



the weekly Window

December 2, 2022

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

THIS WEEKEND AT HMPC...

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

This Saturday!
December 3
2:00-4:00pm
Westminster Hall

Nativity Scavenger Hunt

Hot Chocolate

Cookies

Ornament Making

Gingerbread Nativities



ALL ARE WELCOME!
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND,
PLEASE RSVP [HERE](#)

(Or by using the link on the front page of HMPC.org)

Blue Christmas

A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

6:00pm | This Sunday, December 4

"In these Advent days of darkness and waiting, it may indeed seem that God's face is hidden from our sight. But the sacred presence is there breathing in the shadows. This is when we learn to trust senses other than sight and to seek the face of God beneath our fingertips."

- Jan Richardson

The Deacons invite you to attend a special worship service on Sunday, December 4th at 6:00pm in the Chapel. This season evokes many feelings, images, memories and stories which may be joyful, sorrowful, or a mixture of both. This "Blue Christmas Service" will provide the opportunity to name and hold space for grief, longing, sadness, and the sense of uneasiness many of us hold individually and collectively as we reflect on our personal situations and those of the community.

If you find the season difficult or would like a quiet time for reflection, please join us for the reading of scripture, prayers, contemplative music and the lighting of candles in recognition of the places of shadows in our lives that are indeed holy.

****Participants should use the middle door of the main hallway or the Westminster Hall door.****

Waiting

ADVENT 2022

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

Saturday, December 3

Family Christmas Celebration
2:00-4:00pm in Westminster Hall

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30am - Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00pm - Blue Christmas Service in the Chapel

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am - Worship in the Sanctuary
5:00pm - Youth Christmas Party & Caroling

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30am - Worship in the Sanctuary
6:30pm - Christmas Joy Concert in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00pm - Candlelight Service (Nursery available)
8:00pm - Candlelight & Communion Service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas

Christmas Day Service - 10:30am in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DECEMBER



The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping

communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

You can donate [online](#), text, mail your donation to the church, or give in the offering plate on Sundays in December. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744 (*Example: 25 Joy*).

POINSETTIAS

ORDER BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11!



The Chancel Guild invites you to honor or remember a special person with a donation of \$15 toward Advent preparations, including poinsettias and greenery. Names will be listed in the December 18th worship bulletin. Return an information form (located on the

flower calendar board outside of room #103) with your check to the office, or place it in the offering plate **by December 11th**. Designate 'Chancel Guild/Poinsettias' on your check. You may take your donated poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve service.

CHRISTMAS JOY CONCERT

6:30pm | Sunday, December 18

Get in the Christmas spirit with Hudson's talented music ensembles and instrumentalists! You'll hear children, youth and adults singing and playing festive Christmas music, and you'll also get the chance to sing some favorite carols yourself! The annual Christmas Joy concert will be Sunday, December 18th at 6:30pm. A reception hosted by Presbyterian Women will follow the celebration. Please join us!



CHRISTMAS JOY RECEPTION

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

HMPC Christmas Joy concert is Sunday, December 18. PW is hosting a reception, and we need help! Please sign up for a volunteer position and/or to contribute a food item for this most joyous reception of the year. You can also sign-up by emailing your selected volunteer post

to [Sharon Cole](mailto:sharoncole@carolina.rr.com) at sharoncole@carolina.rr.com.

Sign up [here!](#)

Link can also be found on the homepage of HMPC.org



The Christmas Joy reception was a huge hit last year and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers!

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The holiday season is in full swing at HMP--What an exciting time of year to be a preschooler! Our three and four-year-old classes are looking forward to their Christmas Program on **Friday, December 9th**. All are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary at **11:30am**.



YOUTH GROUP ORNAMENT-MAKING & COOKIES!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00-7:00pm

MS/HS Youth: Come get into the Christmas spirit with us this Sunday!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

During 10:30 Worship | December 11

Watch the children of HMPC act out the Christmas story in the Annual Christmas Pageant!



Rehearsal Schedule

We will use the remaining Sundays after worship to work on music, staging, wardrobe etc. for the pageant. It is very important that your pageant participant be at all of the rehearsals.

Remaining pageant rehearsals:

December 4 - 11:30am to 12:15pm

December 10 - REHEARSAL on SATURDAY in the Sanctuary 10:00-11:00am

December 11 - Pageant during worship

The children will also perform in the Christmas Joy concert on December 18th at 6:30pm so mark your calendars!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped decorate the building for the Advent and Christmas season! We appreciate Grace Hutchinson and Chancel Guild for leading this activity!



ADULT EDUCATION ADVENT SERIES

The Seekers

9:30am | Westminster Hall South

This Sunday, December 4

Facilitated by Ron Ash

"THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS"

The intriguing history of four beloved Christmas Carols will be told. Advent devotions inspired by these carols will be offered.



Sunday, December 11

Facilitated by Susan Grigg



Using *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* by Tracy S. Daub, the Seekers will be reading selected scripture from Mark and looking for the amazing and joyous message of waiting for Emmanuel, God with us, during Advent. Discussion will center around what difference

the Incarnation makes in our lives, and where we see evidence of God's love in our lives and in the world.

Sunday, December 18

Facilitated by Pastor Debbie

Discussion using *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* will continue as we consider how we are invited to join the magi in searching for the Messiah who is likely to be revealed to us in poverty, jeopardy, and obscurity.

FINANCE

2022 End of Year Giving

As we come to the end of 2022, we want to thank the congregation for their generous financial commitment to the church. The church office emailed/mailed giving statements this week so you know where you stand on your financial commitment to Christ through the church at year end. Presently, we are behind where we have been in recent years on pledge income, year to date. We are keenly aware that inflation has impacted many



households this calendar year and understand that this may impact your ability to fulfill your commitment to the church.

For others of you, this may be a year where you are able to consider making a year end gift above and beyond your regular giving. We thank you in advance for considering this.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations

TO GREG & LAUREN FLUECKINGER
ON THE BAPTISM OF THEIR CHILD
LAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28!

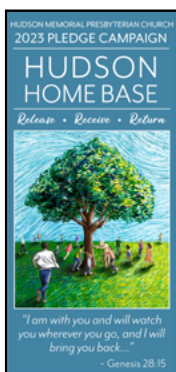


GIVING MINISTRY

2023 Pledge Update

Sunday, November 6th was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent and financial resources to Christ through HMPC. Thank you to all of you who pledged in person, mailed your pledge in or made your commitment online.

Currently there are 151 households that have pledged out of 364 member households for a total of \$660,319. This time last year we had collected 154 pledges for a total of \$664,201.



It is not too late to pledge!

You may pledge online [here](#), email your pledge to Amy Claprood, HMPC Business Administrator, or call Amy at 919-787-1086 to request a pledge form be mailed to you. Thank you for your commitment to Christ through the church during these challenging times. Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Thanksgiving Service

On November 22, seven Six Forks Road churches combined to host an ecumenical Thanksgiving service. It was held at St. Timothy's and an offering for North Raleigh Ministries was collected. The director of NRM spoke, and shared with the congregation that their organization has helped over 7,000 individuals in need of assistance this year! *Pictured below: The leadership of the Six Forks churches, as well as the Director of NRM, Donna Pygott.*



Opportunities This Week

Women at the Well

Wednesdays at 9:15am



Women at the Well is made up of two groups, each with a different format, time and content. Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss the intersection of culture and faith and our own spiritual journeys. The

Weekly Group meets most Wednesdays in the Chapel at 9:15am. The Monthly Group has concluded for the year and will start back up again in January!

All women are welcome to attend! To be added to contact list contact [Debbie Kirk](#).

Sunday Morning Opportunities

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Hosted by

Susan Bradshaw, Linda Meeks, Dottie Burch

"The Nine O'Clock Class"

This earlier class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and fellowship.

9:30-10:20am | WH North

Facilitated by Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg,
John James, Gil Graybill

"Presbyterian Ponderings"

From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and Salvation. Each week's discussion is stand-alone, with no advance prep or reading required. Come join us for fellowship and good conversation!

9:30-10:20am | WH South

"The Seekers"

See page 4 for The Seekers' full Advent schedule!

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, December 6 | 6:30am | Zoom



All men are invited to join this group (via Zoom this week) for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina.

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 a 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 [Mac Schafer](#).

Looking Ahead to January

Mac's Sabbatical Forums:

STORIES, INSIGHTS AND WONDER
ALONG THE VIA FRANCIGENA

Sunday, January 8th & 15th

9:00am | WH North



As we kick off the new year, please join Pastor Mac as he share stories and insights from his sabbatical. Mac visited Reformation sites in Germany and Switzerland

via train and then put on his walking shoes walked approximately 1200 kms along the Via Francigena. The Via Francigena is an ancient pilgrims route that goes from Canterbury, England all the way to Rome, Italy. Mac picked up the path in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Welcome, New Members!

On November 20th, seven people joined Hudson. Learn about them here!

Jenn and Ryan Autry



Jenn and Ryan have two children: Darcy (5th grade) and Jackson (7th grade). Jenn is a Data Analyst/Researcher at McKinley Advisors and Ryan is a Project Manager at Syneos.

Jenn is from

Hendersonville, NC, and Ryan is from Raleigh. Jenn loves to walk, hike, read, play games and watch movies. She plays the cello and loves music. Jenn shared a fun fact, "I have a degree in math and am one of those weird people who enjoy working through giant sets of data!" Ryan enjoys home improvement, vehicle maintenance (car and motorcycle), motorcycle riding, and running. He is also a Logistics officer (Major) in the NC National Guard. They have a St. Bernard named Lily.

Kelly Hurd and Michael Glover



Kelly and Mike have two children: Dominick (22 months) and Cooper (7 months). Mike works as the IT Manager at GDIT, and Kelly is Director of Plan Consulting at QRPS. Mike was

born in Memphis, TN and grew up in Wake Forest. Kelly was born in Newburgh, NY, but grew up in San Diego before moving to the Triangle in middle school. Kelly loves cooking and baking, crafting, building dollhouses, museums, walking outdoors with her babies, and reading (trying to hit her goal of 100 books in 2022!). Mike enjoys coding and attending hockey games. They have two wonderful cats, Anna and Sully.

Katy and Robert Turnbull



Katy and Robert have two children: Maggie (Kindergarten) and Clara (3rd grade). Robert is a Natural Resources Consultant at Terracon Consultants, Inc. and Katy is an Education Consultant at Teachstone. Robert was born and raised in Richmond, VA. Katy was born in Georgia, but grew up in Wingate, NC. Katy and Robert both enjoy traveling, and spending time with family and friends. They have a two year old dog named Wiley.

Barbara Coleman



Barbara is a retired Public School Educator who was born in Murray, Kentucky. She shared, "My father was a Southern Baptist minister of music and he served churches in Kentucky, Savannah, and Chattanooga. Then at age 50, he and my mother were music missionaries in Portugal. Other states

I've lived in throughout my

marriage are Alabama, Colorado, Tennessee, Georgia and now North Carolina." Barbara has three grown daughters: Abby, Katy and Molly. (*Katy [Turnbull] is also a new member in this class!*) Barbara's number one passion is reading -- all kinds of books. She enjoys needlework and attending theater productions. She has two dogs, a maltipoo and a cavapoo.

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Adult Education - WH North and South
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster Hall
11:30 am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
4:15 pm - Youth Music
5:00 pm - MS/HS Youth Group
6:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service

Monday, December 5

6:00 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - PW Leadership - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH

Tuesday, December 6

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH 234

Wednesday, December 7

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel
6:00 pm - Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 8

7:00pm - Mission Committee - WH South

Friday, December 9

11:30 am - Preschool Christmas Program - Sanctuary
6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, December 10

10:00am - Pageant Rehearsal

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FINANCE & PERSONNEL

Search For New Financial Coordinator

We want to let the congregation know that Cheri Thomas concluded her tenure as HMPC's Bookkeeper on November 18th. We appreciate her service to Hudson and will miss her. Changes in Cheri's personal life do not allow her to continue in the position. We are grateful to the congregation for your understanding and patience as we go through multiple staff transitions and re-evaluate administrative responsibilities.



The Personnel Committee has begun a search for a new Bookkeeper. We are changing the name of the position to Financial Coordinator to better match the responsibilities of the job. John James is chairing the search, and Bill Flueckinger (Finance Chair), Amy Claprood (Business Administrator), and Mac Schafer (Pastor) are serving on the search team. If you know of people who may be interested in the position, details about the job can be found on the church website by clicking [here](#).