



the weekly Window

June 23, 2023

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

MAC'S MEANDERINGS

THE MINISTRY OF MEMBERS

Deepening Discipleship & Faith Through Your Church Community



Last Sunday, June 18th, I started a sermon series on a section from our denominational constitution (*The Book of Order*) called "The Ministry of Members". I think it is a wonderful guide for us that describes what discipleship in Christ looks like. In my sermon,

I shared what the meanings of the

original New Testament Greek word for *disciple* are: A scholastic, schoolish word meaning "to make a student of", to "bring to school", to "educate", to "mentor", or to "apprentice".

This summer I would love for us to be students of this section of *The Book of Order*. Take a moment to read the passage on the right.



My suggestion to you is to tear or cut out this section of the newsletter and tuck this wonderful reminder of discipleship in your Bible. Ask yourself during quiet times some of the following questions: ***Which of these ministries do I do well? Which do I need to grow in? Which of these scare me? Which do I need to learn more about?***

I look forward to thinking through these with you in worship and in conversation. Let's deepen our discipleship together!

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church.

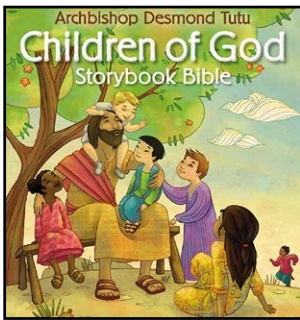
Such involvement includes:

- Proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, caring for God's creation,
- Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Invest in the Future with New Children's Bibles for Hudson!



The Children's Bibles sitting in our pews were published in 1997 and they have been read and loved for many years. We have an opportunity to replace them with an updated version that emphasizes the inclusivity of all of God's children. The Worship Committee reviewed

many options and decided on the *Children of God Storybook Bible* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It is a beautiful Bible that invites all children to read and learn timeless stories.

Our goal is to purchase 100 of these Bibles for the pews, and have extra for the Sunday school classes, benefiting our growing children's ministry. We would love for as many families as possible to participate in this effort.

If you would like to purchase and donate a Bible in memory of or in honor of a loved one, we will place an inscription inside the front cover of the Bible. Use [this form](#) to place an order. Online payment information can be found at the end of the form.

The form will also be available on the back of the bulletin, and you can pay with cash/check and place in the offering plate or give to the church office.

Donations will be collected June 25 - July 23.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A Journey Completed

Congrats to HMPC member Charlotte Burch on completing the Camino Frances pilgrimage route of the Camino de Santiago on Monday, June 19th. She is pictured below in front of the Cathedral in Santiago, Spain.



PROPERTY

Thomas Sayre Sculpture Installed



Two weeks ago, North Carolina artist Thomas Sayre installed the sculpture in the Memorial Garden. This was a part of the plans of the Memorial Garden Board. The next phase will be adding lighting to the sculpture. Closer to the fall, we'll have a dedication of the garden and sculpture, and an educational event with Thomas Sayre on the meaning of the sculpture. We thank all those individuals who donated to make this project a reality!



Fellowship Friday
BINGO NIGHT

NEXT Friday, June 30th
Doors open at 6:00 | Bingo begins at 6:30

Sean Cole will once again
be our BINGO caller!

A \$3 donation per person would be
appreciated. Ages 5 and under free.

A light supper will be served!
 Sandwiches, pasta salad, garden salad,
and ice cream sundaes!

RSVP by Wednesday, June 28th to
susanbradshaw8@gmail.com
 or call the church office and
 leave a message at
 919-787-1086 ext. 13

Summer Suppers

Delicious, healthy meals and fellowship!



**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 12**

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 2**

Westminster Hall
Doors open at 6:00pm
\$5 per person

**RSVP to Susan Bradshaw or the church office
no later than the Monday before the supper**

919-787-1086 ext. 13

(leave a voicemail if no one picks up)

or email Susan Bradshaw at susanbradshaw8@gmail.com

Fellowship Friday

"Design & Unwind"

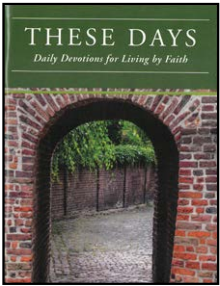
July 28 | 6:30-8:30pm

An evening of painting with
HMPC member Cyndi Harris.
Enjoy mocktails & light hors d'oeuvres!
For ages 12 and up.



DEVOTIONALS

These Days



The July-September issue of These Days has arrived! You can find them at sanctuary entrances. If you would like one to be mailed to you, call 919-787-1086 ext. 13, or email info@hmpe.org and let the church office know.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome, New Members!

**Meet the newest members of Hudson,
who joined Sunday, June 11**

Welcome Bethany and Autumn "Auddie" Osborn-Reed!

Bethany works in Human Resources at Apple, and some of her favorite things to do are hiking, running, hanging out with their dogs, camping, traveling, and checking out breweries and wineries. She recently started indoor rock-climbing! Bethany was born in Kansas City, MO. Her dad is a Presbyterian pastor, which took her family all over the country during his various calls--Omaha, NE; Euharlee, GA; and St. Charles, MO.

Auddie was born and grew up in Troy, MO, and moved to St. Louis with Bethany. They then relocated to Raleigh for work and are looking forward to meeting



new people at Hudson and in the community. Bethany and Auddie have two dogs (Rainier and Gilligan) and a cat (Ruth Bader). Auddie is the Supervisor of Retirement Services at RSI, Inc. She loves anything outdoors, gardening, and volunteer work requiring manual labor. She loves animals and helping people. She also enjoys working with children and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, June 27 | 6:30am | Zoom



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.

The study revolves around 3 questions:

- *What is a word or phrase that stands out to you?*
- *Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor.*
- *What is Christ calling you to through the passage?*

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, please contact [Mac Schafer](#).

FELLOWSHIP

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Lauren & San Parikh for hosting a social gathering of young(ish) adults at their home last weekend! More of these gatherings to come!



Hands-on Mission Event

500 BREAKFAST BAGS FOR MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Last Sunday during the Summer Series, we packed 500 breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels! MOW clients receive one meal a day and the breakfast bags are a very welcome addition. The food was purchased by the Mission Committee from designated Hunger Action funds.



*Thanks,
Volunteers!*



Summer Project for the Food Bank

We know that many of you are unable to volunteer at the Food Bank, so we have an opportunity for something you can do right here at church!

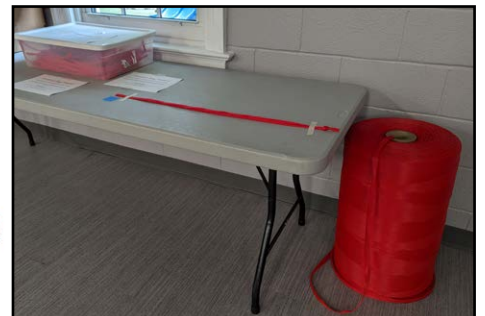
One of the things we do at the Food Bank is to sort the thousands of pounds of produce that come in every day. After sorting, the sweet potatoes, squash, etc. are packed into 5lb mesh bags and distributed to organizations providing direct service to those in need, including the North Raleigh Ministry Food Pantry. Those mesh bags start out on a large spool, where they are cut and tied to be ready to hold the produce. The Food Bank uses thousands of these every week!

For the next few weeks, under the windows in Westminster North, you will find a spool of red mesh next to a table with instructions for the bags, the length for each bag marked on the table, and a plastic bin with sharp scissors to cut the bags. Whenever you are here, you are



invited to make a few bags! After church fellowship, Summer Suppers, or if you have some time during office hours and the space is not otherwise being used, stop by and help with the project!

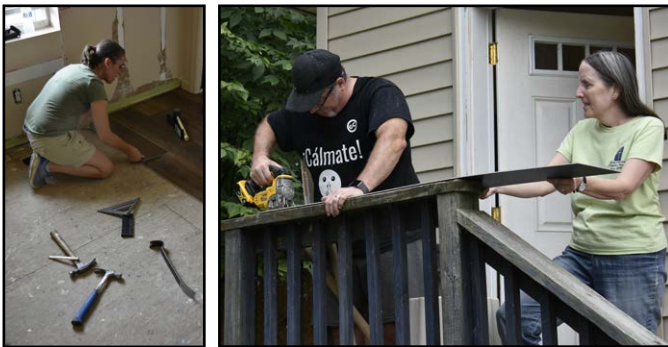
This is a simple thing to do, and an important one, as you can imagine each and every bag filled with healthy produce for people who would otherwise be unable to have it. It is much appreciated, and saves the Food Bank a great deal of money by not having to purchase the bags ready-to-use.



Special Offering for June FINAL WEEK Avery County Mission Trip

You do not have to go to Avery County to be a part of the Mission Trip. If you do wish to support those on this trip, please pray for their safe travel and their safe work, or make a financial donation to the June Special Offering. This offering will help meet the trip costs for food, housing, supplies, and gas.

You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate; giving online by visiting hmpc.org; texting the donation amount with the word "Avery" to 888-906-0744. *Example text: 25 Avery*; or by mailing a check with "Avery County Trip" in the memo line to the church office.



Tend My Sheep for June FINAL WEEK Interfaith Food Shuttle



This month the Mission Committee is highlighting the work of the Interfaith Food Shuttle. Their Feeding Initiative states, "We are committed to feeding children, families, and seniors by recovering and distributing over nine million pounds of food each year. We collaborate to serve our neighbors at their point of need through community-centered solutions."

We will be collecting Healthy Snacks including:

Granola Bars, Raisins, Fruit Pouches,
Canned Fruits (no heavy syrup)

Donations of non-perishable food items support Interfaith Food Shuttle programs and emergency response efforts including Pantry Supplement Boxes, School Pantries, Mobile Markets, Grocery Bags for Seniors, and more.



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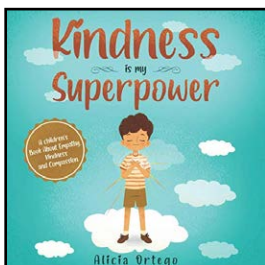
"Fruit of the Spirit" Children's Summer Series

This Sunday, June 25th

THEME: Kindness

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 13:2 - *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

BOOK: *Kindness is My Superpower* by Alicia Ortego



INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in Membership? Next Inquirers' Class is July 16

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held on **Sunday, July 16**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [If you are interested in attending, please RSVP here.](#) Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.





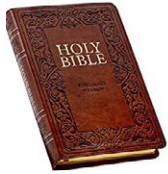
Adult Education Summer Series

9:30-10:20am | Sundays | Westminster Hall North

THIS WEEK!

June 25 - Part 1

Sin, Guilt & Responsibility in the Bible & Today



Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will lead part one of our conversation on *Sin, Guilt and Responsibility in the Bible and Today*. Part two will be held on July 9.

July 2 - Special Start Time: 9:15am

Statue of Liberty Ken Burns documentary

On this holiday weekend, we will view the wonderful documentary *The Statue of Liberty* by the acclaimed historian and filmmaker Ken Burns. As we celebrate the birthday of our nation, you will enjoy this Academy Award-nominated documentary on one of America's most well-known national symbols. Director Ken Burns details the perilous history of the Grand Dame, the difficulties in creating her in a Paris suburb, and shipping her to New York. Then we see the heated arguments that arose Stateside as to whether or not she should even be set up in New York's harbor.



The film is a full 60 minutes, so for this week the class will start at 9:15 in Westminster North.

July 9 - Part 2

Sin, Guilt & Responsibility in the Bible & Today

Jimmy Hulsey will lead part two of the discussion on *Sin, Guilt and Responsibility in the Bible and Today*.

July 16 - Food Bank Update

The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina* will bring us an update on the complicated issues that contribute to the rise in hunger in our area and the ways the Food Bank is expanding its work to meet those needs. Our guest will be Jennifer Gedeon, Manager of Corporate, Civic and Religious Partnerships for the Food Bank. *Our primary mission partner as a Hunger Action Congregation.



July 23 - A Place at the Table



Maggie Kane, Executive Director of A Place at the Table, will share the latest about this amazing ministry that grew from an idea she had while in college to the thriving nonprofit it is today. It is a place where people from all walks of life share meals around tables together. She has wonderful stories of how many individuals benefit from this pay-what-you-can cafe, including how the staff met the challenges of Covid restrictions that required them to close in-person dining, yet continued to provide meals to those who needed them. HMPC supports APATT as part of our Hunger Action commitment.

July 30 - Characters of the Bible (Dramatized!)

Joanna Hulsey, Lizzie Graybill and Grace Hutchinson will provide us a new lens through which to look at scripture through a dramatic (and humorous) interpretation of some famous and infamous biblical characters.

August 6 - All About Bees

Our friend "Andy the Beekeeper" gave us a wonderful presentation last year about the importance of honeybees to the ecosystem, and will once again be our guest! He will tell us all we need to know about one of the smallest and most vital of God's creatures. Honey and treats made with honey will be available for sampling!



CALENDAR

THIS WEEK...

Sunday, June 25

9:30 am - Adult Ed Summer Series - WH North
9:45 am - Summer Sing - Sanctuary Choir Loft
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North

Monday, June 26

6:30 pm - P.E.O - Room 200
7:00 pm - Session - WH North
8:00 pm - How It Works (Al-Anon) - GH Rooms

Tuesday, June 27

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

Friday, June 30

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Volunteers Needed!

VBS registration is higher than ever! We filled all available slots the first day it was open to the public (and have a long waitlist). **Now we need volunteers to enjoy this week with our children!** We need volunteers for Recreation, in the Nursery, and especially to work directly with the children and lead them from activity to activity. Please [sign up here](#) to help for even a portion of the week if you are able. We hope to be able to accommodate as many children as we can once our volunteers are in place.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers Lots of Summer Dates 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 Clapgood](#) in the church office.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Sing!

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am
Through August 13

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. In the summer we sing more familiar songs and only rehearse Sunday mornings – no Wednesday commitment! Come join the fun! Contact [Barbara Loehr-Fox](#) for questions.