

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OCTOBER 23, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25!



Reformation Sunday Worship

Join us this Sunday at 10:30 as we celebrate Reformation Sunday, honoring the Protestant Reformation and its lasting influence on our faith and Presbyterian traditions. We'll mark the occasion with some bagpipe music, a nod to our Scottish heritage and the roots of Presbyterianism. Come worship with us as we celebrate our history and the ways God continues to reform and renew the church! **Learn all about Reformation Sunday from the Presbyterian Historical society [HERE](#).**



Pancake Brunch Fundraiser for Youth Trips

Come hungry and support HMPC Youth at their Pancake Brunch on **Sunday, October 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall!** Everyone is welcome to enjoy pancakes and fellowship. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated and help make youth activities accessible to all, including service trips, retreats, ski trips, and summer faith formation opportunities. Give what you feel called to give! Can't attend but still want to support our youth? Donate [HERE](#), be sure to specify 'pancake' in the memo! RSVPs are not required but they are appreciated and will help us know how much food to prepare. **RSVP FOR THE BRUNCH [HERE](#)**



Annual Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival is this Sunday, **October 25 from 3:00 to 5:00pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.**

Bring your children, invite a friend or neighbor, and come enjoy an afternoon of family fun, food, games, crafts, trunk-or-treating, and fellowship! This event will be held at St. Mark's this year, and Hudson Memorial is a co-host. There is still time to sign up to help or host a trunk for Trunk-or-Treat! **Sign up [HERE](#).**

GIVING MINISTRY

2027 Giving Ministry: Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity

OCTOBER 18 MINUTE FOR MISSION BY GRETCHEN MCDUFFIE



I am rooted in Christ by deepening connections with people in the church. It's not like connections at work or through volunteering at the school or other organizations. There, we are not supposed to talk about big life stuff like religion and how to live your life. Here, we are all encouraged to do that and welcome to have different ideas about it. And it's the differences that help me grow in generosity – to see people besides myself, with very different life experiences and needs, that make me realize how much help I've been given and that I should find ways to give back some help myself. The gifts you bring to the church help me grow in generosity and inspire me to pledge.

Visit our Giving Ministry 2027 page [HERE](#). You can find a Giving Campaign kick-off video, as well as videos #1 and #2 in a developing series of "Rooted at Hudson" videos that are made up of footage submitted by church members. Make your 2027 pledge of time, talent, and treasure [HERE](#).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Coming Up...

This Sunday, October 25

Instead of youth group tonight, we will be at the Fall Festival at St. Mark's from 3-5! The youth are decorating and hanging out by the church vans - families and friends are welcome! Arrive at 2:30 and look for the church vans if you want to help decorate.

Next Sunday, November 1

Donuts and highs/lows for middle school after worship in the balcony!

All 5th-12th graders are invited to join us for youth group from 5:00-7:00 pm at HMPC! Dinner is provided, and friends are always welcome!



WORSHIP

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.

MISSION

Final Week for Tend My Sheep COLLECTING FOR DIAPER TRAIN

This October we are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for Diaper Train. No family should have to worry about how they will afford their next diaper, yet this is the reality for 1 in 2 families. For more than 10 years, Diaper Train has been committed to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers, ultimately working to end diaper poverty.



Their greatest need is 4, 5, & 6 diapers, 3T/4T & 4T/5T pull ups, and wipes but they will accept any size diaper including opened packages (wipes must be unopened).

Please bring your donations to church through the end of October and place them in the bins by Sanctuary doors.

FELLOWSHIP

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!



A Peals for Peace RING BELLS FOR PEACE NEXT 2 MONDAYS

Faith communities, organizations, families, and individuals are invited to join a shared public witness for peace through the ringing of bells. On selected Mondays at 6:00pm, communities across North Carolina will ring bells for 15 minutes as a visible and audible reminder that:

* Every person is created with inherent worth

* We are called to love our neighbor

* Peace is not passive, it is something we actively seek and embody

* Unity is stronger than division

This is a simple, non-confrontational, faith-rooted act of shared witness. This effort is sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Would you like to join in ringing a bell in front of the church on Mondays at 6:00pm on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2? Bring any kind of bell and stand with us as we witness to our neighbors that we stand for PEACE. We will also have some bells available at the church for you to use.

No sign up required. We ring for 15 minutes.

Learn more [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 worshippers to church.*



FAITH FORMATION

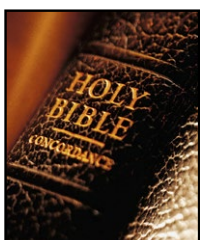
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Ponderings & Seekers Combined 6-Week Class

Session #3 This Week, Oct. 25

"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, October 25

9:00 in Room 200

"Jesus & The Torah: Being Right with Our Neighbor"

Led by Don Slater



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, Oct. 27 - 6:30am - Zoom



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 meeting 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@hmpe.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. **We will not be meeting this week because of the pancake breakfast, but please join us in November!**

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@hmpe.org.

This Week at Hudson

Sunday, October 25

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 - Pancake Brunch Fundraiser - Westminster Hall
3:00 pm - Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC

Monday, October 26

HMP Picture Day
9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva or Sanctuary
6:00 pm - Ringing bells for peace (15 mins) - Front of church
7:00 pm - Session - Westminster South
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, October 27

HMP Picture Day
6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
5:30 pm - Worship Committee - Welcome Lounge
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Hudson Room

Friday, October 30

9:30 am - HMP Costume Parade - Church Campus

Saturday, October 31

4:30 pm - Neighborhood Halloween Parade



Upcoming This Fall & Winter

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday - Bagpipes & Worship - 10:30
Youth Trip Pancake Brunch Fundraiser - 11:30am
Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC - 3:00-5:00pm

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday & Tolling of the Bell
Commitment Sunday - 10:30 Worship

Sunday, November 15

Children's Sabbath - 10:30 Worship
Presentation of Bibles to three age groups

Sunday, November 29

Advent Begins!
Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 5

Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00-12:00

Sunday, December 6

Advent Week 2
Christmas Pageant in Worship - 10:30am

Sunday, December 13

Advent Week 3
Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 & 7:00pm

Save the Date!

A Matthew 25 Symposium *Commanded to Love*

April 10, 2027

9:00–3:00 p.m.

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

4900 Kaplan Drive, Raleigh, NC

Join us for a screening of a soon-to-be-released documentary by Counter Story Productions that encourages meaningful conversation and engagement around race and racism. Counter Stories Productions is the documentary story ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, using film to amplify voices and stories, raise awareness, and connect and equip communities for engagement and action on social justice issues.

Originally published as a four-episode series, this new feature-length film includes new footage and interviews and will be paired with a resource guide developed by Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training, a nonprofit that partners with institutions, churches, and organizations to dismantle systemic racism and build a racially just, diverse culture.

Come to listen, learn, and leave with resources to share with your congregation as it responds to Christ's call from Matthew 25 to care for the marginalized, poor, and vulnerable, and to be a participant in God's work of healing and restoring relationships, systems, and societies that reflect God's justice and love.

Watch for registration coming soon!

The Matthew 25 Symposium is a collaborative gathering of the Presbyteries of New Hope and Coastal Carolina.



*"There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free;
there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

– GALATIANS 3:28 –