



the weekly Window

June 13, 2021

Out to the life and ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)

Children's Ministry

2021 VBS

August 9-13 9 am to Noon

This year we are beyond excited to bring back our week-long VBS program August 9th-13th!

Our passenger cars are filling up and we need conductors and engineers to keep us going. Okay, enough with the train metaphors!

If you have been looking for a chance to bring the good news of Jesus, have fun, and hang out with some awesome children, please consider volunteering to serve as a crew leader, rotation leader (Bible Stories, Science, Recreation!) nursery caregiver, or decor specialist.

Our days will be from 9 am-12 Noon Monday-Friday. Beat the heat as we will be inside since the church is now open safely! Our current policy will be masks required for volunteers and children over the age of 5.

We do not want to turn any child away if we do not have to and our volunteers help us bring the Gospel and the fun to all [Sign up here](#) and if you have any questions, [contact Rachael McConnell](#).



Hunger Action

Advocating for an End to Hunger Through an Offering of Letters

This Sunday, June 13 - Please Join Us in the Parlor Following Worship

We will conduct our Offering of Letters with the guidance of Bread for the World, a non-profit organization which advocates for hunger relief through bipartisan legislation.

At our Offering of Letters, the Hunger Action Team will provide letter-writing supplies along with names



and addresses of U.S. Senators and Representatives. Bread for the World has provided us information about proposed legislation and sample letter language that we can incorporate. Our Offering of Letters will be dedicated to God just as we dedicate our financial offerings. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Scott or other members of the Hunger Action Team.

If You're In Town and Able...Come!

Historically the summer has been a time when the church has scaled back on some of its programming and honors the fact that people travel, take vacation and more. But coming off of 15 months of a pandemic where all of our rhythms have been thrown off, it feels strange to do the typical thing. While church programming will take time to gear up as we emerge out of the pandemic, I do think it is important to not delay regaining some of our communal and spiritual rhythms. Maybe the best place to start regaining that rhythm is the following commitment: If my family and I are healthy, able, and in town, we are going to come to worship in-person.

Sunday morning worship is the church's "bread & butter" if you will. Week in and week out it is our largest gathering and more importantly it is that rhythmic place where we praise, confess, receive grace, hear God's Word and respond to it. We get re-centered in intergenerational community. Your presence matters not only for your individual spiritual health, but because it encourages and bolsters the faith of those around you. In worship you are noticed by new and old friends. In worship your singing voice gives confidence to those of us who are less confident in our ability to carry a tune. You elbow or fist bump or bow at the passing of Christ's peace is conveying a profound truth in a physical way. Your presence is seen by newcomers: A full multi-generational sanctuary lets people know we are an alive and vibrant congregation. Your simple greeting remembering a detail about another person's life models hospitality and encourages community.

James G. Kirk in *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship*, writes, "A covenant community is a gathering of individuals with a common experience of being called by God and given a purpose. It is characterized by a common loyalty to God and a shared sense of purpose in the world. In the covenant community, the members are related to one another as organs of the body. When one suffers, all are in pain. The body functions best when all members are present and functioning." We understand this better when we are able to be in the same space. So...your presence matters not only for your individual spiritual health, but because it encourages and bolsters the faith of those around you.



I urge you, as we recover from this difficult time as a community to commit to the spiritual discipline and rhythm of communal worship. It will truly be a joy to see you!

Thanks be to God for each one of you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mac".

Mac Schafer
Pastor

From the HMPC Staff

Staff Email Addresses

When you receive an email from one of Hudson's staff members, please verify that the email address is their first initial then last name @hmpc.org - examples - mschafer@hmpc.org, dkirk@hmpc.org.

There have been some spam emails being sent, making them look like they are coming from the church. In those cases, the "from" email address is not correct. If you receive those, please do not respond or click on any links.

HMPC Foundation

Foundation Birthday Gifts

The following members and friends have donated to the Foundation Birthday Fund:

Mike Coffey
Olene Frank
Linda and Ace Ornt
Polly & Don Haydon
Debbie Kirk
Paul Simson

Adult Education Offerings

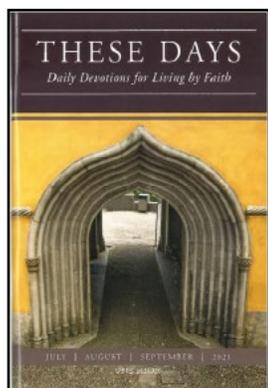
- Looking ahead: Save the Date - On Sunday evening July 11 the Adult Committee will host a special event under the lights at the labyrinth. Watch for details to follow.



Waking Up with the Word

June 15 - 6:30 am

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am at the WH Patio. The group studies the scripture text that will be preached on the following Sunday. No previous Bible study experience is needed. The group centers their study around three questions - 1. What is a word or phrase that stands out to you in the text? 2. Allow that word or phrase to prompt a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. 3. What is Christ calling you to through the scripture text? [Contact Mac Schafer](#) for more information.



These Days

July - September Issues Are Here!

The July - September issue of *These Days* has arrived. Copies are available at the entrances. [Please contact Pat Cash](#), 919-787-1086, if you would like one mailed to you.

Evening Women at the Well

The evening version of Women at the Well summer dates are: June 24, July 22 and August 26. On June 24th will return to having our meetings over dinner at a local restaurant.



Women of all ages and stages enjoy great fellowship along with lively conversations about current topics of interest informed by a variety of podcasts and other resources. Participants will receive the topic, resources and Zoom link prior to the meeting. All are welcome to join anytime! [For info contact Debbie Kirk](#)

Deacon Ministry

Prayers for Households



Prayer is foundational to the ministry of the Deacons and we consider it a privilege to pray with and for our church family. The Deacons are praying for 7 member households each week,

with the goal of praying for each and every member of our congregation. These households are listed below so the congregation can join in praying for them as well. Each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. If you have a specific request for prayer, you can submit a prayer request at [HMPC.org](#) or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line. Arline Seaman is the Deacon on Call for June. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Kristi, Curt and Andy Plyler*
- *David & Yong Pointer*
- *Billy Poole*
- *Jill, Pete, Tom and Becky Priester*
- *Laura Puryear*
- *Sonja & Mitchell Puryear*
- *Lisa, Megan, Matthew and Benjamin Rahn*



Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



Mail to
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4921 Six Forks Rd.
Raleigh 27609



Online at [HMPC.ORG](#)



Text to Give to
888-906-0744

Missions

June Special Offering

Avery County Mission Trip

During June we will be receiving a Special Offering to support the Avery County Mission Trip proceeding this summer from July 18 through July 23 to aid Avery County Habitat for Humanity in the construction of a home. Fifteen individuals, most of whom are retired, have committed to participating in the Mission Trip; and subject to individual circumstances, many are contributing up to \$240 to help defray the costs of the group's room and board. Nonetheless, the assistance of the congregation is needed to fully meet these costs this year and, further, to provide the reserve needed to make advance housing reservations for the group next year. You may put your donation in the offering plate, mail your donation to the church, [donate online](#) or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount 'avery' to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 avery). If you have not done this before, you will only need to enter your information once.

Fellowship Friday!

Evening Concert with Eliza Spear! Friday, June 25th - 7 pm

This summer the Fellowship Committee will be holding Fellowship Friday events once per month. We are kicking off the summer events on Friday, June 25th.

Eliza Spear will be bringing her musical talents to Hudson for the second time. She was the guest performer for a Youth Fundraiser in 2019. We are pleased to have her joining us again for an evening of music and outdoor fellowship.

Eliza Spear is a 21-year-old singer/songwriter from Los Angeles, California. She attends Elon University where she is majoring in Music Production. This summer, she is holding a series of outdoor shows across the East Coast and is excited to be joining us for a night of music and fellowship! [Check her out](#) to learn more about her, give her a listen, and join her email list!



Details for the event: Friday, June 25th at 7:00 pm, at the home of Susan & Tripp Bradshaw, 7208 Pinebark Court, Raleigh, Bring: Lawn chairs/blankets, snacks, drinks

RSVP: [Click here to RSVP](#)

Questions: [Contact Beth Billman](#)

Tend My Sheep

June 26 11am-1pm

INTER-FAITH FOOD SHUTTLE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

 <p>Proteins Beans, Tuna, Soup, Meat, Pasta, Peanut Butter</p>	 <p>Breakfast Whole Grain Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits</p>	 <p>Whole Grain Pasta & Rice Pasta Sauce</p>
 <p>Fruits & Vegetables No Heavy Syrup, No Salt Added</p>	 <p>Healthy Snacks Raisins, Granola Bars, Fruit Pouches</p>	 <p>Seniors Nutritional Shakes Adult Hygiene Products</p>
 <p>Infants & Kids Pedialyte, Infant Cereal, Mac & Cheese Cups, Fruit Cups, 100% Juice Boxes, Diapers, Wipes</p>	 <p>Hygiene Items Hand Sanitizer, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Deodorant</p>	 <p>Household Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Masks, Disinfectant Wipes, Bleach, Trash Bags, Cleaning Solution</p>

Our Tend My Sheep collection for June will be collecting donations for [Inter-Faith Food Shuttle](#) - proteins such as beans, soup, canned meats, fish, peanut butter; whole grain, low sugar breakfast foods; whole grain pasta or rice; canned fruits and vegetables; healthy snacks; senior nutritional supplements, adult hygiene products; Infants & kids - mac n cheese cups, fruit cups, 100% juice boxes, diapers, wipes; Hygiene Items - soap, hand sanitizer, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant; Household products - paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, masks, disinfectant wipes, trash bags, bleach, cleaning solutions.

All donations must be new and unopened.

Donations will be collected at the church on Saturday, June 26th from 11 am to 1pm and at worship on Sunday, June 27th.



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www.nhpresbytery.org

IT IS NOMINATIONS TIME AGAIN!

The Nominations and Representation Committee of The Presbytery of New Hope (NHP) is seeking candidates for the Committees of the Presbytery. Information may be found in the attached PDF brochure.

- Eligible individuals are Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders in NHP.
- You do not have to be currently serving on your church Session.
- Terms are 3-years and begin on January 1, 2022.
- Most committees meet several times a year. Currently, committees are meeting via ZOOM until COVID restrictions are lifted. Likely ZOOM participation will remain an attendance option.
- Most nominations are self-referred, so don't be bashful! It is an opportunity to serve your church and to meet some other wonderful Christian servants!
- Nominations are easy! Control / click to follow the links:

https://nhpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/Nominations_tri_fold.pdf
<http://nhpresbytery.org/nominations-form/>

Worship & The Arts

Nursery is Open on Sundays!



Our nursery is open during worship. Your children from birth to 3 years old will be safely taken care of by our compassionate, trained, and responsible childcare workers.

[Contact Rachael McConnell if you have any questions.](#)

Live-Streaming Sunday Worship

For those unable to attend worship in person, we will be live streaming the services. Please know that the live streams will also be recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel, as well as the church website.

[Click here to live-stream this Sunday's 10:30 am service.](#)

Youth Ministry

Youth Programs

- **VBS Youth Volunteers Needed** - Are you ready to serve during the most fun week of the summer?! Join us for VBS this year, we need you! Serving during VBS is a great, fun, and air-conditioned way to gain volunteer hours. This year we are doing something new as well: Have you always wanted to be a character at Disney World? Want some practice before high school/college mascot tryouts? Do people often say "You're quite a character!" Become one of the most beloved parts of VBS by volunteering to be one of the Bible Buddies come alive! Check out the description on the [volunteer sign up](#) or [e-mail Rachael McConnell](#) or text her (512-966-0384) for more info! [Sign up here](#)
- **Rising Fifth Grade Youth** (current 4th graders) and Parent E-mail Information Needed – The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class (for grades 5-7) and the middle school youth group (grades 5-8) are excited about the rising fifth grade youth that will be moving into the church's youth program this fall. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please e-mail Frank Boyd with the following information:
 - the youth's name, school, and e-mail address, parent's name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.
- **2021 – 2022 Confirmation Class** - Current 7th Graders and Older – It's time to start thinking about Confirmation for the 2021-22 Program Year – Please watch your mail and email closely for registration information for our next class starting in late August/ Early September.

Looking Ahead

- **Mission Trip Dates** – June 15-17, 2021. All participants and parents of should watch your email for forms, deadlines, telehealth appointments and details.
- **Massanetta Middle School Conference** is June 22-25, 2021. All participants are reminded to do the online insurance link immediately that was recently emailed to you and to keep the Symptom Tracker Form up to date. The detail letter will be emailed this coming week.
- **Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)** – All participants are reminded to send your "balance due" to the church ASAP, as well as an updated HMPC Parental Release Form. Be sure and print your Symptom Tracker Form and start it on July 4th. The detail letter was recently emailed to all participants with instructions for signing the Very Important online covenant. Thank you.



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Calendar

Sunday, June 13

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Labyrinth Green
- 11:30 am - Offering of Letters - Parlor
- 7 pm - Hudson Connects - Karl Hudson Room

Monday, June 14

- 6:30 pm - Giving Ministry - ZOOM
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, June 15

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - ZOOM
- 6 pm - Worship Committee
- 6:30 pm - Miriam Circle - West Lawn
- 6:30 pm - Music Director Search Comm. - KH
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, June 16

- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, June 20

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Labyrinth Green