

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 24, 2025



Join us for the Annual HMPC & St. Mark's UMC

FALL FESTIVAL

This Sunday, October 26 | 3:00–5:00pm
HMPC Lawn & Parking Lot

TRUNK-OR-TREAT! INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE! GAMES!
MINI-PUMPKIN PAINTING! A FREE HOT DOG DINNER!

**CONGREGATIONAL
ZOOM MEETING
NEXT WEEK**

Join us on Zoom, Thursday, October 30 at 7:00pm, for a presentation of results from the CAT assessment! Meeting link can be found at the end of this article. The Mission Study Team and Rev. Marguerite Sirrine will describe key findings, answer your questions and lead small group brainstorming sessions.

The congregation's response to the CAT survey was very impressive—231 completed assessments—and told us that you are interested and engaged in planning the future of your church. Your answers to the many questions indicated two fundamental qualities: **a high level of satisfaction**, the sense of joy and passion for Hudson's worship and mission, and equally **high energy**, the spirit of the congregation that makes people want to be involved in its mission and ministries.

In addition to answering your questions about the CAT, we will invite you to share your ideas about:



Hudson's needs



The community's needs



Hudson's strengths.

As a reminder, the community leaders we interviewed told us that 1.) churches are models of belonging and inclusion and can offer connection to new residents and those feeling isolated; and 2.) partnering with other organizations is a good way to extend our outreach, especially in underserved neighborhoods. The CAT results tell us that we have many strengths as a church. Bring your own ideas to share and we will collect them.

On November 9, the main purpose of our Brunch Church, aside from worship, is to weave our responses to these questions into a vision statement. **Please remember that we will not worship in the sanctuary that morning but will combine worship and discussion on our vision with brunch in Westminster Hall.** Sign up for Brunch Church today [HERE](#).

Link to 10/30's Zoom Meeting [HERE](#)

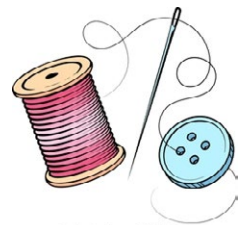


Stitching Together Creativity & Community

Did you know that our church building is home to many wonderful groups throughout each month? One of them is the Raleigh Day Group of the American Sewing Guild, which meets monthly in Westminster Hall.

This talented group—of which HMPC member Shirley Blanks is a proud part—brings together people who share a love of sewing and service. The American Sewing Guild is a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing sewing as both an art and a life skill.

Their gatherings are filled with creativity, fellowship, and generosity. Just this week, the group worked on a special community project: sewing tote bags for patients at the Rex Cancer Center. What a beautiful example of using one's gifts to bring comfort and care to others!



A Concert with Our Friends at Capital Towers

This week, several church members attended a performance at Capital Towers where member Nancy Brenner sang several beautiful songs from Handel's *Messiah* and other artists. The highlight was Nancy singing a piece called *Autumn Leaves*, where the piano music was composed and played by Hudson friend Tetyana Ryabchikova. The lyrics were written by Steven Alvarado, a regular attendee of HMPC. Steve and Tetyana, who both live at Capital Towers, continue to share their talents and friendship with our church family. Thanks be to God for the many artistic gifts that fill our community with beauty and joy!



October Tend My Sheep RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION

For nearly 60 years, Raleigh Rescue Mission has served over 750,000 men, women, and children seeking shelter, hope, and a new start. Rooted in faith, their mission is to break the cycle of poverty and walk with people on their journey to rebuilding their lives by acquiring the skills and support needed to find long-term employment and stability.

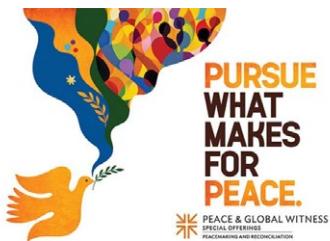
This month we are collecting:

Body wash, Tissues, Women's antiperspirant, Hair gel and hair products (their recommended brands are: Eco Style hair gel, argan or coconut oil for hair, Black Magic hair cream conditioner, and Cantu Leave-In Conditioning Hair Cream)



Items can be placed in Sanctuary bins throughout the month of October.

October Special Offering PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS



A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations

are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Peace"), or you can give online by visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation



amount with the word "Peace" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Peace) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 28 | 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*. We read the passage that is preached on for the

upcoming Sunday four times, with interspersed questions: *What's a word or phrase that stands out to you? Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought you have on the passage or a metaphor? What is Christ calling you to through the passage?*

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Single Way November Lunch

Tuesday, November 4, at 11:30am

Outback Steakhouse, 7500 Creedmoor Rd.



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 at least three days prior to the lunch** if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant a seating count. If you know of anyone



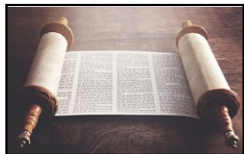
who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome, so please join us!

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

The Nine O'Clock Class

This Sunday, October 26

9:00am | Room 200



Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? When Jesus referred to his Bible, he talked about the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings. What exactly was he referring to? Are these the Old Testament?

The 9:00am Sunday school class has returned after a short hiatus. This class was originally designed to provide a learning opportunity for choir members and worship leaders and those for whom the 9:30 classes were difficult to attend, but all are welcome. The class will be moderated by Don Slater.

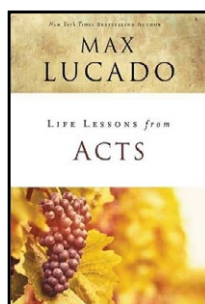
Presbyterian Ponderings

This Sunday, October 26

9:30 | WH North

"Jesus Is Gone! Now What Do We Do?"

**Facilitated by Gil Graybill, John James,
John Oldenburg, Fred Woodward**



This fall, the Presbyterian Ponderings class is studying the Acts of the Apostles, guided by *Life Lessons from Acts* written by Max Lucado. We will look at the struggles and successes of the early church and examine how the foundations of our faith, established by Christ, were shared.

Philip is a newly minted evangelist for the young church, and he has visions of converting the hoards and healing the masses. What makes him decide to approach an exotic stranger who is reading the Bible and ask, "Do you understand what you are reading?", and what miracle does it lead to? Join us this Sunday as we examine Acts 8.

The Seekers

This Sunday, October 26

9:30am | WH South

"God's Story and Our Stories"



In church or on our own, we often read the Bible in snippets. Our sermons are regularly based on the Revised Common Lectionary, so we again are considering Scripture in snippets. I am not saying there is anything

wrong with this way of attending to Biblical texts. But the stories of the Bible, or Biblical narrative, come to us in larger format, taking a number of chapters to present Abraham and Sarah, Rebekkah and Jacob, Naomi and Ruth, Samuel, Saul and David, not to forget Jesus Christ in the gospel narratives.

Our class in October will consider the Rebekkah/Jacob story as a whole (Genesis 24-33). I invite each class member to read those chapters to get a sense of the whole story. Our purpose is to read the story on its own terms. What is it telling us about the characters and events as God moves with them and oftentimes allows them center stage and the foreground?

Recently in a sermon, Marguerite used the phrase "Intrepid Interpretation." Let's read Biblical narrative with a desire for intrepid or bold interpretation to see what the Spirit may be saying first to us through the stories themselves in their context and from their worldview. Before we subject the Bible to our demand of immediate relevance or that it fit our modern criteria of facts and evidence, what does it say as a strong literary piece?

Following the theologian Hans Frei, we may have lost a way to read Biblical narrative on its own terms in our efforts to make it fit our world. He called this "The Eclipse of Biblical Narrative." In demanding to see the text according to our familiar viewpoints, we may have obscured a bolder way of reading it. Wonder of wonders, we may encounter God in an old story for a new day. *(Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey)*

This Week at HMPC

Sunday, October 26

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Rm 200
 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
 9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
 11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva
 11:45 pm - Youth Bells - WH South
 11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
 3:00 pm - Fall Festival - HMPC Campus
 5:00 pm - Youth Bible Exploration (HS) - Geneva

Monday, October 27

9:30 am - HMP Chapel
 7:00 pm - Session - WH South
 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, October 28

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
 6:00 pm - ACA - Room 200
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, October 29

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
 6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - WH North
 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 30

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
 7:00 pm - Congregational Zoom Call - Zoom

Friday, October 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Saturday, November 1

Fall Deacon's Retreat

Respond Today and Come to Brunch Church on November 9



We need your responses!

Brunch Church #1 will be Sunday, November 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 in Westminster Hall (in lieu of our regular 10:30 Sanctuary worship).

At Brunch Church in Westminster Hall we will eat, learn what a vision statement is, and worship with song, prayer and scripture (Phil. 3:12-14). We will share insights with our table, pray some more, and create and share vision statements for HMPC.



RSVP LINK HERE



PRESCHOOL

Enjoying Fall at HMP

We certainly enjoy the cool fall mornings at preschool! The children have gone on "signs of fall" treasure hunts--collecting leaves, pine cones and pine straw!

Shout out to Ken Krause and John Whisler for sharing their time and talents with the preschool over the past few months. Ken has worked on various jobs at school and recently installed blinds in the four year old classrooms.



John worked alongside an outside vendor with the upgrade and set up of outdoor cameras.