THE WEEKLY
WINDOW
Out to the Life and Ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church
NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Preparing for a Digitally Detoxing December (D3)

AN ADVENT MESSAGE FROM MARGUERITE



Many people in our community and church are longing to get back to what Christmas truly represents – the Incarnation, God taking on the flesh of a human person to be as close to us, living alongside us, making a home with us. We recognize that taking walks while texting on our phones, eating dinner together but everyone is looking at a screen, even watching the kids on the playground while scrolling on our device, is dividing our hearts and minds from being truly centered in what God has given us.

This December, we invite everyone to observe Advent by "detoxing" from overuse of technology and electronics. Let's use the Advent theme of waiting for Christ to invite us into the slower pace of real life. Baking cookies. Making ornaments and wreaths. Actually going to stores to shop. Walking or driving around neighborhoods to take in holiday decorations. Attending one or both Christmas Eve services to remember the most important gift of the season. Talking with people to find out what they're thinking, longing for, waiting for, or celebrating. Making time for people that are not often given a lot of time. You get the idea.

Let's connect more deeply to the season by connecting more deeply with our spirituality, not just our technology. We aren't asking you to put down your phones for Advent because we'll be posting prompts and responses on our social media channels throughout the season about people are balancing the demands of their phones with the Advent invitation to center on the arrival of Christ to heal and unite our hearts and minds. Let's celebrate a D3 Advent that rings in an even merrier celebration of Christmas.

Exciting PNC Update

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Emily Cobb | Sarah Edge | Joanna Hulsey | Monica Maxwell | Tim Peeler | Mary Schindo | Don Slater

With great excitement and a request for a little more patience, the HMPC Pastoral Nominating Committee has chosen a candidate to be our church's next Pastor & Head of Staff.

The New Hope Presbytery's executive presbyter has signed off on our choice and, at a called meeting on Tuesday night, the HMPC session approved our suggested terms. At this time, we will not reveal the name or background of our unanimously selected and session-approved candidate, as there are several important steps that need to be completed. We ask for continued grace and understanding as we complete the process.



Our PNC bulletin board in the main hall always has all the latest info!

We also ask for the following prayers: For each of these required steps to move decently and in order to a successful conclusion. For our candidate to bring the excitement exhibited in the interview process and a visit to our campus with this call. For another congregation that will grieve the loss of its current pastor and begin its own timeline for replacement.

Our future is bright, and our blessings are many.

Middle School Youth Service Trip to CROSS

Last weekend, 11 of our 6th-8th graders and 3 leaders went on a service trip to CROSS at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC. Our first stop was the Diaper Bank where we helped to pack 20,725 products for those in need. Our next stop was an urban farm called Kinship Plot where we planted food, spread mulch, and learned a lot about what they call their "food forest." Of course we also ate snacks, sang in the van, worshiped, and spent our free evening at a place called "Slick City" (basically a huge room full of slides)! Each member of our group earned a good night's sleep on Sunday evening! We are so grateful for opportunities to learn, serve, and gather as a group for a new experience!











Serving our neighbors in need and making a difference!



Upcoming Youth Activities...

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 15! Meet at HMPC from 5:00-7:00pm for youth group this Sunday. For part of the night, we will be packing care packages for our recent high school grads! We will see you then, 5th-12th graders!

This Wednesday, November 18, is Chipotle Check-in for 9th-12th graders! Check your weekly email from Merritt for more info!

Next Sunday, Nov 22, at 10:00am is BREAKFAST IN THE BALCONY! 5th-12th graders, come hungry! You are invited to worship with us in the balcony as always afterward!

MISSION

This Sunday during the 9:30 hour, HMPC Mission Committee is sponsoring the

Hunger Action Revival

Please join the Hudson Mission Committee to celebrate our 8th year as a Certified Hunger Action Congregation this Sunday, November 15. During the 9:30 Adult Education hour, gather in Westminster North for an update on the ways in which Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church enables our congregation to reach out in a variety mission ministries and projects.

Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge and a cookie in Westminster, then find a comfy, cozy seat in Westminster for the presentation.

You'll learn more than you knew before about the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Raleigh Rescue Mission, our annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters, and other organizations we partner that reminds us that "they were hungry and we gave them something to eat."

We'll start at 9:30* and make sure you get to church on time. And we hope you'll have more ideas to help Hudson's hunger ministry grow.

* ***Want to learn more?*** Mission Committee members will answer questions during Fellowship after Worship.

FAITH FORMATION

ADULT ED THIS SUNDAY

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, Nov. 15 | 9:00 | Rm 200

"Sermon on the Mount: Warnings about Religious Practices"

It can be easy to turn religious practices like giving, prayer, and fasting into performances to gain social favor. To help people avoid hypocrisy, Jesus encourages ways of expressing devotion to God without any desire to improve public perception. Led by Don Slater.

9:30 Hour

Sunday, Nov. 15 | Westminster Hall

Hunger Action Revival - See above

November & December Tend My Sheep

NOTE IN THE POCKET

Note in the Pocket is our designated agency to support for November and December through your Mission Committee. Note in the Pocket has locations in Raleigh and Durham where they provide clothing to impoverished and homeless children and families with dignity and love. This short video explains how and why our contributions are so important: VIDEO HERE.

If you are unable to provide clothing but want to contribute financially, contributions are always appreciated. GIVE HERE.

The following list reflects our most urgently needed items at this time. They will accept new items as well as gently-used items, but please make sure used items are in **good, clean condition.**

CHILDREN

Girl Hoodies & Jackets – Sizes 7, 8 & 10
Girl Jeans & Leggings – Sizes 8, 10, 12 & 14
Girl Shoes – (Athletic Shoes) Sizes 3 & 4
Boy Hoodies & Jackets – Sizes 7, 8, 10 & 14
Boy Pants (Jeans & Athletic) – Sizes 7, 8 & 10
Boy Underwear – All Sizes (5-18)
Boy Shoes (Athletic Shoes) – Sizes 4, 5 & 6

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Women Shirts (Long Sleeve & Hoodies) – Sizes M & L
Women Pants – (Jeans, Athletic, Leggings) – Size 14, 16, 18, XL
Women Underwear – All Sizes
Women Shoes (Athletic Shoes) – Size 8 & 9

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Men Shirts (Short & Long Sleeve & Hoodies) – Sizes S, M, L
Men Pants (Athletic Pants & Joggers) – Sizes S, M, L
Men Underwear – Sizes Medium: 32-34 & Large: 36-38
Men Shoes (Athletic) – Sizes 8 & 9

OTHER NEEDS

GIFT CARDS – Walmart, Target, Amazon, Kohl's, etc.

Deuteronomy 15:11 - "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"

November 13 Pledge Update



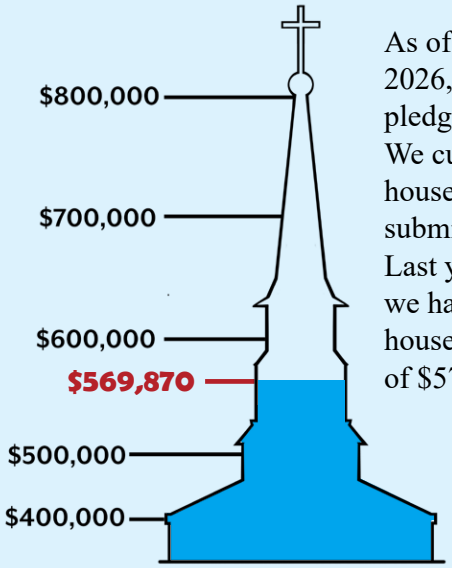
Each Fall, HMPC calls on its members and regular visitors to "pledge" their planned giving amount for the upcoming year. Everyone's pledged totals are then added together to set the church's budget for January 1 – December 31, 2027.

Everything at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is made possible with your prayerful giving, including staff salaries, building and grounds upkeep, and all church ministries such as Music, Worship, Children and Youth, Mission Outreach, and Adult Education. HMPC receives no operational funds from Presbytery or our denomination.

How do I submit my annual pledge for 2027?

- You may pledge online HERE.
- You can call the church office 919-787-1086 if you would like to request that a pledge form be mailed to you.
- Email your 2027 pledge amount to HMPC Business Manager, Erica Hairston, at ehairston@hmpc.org. Please include in the email your planned method of giving:
  - Monthly EFT bank draft initiated by HMPC;
  - Bill Pay initiated within your online banking service;
  - Check/cash donations made throughout the year.

PROGRESS UPDATE



As of November 13, 2026, our received pledges total $569,870. We currently have **118** households who have submitted pledges. Last year at this time we had 112 pledging households for a total of $570,650.

New Business Manager Slated to Start in January



Our Personnel team, chaired by Elder Caroline Smart, is pleased to report that our new Business Manager, Jill Murr, will begin work at HMPC on January 19, 2027.

Jill brings decades of experience in bookkeeping and property management. She even has extensive experience with PCUSA church and Preschool bookkeeping, having served as a part-time Financial Administrator for Wake Forest Presbyterian Church. After she left that position, she heard about the opening at Hudson Memorial and reached out to learn more. The rest is history!

Rev. Marguerite has now had the pleasure of being part of the decision to hire two outstanding professionals twice - as Merritt Liebman, Jill, and Marguerite were all former co-workers at Wake Forest.

We are grateful for our current Business Manager Erica Hairston Atwater's willingness to continue through year-end to wrap things up, and to travel back to North Carolina on January 18 to conduct a week of training with Jill. We are all looking forward to welcoming them both that week.

Personnel also wishes to thank members of the Finance Team, particularly the counters and Bill Flueckinger and Glenn Schindo, for doing the deposits flawlessly while Erica works remotely. Lesley Ash-Jacobsen and Hannah Woodcock have also been holding up the in-person tasks for Erica on top of their other duties. We are grateful for all these efforts to keep HMPC's finances running smoothly and transparently, and look forward to a great start for Jill next year.



- Personnel Team

Behind the Numbers:
How Hudson's Finance Team Serves—and How You Can Help!

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes to keep the lights on, support our staff, fund our outreach, and care for our campus at Hudson Memorial?

That's where the Finance Team comes in! Financial stewardship is a vital ministry that ensures our shared home and programs have the resources needed to thrive.

What Does the Finance Team Do?

Our team oversees the church's financial health so our ministries can flourish. Our primary duties include:

- **Developing the Annual Operating Budget** in partnership with church committees and staff.
- **Reviewing Monthly Financial Statements** to ensure wise and transparent stewardship.
- **Funding Capital Projects** (like our HVAC chiller replacements, ADA bathroom updates, and facility repairs).
- **Communicating Updates t**o the congregation to demystify church finances.
- **Training & Supporting Committee Leaders** to help them navigate their monthly budgets and designated funds.
- **Counting the Weekly Offering** faithfully after Sunday worship.

Four Ways You Can Serve
(Only One Requires Regular Meetings!)

We are currently looking for volunteers to share their time and talents with our finance ministry. Whether you love working with spreadsheets, prefer a short-term project, or just want to help out on Sunday mornings, there is a place for you—and only one of these roles requires coming to monthly meetings!

1. **Join the Finance Team (Regular Meetings):**
   Finance Team members typically serve a three-year term. We currently have t**wo open spots** available:
   - **Class of 2027** (a shorter commitment ending in May 2027—perfect if you'd like to try it out!)
   - **Class of 2029** (a full three-year term)
2. **Join the Sunday Offering Counting Team (No Monthly Meetings):**
   Be part of a 16-person volunteer team that counts the Sunday offering. Volunteers serve on an eight-week rotation (about 6 or 7 times per year), helping process collections right after worship.
3. **Join the Annual Audit Team (Short-Term Project):**
   If you like detailed review work, this once-a-year project is for you! The Audit Team reviews Hudson's financial transactions to ensure accuracy and compliance. The entire process takes about four weeks once a year.
4. **Become a Committee Financial Liaison (Flexible Support):**
   Serve as a friendly, knowledgeable contact for one of Hudson's ministry committees to help answer questions about their monthly financial reports and designated accounts.

Ready to Lend a Hand?

Whether you're an accountant, a business professional, or simply someone who wants to serve our church community, your help makes a huge difference!

Click Here to Fill Out the Finance Ministry Interest Form

Or contact **Glenn Schindo** directly to learn more or raise your hand to help.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship in making Hudson's mission possible!



Pictured: Ken Krause, Tom Carpenito, Joan Lester, Harry Bond, Emily Cobb, Jonathan Hughes, Glenn Schindo

INTERESTED IN JOINING HMPC?

Our Next Inquirers' Class

will be THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 15 after worship.



Sign up HERE or contact Cary Dickerson if you have any questions at cdickerson@hmpc.org.

Celebration of Life Service

Mitchell Puryear

Hudson member Mitchell Puryear entered God's everlasting kingdom on the morning of October 27, 2026. His service will be held at **2:00pm on November 19** at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. A livestream link will be posted on the homepage of our website or you can find it HERE. **You can find his obituary HERE.**



Women at the Well

Monthly/Evening Group

THIS Thursday, November 19 | 6:00pm



Women at the Well meets monthly the third or fourth Thursday of each month. The group uses this time to mingle, enjoy a meal and discuss a podcast or devotional of choice. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and lively discussions.

If interested please contact:

Kay Emanuel- ckemanuel@gmail.com
Allie Maples - ajmfitnessworks@aol.com

Our next meeting will be November 19 at 6:00 pm, hosted by Allie Maples. There will be good food and good conversation.

Sunday, November 15
9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Adult SS: Hunger Action - Westminster North
10:30 am - Worship (Children's Sabbath) - Sanctuary
11:30 am - Inquirers' Class - Karl Hudson Room
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North
11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall
11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
11:45 am - Youth Bells - Sanctuary
5:00 pm - Youth Group - HMPC

Monday, November 16
9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva / Sanctuary
6:00 pm - Property Committee - Westminster South
7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North
7: 00 pm - Diaconate - Room 200
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, November 17
6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
10:00 am - Sewing Guild Association - WH South
6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off site

Wednesday, November 18
9:15 am - Women at the Well (Weekly) - Chapel/Zoom
6:00 pm - HS Chipotle Check in - Chipotle North Hills
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 19
10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
11:00 am- Thanksgiving Celebration (4's) - WH
11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Off site
2:00 pm - Memorial Service (Puryear) - Sanctuary,
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - KH Room
6:00 pm - Women at the Well (Monthly) - Allie's House
6:30 pm - Mission Committee - Westminster South

Friday, November 20
11:00 am- Thanksgiving Celebration (3s) - WH