



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

Fellowship

Personnel

Fall Kickoff - After Worship - August 29th

**Hudson Memorial will Kick Off Fall with
Lunch on the Lawn August 29, 2021!**



We will have many round tables and chairs set up on the lawn so we can enjoy a meal together, but still be safe outdoors. There will be good spacing among the tables and at the tables. We will have some

tables on the pavement so those concerned with navigating around the yard, they will not have to!

We are having boxed lunches this year instead of our usual covered dish lunch. The lunches will be ordered from Jason's Deli and the cost is \$5 a box. Details are below.

[We appreciate you paying online by August 24th](#)

If you cannot pay online, no worries, you can pay when you pick up your box.

We look forward to celebrating with you on the 29th!
[Please RSVP by placing your order with sandwich choice, by August 24th, by calling Pat Cash, 919-787-1086 or by email.](#)

Box Lunch Options - all boxes come with chips, pickle spear and chocolate chip cookie; drinks will be provided by Fellowship:

- Roast Turkey Breast with Lettuce & Tomato on croissant
- Chicken Salad with Almonds & Pineapple, Lettuce & Tomato on Croissant
- 1/2 Spinach Veggie Wrap

Interim Director of Children's Ministries

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Cary Dickerson is serving as our Interim Director of Children's Ministry.



Cary has been a member of Hudson for 12 years. She grew up in Indiana and was raised Presbyterian. Cary went to N.C. State University and was a double major in Psychology and Criminology. She is married to Daniel and they have three children who have been raised at Hudson. Cary has been a teacher at Hudson Memorial Preschool for seven years and has helped lead weekly preschool chapel for several years. Cary has served as Mission Committee chair at the church, coordinated Vacation Bible School, is in her 4th year on Session as an active elder, among many other activities.

Cary is passionate about the growth and implementation of Children's Ministry at HMPC. She is constantly inviting families from the community to come on Sunday mornings to worship and children's Sunday school and she will be invaluable during this time of transition. Cary began Monday, August 16th.

Waking Up with the Word

August 24 - 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.](#)



Women at the Well Fall Schedule

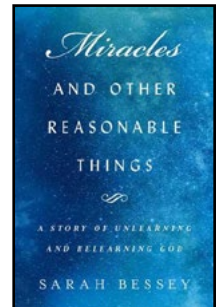
Women at the Well begins the fall schedule this month and welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and content.



The weekly group meets Wednesday morning from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. **The monthly group** meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm (sometimes the third Thursday to avoid holidays etc.) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. 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. Each group met on Zoom until recently and while current plans are for in person meetings, this may be amended to return to Zoom if the Covid Delta variant continues to spread and local numbers continue to rise.

Wednesdays - August 25 - December 8. 9:15-10:30 am HMPC Parlor or Zoom

The weekly group is using *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God* by Sarah Bessey. Current participants do not need to re-register. Books may be purchased for \$12.00, [you may pay online](#) by cash or check to HMPC with Women at the Well notated, or you may get the book on your own. [If we are ordering a book for you let us know no later than August 18.](#) Participants in the morning group typically commit to the entire semester.



Thursdays - August 26, September 23, October 21, November 18 and December 16. 6 pm by Zoom
Participants can attend regularly or occasionally and will receive the podcast the weekend before our meeting. Current participants do not need to re-register. [For more information or to register for either group beginning with the August meetings contact Debbie Kirk](#)

Presbyterian Pint

August 26 - 7 pm

The men's group will meet on June 24th at 7 pm at Mac Schafer's backyard. This group meets for fellowship and discussion on faith and culture. Contact [Mac Schafer](#) for more information.



Session Policy & The Pandemic

This past week the Session instituted two new policies related to the pandemic:

1. In an effort to align with pandemic policies of the City of Raleigh and to protect vulnerable friends and members of HMPC, **masks are now required at all times inside the building of HMPC.**
2. **Beginning August 23rd, the church and preschool staff will be asked to verify their vaccination status with their supervisor.** If a staff member or teacher is unvaccinated they will be required to wear a mask at all time while on church property, both indoors and outdoors, and will need to show evidence of a negative test weekly to their supervisor.

Masks remain required in worship on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary. Hand sanitizer and disposable masks are available at every entrance to the sanctuary. Groups can continue to gather outside on church property where masks are optional. We simply ask that you would respect the social distancing needs of those around you.

Thank you for your continued patience and compliance.

Youth Ministry

Youth Programs

- **2022 Confirmation Class - Current 7th Graders and Older** – If you plan on participating in Confirmation this year, start thinking about who you might want to be your Confirmation Mentor! This can be any adult who is a part of the HMPC family. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Richards
- **Rising Fifth Grade Youth 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 the following information to Rich Richards: the youth's name, school, and e-mail address, and parent's name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.

Director of Music Ministries

"Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

-Henry Van Dyke



Through a whirlwind of happy circumstances and family support, my husband and I have bought a house in a quiet neighborhood in Durham. The neighborhood is full of trees, deer, a variety of wildlife and birds. As I am settling in and enjoying my setting, I remembered the above quote. It is the essence of my philosophy of church music.

There are many blessings which go along with choral singing. One of my favorites is that many voices make a beautiful sound. The quality and power of the sound isn't dependent upon the strongest or most beautiful voice but in the blending of all the voices together.

With church vocal, bell or instrumental choirs the blessings abound. For me, no blessing is greater than the small group atmosphere which is created by regular rehearsals and the sharing of the joys and concerns of our lives.

I am so excited to be here and over the course of the next few weeks I will introduce myself through this newsletter. My hope is that by getting to know me better you will feel even more welcomed into the flourishing music ministry at Hudson Memorial.

Many blessings,
Barbara

Children & Youth Ministries

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children and youth are invited to bring their school backpacks to worship on **Sunday, August 22nd**. Each student will receive a backpack tag with Isaiah 55:12 on it. We hope to see you as the traditional school year begins.



Position Available

Part-time Communications Specialist

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time (25 hours per week) Communications Specialist. This position will be responsible for all marketing and publication materials put out to the public and members of the church. The position supports staff, officers and ministry leaders in conveying the church vision and message to their target audience.

Responsibilities include branding, electronic resources and printed materials. Hudson is looking for an excellent communicator with the capacity to produce high quality work and juggle multiple projects.

Applicants should have proficient knowledge of social media and strong technical skills with Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office. A Bachelor's degree with concentration in Communications or Marketing is preferred.

If you know someone who might be interested in the position please have them send a cover letter and resume to jobs@hmpc.org. The successful candidate will be not be a Hudson member or family member.

A Welcoming Space

Last week the room formerly known as the “John Knox Room” was completed. This is the room at the foot of the new ramp from the sanctuary that empties out onto the first floor hallway. Last year, when preparations for the new ramp were being made, the Session voted to make the John Knox Room a soft seating area. It is now a warm and inviting space for informal conversations, small meetings and hospitality. The room has already been used for interviews, pre-marriage counseling, baptismal preparation, planning memorial services, small committee meetings, receptions, memorial service displays, quiet conversation and meditation.

Last week the final touch to the room were added: Two paintings by local artist Kathy Ammon. One painting is entitled, “Eyes to See” and another specifically commissioned for Hudson this year called, “And Also with You.” These two paintings were donated anonymously in coordination with the 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign team which implemented the re-purposing of this space. We hope members, friends and guests will spend time with these painting. We believe that they speak to our faith and the human journey within community. Below is information on Kathy’s background:

"Kathy Ammon’s paintings are recognized by her expressive style, responsive approach to the figure and universal themes of life, love, and faith. She is an accomplished artist with strong vision for revealing the sacred in human relationships and everyday life experiences. Kathy has worked as a professional artist since 1988, showing and selling her paintings in acrylics and mixed media on canvas, paper, and panel. From 1996-2011, she had a public studio at Artspace of Raleigh NC and enjoyed a large following of supporters, patrons, sales, and exhibitions. She retreated from the public eye in 2012 to her home studio where she found time and freedom to explore new art processes and community experiences. Ammon started Threshold arts studio at Apex UMC in 2014 to create space for herself and others to express the spirit through creative art and faith experiences. Then, between 2016-2019 Ammon’s life shifted dramatically into a new season and impacted her focus and vision for her art. When the winds of change shifted again in 2020 for everyone and everywhere, placing some things on hold or stopping completely, Ammon continued with her artmaking evolving vision and faith. As this new 2021 season unfolds, Kathy plans to share this new work soon, that seems created for these challenging times, along with more opportunity to see, connect, and acquire her work once again."



Missions

August Special Offering

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Your gifts to this offering provide core funding for the work of PDA, enabling immediate response to national and international disasters and strengthening ongoing work such as training and development, refugee ministry, and response to disasters that do not receive media attention.

Funds are divided among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. You may mail your donations to the church, [donate online](#), or text to give (text amount PDA) example (25 PDA to 888-906-0744).

August Tend My Sheep

Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina

In August we will collect whole grain cereal, pasta, and rice for The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. This will also be the Mission focus of VBS to tie the two together and promote our Hunger Action focus among non-member families attending VBS. Please bring your donations to church with you on Sunday, August 22nd or you may drop off your donation during the week to the church office.



Hunger Action: Share Your Bounty With Others

Calling all gardeners! Too many tomatoes, zucchini, etc.? Did you know that you can donate what you don't need to the Interfaith Food Shuttle through their Plant a



Row for the Hungry program? Plant a Row for the Hungry encourages garden communities and individuals to donate fresh vegetables, fruit, and herbs to people in need. The Food Shuttle is the Plant a Row partner in the Triangle, distributing your home-grown produce to local food pantries, shelters, and other hunger-relief organizations. Just one pound of your fresh produce supplements four meals. We cannot accept produce grown with animal manure not composted to USDA Organic standards or sprayed with pesticides within two weeks of harvest. If you have food from your gardens to share, contact Andrea Mouw armouw@gmail.com You can drop your produce off at her home (near Carroll Middle School) Scott Mouw will take it to IFFS on Fridays.



Beth Follensbee loves the landing at her future back door built by volunteers from Hudson Memorial Presbyterian!

Photo from the Avery County Habitat for Humanity Newsletter

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 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. Tony Bedini is the Deacon on Call for August. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Katy, Will, Maggie and Gavin Waugh*
- *Traci Weaver*
- *Julie Webb*
- *Marilyn Webb*
- *Libby Wendt*
- *Blanche Wenge*

Notary

Pat Cash, Church Business Administrator, is a Notary Public. If you have a need for a Notary, [please contact her](#), or give her a call at 919-787-1086 to set up a time to have your document notarized. We will follow Hudson's guidelines to safely distance.

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.

Online Community

Stay in community with us. We can be found online at:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)



Follow us and like us!

Calendar

Sunday, August 22

- 10:30 am - Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship

Monday, August 23

- 7 pm - Session - Parlor
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, August 24

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, August 25

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 26

- 6 pm - Women at the Well - Zoom
- 7 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mac Schafer's Backyard

Sunday, August 29

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Lunch on the Lawn



Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial

Mail to HMPC
4921 Six Forks Rd.
Raleigh 27609

Online at HMPC.ORG

Text to Give to 888-906-0744

Fellowship

Amazing Grays First Thursday Lunch

Our fellowship time at lunch out the past three months has been great to see, eat, and share a meal with everyone. However, with the most recent surge in COVID-19 variants, we would not like any of our members to become infected.

After much consideration, we are putting our lunch out on hold. We look forward to the time we can resume our lunch out and other Amazing Grays programs at our church.

Staff Directory

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship & The Arts

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.](#)

Sound Technicians Needed - We are in great need of people to help run our sound system and stream our service. All that is required are good ears and a willingness to learn. If interested, contact Pepper or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, Barton Meeks, plus new streamers, Sarah Bedini, Erik Jacobsen, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono.

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 Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.](#)

Chancel Guild

Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103 or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086.

