betty Berghaus back to our pulpit on November 8. We've been blessed by her presence many times this year so please give her a big Hudson welcome on her last HMPC preaching date of 2026.

On November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, we'll welcome Rev. Becca Kuiken as she preaches her first sermon at Hudson. If you're in town for Thanksgiving weekend, we hope you'll join us for worship and stay afterward for the Hanging of the Greens as we prepare for the Advent season!

A Peals for Peace: Ringing One More Monday

JOIN US NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:00PM

This past Monday marked our second gathering along Six Forks Road to ring bells for peace. We were encouraged by the many honks and waves of support from passing drivers!

Join us for one final gathering on Monday, November 2. Meet in the Karl Hudson Room at 5:50 pm, grab a bell, and join us outside as we ring from 6:00 to 6:15 pm. No sign-up needed!

Sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches, this statewide effort brings communities together in a simple, peaceful expression of our shared belief in the worth of every person, the call to love our neighbors, and the importance of choosing peace over division.

Learn more about the official "A Peals* for Peace" effort HERE.

** A "Peal" is the sound of a bell ringing. The word comes from Middle English (pele or appel), originally meaning a "summons" or a call to draw worshipers to church.*

To The Church Triumphant

Mitchell Puryear

Hudson member Mitchell Puryear entered God's everlasting kingdom on the morning of October 27, 2026. Details about his memorial service will be announced once they are finalized.

Thanks be to God for the life of Mitchell. Please keep the Puryear family in your prayers.

It's that time again! Daylight Saving time ends this weekend. At 2:00am on November 1, 2026, clocks move back one hour to 1:00am.

GIVING MINISTRY

October 25 Minute For Mission - Fred Woodward

Since we are talking about being rooted in Christ and growing in generosity, I'd like to share a few planting vignettes.

Last spring, Doug Goodale, Ace Ornt, and I met to "start" spreading 10 yards of mulch in the Memorial Garden. Well, Doug (79 last week) wouldn't stop filling wheelbarrows, and Ace (78), wouldn't stop bringing them in, so there was no way that I (a mere 61) was going to stop spreading. Three hours later, the pile was gone, the garden was mulched and we just stood there, tired and grinning like three kids.

Years ago, I planted a sasanqua camellia outside the patio wall behind the kitchen. It will start blooming soon. In full bloom, the pink flowers are so dense you can barely see the green leaves.

Steve Parker donated two redbud trees that I planted on either end of the west parking lot. They bloom like crazy all along the stems before the leaves come out, and you know that spring is on the way.

Ken Krause built a beautiful wooden cross and hung it above the patio behind Westminster Hall. Together, we planted star jasmine vines and trained them to grow up around the cross. It's fully grown in now and in late spring the little white blooms smell heavenly.

I have taken pleasure in watching these plants grow and bloom in season. But, by far, the most productive planting I have done here is planting my backside in these pews, more Sundays than not, going on thirty years now.

Worship is sunshine to me, the rhythm of it, the preaching of the word, and the light of Christ I see in your eyes. Music is water for my thirsty soul. So many talented musicians, the hymns we share, the adult choir and children's voices. And the handbells, like a gentle soaking rain. Thousands of hours of conversation in Sunday School and Waking Up With the Word have nourished me and stayed in my mind well past the moment. Some of it was manure, but manure is good fertilizer.

And so, I am rooted in this expression of the Body of Christ. And I have grown. So I give. I give money and time. But what a gift it has been to belong to a community where the whole point is Love, to love God and receive the love of God. To love and care for one another the best we can. And to share that love with the world. It's been a good investment for me.

Visit our Giving Ministry 2027 page HERE. You can find a Giving Campaign kick-off video, as well as several videos in a developing series of "Rooted at Hudson" videos that are made up of footage submitted by church members. You can make your 2027 pledge of time, talent, and treasure HERE.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to the pancake brunch last Sunday! We had about 120 attendees and the youth raised **$3,105.** If you weren't able to make it, it's not too late to donate! You can support our youth trips by donating here and specifying "pancake" in the memo!

We are so grateful for the congregation's generosity. The money donated at the pancake breakfast will go toward our trips and retreats this year! That could mean anything from helping pay for a tank of gas (around $95) providing a pizza dinner for our 20+ high schoolers at Montreat (around $125) to providing a scholarship for a middle schooler to attend Massanetta ($550). The funds supplement the cost of the trips for ALL and help ensure everyone gets a chance to participate.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Coin Drive

HMPC Children's Ministry is collecting coins through December to help pay off outstanding lunch debt in our Wake County Schools. This is a tangible way to talk to kids about generosity in a way they can understand about a topic they can relate to. Coins can be placed in containers on the table outside Westminster Hall or on the counter in the Karl Hudson room.

Upcoming Youth Activities

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

YOUTH GROUP! Meet at HMPC from 5:00 - 7:00 for youth group. Games, dinner, and devotion! We will see you then, 5th-12th graders!

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

HIGH SCHOOL walk to North Hills - meet at HMPC at 5:00 and bring money for dinner. Our middle schoolers will be returning from CROSS and will not meet for youth group.

COMMUNITY FUN AT THE FALL FESTIVAL

THANK YOU to Children's Ministry, HMPC volunteers, and all who donated candy and supplies for this event!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

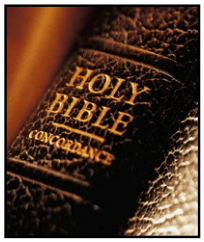
Ponderings & Seekers Combined 6-Week Class

Session #4 This Week, Nov. 1

"Christian Doctrines: A Guide to Life's Big Questions"

Led by Parish Associate, Becca Kuiken

Christian doctrines can appear to 21st century minds as rigid laws or judgmental rules. They can better be seen as a theological response to key questions of human life. Where is God? What are the possibilities and problems of human beings? What can we ultimately hope for? Behind every doctrine are theologians seeking answers within particular historical moments.



This 6-week class looks at key Christian doctrines: Sin, Incarnation, Atonement, Resurrection, and Christian Hope. It traces both orthodox and alternative theological streams. We will also cover topics such as Creation, Sin and Evil, Resurrection and Hope.

Nine O'Clock Class

NO CLASS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 1

Women at the Well

Weekly/Morning Group

Meets Wednesdays 9:15am - Chapel/Zoom

Join us for this weekly women's book study! 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.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, November 3 - 6:30am

Memorial Garden Patio

(due to voting occupying Westminster Hall area)

All men are invited to join this group for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina, and alternates meetings in person and over Zoom.

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'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.

Coffee & Conversation

A Time for Young-ish Adults Following Worship on Sundays

Are you in your 20s, 30s or 40s? Coffee & Conversation is a group that meets most Sundays following worship at 11:45 in the Chapel while children & youth music is happening. It's a great group of young-ish adults that talk about life, faith and culture in a laid-back setting. The group meets for a half hour. Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge or a snack in Westminster Hall and stop in. No preparation or homework! If you have questions please reach out to Cary Dickerson.

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.

This Week at Hudson

Sunday, November 1
9:30 am - Ponderings + Seekers (Combined) - WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall
11:30 am - Donuts and Highs/Lows - Sanctuary Balcony
11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
11:45 am - Youth Bells - WH South
5:00 pm - Youth Group - WH, Geneva, Youth Rooms

Monday, November 2
9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva or Sanctuary
6:00 pm - A Peals for Peace - In front of church
6:00 pm - Election Setup (Wake County BOE) - WH Hall
6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, November 3
HMP Teacher Workday
Voting in Westminster Hall for General Election
6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Memorial Garden Patio
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Welcome Team - Karl Hudson Room

Wednesday, November 4
9:15 am - Women at the Well (Weekly) - Chapel/Zoom
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 5
10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
5:30 pm - HMPC Foundation - Zoom
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Karl Hudson Room
7:00 pm - Giving Ministry - Zoom

Friday, November 6
Middle School CROSS Service Trip

Saturday, November 7
Middle School CROSS Service Trip

November Birthdays

4 - Tripp McDuffie, John Hall, Fallon Dunn
5 - Heather Monroe
6 - Justin Smith, Mgbo Nkpa, Martin Playford
7 - Jordan Parker, Jim Knight
8 - Alexandra McIntire, Will Keever, Davis Bradshaw
9 - Allie Maples, Rob Duggins, Maureen Thomas, KK Woolley
11 - Matt Ferrrer
12 - Emily Duggins, Connor Smith
13 - Emily Bigger, Elizabeth Forehand, Sandra Vasher, Meredith Dalzell, Bryson Guy, Garrett Guy
14 - Kenny Capps
15 - Alice Njoroge
16 - Darrin Komono
18 - Ken Krause
19 - Hollis Peterson, Ed Holzinger, Jackson Lynch
20 - Joan Lester, Kate Fertin, Anna Fertin
21 - Amy Hunnicutt, Maggie Turnbull, Andrew Cranford
22 - Ron Cole
23 - James Dickerson, Drak Thi
24 - Brad Harris
25 - Logan Huesgen, Sandy Goodale, Sheri Jackson
26 - Burke Wombwell
27 - Maegan Smith, Spencer Rogers, William Glenn, Kirk Richardson
28 - Roger Howard
30 - Renee McDougal

Single Way November Luncheon

Tuesday, November 3, 11:30am

Olive Garden (Capital Blvd)

Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. **Please contact Ruth Herpich at (919) 280-0049 by November 1** if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant a seating count. 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!