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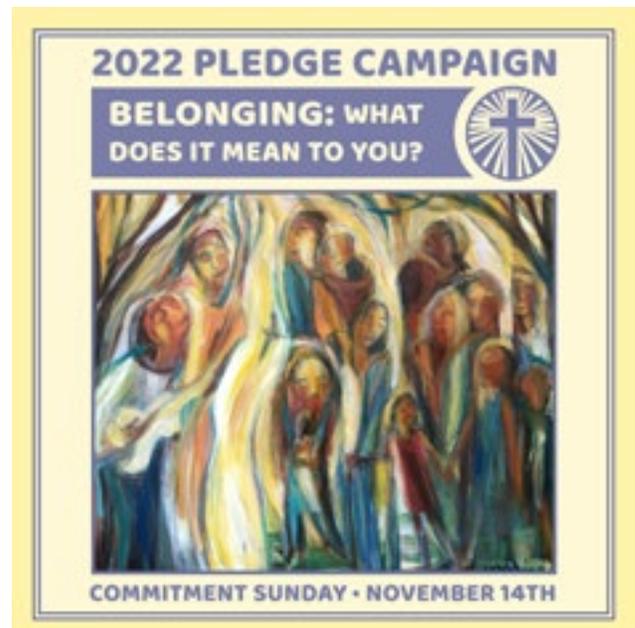
GIVING MINISTRY

2022 Pledge Campaign Commitment Sunday

This Sunday, November 14th is Commitment Sunday. It is the annual Sunday when we commit our time, talent and treasure to Christ’s ministry for the upcoming year. It is from these pledges that the church can establish an annual budget for worship, education, pastoral care, mission and fellowship. The church operating budget is created solely by your generosity and support. Pledge brochures have been mailed to members but are also in the sanctuary pews.

You can also pledge on our website at <https://www.hmhc.org/make-a-pledge>. Even if you have pledged online or mailed it in, we hope you will commit to coming to worship this week and pledging your time talent and treasure in-person.

Thanks be to God for your generosity.



OUR COMMUNITY

Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m.



For years, the churches along Six Forks Road have united to worship together at Thanksgiving. This year we are hosting the service. The Reverend Ben Kifer, pastor of Grace Lutheran, is preaching.

Participating churches include: St. Timothy’s Episcopal, Trinity Baptist, St. Mark’s United Methodist, North Haven Church, The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship, and Grace Lutheran. We will collect an offering for North Raleigh Ministries and have a reception on the front patio following worship. We’d love to get a great showing from our members as hosts.

What Belonging Means To Me

By Tom Bradshaw



I'm Tom Bradshaw and I'm very proud to say that Mary Mac and I have been members of this church for 56 years. I joined this church not because I was a Presbyterian but because Mary Mac wanted me to be a Presbyterian! So on my knees at this altar, I did a prayer of confession and asked to join your church. But, I had a little bit of a problem. When we got married,

I was in the National Guard serving two weekends out of every month either at Ft. Bragg, Ft. Stewart in Georgia or other military bases because I was the General's Aide. I was trying to figure out how was I going to be a good Presbyterian. So I prayed that day to become a good Presbyterian. I should have remembered in the audience were an awful lot of people that I knew before I got to this church. First of all, I knew Mr. Holden, who gave money to Mr. Hudson to make this church. I also knew people in the National Guard. Bill Bass and George Mitchell helped me become an officer so I owed them. So, me being on my knees and praying, everybody took advantage of me because I could work during the week. In fact, my children said, "My Dad has a key to the church!" That meant something!

Let me say why I love this work. I am now back on the Session and I thank the congregation for giving me a chance to do that. I was a member in the '70s and did not take a second term because I had taken a job in New York. Mary Mac did not want to go with me and bring the children to New York. I had passed so many bond issues for all different agencies that I went to work as an investment banker working all over the United States. But this church helped us raise our children.

Where I learned about belonging was when I was almost 8 years old, my mother got me into the YMCA to learn how to swim so her younger sister could take me to the beach. She wasn't going to let me go until I learned how to swim! When I went to the Y, my mother had the wife of the President introduce me. Everybody thought I was king's folks and everybody was really nice to me! My mother told me, "This is the Young Men's Christian Association so Tom, you're going to read from the Bible and then you're going to do a prayer." I read the 23rd Psalm. I begged for two days not to do that, but I finally read the Psalm and did that prayer. When I came back the next week, they told me I had done a good job and they had people who were going to sponsor me to be in the Y. You will notice I always wear my Y pin on my lapel since I became a member of the Y. I then worked in

their campaign first in 1959. I chaired the campaign in the '80s to build the North Raleigh Y, then the one in Southeast Raleigh. I did the "We Build People" campaign in 1997 and 1998. The "We Build People" program created the 7th largest Y in the United States. Before the pandemic, our Y was a \$98 million business. We then dropped all the way to \$60 million, similar to the '80s. But, we just got an \$18 million gift from MacKenzie Scott. That is a name you may recognize since she is the first wife of the fellow who runs Amazon. She likes the afternoon programs the Y is running in several counties that help students do math and reading. That is where I belong and why I wear my pin. I am now the President, but I have been there all this time.

However, this church gave me something the Y didn't give me. It gave me relationships to other things. I was on the Board of Capital Towers. I was asked to be on the Presbytery Committee to build a new project, Glenaire in Cary. Every time Bob Fields came to see me, I knew I was going to work, but I never said, "No" to the preacher. I did the campaign to build Westminster Hall, a new kitchen and more classrooms. This church has always been important to me. I would say to you, think about this. I've been on the Giving Committee for a number of years and quite honestly I could not understand why everybody didn't sign a pledge card. Sometimes I knew folks might not be able to give money. When we bought a new house I was concerned about what I was going to do but I found a way to contribute. I learned so much from so many people that I was able to work with in this church that I got lucky enough to become a member of the Raleigh City Council and then Mayor. People in this community encouraged me to do something about parks and recreation, then a water supply like Falls Lake which we got Jesse Helms help us do. My sense is that this church and the people in it took me aside and helped me be somebody.

I belong here. Mary Mac and I were the first to buy a niche in the Memorial Garden because we know we want to be here. I'd like to ask you to think about pledging finances if you are able, but also consider giving your time and talents. I met so many people here that I was able to get elected a number of times! This church is where I belong and I want you to belong. I think of belonging as *us*. We belong to this church. But if you don't fill out your pledge brochure, we don't know what programs to plan for you.

If you want to be on the Giving Committee or the Session, where I am a liaison to the Giving Committee, those are places where you can meet a lot of people. This church is well thought of within the community and by all Presbyterians. I am thankful for this opportunity to tell you what this church has meant to Mary Mac and I, our four children and 5 of our grand children who are members of this church. Please bring your signed pledge card to church next Sunday, November 14.

Rise Against Hunger Meal-packing Event

On Sunday, November 7, the Hunger Action Team and Mission Committee sponsored a meal-packing event in connection with Rise Against Hunger. We had 38 volunteers meet at the Rise Against Hunger warehouse to pack 10,000 meals to alleviate hunger worldwide. It was hard work but was a memorable time of service and connecting with our community and one another.



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer at the Food Bank

The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment to the Food Bank. We have set up two standing monthly volunteer shifts: the second Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm and the third Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Use the link below to see the dates we will be working and to sign up to participate. The Food Bank does require that volunteers be masked inside the warehouse.

Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent, over 16 do not need a parent in attendance. Youth may be able to count these as service hours.

[Please contact Beth Billman](#), with any questions.

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TEND MY SHEEP

Coats and Jackets for Note in the Pocket

November 21 & 28

Let's make it a cozy and warm Christmas for children in Wake County! Note in the Pocket is in need of coats and jackets for distribution through Wake County Public Schools. Please consider donating new (or very gently used) winter coats, rain jackets or fleece jackets this month. We will be collecting the two weekends around Thanksgiving. These items will be available for distributors to children in need immediately.

Note in the Pocket serves students and their families through the school system. All sizes are welcome and needed. Please contact Beth Billman at bethbillman@gmail.com with any questions.



Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group at the WH Patio for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina. We look at the passage that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday.



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 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 or would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Pastor Mac.](#)

Seeing The Word

Monday, November 15th at Noon

The group will meet via Zoom this week. This group uses the art Illuminations of the St. John's Bible to study scripture texts. This week they will be looking at Luke 1:46-55; 68-79.



INQUIRER'S CLASS

Interested in Joining Hudson?

Sunday, November 14th

The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held on November 14 at 1:00pm via Zoom.

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.](#) Please contact Debbie Kirk for more information at dkirk@hmpc.org.



“Re Gathering”

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am

WH South

In this group are members of the “John Knox” and “Mixed Adults” classes along with newer members and guests. They enjoy a presentation and discussion format. Rev. Aleta Ash facilitates November 14 and 21 with the theme “Disciples: Them and Us, Then and Now.”

WH North

Join us for “**Ponderings**” facilitated by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg and Fred Woodward. This informal group is for all who would like to consider faith in light of contemporary issues. If you would like a place to share what challenges and opportunities you have right now and how your faith is informing your life, please join us! Topics and resources will be guided by the group and may include information (i.e., book study) and transformation as we connect with others. The topic this week is Contemplations about Faith, Part 2, as generously informed by C. S. Lewis’ Screwtape Letters. (No prior reading necessary!)

Parlor - Silent Reflection and Prayer

For those who need a quiet space to be still and mindful, the Parlor is available. Suggestions of ways to use the space are provided using *Words to Build On: Words of Scripture for Remembrance and Reflection* and guides for personal prayer. The opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of the light of Christ and or in memory or honor of someone will be available. This will be one option for the space, another is just to sit quietly, pray if you would like, etc. In order to keep the sanctity of the space, the area is not for visiting.

Labyrinth Self-Guided Walking Meditations



Another outside option that will require social distancing but not masks will be a self-guided Labyrinth Meditation option. A guide to walking meditations and suggested material for reflection and some Sundays tokens of

focus to carry on your journey will be available at the Labyrinth on or in front of the Welcome Box.

Youth on Sunday

Sunday Mornings:

Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet this week at our regular time, 9:30am in the Explorers Room on the second floor.

Confirmation Class (8th grade) will also be meeting at the regular time, 9:30am in the Confirmation Classroom.

Sanctuary Worship (all ages) - Begins at 10:30am. It is a great way to carve out time for God and for your family!

Bagels in the Breezeway - These are held the first Sunday of every month. The next one will be December 5th at 10:00am.

This Sunday Afternoon:

Middle School - 5:00 - 6:30pm. Working with canvas, magazines and Modge podge! Please come dressed to get a little messy! This will be held in GH or outside (weather permitting).

High School - 5:00 - 7:00pm - Par-Tee Shack! Please meet at the church at 5:00pm. The vans will be leaving at 5:05pm. NOTE: We will return at 7:00pm rather than 6:30pm because this is an "off campus" afternoon event. Please bring \$10 for entry!



Usual Sunday Afternoons:

Middle School and High School Youth Group
5:00pm to 6:30pm in GH. *NOTE: This year the afternoon schedule is a bit different than previous years. Also, there will NOT be a meal component as a part of youth group this year. Snacks and drinks will be provided on a week to week basis.*

Youth Music with Barbara - 4:30pm - 5:00pm - WH North - Youth interested in participating in the music program here at HMPC.

Youth Group (Middle School grade 6-8 and High School grade 9-12) - 5:00pm - 6:30pm - Geneva Hall - Come join us for recreation, study, mission and worship activities.

Chapel with 3-4 Year Olds



Now that Halloween has passed it is time to begin looking forward to Thanksgiving! November at Hudson is all about family, friendships and food. This fall, our 3 and 4 year olds have attended outdoor Chapel with Pastor Mac, Ms. Barbara and Ms. Cary. During chapel this fall, the children have learned new prayers and songs as well as listening to Bible stories. Chapel is a wonderful time for grown-ups and children to come together and remember that we are all children of God!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Joyful Noise & Wee Worshipers

Pre-Elementary: Wee Worshipers, Room 225

9:30 am - Children are invited to participate in our pre-K music program called the Wee Worshipers during the 9:30 hour. Children will sing and play instruments to age-appropriate music. They will even join Joyful Noise to perform in worship a few times throughout the year!

Joyful Noise: Grades K-4, GH Music Room

9:30 am - Joyful Noise is our Elementary age music program led by Gina Hayek. Using games and activities and playing instruments, children learn about Bible stories appropriate to their age and development. Joyful Noise children will have the opportunity to lead worship a few times a year through music and simple pageants.

Our Joyful Noise and Wee Worshiper groups are having fun preparing songs to perform on PRESCHOOL SUNDAY - November 21st. We would love to have your children join us at the 9:30 hour!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Celebration of the Life of Charles W. Welby

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection & Celebration of the Life of Charles W. Welby will be held on



Saturday, November 13th at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Charles entered God's everlasting kingdom a year ago. Thanks be to God we can gather now to worship God and celebrate his life among family, friends and the congregation.

PERSONNEL

Sunday Morning Childcare Workers

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for caring, reliable childcare workers for our church nursery! This is a part-time opportunity on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - noon. Please send a resume or inquiry email to [Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries](#)

Organist/Music Assistant

We are beginning our search to fill the part-time organist position here at Hudson. [Please click here for more information.](#) If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact anyone on the Search Committee: Barbara Loehr-Fox, Emily Brown, Carol Cox and Dan Vig.

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 - example - mschafer@hmpc.org. Do not respond or click in church emails if the from address is not like the example.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 14

- 9:30 am - Wee Worshipers & Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226
- 9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 10:30 am - Worship - *Commitment Sunday*
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 1:00 pm - Inquirer's Class - Zoom
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group (Middle school in GH/ High School at Par-Tee Shack)

Monday, November 15

- 12:00 pm - Seeing the Word - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Finance Meeting - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Diaconate - WH South
- 7:30 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - Parlor
- 8:00 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 226, 236

Tuesday, November 16

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm - Single Way- Vivo Italian
- 4:00 pm - Memorial Garden Meeting - KH Room
- 6:30 pm - Youth Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, November 17

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm (or 7:00 if you can make it!) - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 18

- 6:00 pm - Women at the Well
- 7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint

Saturday, November 20

- 9:00 am - HMPC at Food Bank
- 5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!



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Advent Wreath-making

As part of worship each week throughout the season of Advent, we will light one candle on the sanctuary Advent wreath. Using scripture, liturgy and music, we reflect on themes that prepare us to celebrate the birth of Christ. Many of us find using an advent wreath at home to be a helpful devotional practice. For those who would like to create a wreath, we invite you to join us from **9:30-10:20 on November 28**. Wreaths and supplies will be furnished by the Adult Committee and the Chancel Guild. We ask that you sign up by November 22 using [this link](#) so that we can plan appropriately.

Adults with children through Grade 4 will meet in Geneva Hall. HS Youth and Adults will meet in Room 200. If you have any questions contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org

WORSHIP NOTES

Attend Worship Online



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 or watch recording of this Sunday's 10:30 am service.](#)

Thanks to our live streamers: Gil Graybill, Skye Schafer, 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.](#)



2021 Advent:

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

Our theme for Advent this year comes from Hymn #92 in our *Glory to God* hymnal. It is a text by Claire Cloninger from 1986. A simple and meditative hymn that reads, "While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come." Often the early days of December feel less like waiting and more like a frantic scramble to squeeze everything in to the point of exhaustion. What we really need to do is have moments of waiting for the relief of Jesus Christ to break into our chaos. We hope Advent worship, faith formation and other opportunities will help create space for Jesus during this season of waiting.



Advent & Christmas Dates

Sunday, November 28 at 9:30 am - Advent wreath-making

Sunday, November 28 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - Worship on the first Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28th following worship on HMPC Campus - The Hanging of the Greens - Decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season - all ages and stages are welcome to help.

Sunday, December 5th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - Worship & the Lord's Supper on the Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - Worship on the Third Sunday of Advent featuring the Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 19th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 19th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary - The Christmas Joy Concert

Friday, December 24th at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Christmas Eve Communion Worship Service

Friday, December 24th at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

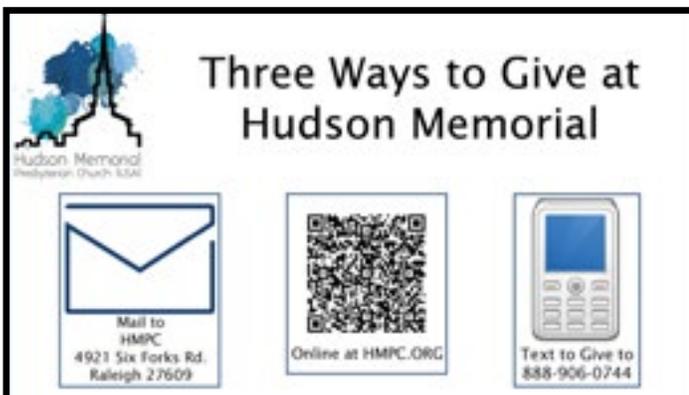
Friday, December 24th at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Candlelight & Communion Worship Service

Sunday, December 26th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - First Sunday of Christmas Worship

Hudson's Current Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub Team, Personnel Committee or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board. All below policies are subject to change.

- Church staff can work from the office or at home.
- For preschool drop off, no parents come inside the building.
- The preschool is following NCDHHS tool kit and guidance.
- Groups of any size can gather outside without masks. Eating outside on church property is permitted.
- Masks are required at all times inside the church building. Exceptions to this are:
 - Vaccinated speakers, soloists and small singing groups in worship who are appropriately socially distant from the congregation.
 - Staff who are working alone in their office.
- Sunday worship children's message volunteers must wear masks when giving their talk because the children are not socially distant from the speaker.
- Employees of HMPC (church and preschool) are required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisor.
- Any volunteer working with children 12 and under at HMPC will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.
- Groups are not allowed to eat together inside the church buildings. The exception to this rule is preschool children have lunch and snack time in their class bubble.



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SPECIAL OFFERING THIS MONTH

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. We expect these needs to continue to increase 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 donate online](#), mail your donation or text to give. Text "[amount] Samaritan" to 888-906-0744 (example: 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.

