



the weekly Window

November 4, 2022

GIVING MINISTRY

Commitment Sunday

This Sunday, November 6

This Sunday, November 6, is Commitment Sunday. It is the annual celebration when households commit their time, talent, and treasure to Christ's ministry through the church. Your pledge helps the Session plan for ministries in the upcoming year. We ask that you bring your filled-out pledge brochure to worship this Sunday. During the singing of the final hymn there will be an opportunity to bring your completed pledge brochure forward and place it in the basket at the foot of the baptismal font. If you did not receive a pledge brochure in the mail, extra brochures will be available in the sanctuary.



Thank you for prayerfully considering what you will give in 2023. Don't forget to fill out the Time & Talent portion of the pledge brochure, as we always need new involvement in various ministry areas. The HMPC Budget Committee anticipates \$90K in the potential cost increases in

2023 budget, so if you can increase your financial commitment in 2023, it is welcome and needed! Please remember that Hudson's ministry is entirely supported by your generosity and involvement!

Thank you, and see you Sunday!

THIS SUNDAY! HMPC HOMECOMING CELEBRATION BARBECUE

*Food from
Clyde Cooper's BBQ*

*Music by
Rich Richards &
The Stolen Dimes*

Lawn Games

Potluck Desserts

Children's Craft

Fellowship and Fun!

**SEE YOU NOVEMBER 6
AFTER WORSHIP!**

GIVING MINISTRY

Hudson Home Base

Giving Ministry Minute for Mission
Becca Fisher-Gabbard - October 30



Good morning, I am Becca Fisher-Gabbard. As the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and one of few who grew up on church property, in a manse, church and home have always been intertwined for me. It is part of what made finding a church home so challenging

in my adult life. After much searching, Hudson has become home base for me and my wife—a return to a faith community; where we received the gift of marriage (with Mac's guidance, of course); where we release the noise of our busy lives when we engage with the youth of this congregation at Youth Group, Sunday School, and as Confirmation partners, and every time we worship in this space. I hope you'll join me in considering what time, talent, and resources you might pledge to share in 2023 to make Hudson feel more like home base for each other, for the broader community, and anyone in search of a place to belong.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL

Search For New Financial Coordinator

We want to let the congregation know that Cheri Thomas is concluding her tenure as HMPC's Bookkeeper on November 18th. We appreciate her service to Hudson and will miss her. Changes in Cheri's personal life do not allow her to continue in the position.

We are grateful to the congregation for your understanding and patience as we go through multiple staff transitions and re-evaluate administrative responsibilities.



The Personnel Committee has begun a search for a new Bookkeeper. We are changing the name of the position to Financial Coordinator to better match the responsibilities of the job. John James is chairing the search, and Bill Flueckinger (Finance Chair), Amy Claprod (Business Administrator), and Mac Schafer (Pastor) are serving on the search team. If you know of people who may be interested in the position, details about the job can be found on the church website by clicking [here](#).

PROPERTY

New Sanctuary Windows Installed

On Thursday, October 27th, the 65th birthday of HMPC, the last of the new sanctuary windows were installed! Thanks be to God for this congregation's generosity to complete this project!



CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations!

To the Allard Family
whose child was baptized on
October 16, 2022



To the Genova Family
whose child was baptized on
October 23, 2022



LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Blue Christmas Service

December 4th - 6:00pm

As part of their ministry of care and compassion, the Deacons will be hosting a "Blue Christmas Service" on Sunday, December 4th in the Chapel at 6:00pm. The service is especially for those who find the holiday season difficult, and for others who want a quiet reflective time when so much is hectic. It will include the reading of scripture, prayers, contemplative music and the lighting of candles in recognition of God's presence in our places of greatest need.



Hanging of the Greens

Come help decorate our building for the Advent season! Gather in Westminster Hall for instructions on Sunday, November 27th after worship.

All are welcome!

Halloween at the Preschool

Our preschool students had so much fun last Monday, October 31! There was a Halloween parade, and the children enjoyed sensory play with pumpkin filling, painting mini-pumpkins, working with Halloween beads, jack-o-lantern art, and other fun fall activities!



Youth News

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SUNDAY MORNING

**NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
THIS WEEK**

All youth are invited to join us in the balcony for worship!

See you at the
HOMECOMING CELEBRATION BBQ
after worship!

SUNDAY EVENING

**NO YOUTH MUSIC OR
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13:
Middle School Youth Group
There will be **NO MS YOUTH GROUP**
on Sunday November 13
due to the MS retreat at Camp Kanata.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
"PASTOR/CHURCH STAFF ON THE HOT SEAT!"
5:00-7:00pm
Dinner will be served.
Please RSVP as soon as possible.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20:
COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES
5th Grade, MS and HS Youth Group will be combined
to participate in an in-house Mission
Project for our college students.
5:00-7:00pm
Dinner will be served.
Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Just Show Up And Be

by Rich Richards

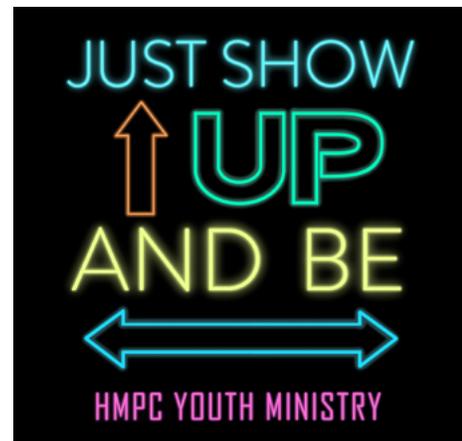
While on my honeymoon, traveling by train (my favorite means of transportation with the exception of my own feet) this phrase for HMPC Youth Ministry came to me:

"Just show up and be."

Shortly after the words came, the actual placement of the words, the addition of the arrows and the retro feel of font and color came too!

I quickly jotted down what I had in my mind's eye in my journal and upon my return, asked Lesley, our Communications Specialist, to take a look at my notes and think of a way to use 80's neon to create some sort of visual representation for the group.

This is what we landed on!



There are many ways one may interpret this motto/phrase. Showing up is half of fully "getting there" so the word "just" was added to emphasize the ease for which it takes to get somewhere familiar. It also is resonant of the phrase, "Now let us move from GETTING HERE to BEING HERE," that Mac says after announcements in worship. Second, the words "be" can mean, be yourself, be present, be-coming a disciple, be in community, and so on. It's an invitation that is open-ended.

The arrows are a part of the mix to add a visual representation of the word UP (pointing towards heaven) and the side arrows meaning the freedom to "be" who you are on the earthly plane.



HMPC Youth Group can now
be found on Instagram!
Follow us!
Our handle is [@HMPCYM](https://www.instagram.com/HMPCYM)

MISSION

November Special Offering

HMPC GOOD SAMARITAN FUND



Our monthly special offering is for the Good Samaritan Fund, a discretionary account outside of the annual operating budget that is used to assist HMPC members and others who are experiencing financial challenges. These needs have increased due to the long term

effects of COVID-19 and we appreciate any amount you give so we have the funds available as needed.



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to “Samaritan”), or you can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the

word “Samaritan” to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Samaritan) If you have not done this before, you will be prompted to enter your information. Once it has been entered, you will not have to enter it again.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held at 1:00pm on **Sunday, November 13**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [New Member Information Forms are available here](#). Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas Pageant

PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP!

Parents of Wee Worshipers and Joyful Noise Choirs: If you have not registered your child(ren) for the Christmas Pageant on December 11, please do so ASAP. Email Cary at cdickerson@hmpc.org.

We are in the middle of assigning parts and wardrobe! It should be fun but we need to know who is going to be there!

Thanks so much,
Rich and Cary



Communion Education Class

We will have a Communion Education class for children and their parents immediately following Worship on



November 20. Debbie will walk the children through the meaning of communion in an age appropriate way.

A light lunch will be served, so **please RSVP [here](#)** to help us know how many to expect.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

2023 Chancel Flowers

New Calendar Available!



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up for a 2023 date, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Amy Claprod](#) in the church office.

Sunday Adult Education - The Gathering

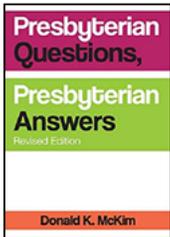
9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Hosted by
Susan Bradshaw, Linda Meeks, Dottie Burch
"The Nine O'Clock Class"

This earlier 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 fellowship. **Please note we will not have class on November 6.**

9:30-10:20am | WH North

Facilitated by Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg,
John James, Gil Graybill
"Presbyterian Ponderings"



From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and Salvation. Each week's discussion is stand-alone, with no advance prep or reading required. Come join us for fellowship and good conversation!

Please note we will not have class on November 6.

9:30-10:20am | WH South

"The Seekers"
Encountering God Through Scripture
Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey
November 13 and November 20



Over three class periods, I invite us to discuss our journeys with the Bible. By journeys, I intend for us to think about our experience of the Bible from early days

to today. How have our views changed? What questions have we had along the way? I am less concerned with the quantity of our knowledge and more with the Bible's role in our faith formation. For some, the Bible may be a text for the study of ancient history, culture and religion. For others, it has been a prayerful meeting place. How do we view the Bible? What place does it have in our journey with God?

Our class has adopted a new name. We are calling ourselves The Seekers. Please note we will not have class on November 6.

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

Women at the Well

Thursday, December 1 | Bonfish Grill



Women at the Well is made up of two groups, each with 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** meets most Wednesdays in the Chapel at 9:15am. **The Monthly Group Women at the Well will hold its November/December gathering the evening of Thursday, December 1 at Bonfish Grill** in North Hills. Current participants will receive the information about the podcast and making a reservation. All women are welcome to attend! To be added to contact list contact [Debbie Kirk](#).

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, November 8 | 6:30am | Zoom



All men are invited to join this group (via Zoom this week) for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina.

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 have questions or would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact [Mac Schafer](#).

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, November 6

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden
11:30 am - Homecoming Celebration - HMPC Campus

Monday, November 7

6:00 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - PW Leadership - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH 227, 236

Tuesday, November 8

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Room 200
11:30 am - Hannah Circle - Room 200
6:30 pm - Confirmation Ministry Team - Zoom
7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH 234

Wednesday, November 9

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

Thursday, November 10

7:00 pm - Mission Committee - WH South

Friday, November 11

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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ONLINE DIRECTORY

Get to know your fellow HMPC members!



Have you signed up for Hudson's online church directory? We hope this photo directory will help deepen your connections to one another.

You will use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online AND

via the mobile app. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in. To view the directory on your device:

Download the free mobile app available at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant

Church Directory" to get the download. You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." If the information listed needs to be updated, you may do that online or in the app. Feel free to add birthdays and anniversary if you wish.

If your email is not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app or updating your information, contact Lesley Ash-Jacobsen or at 919.787.1086