

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

JUNE 26, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## MEALS ON WHEELS MEAL-PACKING EVENT

**This Sunday, June 28 at 9:30 - Westminster Hall North**

**Hosted by the Mission Team - Packing 500 Meals**



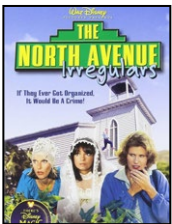
We will be packing 500 meals for Meals on Wheels, so we will appreciate the help of anyone who would like to join us! All the breakfast ingredients and packing materials will be available. All ages and stages are welcome.



## FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY: MOVIE NIGHT

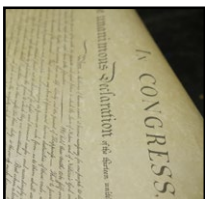
**Saturday, June 27 | 4:30pm | Westminster Hall North**

*Beat the heat with an indoor movie! Feel free to bring a picnic dinner, blankets, sleeping bags, camping chairs - Whatever you need to be cozy & enjoy yourself! Popcorn will be provided.*



We'll be watching Disney's G-rated, vintage film "The North Avenue Irregulars"- A new preacher in town joins forces with an unlikely group of crimefighters: six dedicated church ladies who are ready, but not necessarily equipped to help. When crooks set up operations in a traditional town, a minister and a group of church ladies are willing to do anything, no matter how wacky, to get them out. It's a caper based on the true story of a reverend who organizes the women of his church to help the Treasury Department take down an organized crime ring!

## ADULT SUMMER SERIES



**NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5**  
**The 1st Amendment & Religion**  
**9:30 - WH North**  
**Facilitated by Pastor Marguerite**

## NEXT SUMMER SUPPER

**Salad Night - Wednesday, July 8, 6pm**

July's Summer Supper will include Caprese Pasta Salad, Chicken Salad with Grapes and Pecans (Winston's recipe!), Cowboy Caviar, Spinach Salad, Sourdough Bread and desserts.



\$6 per person - Kids under 5 eat free. RSVP to the church office or by clicking [THIS LINK](#).

## June Session Meeting Updates

### PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Pastor Nominating Committee submitted and Session reviewed the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) for the Head of Staff position. Elders made a few suggestions for the PNC to consider before posting the job. Overall, the Session was extremely impressed with the work of the PNC on this job posting. They unanimously support it and the PNC in their upcoming work with applications and candidates!

The next step for the PNC is to have Commission on Ministry (COM) moderators approve the MDP, and our Clerk of Session will notify the job board to post it. It should go live in the next couple of weeks. If you have clergy friends you'd like to apply, or clergy friends you want to notify of the opening so that they can apply, that will be the time to do so, as all the contact information for the PNC will be published on the PCUSA job board (Church Leadership Connection).

### SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPROVED at HMPC

Session approved the application of a ruling elder at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, Eric Earle, to work as an unpaid intern at HMPC so he can complete the requirements for becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) in the PCUSA. CREs are also known as "lay pastors," servants who complete a certificate-level of education at seminary rather than an MDiv, work as an intern for ten weeks under the guidance of a PCUSA minister and congregation, and are then approved by COM to serve particular congregations on a contract basis. Eric's first day as our intern will be June 29. You'll see him and his wife Karen in worship, around the building, and perhaps accompanying Aleta and Marguerite on visits. Thanks for extending Eric and Karen a warm HMPC welcome.

### ANTI-RACISM POLICY SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW

Session formed a subcommittee of Elders Barry Cobb, Ken Krause, and Grace Hutchinson to draft HMPC's anti-racism policy to be in compliance with the 2023-2025 requirements of the *Book of Order*. Session is grateful for the work of this committee and will be sending comments in preparation for the discussion in July.

### EXTERIOR PAINT PROJECT APPROVED

Session also approved the motion from Property team to designate \$12,908 to address the critical exterior areas of the church that need repainting.

## Gift Card Scam is Back!

Many people in our community have recently 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, 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, or personal information, **it is a scam**. Do not respond. Delete the message and block the sender.

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

### How Hudson Memorial Requests Financial Support

- **Annual pledges and pledge fulfillment** are communicated through worship announcements, church publications, and official church communications.
- **Special offerings** for missions and ministry partners are announced in the bulletin, newsletter, and worship services. On rare occasions, a mission partner may request gift card donations, but these requests will always be communicated through official church channels.
- **General offerings** are received during worship services or may be delivered to the church office during regular business hours. These requests come from the church as a whole, **not from an individual staff member**. Checks should always be made payable to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

If a request for donations or financial support is announced in worship, published in the bulletin or newsletter, displayed on our website, or communicated through official church channels, you can be confident it is legitimate.



## A Farewell Note from Erica Hairston

### OUR BUSINESS MANAGER DEPARTS JULY 2



Thank you all for these three wonderful years serving as Business Manager at Hudson Memorial. It has been an incredible privilege to be part of this family. From my very first day, I felt welcome. This congregation has an undeniable passion for God and all of humankind. What a gift to have been a recipient of that love!

As I prepare to transition into this next chapter of life, I am filled with gratitude, appreciation, and fond memories that I will carry with me for years to come. I'll never forget those annual thank-you brunches with the office volunteers or themed staff parties, or the years dressing as Santa Claus for the Preschool's Christmas event, standing under the snow machine with co-workers dressed up in festive costumes.

I am deeply thankful for the trust placed in me and for the opportunity to contribute to the mission and work of Hudson Memorial. It enriched both my professional and personal life. To my colleagues, staff, leadership, and everyone I have had the pleasure of working with—thank you. Thank you for your support, encouragement, collaboration, and friendship. You have made these past three years truly rewarding.

I am excited about what lies ahead, but I will always look back on my time at HMPC with great fondness. You are special people. Your next pastor will be lucky to have you. I wish Hudson Memorial continued success and many blessings in the future.

With sincere gratitude,

Erica

**Our community is sad to see Erica go, but excited for her next chapter as she moves to Connecticut. We have a new Business Manager**



**joining our staff and you can learn about this transition in next week's newsletter!**

## June Special Offering

### FINAL WEEK - SHELTER MINISTRIES

For 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 you can give online (go to [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org) or scan the QR code).



## June Tend My Sheep Offering

### FINAL WEEK - RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION



In 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.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Support Our Montreat Youth Trip with Meal Donations!

We have 17 meals to make for 25 people for our Montreat Youth Trip in mid July. We're looking for folks to donate baked goods, snacks, casseroles, condiments, grocery items, and more. All desired donations (specific casseroles, etc.) are detailed on the sign-up sheet. Any support is greatly appreciated!

All non-perishable items can be dropped off at church in the kitchen (look for a bin) or brought **Sunday morning, July 12**. We will have coolers to pack the food that morning.

**Sign up to help [HERE](#).**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## SO MUCH FUN AT ARTS CAMP!



We had a great week at Arts Camp! We painted ceramics, created stained glass, collaged, played jimbaes and xylophones, learned about the cello, played community-building drama games, wore costumes, and more! Thank you to our 18 volunteers who cooked, lead projects, cleaned up, and shepherded the campers between activities.



# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

You helped make this an extra special week for the children.  
We appreciate your time and talent!



## Making a Difference

Dear HMPC friends and family,

It's been such a satisfying start to our "Theology of Making" summer. Westminster Hall has never looked so beautiful as it does now, filled with works of art. We were reminded during our Sunday School class on June 14 that in the process of making, of turning a vision into reality, there is a "flow" or spiritual experience where the art seems to come not from our own selves but from some place beyond ourselves.

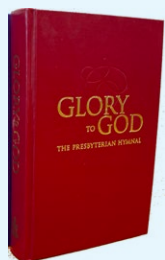
That's the experience we're seeking to lift up in this season of HMPC living into a vision. As we make a place that welcomes with the love of Christ, what do we learn about welcome that doesn't come from what we already knew or imagined, but seems to come from beyond that? That would be the Holy Spirit seeking to lead us to unknown countries and a new creation that connects to this moment more than past memory. It's the same for making a process to trust in the grace of Christ, or making programs that help us grow with the help of Christ. What it looks like six months from now will be different from what we think it looks like today!

I hope you will submit your favorite hymns today (survey link below) in preparation for a focus on music in July. We're going to add more hymns, including a **hymn sing service on July 26**, to connect the music in worship to meaning and compositions beyond worship. It will be a beautiful and fun month to again be reminded that our creativity can bring in such beauty and mercy into the world, lives can be touched and changed.

Some of you are already working on the reading list (to the right) for August. For some Sundays, I will plan to offer a book discussion time after worship so you can exchange ideas about the book or sermon and share any meaningful content with each other. Look for details in July.

Thanks for helping us make this a time of fun, creativity, celebration, and reflection. It continues to be an honor and a privilege to minister alongside you at HMPC.

- Pastor Marguerite



## Hymn Survey Link

Let us know about your favorite hymns!  
Click [HERE](#) to fill out the short survey.

## Summer Reading List

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



## MUSIC MINISTRY

Ever Wanted to Sing  
with the Choir?  
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!  
JOIN SUMMER SING!



If you've wanted to experience the wonderful small group atmosphere of our friendly Chancel Choir with easier songs, no choir robes and only a Sunday morning rehearsal, this Summer Sing program is

perfect for you. All are welcome! In the summer we sing more familiar songs and only rehearse Sunday mornings – no Wednesday commitment! Come join the fun! **Sundays at 9:30am.**

**From Dr. Sanjay Gupta:**

*"Singing crosses the midline of the brain which not many other activities do. Just by singing a song you can activate so many different areas of your brain – left temporal lobe, right parietal lobe, cerebellum. Singing is super healthy*



*and good for your brain. It is good for your physical health and even more so for your mental health."*

## July Birthdays

1. Colt Jackson, Josephine Glover-Hurd
3. Avi Banerjee, Billy Poole, Leigh Betancourt
4. Andrea Mouw, Kathy White, Cate Madden
5. Lacey Sandlin, Sarah Cranford
7. Anna Keen, Susan Krause, Debbie Bumgarner, Charlie Onaya, Riley Anderson, Eleanor Ward
8. Connery Bunn, Michelle Philips
9. Dick Ives, Beth Billman, Marie Martin, Jasper Morgan-Richardson
10. Susan Bradshaw
11. Lauren Parker
12. Jeri Thomas, Jordan Feurer
13. Shelly Ayers
14. Rick Melling, Lee Playford
15. Karen Melling, Avery Claire Bevier
16. Trish Richardson, Cathy Bentlage
17. Heidi Duggins, Sandra Acai, Sandy Cole, Kathy Seekamp, Ellie Vig, Richard Blanks, Tanner Hanks, Lisa Hoffman, Camden Christenbury
18. Teri Morris, Phyllis James, Ashley Woolley
19. Luke Dalzell, Nathan Edge, Jimmy Hulsey
20. Aleta Ash, Ogbeyialu Nduka
21. Olivia Mercer, Robert Saleeby, Karen Cox
22. Karen Layton, Bryan Swenson
24. Laura McHenry, Andrew Pate
25. Lesley Farrell
27. Mitch Perry, Keels Maxwell
28. Jesse Brouwer, Carla Davenport
30. Robert Atkinson, Ginny Conger
31. Brent Sharpe, Caroline Smart



### Sunday, June 28

9:30 am - Adult Summer Series - Westminster North

9:30 am - Summer Sing - Sanctuary

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden

11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North

### Monday, June 29

6:30 pm - PEO - Room 200

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

### Tuesday, June 30

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio

### Thursday, July 2

6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Room 200

### Friday, July 3

OFFICE CLOSED

### Saturday, July 4

*Happy 4th of July!*

## TECH TEAM

### From The Tech Team: Two Livestream Improvements

John Whisler has been troubleshooting and trying to work out technical glitches we sometimes experience with our livestreaming. Thank you, John, for your hard work!

You will notice two improvements in Sunday's livestream which you can view by clicking [here](#).

1. Overall livestream sound is **louder and more robust** throughout.
2. The **sound continues** even if the camera "blips out". Fast forward to the postlude to see this change.

We wanted to let you know this so you **don't give up** if the technology seems to be failing - If you are viewing the livestream and the picture disappears, you should still be able to hear the worship service until the picture returns!



# Be a part of the Avery County Mission Trip Team!

(even if you can't make it in person)

Show your support with a 2026 Avery County Mission Trip t-shirt! Whether you've served on a past trip, support the ministry through prayer or giving, or simply want to cheer on the team, we'd love for you to wear a shirt and join us in spirit as we serve our neighbors in Avery County.

Shirts are \$20



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