

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

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

### October 31st is Reformation Sunday

Learn about this historical day below.

### Of Heretics and Outlaws: The Edict of Worms

By the Presbyterian Historical Society



Up until 1521, it had been relatively safe to show an interest in the writings and teachings of Martin Luther (1483-1546). When Luther refused to recant his writings in opposition to various doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, the Edict of Worms was

signed by Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, on May 25, 1521, officially declaring Luther a heretic and an outlaw. The decree “forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favor the said Martin Luther.” The Edict declared Luther to be an obstinate heretic and banned the reading or possession of his writings. It further called for his capture. Luther escaped to safety at the Wartburg Castle under the protection of Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, where he proceeded to translate the New Testament into German. Luther had become a prolific writer, fully embracing the new technology of the printing press to widely disseminate his teachings. Attempts to carry out the Edict were largely unsuccessful and the movement for Reform swept across much of Northern Europe, forever changing the face of Christianity. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who have fought for their convictions and beliefs at any cost as we continue the work of building the Kingdom of God.

## FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY

### Fall Festival A Time of Fellowship & Fun

This year’s Fall Festival was a success! The festival was sponsored jointly with St. Mark’s Methodist Church on Sunday, October 24th and was a wonderful event with over 450 people in attendance. We had decorated trunks, an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, games and food trucks. We also collected for North Raleigh Ministries for the Thanksgiving meals they provide.



Below: Youth Music and Youth Group partnered to decorate and staff a church van for Trunk or Treat at the Fall Festival.



# Belonging By Giving of Your Time

By Matthew Carlisle

You likely received the Giving Ministry commitment mailer this week. Our theme for the 2022 pledge campaign is BELONGING. I have thought a lot about that word these past few weeks, and about the groups to which I belong. These are direct reflections of how I spend my time. Some of these ‘belongings’ are not by choice: the family and place where I was born... me belonging to God. Other groups I have added over the years include my neighborhood, my wife and sons, my friend groups, community-based clubs like Y-Guides, youth sports, men’s faith-based workout and fellowship group F3, and Hudson Presbyterian to name a few. Our associations become entwined with commitments and they eventually may define who we are.

The past couple of years have challenged some of those commitments. Things are not as easy and convenient as they once were. When church went virtual, I started to check out a bit. I stepped back from worship as well as my F3 meet-ups. I lost a sense of community in some ways and the void became obvious.

I tried to rally my family some Sundays around YouTube or Zoom services, but I became the master of excuses (I have four rambunctious boys after all, which provide many creative reasons to duck out). I only made it to a few Sunday outdoor services.

Despite my best efforts to hide, something kept me ‘belonging’.... It was the connective strands of

commitments I made to Hudson Presbyterian. The children’s message rotation continued, now pre-recorded. The middle-school Explorers class reconvened via Zoom and some cold Sundays in-person beneath the twin oaks at the back of the church property. The Giving Ministry Zoom calls and emails resumed. I could not hide. Those things I said “yes” to in a different time became the tether to this fellowship of believers, and I am so grateful...

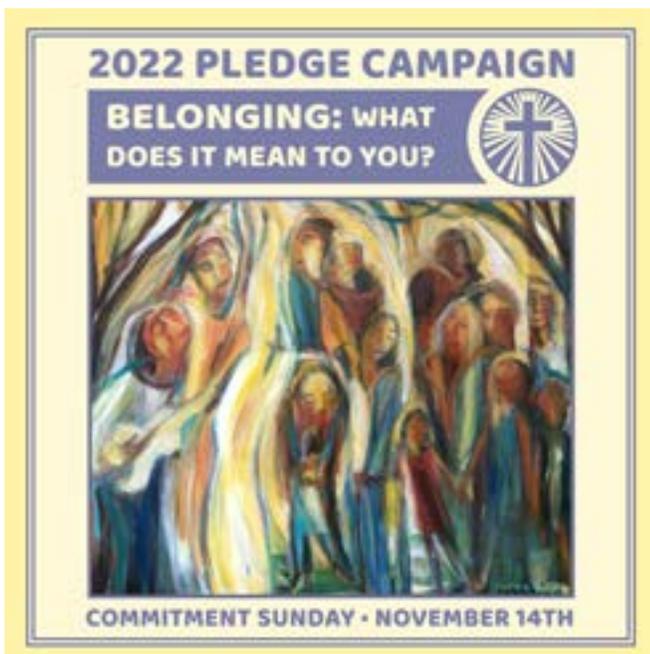
I have returned to F3 a couple of times a week now, and I have recommitted my sense of BELONGING to Hudson, anchored each week in worship. The tethers of my involvement of time continue to bless me in surprising ways, and I encourage each of you to commit to active participation and gifts if you have not already. For more information on teaching youth Sunday School, please contact Rich Richards at [hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com).

To find out more about the Children’s Message Team, contact Cary Dickerson at [cdickerson@hmpc.org](mailto:cdickerson@hmpc.org).

My name is Matthew Carlisle and belonging to Hudson means I am anchored in a wonderful community of faith.



## COMMITMENT SUNDAY



# Commitment Sunday

November 14th

For several weeks now you have been hearing from members what belonging to Hudson means to them. We hope you too have been thinking about what belonging means. By now you have received a pledge brochure in the mail. Please prayerfully discern how you will commit to Christ through Hudson in 2022.

We especially hope you will fill out the time and talent section of the brochure this year, and we look forward to seeing you in worship on November 14th as the congregation commits themselves to a new year of ministry through the church. Visit our website pledge page at: [hmpc.org/make-a-pledge](http://hmpc.org/make-a-pledge)

## Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group at 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.](#)

## Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Mac

Monday, November 1st at Noon

Join us on the West Lawn as we discuss Chapter 3 of *Confession of Belhar Study*. We still have extra books.

Since we are planning on meeting outside, participants are welcome to bring lunch.

[Questions? Please contact Mac Schafer](#)



## INQUIRER'S CLASS

### Interested in Joining Hudson?

Sunday, November 14

The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held on November 14. 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](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org).

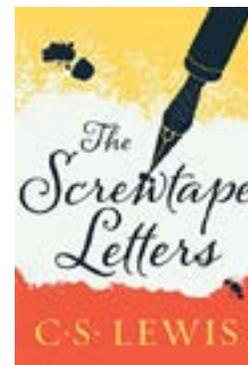


## “Re Gathering”

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 -10:20

**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. Jimmy Hulsey will lead another session on “Exploring the Presence of God” on October 31. Rev. Aleta Ash facilitates November 7, 14 and 21 with the theme “Disciples: Them and Us, Then and Now.”

**Westminster Hall Patio** Join us for “Patio 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 for Sunday, October 31, is Contemplations about Faith, Part 1, 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 Sundays



**This Sunday, October 31st, The Explorers and Confirmation Classes will NOT be meeting.**

## Usual Sunday Mornings:

- Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) meet at 9:30am in the Explorers Room on the second floor.
- Confirmation Class (8th grade) meets at 9:30am in the Confirmation Room.
- **Bagels Are Back!** Starting on Sunday, November 7th, we will have “Bagels in the Breezeway” (since due to COVID there is no eating in the building). This will be the first Sunday of the month.

## Usual Sunday Afternoons:

- Middle School and High School Youth Group meet 5:00pm to 6:30pm. 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 although will be provided on a week to week basis.
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm - Youth Music with Barbara - Youth interested in participating in the music program here at HMPC. Group meets in WH North.
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm Youth Group (Middle School grade 6-8 and High School grade 9-12) Come join us for recreation, study, mission and worship activities!

## Coming Up:

- **College Students: Montreat College Conference 2022!** If you are a college-aged-student and wish to continue the depth, magic, fun and Christian fellowship of a Montreat Youth Conference then come with Hudson this Winter to the Montreat College Conference (January 2-5, 2022). If you are interested in registering, please contact Rich Richards. [Contact Rich Richards here](#)



# Youth Group

## Decision to Return to 6th - 12th grades for Youth Group

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Youth Committee of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church decided to return to the traditional Middle School model of 6th-8th grades for evening youth group activities effective immediately. These activities include weekly Sunday afternoon/evening Youth Group, Presbytery Retreats, (New Hope Presbytery Fall Retreats) National Conferences (Massanetta Middle School Conference during the summer months) and any other 6th-8th grade youth activities offered by the PC(USA).

This will NOT affect the Sunday morning Sunday school “Explorers Class” which will remain as a 5th to 7th grade class. This will also NOT affect Youth Music on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:00pm. Fifth graders are welcomed to continue with Barbara’s leadership during this time.

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

### Joyful Noise & Wee Worshipers

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!



### Collecting Candy for First Responders



If you find yourself with extra candy after the Halloween holiday, bring it to church on **November 7th.** Our children will be making treat bags to distribute to local first responders!

## Peace & Global Witness

### Special Offering for PCUSA

We will be receiving a Special Offering for Peacemaking and Global Witness in October. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. HMPC will use 25% of this Offering for Hunger Action, Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You may drop your donation in the church's mailbox (under the large oak across from the office), mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 peace).

## Volunteer at the Food Bank

The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment with 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](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0225&console_type=event_list&event_id=21&ht=1&res_code=HudsonMemorial), with any questions.  
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## Rise Against Hunger

The Mission Committee would like to invite everyone to join us for a meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger. We will be packing 10,000 meals to help alleviate hunger worldwide.

The Mission Committee has committed to funding 10,000 meals. If you would like to donate funds for additional meals please contact Pat Cash.

- When: Sunday, November 7 at 2:00pm
- Where: Rise Against Hunger facility 3200 Wellington Court, Suite 112 Raleigh
- Who: HMPC members - Space limited to 50 people
- Register using this link:

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002vmViQAI>

Contact Beth Billman with any questions at [bethbillman@gmail.com](mailto:bethbillman@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL SERVICE



## Ecumenical 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 Church, North Haven Church, The Fountain Church and Grace Lutheran. We will have a joint choir from all our congregations and a reception on the front patio following worship. We'd love to get a great showing from our members as hosts.

## REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

## All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 7th

During worship on Sunday, November 7th we will remember those members that have entered God's everlasting kingdom in the last year with reading of names and tolling of the bell.





### 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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 31

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshipers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship

### Monday, November 1

- 12 Noon - Brown Bag with Mac - West Lawn
- 6:00 pm - Personnel Meeting
- 8:00 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

### Tuesday, November 2

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word, WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting -Zoom
- 1:00 pm - Single Way - Winston's Grille
- 4:00 pm - Memorial Garden Board Meeting- Karl Hudson Room
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

### Wednesday, November 3

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

### Sunday, November 7

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshipers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226; Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship

**Note: Daylight Saving Time Ends November 7th**

## 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.

## 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 or watch recording of 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 John Whisler](#) or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, Barton Meeks, John Oldenburg, Olsen Richards, plus new 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.](#)

## LAST SUNDAY'S WORSHIP

### Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan

Last Sunday, October 24th, we celebrated a modern version of Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan. Church members wore or brought fabric that represented their family's historical country of origin. We were joined by a bagpiper and the Chancel Choir sang *A Scottish Blessing* with Anna Fertin playing violin.



## HMPC STAFF NEWS

# New Communications Specialist

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Lesley Ash-Jacobsen began on October 25th as the new Communications Specialist.

Lesley and her husband Erik joined Hudson in early 2021.

Lesley is a member of the Chancel Choir and she is the daughter of HMPC's Minister of Visitation, Aleta Ash. She is a freelance illustrator, animator and graphic designer with degrees from University of Cincinnati and Hastings College. She worked for Eileen Fisher Inc. in New York City for a decade before relocating to Raleigh last year.

We are excited about the creative skills Lesley brings to this new part-time position.



## STAFF DIRECTORY

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## NEW MEMBERS

# Welcome New Members

**Jason and Mary Cates Bevier** -

Jason was born and raised in Jasper, IN, and moved to Raleigh after pharmacy school to be close to family members. Mary Cates was born in Charlotte and moved to Raleigh when she was 3. Both Jason and Mary Cates are pharmacists. They have 2 daughters who keep them very busy, so hobbies are limited at this time. The Bevier's have 2 dogs, Gandalf and Loki and a shetland pony names Charkie.



**Megan Christenbury** - Megan grew up in Illinois and moved to North Carolina in 2004. She is in Sales with



Johnson and Johnson. Megan and her husband, Andrew, have 2 children, and own Mordecai Beverage Company. Megan loves running and the outdoors, and are hoping to meet new people and make new friends at Hudson. The Christenburys have 2 dogs, Penny & Luna.

**Teresita "Tere" (sounds like Terry) Mendoza** - Tere was born in Mexico City, Mexico and grew up in Los Angeles, CA. She is a retired public school reading teacher. She loves the water, and languages - both spoken and written and is an avid reader. Tere has a cat named Peeta, who is overweight, but the cat doesn't seem to mind it too much.



## November Birthdays

- 2 - Michelle Thompson-Mann, Dorothy McDermott
- 3 - Jim Crosson
- 4 - Tripp McDuffie, John Hall
- 5 - Heather Monroe
- 6 - Justin Smith, Mgbo Nkpa, Chris Page, Martin Playford
- 7 - Matthew McDougal, Jordan Parker, Anson Randolph
- 8 - Monica Fitzgerald, Alexandra McIntire, Will Keever, Davis Bradshaw
- 9 - Allie Maples, Rob Duggins, Maureen Thomas
- 12 - Emily Duggins, Connor Smith
- 13 - Emily Bigger, Dot Medlin, Elizabeth Forehand, Sandra Vasher, Meredith Dalzell, Bryson Guy, Garrett Guy
- 14 - Kenny Capps, Madelyn Sue Johnson, Melissa Keever, Janet Carr
- 15 - Alice Njoroge
- 16 - Darrin Komono
- 18 - Ken Krause, Judy James, Jane Hamner
- 19 - Hollis Peterson, Ed Holzinger, Jackson Lynch
- 20 - Joan Lester, Lee Hammond, Kate Fertin, Anna Fertin
- 21 - Amy Hunnicutt, Taylor Martin
- 22 - Ron Cole
- 23 - James Dickerson, Drak Thi
- 24 - Brad Harris, Bob Terry
- 25 - Logan Huesgen, Sandy Goodale
- 27 - Maegan Smith, Spencer Rogers
- 28 - Kirk Richardson, Roger Howard
- 29 - Rob Tice
- 30 - Ellen Lightsey, Renee McDougal



## CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY



## Music for Children

### **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, Geneva Hall/ 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.

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## Recommendations for Ruling Elders and Deacons And Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon consider members to begin their service in May 2022.

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us. As prescribed in the Book of Order, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee's work.

If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), fill out this form and drop it off at the church office or talk with Carol Clemens, Chair of the Nominating Committee. [You may also click here to fill out a recommendation form online.](#) We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Consider for the office of:  Ruling Elder  Deacon  Nominating Committee

Offices held at HMPC and other committee activity or mission involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_