

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 29, 2026

## THIS SUNDAY

May 31 | 9:30 | Chapel

Adult Summer Series Begins!

"Hospitality as a Christian Spiritual Practice"



Both in the Old Testament and the New Testament, God calls believers to welcome the stranger. We find numerous examples in scripture of God's people modeling ways both to extend hospitality and to receive it. Jimmy Hulsey and John James will co-lead a discussion on how to live into hospitality as a congregation and as individuals.

### 10:30 - Worship Graduation/Senior Sunday

Come to worship and hear our seniors preach and help lead worship. Celebrate our grads after the service in Westminster Hall.



**Church office will be closed for the week of June 8th for carpet installation in the main hallway. We may need some helping hands to move furniture after worship on June 7, so look out for an announcement in next week's newsletter. The office will remain open as usual this week, June 1-5.**

## SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### SUMMER SUPPERS

Coming up! Wednesday, June 10 - 6:00pm



RSVP for our Mexican-themed supper [HERE](#) or by notifying the church office no later than the morning of June 8.

Wednesday, July 8 - 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 12 - 6:00pm

\$6 per person - Ages 5 and under eat free.

### FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

#### Fellowship Fun: Movie Night

Saturday, June 27 at 4:30pm



Beat the heat with an indoor movie!  
Feel free to bring a picnic dinner.  
Popcorn will be provided.

#### Fellowship Friday: BINGO

Friday, July 31 at- 6:30



Doors open at 6:00. Bingo begins at 6:30.  
All ages welcome.  
Bring a picnic dinner if you'd like.  
Desserts provided!

#### Fellowship Friday: Live Music

Friday, August 21



Music from 6-8pm, Event begins at 5:00.  
Hudson's West Lawn



## Meet Our 2026 High School Graduates!

### Hayes Atkinson

**Child of Robert and Connie Atkinson**

**Graduating from** Heritage High School

**Summer plans:** Working at Massanetta as a lead advocate, attending Montreat, and making the most of the summer with my friends!

**Plans for the fall:** Attending Savannah College of Art and Design for Architecture

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** Drafting

**School activities:** Architecture Club President, Science National Honors Society, National Technical Honors Society, Peer Ambassador, Golf

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Hanging out with friends, golfing, going on walks

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Attending Montreat and growing closer to my friends at youth group every year

**Fun fact:** I've been to eight countries and I am planning to go to plenty more.

### Rowan Capps

**Child of Kelly and Kenny Capps**

**Graduating from** Leesville Road High School

**Summer plans:** Go to the beach and spend time with friends and family!

**Plans for the fall:** University of South Carolina

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** English

**School activities:** Dance Team

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Carolina Dance Center Competition team

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Going through confirmation!

### Hudson Carlisle

**Child of Matt and Melissa Carlisle**

**Graduating from** Sanderson High School

**Summer plans:** Work hard and build good habits for my future

**Plans for the fall:** Attend the University of North Carolina - Wilmington

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** Psychology and Sociology

**School activities:** I was a co-captain of the men's varsity soccer team.

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Fishing, playing soccer, and hanging out with my buddies.

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Summer Montreat retreats

### Holiday Cole

**Child of Sean and Sharon Cole**

**Graduating from** Enloe

**Summer plans:** Traveling and working part-time

**Plans for the fall:** Studying Biochemistry at SUNY Stony Brook

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** Biology

**School activities:** Key Club, HOSA, Spanish Honor Society

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Swimming and pickleball

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Hiking at Montreat

**Fun fact:** I'm going to work as a pharmacy technician during college!

### Allyson Deans

**Child of Tara and Ryan Deans**

**Graduating from** Raleigh Charter High School

**Summer plans:** Swimming and Lifeguarding

**Plans for the fall:** Attend Campbell University and swim on the swim team

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** Chemistry

**School activities:** Swim team

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Swimming, reading, hanging out with my friends

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Montreat last summer and almost getting attacked by a bear.

**Fun fact:** I can pogo stick



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## Meet Our 2026 High School Graduates (Continued)

### Hallie Eichler

**Child of Susan and Todd Eichler**

**Graduating from** Ravenscroft

**Summer plans:** Relax, hang out with friends, and spend lots of time planning out how to decorate my dorm!

**Plans for the fall:** I'm attending William & Mary to study Biology (Pre-Med) and Education.

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** Biology

**School activities:** Choir, Science Olympiad + Women in STEM clubs, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Singing and baking

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Getting baptized and inducted as a new member in the same service. What a day!

**Fun fact:** I have a lifetime NC hunting and fishing license.

### Finley Harper

**Child of Kristin Harper and Rob Harper**

**Graduating from** Heritage High School

**Summer plans:** I will be working this summer and taking a senior trip to Italy with my family.

**Plans for the fall:** I will be attending Auburn University.

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** English

**School activities:** I was captain of the Varsity Women's Golf Team, part of SGAs Service and Philanthropy Committee, a Heritage Hooligan School Spirit leader, and President of the National Honor Society.

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** I enjoy volunteering with Note in the Pocket on the Teen Board, reading new books, and going on walks with my dog.

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** I had so much fun on the youth group ski trip and staying in the old horse stable turned hotel!

**Fun fact:** I have a cat named Cookie, who I love!

### Scarlett Maxwell

**Child of Wes and Monica Maxwell**

**Graduating from** Sanderson High School

**Summer plans:** Work and going to the beach

**Plans for the fall:** I'm attending East Carolina and majoring in business management

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** English

**School activities:** Sports medicine

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Hanging out with my friends; I like working at my job, and I like shopping.

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Montreat trip in 2024

**Fun fact:** I like working at my job. I'm a server and I really enjoy it.

### Maggie Waugh

**Child of Katy and Will Waugh**

**Graduating from** Sanderson High School

**Summer plans:** Work a lot as a lifeguard, take some trips, and go to camp

**Plans for the fall:** Attend UNC Chapel Hill studying neuroscience

**Favorite subject/topic to learn about:** Science!

**School activities:** I played soccer the first 3 years of high school, and I am a part of the Academy of Finance, National Honors Society, and Student Council. I also completed an internship with UNC REX as well as an internship with Note in the Pocket!

**Hobbies & extracurricular activities:** Reading, yoga, hanging out with friends, listening to music

**Favorite memory from your time at Hudson:** Everything Montreat!

**Fun fact:** I took a mission trip to Kenya where I was able to observe a brain surgery!





## 2026 Graduates from the Hudson Community



**Christina Billman**  
Child of Beth & Scott Billman  
Doctorate of Occupational Therapy  
Duke University's School of Medicine



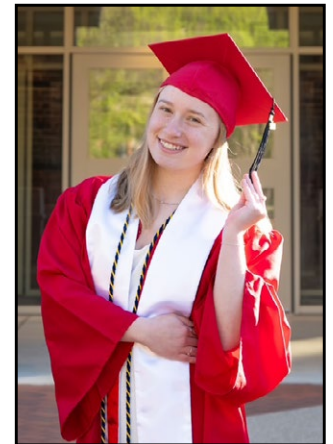
**Reid Melling**  
BA in Communications  
UNCW



**Mary Glenn Krause**  
Child of Susan & Ken Krause  
Master of Science Degree in Anthropology  
Florida State University  
Graduated with Distinction



**Lillian Claire Graybill**  
Child of Lizzie & Gil Graybill  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio  
BA Microbiology



## Preschool Graduation Last Week CONGRATS TO OUR FOUR YEAR OLD CLASSES!



# SESSION

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST WEEK

## Session Update: Highlights from the May 19, 2026 Meeting

- **Welcoming New Leadership and Members:** The Session unanimously sustained the nominations for the Class of 2029 Elders and Deacons and officially welcomed 12 confirmands to the Active Roll. We also noted the transition of the HMPC Corporation, with Barry Cobb re-elected as President, Caroline Smart as Secretary, and Harry Bond as Treasurer for the 2026-2027 year.
- **Superior Fiscal Performance:** The church continues to operate with exceptional financial discipline. As of April 30, the Year-to-Date (YTD) surplus stands at \$102K, which is \$27K **higher than the budgeted expectation**. This strength is driven by YTD revenue trending 1% ahead of budget and total expenses remaining 7.1% (\$23K) under budget.
- **Strategic Property Investment — HVAC Chiller:** In a major move to protect our facilities, the Session approved a **\$140,000 budget** for a new HVAC chiller system to replace the current end-of-life units. This strategy includes two chillers to ensure redundancy. Funding for this project will be a collaborative effort between the Finance Committee, the Preschool, and the Foundation.
- **ADA Bathroom and Exterior Maintenance:** The ADA bathroom project is nearing its final stage, with completion expected by the end of June pending tile and carpet delivery. Additionally, the Session is reviewing an \$18,000 estimate for painting exterior windows and trim to maintain the campus's integrity.
- **Future Staffing and Pastoral Care:** To ensure the congregation remains well-supported during our current transition, the Session approved the concept for a **part-time Parish Associate** position with the expectation a final job description will be presented to Session in June. Furthermore, in preparation for our next called leader, the Session approved a salary for the next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. This range is in line with other area churches.
- **Mission and Vision Goal Prioritization:** Following the completion of the Mission Study, the Session has prioritized four key goals for the coming year: 1) Expanding community connections, 2) Deepening relationships with mission partners, 3) Improving spiritual vitality/education, and 4) Innovating worship to attract younger generations. Committees have been tasked with developing specific SMART objectives for each.
- **Preschool Performance:** The Preschool continues to be fully enrolled and is running a YTD surplus of \$80K, which is \$39K ahead of budget.
- **Anti-Racism Policy:** In alignment with the Book of Order, a three-person subcommittee (Grace Hutchinson, Barry Cobb, and Ken Krause) has been formed to draft an official anti-racism policy for the church. The anti-racism policy of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) declares that racism is a sin against humanity and God, inherently contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. It mandates that all church governing bodies adopt active anti-racism policies.

## PROPERTY



*Our Community Garden is looking great! The flowers are blooming and the veggies are beginning to grow.*

*Check out our beautiful new labyrinth signage! We hope our sign along Six Forks will welcome new people to experience our labyrinth.*



## HMPC Sets Trend With “Make It This Summer!”

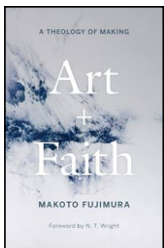


On May 11, just three weeks after we announced our summer worship theme as “Make it This Summer” to celebrate the creative spirit God has given all of us, our local *News and Observer* paper ran an article entitled *Why Creative Retreats Are The Biggest Travel Trend in 2026—From Knitting to Painting To*

*Writing*. The article states, “Creative retreats are shaping up to be one of the defining travel trends of 2026, with more travelers swapping pool-side vacations for trips built around making something — whether that’s knitting, painting, writing, photography or ceramics. The shift accelerated after 2020, when many people picked up creative hobbies during long stretches at home and never put them down. Now those passions are hitting the road. Stitchtopia, one of the largest craft holiday providers, has reported a 55% increase in passenger volume since 2019, along with 254% growth in yarn-related trips alone. The pull isn’t purely creative. Paula Redmond, one half of Creative Restoration, told *The Independent* that hobby-based holidays can support mental health and nervous system regulation by giving travelers a way to rest without abandoning the productive part of themselves.”

I don’t doubt that explanation as true, but I do doubt that it’s the whole truth. I suspect it’s no coincidence creative retreats are blossoming because we all see the human creative impulse and essence being uploaded into artificial intelligence. Do we have value beyond what we can teach AI, and for any greater purpose than to have AI become more proficient than we are? Is our creative impulse indeed from God the Creator, or is it an electronic impulse that can be reproduced by zeroes and ones in data centers?

This summer, we’re going to celebrate creativity —what has been uniquely human and uniquely individual in each of us—our voices, our vision, our dialects. In our submersion in our own experiences of creativity and our study of others’ creativity, we’ll look together at Fujimora’s “theology of making” and see if we agree that it’s more faithful to the Creator as a foundation for ministry, rather than the “theology of plumbing” that tells us we need to fix the world.



During the month of June, we will have a congregational art show, and we have lots of great arts and crafts to share from our Hudson community! Come hang out during our 9:30 hour and after worship in Westminster Hall and learn what has inspired people worshipping around you to create.

In July, we’ll explore the creativity of music for worship and in worship. **Fill out [this Google form](#)** as we’ll look for ways to incorporate your favorite hymns, carols and songs in our worship services. For August, consult our reading list (below). One of the books was just released as a Netflix movie, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. You can read the book or see this and get the gist. Each novel will form the sermon theme as heard through the gospel that constantly proclaims, God is doing a new thing.

In us. At Hudson Memorial. In our world.

- Pastor Marguerite



As part of our summer worship theme, August will be focused on literature. Pastor Marguerite has created an adult summer reading list for you to prepare for the literature portion of the summer. Enjoy!

*Mona's Eyes* - Thomas Schlessler

*Pearce Oysters* - Joselyn Takacs

*Remarkably Bright Creatures* - Shelley van Pelt

*The Violin Conspiracy* - Brendan Slocumb



## May & June Special Offering - Shelter Ministries



For May and June, our Special Offering will support the Shelter Ministries fund - which covers our contribution to the annual Habitat Build, the Avery County Adult Mission Trip, and maintains reserves to send aid when disaster strikes, as we saw most recently with Hurricane Helene in Western NC. You can give by placing in the offering plate (designated to "Shelter Ministries"), or giving online (go to [hmhc.org](http://hmhc.org) or scan the QR code).

## May & June Tend My Sheep Offering - Raleigh Rescue Mission

In May and June we are collecting men's boxer brief underwear in all sizes, men's sizes M-XL white t-shirts, toothpaste, and wide-tooth and fine-tooth combs for Raleigh Rescue Mission. For nearly 60 years, the Raleigh Rescue Mission has served those experiencing homelessness in our community - offering shelter, hope, and the love of Christ to more than 750,000 men, women, and children. Through comprehensive life programming and a steadfast commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty, Raleigh Rescue Mission walks alongside individuals and families toward lasting transformation.



## Wake Interfaith Immigration Event on June 7

On Sunday, June 7 from 3:00-5:00 pm, people of many faiths will gather at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in downtown Raleigh for Interfaith United for Immigrants, a gathering with music, prayer, learning, and witness in solidarity with our immigrant and refugee neighbors.

Attendees will hear from speakers who work alongside immigrant communities every day, lift our voices in song from across faith traditions, and explore what it means to be a people of welcome. The event is free and open to all, with no registration required. There is plenty of free parking in the church's lot. Come ready to listen, reflect, and take action alongside neighbors of many faiths.

More information at [wakeinterfaithimmigration.org](http://wakeinterfaithimmigration.org).

*(Shared by Jay Cummins, who is involved with Interfaith United for Immigrants)*

**INTERFAITH UNITED FOR IMMIGRANTS**  
A WAKE INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION EVENT

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
at Edenton Street United Methodist Church  
228 West Edenton Street Raleigh, NC 27603

**RESPECT FOR IMMIGRANTS BRINGS US TOGETHER**  
Join people of many faiths to affirm the dignity of our immigrant neighbors - welcoming, protecting and standing with them. Through song, Word, learning and witness, we turn respect into action.

Light overcomes darkness  
Dignity over fear

All are welcome. No registration required.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Single Way June Lunch JUNE 2 AT 11:30



Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. June 2 at 11:30 we will be meeting at:

Cafe Capistrano, 8471 Garvey Drive, Raleigh, NC.

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!



Please call Ruth Herpich at 919-280-0049 by May 31 with your reservation.

## June Birthdays



- 1 - JB Babson, Carole Burchanan
- 2 - Merrick Carlisle
- 3 - Steve Parker, Kate Hoffman, Barbara Loehr-Fox
- 6 - Karen Gaither, Carol Reece, Linda Meeks
- 7 - Carlin Potter, William Carter
- 8 - Mary Ann Greenoe, Drake Sharpe, Owen Bartow
- 9 - Tim Hoffman, Jerrilyn Jennings, Bill Glaub,  
Noela Woodall
- 10 - Morgan Stafford, Parker Woolley, Jason Bevier
- 11 - Susan Grigg, Emilia Rivera
- 12 - Dave Bentlage
- 13 - Sarah Edge
- 14 - Jennifer Guy
- 15 - Ford Carlisle
- 16 - David Keen, Blanche Wenge, Charlie Hoffman,  
Caroline Onaya, Christopher Sturgis, Bogen Richards
- 17 - Joanna Hulsey, Nancy Brenner
- 18 - Maggie Waugh, Chuck McDougal
- 19 - Jim Rutherford, Billie Isenberg, Malcolm Williams
- 20 - Betsy Bedini
- 22 - Gil Graybill, Kristi Plyler
- 23 - Liza Coonse
- 24 - Zach Vig, Fred Woodward, Diane Austin
- 25 - Hudson Carlisle, Dan Ya, Lynne Dawkins,  
Carol Cox, Bob Davis, Glenn Grigg
- 26 - Elin Allard, Johan van Die, Clara Turnbull,  
Steve Jesseph
- 27 - Denise Crosson, Darcy Autry
- 28 - Maya Parikh, Alexandra Hatcher
- 29 - Conor McHenry
- 30 - Steven Feingold, Leslie Baker, Jennifer Sykes,  
Harper Anderson, Nastascha Genova

## This Week at Hudson...

### Sunday, May 31

- 9:30 am - Adult Summer Series - Chapel
- 10:30 am - Worship (Senior Sunday) - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North
- 11:45 am - Youth Pre-Massanetta Meeting - Chapel
- 12:05 am - Youth Pre-Montreat Meeting - Chapel
- 5:00 pm - Youth Advisor Meeting - Lynwood Brewing

### Monday, June 1

- HMP Summer begins
- 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

### Tuesday, June 2

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
- 11:30 am - Single Way - Cafe Capistrano
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

### Wednesday, June 3

Office closed

### Thursday, June 4

- 10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Room 200

## Waking Up With The Word

*Men's Bible Study Every Tuesday*

**Tuesday, June 2, 6:30am - WH Patio**



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@hmpc.org](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org). Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.