

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

JULY 24, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



This Sunday, July 26

9:30 Summer Series - Westminster Hall

Taizé and Iona Music Communities

Led by HMPC Music Director, Barbara Loehr-Fox

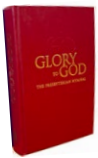


The beautiful music and prayer service from both the brothers of the Taizé community in southern France and the Iona Community in Scotland have begun to be a

part of worship in many places in the world. I have worshiped in both places and will share my experiences and their ministries and mission objectives with you. You will have the opportunity to hear and sing music from both traditions too.

(Barbara Loehr-Fox)

10:30 Worship - Sanctuary - Hymn Sing



This Sunday, we celebrate the gift of music with a special Hymn Sing Worship service. Together, we will hear scripture and sing favorite hymns selected through last month's congregational survey.

FRIDAY, JULY 31



Bingo starts at 6:30

Doors open at 6:00

Westminster Hall

All ages welcome.

Feel free to bring a picnic dinner!

Desserts will be provided.

Session Releases New Matthew 25 Statement

The Session of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is delighted to announce the unanimous approval of an updated statement on how we are living into a Matthew 25 congregation. The Session felt it important to revisit how HMPC adopted Matthew 25, and how the unification of PCUSA's Mission Agency and the Office of General Assembly has changed the scope of the denominational movement. Session acknowledged that in the process, in 2021-2022, some voices felt heard and others did not, but elders who felt both ways agreed the new statement aligns with both the current goals and objectives from the Mission Study and the desire of the congregation to distinguish its own interpretation of the movement from the denomination's.

The website's Matthew 25 statement will be updated with:

Mathew 25:40 - "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Mathew 25 tells us to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, and the prisoner. It tells us that whatever we do for those around us in need, we do it for Christ.

PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 Initiative calls for churches to take action - providing care, seeking justice and strengthening faith.

At Hudson, we are addressing this call by making a positive community impact and by living into God's vision of love, justice, hope and peace.



We hope you will join us in supporting the community in North Raleigh and beyond by investing your time and talents in our ministries.

Montreat Youth Conference: "Wonder & Wander"



This past week, 20 of our high school youth and six adult advisors traveled to the Montreat Youth Conference. Alongside hundreds of youth from across the country, they worshiped through music, dance, play, meaningful conversations, and by experiencing the beauty of Montreat, North Carolina.

This year's theme, "Wonder & Wander," invited us to reflect on where God is calling each of us. Throughout the week, we were reminded that God is not afraid of our questions, our doubts, or our searching. In fact, many of the people we look to as pillars of our faith spent time wondering and wandering themselves.

We found comfort in the reminder that God knows how to reach each of us. Together, we reflected on the ways we can listen for God's voice and calling in our own lives. We came to understand that God is not looking for perfection - God is inviting us to have the courage to walk toward Jesus. Montreat gave us space to wrestle with Scripture, recognizing that while the Bible is full of imperfect people, it is ultimately the story of a perfect God continually entering into the imperfect human experience. Throughout the week, we challenged one another to consider how we might respond to God's call with the words, "Here I am, Lord."



Of course, there were also plenty of laughs, shared meals, hikes, games, and moments of simple joy. This was a week I will never forget. Across three houses, 20 youth, and six adult leaders who generously gave their time, we experienced what it truly means to belong to one another. Many of our youth were attending Montreat for the first time, and it was a gift to watch friendships deepen, confidence grow, and faith take root.



This youth group is incredibly special. It is filled with young people who consistently reflect God's love through the way they welcome, encourage, and care for one another. I am deeply grateful for our adult advisors, our church family, and everyone whose prayers and support made this week possible.

(Merritt Liebman, Director of Youth Ministry)



YOUTH MINISTRY



Anti-Racism Policy for Hudson Memorial Presbyterian

In its stated meeting July 21, the Session of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church unanimously approved the anti-racism policy drafted by the subcommittee tasked with creating it: Barry Cobb, Grace Hutchinson and Ken Krause, without amendment.

We celebrate the committee's work in bringing HMPC's policies in line with what the 2025-2027 Edition of the PCUSA Book of Order requires. As the church continues grappling with its complicated history regarding race relations, as well as the country's, we see this work as one point on a continuum as we continue to seek to grow with the help of Christ - in our understanding, our openness to differences, and our curiosity about how God unites us.

Policy Statement:

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church seeks to foster the abundant life for all of God's children as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We believe in, and will continue to work for, the promotion of human dignity, respect for all people embracing the value that diversity brings to our church and our community.

We find inspiration from scripture as demonstrated in the following passages:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I loved you, you also should love one another. (John 13:34 NRSV)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9 NRSV)

The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the Church's membership. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, disability, geography, or theological conviction. There is therefore no place in the life of the Church for discrimination against any person.

We are aligned with the directives of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as stated in the Book of Order whereby we guarantee full participation and representation in worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership. No member shall be denied participation or representation for any reason other than those stated in this Constitution. *Book of Order, Unity in Diversity (F-1.0403)*

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. *Book of Order, God's Mission (F-1.01)*

To advance the implementation of these principles, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church commits to:

1. Promote racial equality by creating environments within and beyond the church where all individuals can feel valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.
2. Foster diversity by nurturing an inclusive community so that individuals from all backgrounds are welcomed and can thrive.
3. Welcome all persons into the life of the church and celebrate the blessings of diversity and inclusivity as a loving community of Christ.
4. Being renewed by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, work to create a world that affirms all persons regardless of race as children of God.

In support of these principles, Hudson Memorial commits to:

1. Publish this policy on the Hudson Memorial website and in The Weekly Window.
2. Refer to this policy in Inquirers' Classes.
3. Share this policy with elders-elect in their training.
4. Share this policy with new staff at the commencement of employment.



MISSION

July & August Special Offering: Hunger Action Fund



This July and August we invite you to support our special offering collection for the Hunger Action Fund. As a Hunger Action congregation, it is our primary mission to help provide food and vital resources to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community and beyond. Join us in being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or [donate online \(QR code to left\)](#).

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Friday August 21: Live Music on the Lawn 6:00pm - West Lawn - All ages welcome.

The Champagne Corollas will be here playing some live classic rock hits! HMPC Member Steve Jesseph is the bassist for the band. About the band: "Champagne Corollas are four guys here in Raleigh who've been playing music together for a decade, because they truly love music. Their music ranges from traditional rock'n'roll to bluegrass and everything in between."



We'll have a hot dog bar with all the fixins, beans, salads, slaw, chips, drinks, and desserts! There will also be popcorn and outdoor games for the whole family to enjoy! Bring a chair or blanket if you want a place to sit, and come enjoy the music and fellowship.

Scan the QR code or [RSVP HERE](#) (or let the church office know) by 8/15 to help us plan the food.



There is no charge but donations will be appreciated. Westminster Hall will be available if it's too hot or if it rains. Hope to see you there!

July Tend My Sheep BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Our Tend My Sheep offering for July and August is for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake and Johnston Counties for their Back to School Drive. The Clubs now have 10 locations serving over 1,000 boys and girls across our growing counties. We will be collecting items noted in the list below. Click [HERE](#) to see the full list of needed supplies and more info about the Back to School event.

Please drop off items by AUGUST 12 so they can be ready for the Back-to-School event.

Please place your donations in the bins on either side of the Sanctuary or the bin in the Narthex. THANK YOU!

Writing Utensils

Pencils and Ink pens
Colored pencils and Crayons
Washable markers
Highlighters
Dry erase markers



Paper & Notebooks

Wide-ruled and college-ruled notebooks
Composition notebooks
Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide or college-ruled)
Graph paper
Index cards (ruled or blank)

Organization Supplies

Pocket folders
1" or 2" binders
Binder dividers
Pencil pouches or pencil boxes

Basic Classroom Supplies

Scissors (kid and teen sizes)
Glue sticks and Elmer's glue
Rulers
Erasers (block or pencil-top)
Manual pencil sharpeners with covers
Sticky notes
Calculators

Hygiene & Extras:

Tissues (travel or classroom size)
Hand sanitizer (travel size preferred) / Disinfecting wipes
Lunch boxes
Reusable water bottles
Headphones or earbuds (affordable options)



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

July PNC Update

The HMPC Pastoral Nominating Committee has worked diligently in following the process of calling our next Head of Staff, working through the PC-USA's Church Leadership Connection to determine possible candidates for this important position.

We completed our work on the church's Ministry Discernment Profile, with input and approval from Session. This profile helps us to attract candidates affiliated with PC-USA who are matched based on their experience and backgrounds and those who have directly applied for our position. The PNC has already evaluated dozens of self-referred, matched, and suggested candidates, and is now well familiar with candidates seeking new positions. Our list includes candidates from within New Hope Presbytery, as well as those from North Carolina, surrounding states, and multiple states around the country.

We feel good about the demographic diversity of our candidates and are excited about the quality of the candidates God has connected us with initially. We are certain He will lead the right person to us.

Right now, we are in the process of narrowing down our candidate pool to a manageable number to begin arranging interviews. Part of our process has been to determine the questions — tailored to the needs identified by the congregation by our Mission, Vision, Values statements — Hudson's current needs. We will ask each candidate we select for a first round of interviews and a more probing set of questions to ask for a potential second round of interviews.

Led by chair Mary Schindo, the PNC has bonded over our responsibilities and had fun with the process, even when the air conditioning was on life support last week.

Our work is on-going and the process is hardly nearing its end. We are eager to hear about additional candidates who might be interested in becoming our Head of Staff before we reach the point of final discernment.

Please keep us in your prayers. We are in an important moment in the life of HMPC and the Holy Spirit's guiding hand is leading our discernment. *(Tim Peeler, PNC Communications Liaison)*

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26

9:15 am - Summer Sing (quick rehearsal)- Sanctuary
9:30 am - Adult Summer Series - Westminster North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WMH Patio
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Thursday, July 30

6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Room 200

Friday, July 31

VBS Setup
6:30 pm - Fellowship Friday Bingo - Westminster Hall
(Doors open at 6:00)

Join us in WH North for the final

Summer Supper

Wednesday, August 12 | 6:00pm

"Farm Fresh Fare", including, but not limited to, old fashioned tomato and cucumber sandwiches, BLTs, and tasty accompaniments that will make your mouth water! **Please RSVP** by clicking [HERE](#), or by letting the church office know. Paper RSVP slips will be available by Sanctuary doors.

Do you have snow skis, sleds, or snow tubes that you would be willing to loan for VBS decorations?



If so, please bring them to the Karl Hudson room no later than Sunday, Aug. 2. All items will be available for pickup at the conclusion of VBS, beginning Sunday, Aug. 9. Thanks! Contact Cary Dickerson with questions.