THE WEEKLY WINDOW

Out to the Life and Ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church

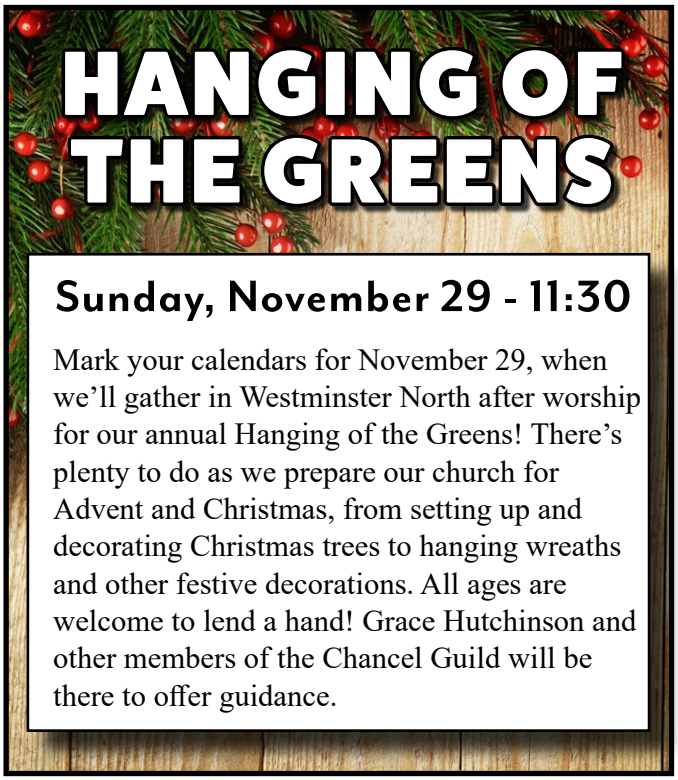
NOVEMBER 20, 2026

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, Nov. 24 | 7:00pm

North Haven Church - 6620 Six Forks

Every year since the 1980s, churches along Six Forks Road have gathered together for worship around the Thanksgiving holiday. These churches include Grace Lutheran, St. Mark's UMC, Trinity Baptist, The Fountain Fellowship, North Haven Church, St. Timothy's Episcopal, and HMPC. This community worship service is a great opportunity to express our connectedness in Christ. This year, North Haven Church is hosting. Pastor Marguerite will be participating.



Sunday, November 29 - 11:30

Mark your calendars for November 29, when we'll gather in Westminster North after worship for our annual Hanging of the Greens! There's plenty to do as we prepare our church for Advent and Christmas, from setting up and decorating Christmas trees to hanging wreaths and other festive decorations. All ages are welcome to lend a hand! Grace Hutchinson and other members of the Chancel Guild will be there to offer guidance.



Children and families, join us on December 5 for some festive Christmas fun! Enjoy crafts, games, and activities for the little ones as we celebrate the season together. No RSVP required, just come and enjoy!



Last year, our congregation came together for a memorable "Paper Bag Pageant," and it was a huge success! This year, we'll return to our traditional Children's Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 service on Dec. 6. Join us as our youngest members bring the Christmas story to life through costumes and storytelling!

Preparing for a Digitally Detoxing December (D3)

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.

Christmas Joy Music Worship

10:30 Worship | Sunday, December 13

Get in the Christmas spirit with Hudson's talented music ensembles and instrumentalists! You'll hear children, youth and adults singing and playing lots of Christmas music.



You'll also get the chance to sing some favorite carols yourself. The annual Christmas Joy worship service will be on December 13 in the Sanctuary. A reception hosted by Presbyterian Women will follow the celebration. Please join us!

Advent Adult Ed Series

The Seekers are hosting a study in December following the themes of Advent. The first will be "Hope, Rembrandt & the Gospels," led by Rev. Jimmy Hulsey.



The first class on Sunday, November 29, will be held during the Adult Ed hour at 9:30 in Westminster North.

Youth Activities

Sunday, December 6
Caroling and Cards (grades 5-12)

Sunday, December 13
Youth Christmas Party (grades 5-12)

Wednesday, December 16
Dec. Chipotle Check in (grades 9-12)

Sunday, Dec. 20
Christmas Movie Night (grades 5-12)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations

to the Edwards family
on the baptism of their two children
on November 15, 2026.



Thank You from Diaper Train

FOR OUR DONATIONS THROUGH LAST MONTH'S TEND MY SHEEP

From Diaper Train: "A big, heartfelt THANK YOU for all of your efforts in collecting diapers and wipes for Diaper Train! We believe a diaper CAN change a life, and it's thanks to groups like yours that we can help influence that in Wake County. We hope you'll make it a recurring tradition!"

DIAPER TRAIN COMMUNITY COMPASSION CHANGE

HMPC DIAPER DRIVE IMPACT REPORT

1,244 Diapers collected

25 Babies supplied with diapers

Diaper Train provides an average of 50 diapers per child. With your diapers collected, about 25 babies were provided with the diapers needed, eliminating stress and allowing use of money toward gas, rent and other household expenses.

2,476 Baby wipes collected

34 Babies supplied with wipes

With your wipes collected, in average packs of 72 each, a total of 34 babies were supplied with the wipes needed to ensure families were fully supported.





Above: Mary Katherine & Tom Phelps both are volunteers at Diaper Train, and Mary Katherine is their librarian who receives, sorts, and then organizes books to be sent back out to families who receive diapers.

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) – 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth News

This Sunday, 11/22 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!

Friendsgiving is this Sunday, 11/22 at HMPC from 5:00-7:00pm. Youth grades 5-12, their families and/or friends are invited. Bring a side or dessert to share!

There is NO youth group **next Sunday, 11/29** due to Thanksgiving!



FAITH FORMATION

ADULT ED THIS SUNDAY

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, Nov. 22 | 9:00 | Rm 200

"The Lord's Prayer"

Praying the Lord's Prayer is one way to make Jesus' story our own story. Over time, the prayer forms us into people who trust God daily, love and forgive others, and participate in the good work that unites Heaven and Earth. Led by Don Slater.

"Christian Doctrines: A Guide to Life's Big Questions: Heaven and Eternal Life"

FINAL Session This Week, Nov. 22

Led by Parish Associate, Becca Kuiken

Christian doctrines can appear to 21st century minds as rigid laws or judgmental rules. They can better be seen as a theological response to key questions of human life. Where is God? What are the possibilities and problems of human beings? What can we ultimately hope for? Behind every doctrine are theologians seeking answers within particular historical moments.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Pres. Ponderings + Seekers - WH North
10:00 am - Breakfast in the Balcony (Youth) - Sanctuary
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva/Playgarden
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 - Westminster South
5:00 pm - Youth Group Friendsgiving - Westminster Hall

Monday, November 23

9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary
11:00 am - HMP Thanksgiving Celebration (Kindergarten Transition Class) - Room 200
7:00 pm - Session - Westminster South OWL Reserved
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, November 24

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00pm - Ecumenical Thxgiving Service - North Haven Church

Wednesday, November 25

Preschool Holiday

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Preschool Holiday, Office Closed

FELLOWSHIP

December Luncheon

Tuesday, December 1, 11:30am

Cape Fear, Spring Forest Rd



Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. **Please contact Ruth Herpich at (919) 280-0049 by November 28** if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant a seating count. If you know of anyone who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome, so please join us!

GIVING MINISTRY

November 18 Pledge Update



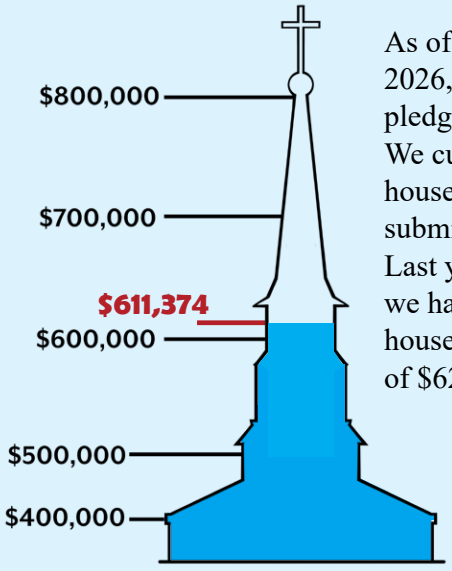
Each Fall, HMPC calls on its members and regular visitors to "pledge" their planned giving amount for the upcoming year. Everyone's pledged totals are then added together to set the church's budget for January 1 – December 31, 2027.

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 18, 2026, our received pledges total **$611,374** We currently have **128** households who have submitted pledges. Last year at this time we had 126 pledging households for a total of $626,340.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Exciting PNC Update

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.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Have You Stopped Receiving the Weekly Window?

We've heard from a few members who have suddenly stopped receiving our weekly email. In most cases, this means the email has started going to your Spam or Junk folder instead of your inbox.

The Weekly Window is sent every Friday at 2:00 p.m. If you don't see it in your inbox, check your Spam or Junk folder. If you find it there, you can usually select "Not Spam" or "Not Junk," or simply drag the email into your inbox. This helps your email service recognize that HMPC emails are welcome!



It's also possible that you accidentally unsubscribed. If you're still not receiving the Weekly Window, Lesley Ash Jacobsen in the church office can help you resubscribe or troubleshoot other possible issues.