

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OCTOBER 9, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MEET BECCA KUIKEN HMPC PARISH ASSOCIATE

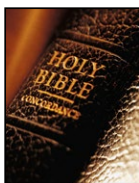


The siren call of a new granddaughter brought me to Raleigh in 2019. (Maervis is now 7.) I come from a small cowboy town, Pendleton, in Eastern Oregon. After high school I was an AFS Exchange student in France. I fell in love with the country, the language, and long meals. In 2011, the French Protestant Church called me to Southern France and then Champagne country.

For decades, I lived in the San Francisco Bay Area. I served solo to multi-staff congregations. I was Director of Communications at San Francisco Theological Seminary (PCUSA), a staff consultant for a Silicon Valley firm, and director of the Interfaith Council on Economic Justice.

I have two red-headed daughters, Marika and Janna. Marika is a manager at Yardi in Raleigh. Janna is at UPenn as an oncologist and cancer researcher. I love reading mysteries, watercolor and travel. I'm so delighted to join the ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Thank you for welcoming me.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Ponderings & Seekers Combined Classes 6-Week Class Starting This Sunday, October 11 "Christian Doctrines: A Guide to Life's Big Questions" Facilitated 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.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY October 11 at 10:30

Regular Worship in the Sanctuary

Blessing of the Animals is POSTPONED

We're sad to miss this special outdoor service, but due to the predicted weather this weekend, Blessing of the Animals has been postponed until the spring.

Worship will be held as usual at 10:30am in the Sanctuary, followed by Fellowship Time.

Please note that there will be no Children's Music, Youth Bells, or Coffee & Conversation for Youngish Adults this Sunday.



PARISH ASSOCIATE OR ASSOCIATE PASTOR: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Actually, there's a BIG difference. Parish Associates are contract positions hired by the Senior Pastor with the concurrence of the Personnel team and Session. The contract ends when the Senior Pastor leaves the church. Usually Parish Associates are retired pastors, as is the case at HMPC, who are willing to serve on a part-time basis. Becca is serving 20 hours per week and most of her responsibilities will fall under visitation and congregational care.

Associate Pastors are called and installed fulltime positions that require a mission study, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, a nationwide search, just as we are doing now for the Senior Pastor position. Becca is NOT an Associate Pastor - it would take another two years to call one of those to Hudson!

If you have any questions about the difference between the two positions, please reach out to Pastor Marguerite.

2027 Giving Ministry

OCTOBER 4 MINUTE FOR MISSION BY ANN OLDENBURG

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. Around the world, Christians are gathering at the table, sharing in one faith, one Lord, and one body. That connects beautifully with our theme: “Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity.”

I am rooted in Christ, in part, through my participation in Hudson Memorial’s Giving Ministry. It’s inspiring to hear the stories of why people give some of their most precious gifts to the church. They give not only their time and treasure, but they entrust their children to our children’s ministry, their youth to our youth group, and both to the music ministries of the church. They give their families to this church every time they bring them through these



doors. And all of us are recipients of those gifts. We experience them when we hear children learning, youth growing, voices singing, bells ringing, and people coming together to worship and grow closer to a God whose love is beyond anything we could ever fully understand—and yet whose love carries us through every day. That is what generosity looks like. It is not simply about meeting the needs of the church. It is about responding to the generosity God has already shown us.

Think about a tree. A healthy tree produces fruit because its roots are deep. It receives what it needs, and eventually, that life becomes visible on the outside. The same is true for us. When we are rooted deeply in Christ, generosity begins to grow. The gifts you bring to this church help others grow—and they help me grow in generosity, too. They inspire me to give, and they inspire me to pledge.

So today, I want you to ask yourself... “How is God growing generosity in me?”

Visit our Giving Ministry 2027 page [HERE](#). You can find a Giving Campaign kick-off video, as well as Video #1 in a 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](#).

Under the Hood: HMPC Finances

We're talking all about giving during this year's Giving Campaign. But what happens to monetary gifts after they are given to the church? Come check out the "Under the Hood" presentation by HMPC's Finance and Foundation teams during the Fellowship time in Westminster Hall after worship on **October 18**. They will give you an idea of the monetary ins and outs of HMPC ministry and allow you to ask questions. See you there!



We Rise to Help Feed the Hungry Around the World

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped fill 14,250 bags of food at Rise Against Hunger last Sunday afternoon which will be sent either to The Philippines or Sudan. This was a Herculean effort by the 38 HMPC members and youth who filled 2,500 more bags than we did last year. A special shout-out goes to Merritt Liebman, Youth Director, who shared her birthday with us, and to the large group of youth who came out. As HMPC is a Hunger Action Congregation, this is one of our most visible ways we can demonstrate our commitment to feed the hungry around the world. We plan to return next year and hope to fill even more bags! *(Steve Jesseph)*



September Property Summary

By Hannah Woodcock, Administrative Coordinator

What did we accomplish in September?

Squirrel Update: Our attic visitors got a thorough follow-up this month. Triangle Wildlife, who originally squirrel-proofed the building in 2022, confirmed that their prior work is still intact and that we remain under warranty. They were initially unable to locate the entry point. On their second visit, they found a well-hidden



entry point on the memorial garden side of the attic. Traps were set, the squirrels have been removed, and the entry point is sealed. As always, please let Hannah know if you hear any more animal activity in the building!

Classroom Lights: John Whisler led a team of volunteers along with Laric on a work session to install clips securing the bulb housings in our classroom light fixtures. The project is ongoing. Thank you to everyone who gives their time to keep our classrooms safe!

Fall HVAC Maintenance: TriSouth performed fall preventative maintenance on our HVAC system, helping us head into the cooler months. Two minor issues were discovered and will be addressed soon.

Parking Lot Update: The Property Committee is gathering apples-to-apples quotes for parking lot repairs. Bill Murchison has stepped up to spearhead much of these efforts. Thanks, Bill! The committee is also considering incorporating preventative maintenance for the future.

September's Property Expenses:

Utilities: \$6,472 (water, electricity, garbage, and gas)*

Bi-Annual HVAC Maintenance Contract: \$5,253

Monthly Cleaning Fee: \$3,200

Insurance: \$3,085

Monthly Lawn Fee: \$1,014

Van Repairs: \$854

Pole Light Repair: \$596

Cleaning Supplies: \$514

HVAC Chiller Check-In: \$350

Quarterly Pest Control: \$120

Miscellaneous: \$88

Total: \$21,546

*Includes a \$251.02 fee for contaminated materials. Read below article on recycling rules to help us avoid fees!

Please note that some expenses listed above reflect work completed or invoiced in the prior month.

Important Note about Recycling

We have recently been charged fees for 'contaminated materials' in our recycling. We could all use a reminder about recycling rules, whether we are members of the cleaning crew, congregation, or staff!

We have single-stream recycling, meaning recyclable materials are mixed together. This works similarly to your home recycling and follows the same rules!

You can recycle cardboard, paper, and some plastic or metal containers. If you are unsure if an item is recyclable, check the label or place the item in the trash rather than risk contaminating the load.

To help us avoid fees, remember to:

- Break down cardboard boxes.
- Keep recyclables loose. Never place them in plastic bags.
- Empty and rinse containers. Keep food, liquids, and other trash out of the recycling.
- Do not include plastic bags, styrofoam, or food containers with residue (like pizza boxes.)
- When in doubt, throw it out!



Thank you for helping us recycle responsibly and avoid unnecessary fees!

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Next Sunday, October 18



Rev. Jimmy Hulseley, chair of the Giving Team, will preach as we continue our 2027 Giving Campaign, "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity." Following worship, we invite you to "Under the Hood" to learn more about HMPC Finances and how it all works.

Sunday, October 25



Celebrate **Reformation Sunday** with bagpipes, followed by the Youth Group's pancake brunch fundraiser and the Fall Festival at St. Mark's UMC.

FALL FESTIVAL

Our Fall Festival is coming up, and there are lots of ways to participate—whether you have a few minutes to volunteer, a bag of candy to donate, or simply want to bring your family and enjoy the evening!



1. Attend the event!

October 25 - 3-5pm - St. Mark's United Methodist

Bring your children, invite a friend or neighbor, and come enjoy an evening of fun, food, games, and fellowship!

2. Donate Halloween candy!

Help us stock up for Trunk or Treat! Candy donations can be dropped off in the Karl Hudson Room.

3. Shop our Amazon Wish List!

A quick and easy way to contribute—no need to remember to bring your donations to church! Simply choose an item from our Wish List and have it delivered directly to us.

Amazon Wish List [HERE](#).

4. Volunteer or decorate your trunk!

We need volunteers to cook and serve hot dogs, supervise games, and help with set-up and clean-up. You can also join the fun by decorating your trunk for Trunk or Treat! If you don't want to purchase decorations, we have some VBS decorations you are welcome to dig through!

We need volunteers of all ages to help make this a fun and memorable event for our church families and community.



There's a place for everyone—so come join us and be part of the fun! **Sign-Up Genius** [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmpc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PANCAKE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR HMPC YOUTH TRIPS

October 25
After Worship



WHO: Everyone is invited! Come enjoy brunch and support HMPC Youth.

WHAT: A pancake brunch hosted by HMPC Youth. Pancakes and fellowship are on us! Free admission, but donations appreciated.

WHEN: Sunday, October 25 from 11:30-12:30

WHERE: Westminster Hall

WHY: Your donations help make youth trips accessible to all of our youth and support the cost of the many opportunities we offer throughout the year, including service trips, weekend retreats, ski trips, and summer faith formation trips.

Come hungry, enjoy some pancakes, and give what you feel called to give to support our youth! If you are not able to make it but still feel called to donate, you can do so [HERE](#), be sure to specify 'pancake' in the memo!

RSVP FOR THE BRUNCH [HERE](#)

COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

This and Next Sunday, we will 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 after worship, middle schoolers join us for donuts and "Highs and Lows" in the BALCONY after worship until 11:45.

Amazing Grays

Thursday, October 15, at 11:30am
Big Ed's (Falls of Neuse in North Raleigh)

Amazing Grays is a group for seniors who get together for fun, food and fellowship. Lunches are typically scheduled the third Thursday each month at some of the group's favorite restaurants. New people always welcome! Contact Mike Law if you are interested in attending October 15's gathering at Big Ed's.



CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Presbyterian Doctrine with Becca Kuiken- WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North
5:00 pm - Youth Group - Westminster, Geneva, Youth Rooms

Monday, October 12

Office Closed, Teacher Workday
7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Westminster South
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, October 13

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 - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, October 14

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

Thursday, October 15

9:30 am - Calendar Meeting - Room 200
11:30 am - Amazing Grays- Big Ed's (Falls of Neuse)
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Karl Hudson Room
6:30 pm - Mission Committee - Westminster South

ONLINE SAFETY

Gift Card Scam is Back!

This past week, people in our community have been affected by scam emails and text messages that appear to come from Pastor Marguerite—but **are not actually from her**. Most of these are asking for gift cards or money, a favor, or a meeting/phone call. Many are marked "Confidential".

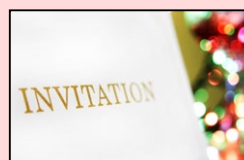
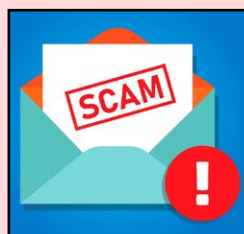
If you receive a message that seems unusual, please use caution. If a text or email claims to be from Pastor Marguerite or another individual staff member and asks for money, gift cards, a favor, or personal information, **it is a scam**. Do not respond. Delete the message and block the sender.

Marguerite's email is msirriner@hmpc.org - If the message is not from this email, it is **not** her.

HMPC staff will never contact you by text or email to ask for gift cards or financial information.



Party Invitation Scam



Several of our members have recently been targeted by a scam disguised as a party invitation. If you receive an unexpected invitation, **do not click on any links or reply to the message**. Instead, contact the sender directly through a trusted method to confirm that the invitation is legitimate. If you suspect it is a scam, delete it immediately.