

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Help Package 15,000 Meals to Fight Global Hunger! HUNGER ACTION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



As a Hunger Action Congregation, we are committed to addressing hunger, not just in our community, but on a global scale. One of the ways we make a significant impact is through our support for Rise Against Hunger. This organization distributes food to places in the world where there literally is not enough food. Packing this many meals takes a contribution of \$6,000 and the Mission Committee is using designated Hunger Action funds along with a generous donation from the Foundation to enable us to meet this goal.

Hudson Memorial is partnering with Rise Against Hunger in the fight to End Hunger. Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training, and respond to crises. Be sure to register through the link below for this fun, kid-friendly, high-impact event!



When: October 1, 2023 - 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Where: Rise Against Hunger Warehouse
3200 Wellington Ct. #112 | Raleigh 27615

Who: You! SIGN UP [HERE!](#)

Emergency Action Plan

In March of 2023, Session formed a Task Force to update and implement an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). The EAP addresses the following potential emergencies: Fire, Medical Emergency, Gas Leak, Intruder, Bomb Threat, and Tornado. The goals of the EAP Task Force are as follows:

- Reduce the risk of harm
- Create a simple, safe, and understandable plan
- Create an effective training process
- Implement a seamless communication system
- Create a capital improvement list to enhance security

In July, the Session approved an initial version of an EAP Manual. The EAP Task Force has already begun training

with the 38 church preschool teachers and the HMPC staff. Training with elders, deacons, and certain volunteers will be later this month. While it is impossible to be prepared for every conceivable situation, we are pleased to communicate that we're on the path of creating a safer church environment when emergencies arise. Special thanks to Dottie Burch, Wilson Cheeley, Emily Cobb, Cary Dickerson, Steve Jesseph, and Mac Schafer, who have worked diligently to move the congregation forward on this front. We will continue to keep the congregation informed as goals are implemented. Ezekiel 38:7 says, *"Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them."*



HMPC Steeple

Allie Maples and Karen Melling (Property Team members), and Erica Hairston (HMPC Business Administrator) visited the inside of our newly repaired steeple. Check out the view!



Property & Foundation Update

DETAILS ABOUT STEEPLE REPAIRS & NEW SIGNAGE



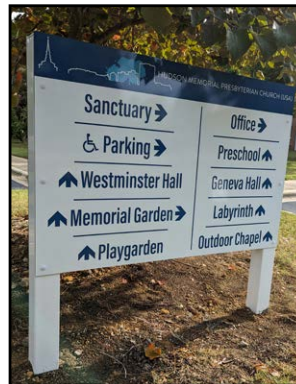
You have probably seen the giant crane with individuals working on the steeple over the past few weeks. Session, Foundation, and Property Committee approved repair work to be funded from money bequeathed to the church by Eleanor Ragan, and invested by the Foundation. This fund is specifically designated for maintenance of the church building

to preserve the structure, operation, and beauty of the building.

Session, Foundation, and Property were aware that there were questions about how much wood rot might be found on the steeple, and indeed, there was more than



expected. The good news is the repairs have been made and the wood was replaced with materials that will not rot. Once the wood rot was repaired, the steeple was painted over a two day period.



You may also have noticed that there is new signage around the campus. Property Committee co-chair Allie Maples headed up this project with Mary Schindo and Jolee Carpenito. This project was approved by Property Committee and funded from the Memorial Gifts accrual account. When undesignated gifts are made to the church in



memory of someone who has died, Ministry Teams can apply to use these funds for activities and for items that facilitate the ministry of the church. This is how this project was completed.

These are two tangible examples of the different gifts to the Foundation & Memorial Gifts can make in the life of the church. Thanks be to God! If you are interested in leaving the church in your will or making a gift to the Foundation, please talk to Pastor Mac Schafer or Foundation President Don Haydon.

Thank You!



Thank you to our Hudson family for the meals, gift cards, and words of encouragement as our family and hearts grew with the arrival of Josephine Frances. We are exhausted, but happy and full of love. It has been an enormous help for everyone to take care of us so we can give all our

love and energy to the three amazing children we have been blessed with. We are so grateful for this community and excited for our children to grow up as a part of it.

- Kelly Hurd and Mike Glover

SESSION UPDATE

Session Update

A few updates from this month's Session meeting:

- Elected Joan Lester and Jay Cummins to represent Hudson as commissioners to the 120th Stated Gathering of Presbytery October 28.
- Voted to change the membership status for 57 members from active to inactive.
- Approved conducting an ad hoc meeting to discuss funding pathways for several capital projects.
- Approved Ashley Woolley, Roger Morris, and Julie Cook to each serve a three-year term on the Preschool Board.

AMAZING GRAYS

Amazing Grays

Thursday, September 21 | 11:30am



Join us for lunch and fellowship this coming Thursday! We will be meeting at the Olive Garden on Capital Blvd. Please let Mike Law or Sandy Cole know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate headcount.

A New Year at HMP

We are off to a great start for the 2023-2024 school year. The children are settling into their new routine, making friends, and having fun while learning!

Book Fair After Worship on Sunday

The Preschool is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair through Sunday, September 17th. Please stop by the fair in Westminster Hall after the service on Sunday. Books are available to purchase with credit/debit cards or check. A portion of the sales will be donated to the preschool to purchase books for the classrooms.



If you are interested in substituting at the Preschool please contact Dorothy Roche at droche@hmpe.org for more information.

We enjoyed our annual Back to School Pizza Party on Wednesday night! The party was well-attended by our families, and it was fun seeing our alumni siblings too.



A good time was had by all with bubbles, chalk art, playground time, lemonade, and lots and lots of pizza!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Great Turnout for the Youth Kick-Off!

A whopping 72 people came out to Kick Off this year's Youth Ministry program. Everyone from 5th-12th grade youth and their families showed up, along with members of the Youth Committee, Confirmation Ministry Team, Youth Advisors, staff of the church, and our two pastors, Mac and Debbie! Mama Chava Taco Food Truck provided our main meals, with desserts provided by our families.

Thanks to all who made this great event possible!!!

See you Sunday for more fun, faith, and fellowship!



Youth at the Fall Kick-Off event

Youth to Participate in Rise Against Hunger



HMPC is a "Hunger Action" congregation so we are going to "SHOW UP AND BE" there for those in need.

On October 1 (World Communion Sunday), HMPC youth will participate in the All-Church event with Rise Against Hunger.



Please use the QR code or **SIGN UP HERE** to register for this event! The youth ministry office is not handling registration for this special opportunity.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Music Has Resumed



Sundays 11:30am
Children 3 years - 4th Grade



Children's Music and Coffee & Conversation have kicked off their 2023-2024 season!

We hope your children will stay after worship to enjoy instruments and songs with Rich from 11:30-12:15.

You do not need to check out your children between Sunday School and Music, they may simply remain in Geneva for a seamless transition.

While your children are enjoying extra time in the Nursery or engaged in Children's Music, we invite you to join Pastor Mac for Coffee & Conversation.



This group meets in the Chapel and discusses issues related to faith and parenting in a small group setting. This is a great way to get to know other parents in the church, so we hope you will join us this Sunday!

Coming Up in Youth Ministry

Sunday, September 17

MS and HS Youth Group (separated)
Please bring \$5 for dinner and FRIENDS!

Sunday, September 24

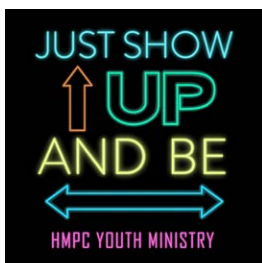
Sabbath Sunday

Sunday, October 1

Rise Against Hunger Volunteer Event

October 6-8

Middle School Mission to Charlotte



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The Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

September 17: Viewing PBS *Reel South*, "Muni"



Facilitated by Ken Krause

We will view and discuss the episode of *Reel South* entitled "*Muni*" - The struggle and joys of Black golfers who integrated a municipal course in Asheville, NC. Narrated by popular singer and golfer Darius Rucker. This class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and worship.

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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

This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic "God's Law is Love", a New Testament thematic study with scripture from Luke, John, Romans, Galatians, Acts, and 1 Corinthians. No advance preparation required; only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share with others.

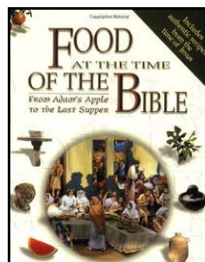


The Ponderings class kicked off the year with lively conversation and good fellowship. New folks always welcome!

The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

September 17, 24: "Foods Mentioned in the Bible, What did Jesus Eat?"



The Seekers have a wonderful fall planned with a variety of topics and leadership. We will kick off the fall exploring the topic: "Foods Mentioned in the Bible, What did Jesus Eat?" We will be guided by several resources: *Food at the Time of the Bible* by Miriam Vamosh, *What Did the Ancient*

Israelites Eat? by Nathan MacDonald, *The Food and Feasts of Jesus* by Douglas Neel and Joel Pugh, and Scripture. Led by Susan Grigg, we will see what role food played in the history of the people of the Bible and how Jesus used food in his ministry. We may even taste some of the dishes we enjoy today that could have been eaten by the disciples!



The Seekers started their series exploring foods from Biblical Times, with a wonderful lesson led by Susan Grigg and tasty treats prepared by Hope Parangi.



Seeing the Word

First meeting of Fall: Monday, Sept. 18



Seeing the Word occurs the Third Monday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. Monday, September 18 is the 2023-2024 Season Kick Off. This group meets once a month and uses music, scripture, and illustrations from the *St. John's Illuminated Bible* for an hour-long time of study and reflection. This is led by Pastor Mac

Schafer. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch; we provide water and napkins. We use an ancient Bible study method called *visio divina*. No previous Bible study experience necessary. It is a great group for those who love scripture and art and a chance to get to know other people in the church. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Sept. 19 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person and on Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on 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. In the fall and winter months we do the study around a fire. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. This is facilitated by Pastor Mac Schafer and he sends out weekly reminders. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Presbyterian Pint

2023-2024 Season Kick-off - 9/28



This men's group meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Co. It is facilitated primarily by Pastor Mac Schafer. The group enjoys a pint together and discusses articles that have to do with culture and faith along with the occasional

book or short study. The group next meets **Thursday, September 28**. It is a wonderful time of community, laughter, insight, and thoughtful discussion on how we live as people of faith. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Women at the Well

FALL SEMESTER



Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time, and content. Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss the intersection of

culture and faith and our own spiritual journeys.

The Weekly Group

Wednesdays at 9:15am

Weekly Women at the Well meets Wednesdays at 9:15-10:30 in the Chapel and offers a hybrid format. Our book selection is *Life in Five Senses* by Gretchen Rubin.

The Monthly Group

Begins Thursday, September 28

The monthly group fall dates are **September 28, October 19, November 16, and December 7 at 6:00pm at Vivo Ristorante**. The monthly group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on various topics.

To join either group, contact Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmpc.org. Current participants will receive an email to confirm participation.

MISSION

Special Offering

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Our special offering this month is for Presbyterian Campus Ministries of Raleigh. HMPC has been a long-time supporter of PCM and has had many former youth participate in its ministries and activities. Its mission is to proclaim and reflect the Good News of the Kingdom of God through ministry to, with, and for college-age students in the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

Your support will help to provide much-needed nurturing to the young people in our care who are experiencing unprecedented levels of stress as they cope not only with the expected pressures of campus life, but also with the jolts of learning about tragedies experienced by students and faculty in recent months.



You can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the letters "PCM" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 PCM)

September Tend My Sheep DIAPERS FOR DIAPER TRAIN



This month, the Mission Committee will be collecting diapers for infants, along with wipes and children's board books (English & Spanish) for Diaper Train in Raleigh. Diaper Train is a community service organization that addresses unmet needs for low-income residents of Wake County.

The center is looking for infant diapers. They are also collecting wipes and gently-used children's books for ages 0-5. **Please bring donations to the church office by Sunday, September 24.** Realizing diapers can be rather bulky and a bit of a struggle to carry - the center has an online service that can be utilized for immediate impact, which can be found [here](#).

FINANCE

August Financial Update

REVIEW OF ACTUAL VS BUDGET - HMPC GENERAL FUND - YTD

	YTD 2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>	YTD 2023 <u>BUDGET</u>	Favorable/ (Unfavorable) ACT VS <u>BUDGET</u>	YTD 2022 <u>ACTUAL</u>
PLEDGES	\$ 483,141	\$ 555,800	\$ (72,659)	\$ 538,862
NON-PLEDGE/OTHER GENERAL FUND OFFERING	\$ 74,753	\$ 78,680	\$ (3,927)	\$ 60,704
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS	\$ 557,894	\$ 634,480	\$ (76,586)	\$ 599,567
TOTAL GF REVENUE	\$ 628,335	\$ 706,240	\$ (77,905)	\$ 668,476
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	\$ 662,129	\$ 681,484	\$ 19,355	\$ 634,058
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (33,794)	\$ 24,756	\$ (58,550)	\$ 34,418
2023 APPROVED BUDGET DEFICIT	\$ (40,112)			
NET GENERAL FUND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (73,906)			
AVAILABLE TO BORROW-NS BANK	\$ 50,000			
	Current Year			
CASH BALANCE	\$ 303,784			
BORROWED FROM BANK	\$ -			
NET GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE	\$ 303,784			

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am - EAP Training - Chapel
9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
9:30 am- Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation (for parents) - Chapel
11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - 2nd flr SS Room
12:00 pm - Youth Music - WH South
5:00 pm - MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, September 18

12:00 pm - Seeing the Word - Chapel
6:00 pm - Property Committee
7:00 pm - Finance - Zoom
7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North
8:00 pm - How It Works (Al-Anon) - GH Rooms

Tuesday, September 19

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff meeting - Welcome Lounge
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Room 234

Wednesday, September 20

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 21

12:00 pm - MVVG Team - Honeybaked Ham Co.
7:00 pm - Mission Committee - WH South

Friday, September 22

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, September 23

1:00 pm - Children's Food Bank Volunteer Day

HMPC STAFF

OUR NEW PHONE SYSTEM HAS LAUNCHED!

See below for the staff's brand new office phone numbers! You can now reach staff directly without going through an automated system. **The main church phone number will stay the same: 919-787-1086.**

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