THE WEEKLY
WINDOW
Out to the Life and Ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church
NOVEMBER 6, 2026

Upcoming at HMPC

Sunday, November 8
Rev. Betty Berghaus will be our guest preacher

Sunday, November 15
Children's Sabbath - 10:30 Worship
Presentation of Bibles to threes, grades K and 4

Tuesday, November 24
Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00pm at North Haven Church, 6620 Six Forks Rd.

Sunday, November 29
Advent Begins! Becca Kuiken will be preaching
Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 5
Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00-12:00

Usher Training This Sunday

This Sunday, November 8, after Worship
Who Should Attend: New Ushers, Substitute-list Ushers, and Current Ushers

See you this Sunday for the Usher Training! 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.

New Business Manager Slated to Start in January



Our Personnel team, chaired by Elder Caroline Smart, is pleased to report that our new Business Manager, Jill Murr, will begin work at HMPC on January 19, 2027.

Jill brings decades of experience in bookkeeping and property management. She even has extensive experience with PCUSA church and Preschool bookkeeping, having served as a part-time Financial Administrator for Wake Forest Presbyterian Church. After she left that position, she heard about the opening at Hudson Memorial and reached out to learn more. The rest is history!

Rev. Marguerite has now had the pleasure of being part of the decision to hire two outstanding professionals twice - as Merritt Liebman, Jill, and Marguerite were all former co-workers at Wake Forest.

We are grateful for our current Business Manager Erica Hairston Atwater's willingness to continue through year-end to wrap things up, and to travel back to North Carolina on January 18 to conduct a week of training with Jill. We are all looking forward to welcoming them both that week.

Personnel also wishes to thank members of the Finance Team, particularly the counters and Bill Flueckinger and Glenn Schindo, for doing the deposits flawlessly while Erica works remotely. Lesley Ash-Jacobsen and Hannah Woodcock have also been holding up the in-person tasks for Erica on top of their other duties. We are grateful for all these efforts to keep HMPC's finances running smoothly and transparently, and look forward to a great start for Jill next year.

COMMUNITY

Ringing Bells for Peace

This past Monday marked our third and final gathering along Six Forks Road to ring bells for peace. The group was encouraged by the many honks and waves of support from passing drivers! This group of 19 didn't let the dark stop them!

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.











YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth News

Please keep our middle schoolers in your prayers as they return home from CROSS in Charlotte.

This Sunday, November 8: YOUTH GROUP! High Schoolers, meet at HMPC from 5:00-7:00. Bring money for dinner. We are walking to North Hills!
There is no middle school youth group (grades 5-8) this Sunday due to CROSS.

Next Sunday, November 15, we have youth group for grades 5-12 from 5:00-7:00 at HMPC!





YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY FUN!





Behind the Numbers: How Hudson's Finance Team Serves—and How You Can Help!

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes to keep the lights on, support our staff, fund our outreach, and care for our campus at Hudson Memorial?

That's where the Finance Team comes in! Financial stewardship is a vital ministry that ensures our shared home and programs have the resources needed to thrive.

What Does the Finance Team Do?

Our team oversees the church's financial health so our ministries can flourish. Our primary duties include:

- **Developing the Annual Operating Budget** in partnership with church committees and staff.
- **Reviewing Monthly Financial Statements** to ensure wise and transparent stewardship.
- **Funding Capital Projects** (like our HVAC chiller replacements, ADA bathroom updates, and facility repairs).
- **Communicating Updates t**o the congregation to demystify church finances.
- **Training & Supporting Committee Leaders** to help them navigate their monthly budgets and designated funds.
- **Counting the Weekly Offering** faithfully after Sunday worship.

Four Ways You Can Serve *(Only One Requires Regular Meetings!)*

We are currently looking for volunteers to share their time and talents with our finance ministry. Whether you love working with spreadsheets, prefer a short-term project, or just want to help out on Sunday mornings, there is a place for you—and only one of these roles requires coming to monthly meetings!

1. **Join the Finance Team (Regular Meetings):**
   Finance Team members typically serve a three-year term. We currently have t**wo open spots** available:
   - **Class of 2027** (a shorter commitment ending in May 2027—perfect if you'd like to try it out!)
   - **Class of 2029** (a full three-year term)
2. **Join the Sunday Offering Counting Team (No Monthly Meetings):**
   Be part of a 16-person volunteer team that counts the Sunday offering. Volunteers serve on an eight-week rotation (about 6 or 7 times per year), helping process collections right after worship.
3. **Join the Annual Audit Team (Short-Term Project):**
   If you like detailed review work, this once-a-year project is for you! The Audit Team reviews Hudson's financial transactions to ensure accuracy and compliance. The entire process takes about four weeks once a year.
4. **Become a Committee Financial Liaison (Flexible Support):**
   Serve as a friendly, knowledgeable contact for one of Hudson's ministry committees to help answer questions about their monthly financial reports and designated accounts.

Ready to Lend a Hand?

Whether you're an accountant, a business professional, or simply someone who wants to serve our church community, your help makes a huge difference!

Click Here to Fill Out the Finance Ministry Interest Form

Or contact **Glenn Schindo** directly to learn more or raise your hand to help.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship in making Hudson's mission possible!



Pictured: Ken Krause, Tom Carpenito, Joan Lester, Harry Bond, Emily Cobb, Jonathan Hughes, Glenn Schindo

GIVING MINISTRY

November 5 Pledge Update - Off to a Good Start!



Each Fall, HMPC calls on its members and regular visitors to "pledge" their planned giving amount for the upcoming year. Everyone's pledged totals are then added together to set the church's budget for January 1 – December 31, 2027.

Everything at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is made possible with your prayerful giving, including staff salaries, building and grounds upkeep, and all church ministries such as Music, Worship, Children and Youth, Mission Outreach, and Adult Education. HMPC receives no operational funds from Presbytery or our denomination.

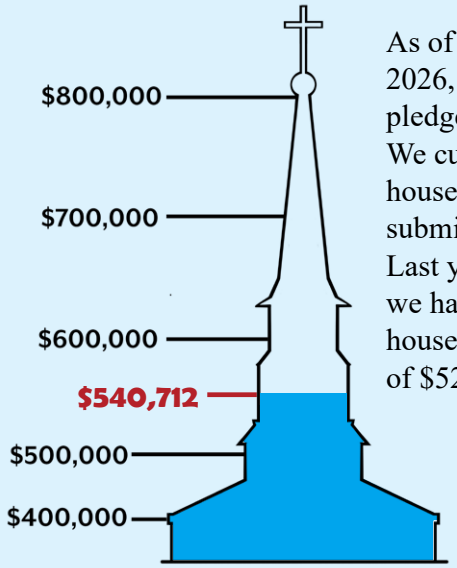
How do I submit my annual pledge for 2027?

- You may pledge online HERE.
- You can call the church office 919-787-1086 if you would like to request that a pledge form be mailed to you.
- Email your 2027 pledge amount to HMPC Business Manager, Erica Hairston, at ehairston@hmpc.org. Please include in the email your planned method of giving:
  - Monthly EFT bank draft initiated by HMPC;
  - Bill Pay initiated within your online banking service;
  - Check/cash donations made throughout the year.

Visit our Giving Ministry 2027 page HERE. You can find a Giving Campaign kick-off video, as well as 3 videos series of "Rooted at Hudson" videos that are made up of footage submitted by church members that celebrate the life of Hudson. In case you missed them, see links below. Thanks to Erik Jacobsen for his assistance editing these videos.

Video #1: HERE Video #2: HERE Video #3: HERE

PROGRESS UPDATE



As of November 5, 2026, our received pledges total $540,712. We currently have **108** households who have submitted pledges. Last year at this time we had 101 pledging households for a total of $521,730.

November 1 - Minute For Mission - JoLee Carpenito

I want to share a memory of a conversation I had well over 50 years ago. I grew up in Newport, RI. I was 11 years old, in grade school. There were less than 60 kids in my grade. Every morning the bus would drop us off at the cafeteria and we would congregate there before classes. We all had our groups of friends to sit with.

One morning, I was sitting with my good friend Lori. I have no idea how we got on this topic but we were talking about Church. Lori was Catholic, I was raised Episcopalian. She was struggling with something. Perhaps it was Commitment Sunday at her church that past weekend?

She asked, "If Jesus is all loving, all caring, all welcoming—He is humble, He cares for the rich and the poor—why do we have to pay to go to church?" (child speak)

I thought about it for a minute, then I asked her, "Would you want to go to your church if it was run down, lights didn't work, it was cold, paint peeling, falling apart? Or if they didn't have good staff or the programs you attend?"

You get the picture. She got the picture. And it is still applicable today.

I am rooted in Christ. One of the most meaningful assignments I have had at Hudson was on the Property Committee. I saw how much time and talent a lot of those committee members put in on a daily or weekly basis. Kudos to all of them. And a big thank you! They give a tremendous amount of their time to keep our church looking so beautiful.

I also saw the budgets and just how much money it takes on an annual basis to maintain our property. And the special projects as things need to be repaired or replaced. And that is where we *all* come in. Today is Giving/Commitment Sunday. Our contributions are instrumental in helping Hudson, whether it is for maintenance, staff, or the many programs that are offered to us and to the community. I hope you will give generously of both your time and your money.

What Mission Accomplished With Your Help

Two of HMPC's highest priorities from the Holy Cow! CAT survey were: 1. Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society; and 2. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances. **Because of your giving, Mission was able to help HMPC live into those priorities with the following mission activities this year!** THANK YOU, HMPC!

We...

Packed **14,000 meals** which have been shipped to families in the Philippines.

Assembled and delivered **500 breakfast bags** for Meals on Wheels.

Donated **$7,400** to Habitat for Humanity and participated in a spring workday, providing lunch for volunteers working on the home.

Donated **$3,000** to Raleigh Rescue Mission and hosted a worship service in partnership with the organization.

Donated **$2,000** to support a refugee family from Egypt through the Refugee Resettlement Support ministry at Pullen Baptist Church.

Wrote **90** letters to members of Congress during an Offering of Letters advocating for legislation addressing hunger through the Farm Bill.

Donated **$5,166** to Presbyterian Campus Ministries.

Donated **$1,570** to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Donated **$3,670** to North Raleigh Ministries.

Donated **$3,000** to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

Donated **$2,000** to the Angel Fund through Child Nutrition Services.

Organized Tend My Sheep collections to support six community organizations:

- Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina
- Presbyterian Campus Ministries
- Boys & Girls Club
- Raleigh Rescue Mission
- Diaper Train
- Note in the Pocket

November & December Tend My Sheep

NOTE IN THE POCKET



Note in the Pocket is our designated agency to support for November and December through your Mission Committee. Note in the Pocket has locations in Raleigh and Durham where they provide clothing to impoverished and homeless children and families with dignity and love. This short video explains how and why our contributions are so important: VIDEO HERE.

If you are unable to provide clothing but want to contribute financially, contributions are always appreciated. GIVE HERE.

The following list reflects our most urgently needed items at this time. They will accept new items as well as gently-used items, but please make sure used items are in **good, clean condition.**

CHILDREN

Girl Hoodies & Jackets – Sizes 7, 8 & 10
Girl Jeans & Leggings – Sizes 8, 10, 12 & 14
Girl Shoes – (Athletic Shoes) Sizes 3 & 4
Boy Hoodies & Jackets – Sizes 7, 8, 10 & 14
Boy Pants (Jeans & Athletic) – Sizes 7, 8 & 10
Boy Underwear – All Sizes (5-18)
Boy Shoes (Athletic Shoes) – Sizes 4, 5 & 6

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Women Shirts (Long Sleeve & Hoodies) – Sizes M & L
Women Pants – (Jeans, Athletic, Leggings) – Size 14, 16, 18, XL
Women Underwear – All Sizes
Women Shoes (Athletic Shoes) – Size 8 & 9

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Men Shirts (Short & Long Sleeve & Hoodies) – Sizes S, M, L
Men Pants (Athletic Pants & Joggers) – Sizes S, M, L
Men Underwear – Sizes Medium: 32-34 & Large: 36-38
Men Shoes (Athletic) – Sizes 8 & 9

OTHER NEEDS

GIFT CARDS – Walmart, Target, Amazon, Kohl's, etc.

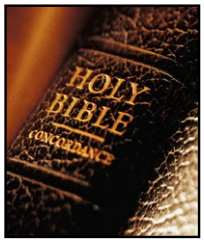
Deuteronomy 15:11 - "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"

FAITH FORMATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ponderings & Seekers Combined
6-Week Class
Session #5 This Week, Nov. 8
"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

Sunday, November 8 | 9:00 | Rm 200
"Love Your Enemy"

Conflict with others is unavoidable. Even with friends and family, maintaining peace can be a struggle. And it's even more difficult with our enemies—those who oppose us. Enemy Roman forces occupied Israel during Jesus' day. So in his teaching, Jesus gives his followers a radical vision for seeking peace in the midst of this conflict and repairing even the most difficult relationships.

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.

Women at the Well

Monthly/Evening Group
Thursday, November 19 | 6:00pm



Women at the Well meets monthly the third or fourth Thursday of each month. The group uses this time to mingle, enjoy a meal and discuss a podcast or devotional of choice. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and lively discussions.

If interested please contact:

Kay Emanuel- ckemanuel@gmail.com

Allie Maples - ajmfitnessworks@aol.com

Our next meeting will be November 19 at 6:00 pm, hosted by Allie Maples. There will be good food and good conversation.

WORSHIP

Two Guest Preachers

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.

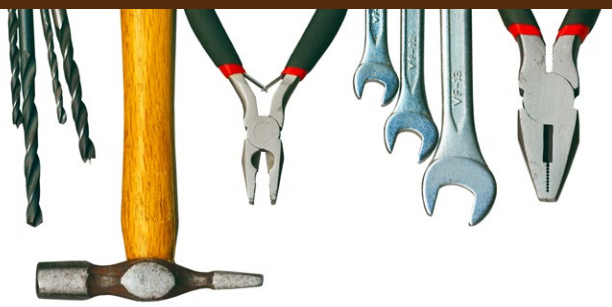
On November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, we'll welcome Rev. Becca Kuiken as she preaches her first sermon at Hudson. If you're in town for Thanksgiving weekend, we hope you'll join us for worship and stay afterward for the Hanging of the Greens as we prepare for the Advent season!

Celebration of Life Service
MITCHELL PURYEAR

Hudson member Mitchell Puryear entered God's everlasting kingdom on the morning of October 27, 2026. His service will be held at **2:00pm on November 19** at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. A livestream link will be posted on the homepage of our website the week of the service. **You can find his obituary HERE.**



PROPERTY



Hello, Hudson Memorial!

The Property Committee is glad to share another Monthly Property Summary to help keep the congregation connected with the upkeep of our facilities. As the staff liaison, I am here to answer two questions each month:

What did we accomplish in the past month?

How much did it cost to maintain our church property?

Here's your October Property Summary! – Hannah Woodcock

October Property Summary

What did we accomplish in October?

Chiller planning: The HVAC Subcommittee, Property Committee, and Session worked together to discuss plans for the chiller system. After thorough discussion, all agreed to proceed with a cooling system that uses one chiller. Rather than replacing or repairing the defunct Chiller 2, options estimated to cost between $65,000 and $143,000, we feel confident that upgrading Chiller 1 will meet our needs at a comparative cost of $26,000, making it a significant cost-saving option. Special thanks to John Whisler for his leadership and wisdom throughout the process!

HVAC maintenance and repairs: TriSouth completed two projects identified during preventative maintenance: cleaning the condenser coils and repairing the boiler drain-line. John Whisler and Laric observed the coil-cleaning process with the hope of taking on this task ourselves in the future. ChemSearch also applied an anti-corrosive treatment to the HVAC water system to help prolong its life.

Wiggle Room outlet: Sir Raleigh Electric installed a new outlet in the Wiggle Room, allowing the TV to be securely mounted.

Restroom floors: The restroom floors were steam-cleaned as a quicker, lower-cost alternative to regrouting and sealing the tile. The Property Committee hopes to address the floors more fully in a future fiscal year.

Preschool lights: Volunteers continued bolstering the bulb housing in the preschool lights. Thank you to Greyson Feurer, Ken Krause, and Morgan Dickinson! So far, 13 of the 31 fixtures have been completed, including all the high-priority fixtures.

Irrigation: A leak was discovered in Zone 4 of the irrigation system and will be addressed soon. Thank you to the Memorial Garden Board for their help!

October's Property Expenses:

Utilities - $5,555 (water, electricity, garbage, and gas)
Monthly Cleaning fee - $3,200
Insurance -$3,085
Monthly Lawn Fee - $1,014
HVAC - $951
Wiggle Room TV Receptacle - $595
Cleaning supplies - $510
Restroom Steam Clean - $450
Misc - $106
Gas for Van - $77

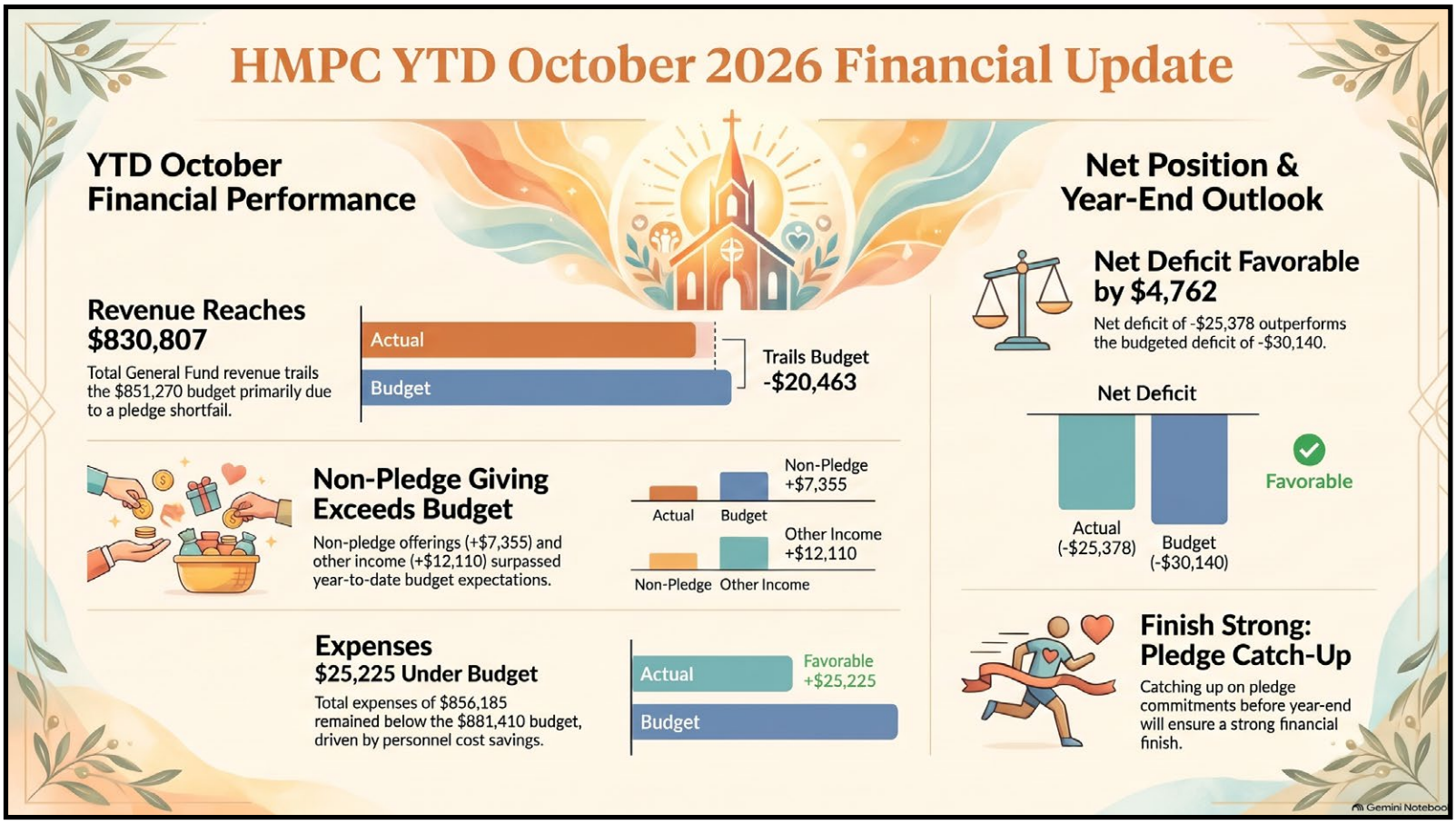
Total: $15,543

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.





CALENDAR

This Week at Hudson

Sunday, November 8
Middle School CROSS Service Trip
9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
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 - Usher Training - Sanctuary
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
5:00 pm - HS Youth Group - HMPC

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

Tuesday, November 10
6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom
11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther Circle - Chapel
11:30 am - Hannah Circle - Room 200
6:45 pm - Preschool Board - Westminster South
7:00 pm - Called Session Mtg - Room 200
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Adult Ed. Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, November 11
Office Closed, HMP Closed
9:15 am - Women at the Well (Weekly) - Chapel/Zoom
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 12
10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Hudson Room

Friday, November 13
5:30 pm - Singers and Ringers Party - North Bend Clubhouse