



A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARGUERITE



Dear HMPC Friends and Family,

What a busy fall it has been at HMPC. You all are so engaged in ministries to alleviate hunger, provide nurture and fellowship (and fun!), and to help guide the church through this transition period. I can't thank you enough for your hard work – and have

to ask you to prepare for one more major push.

We typically don't ask you to RSVP before attending Sunday worship. But transition is not typical! When I asked church leaders and groups when would be the best time to have the congregation participate together on preparing a vision statement and goals, 100% of their responses were "Sunday morning."

So thanks to all of you who have RSVP'd for our first catered Brunch Church on November 9. We will not have a regular worship service in the sanctuary that day or on November 23. We will be having food, fellowship, AND worship in Westminster those two Sundays. We will not be having normal Sunday School or after-worship activities on Nov. 9 or 23. We will be having two hours of asking, seeking, and knocking together after God's vision and direction for Hudson Memorial. If you didn't fill out

the Congregational Assessment Tool, this is a chance for you to have a voice in this process. If you did fill it out, this is a chance for you to continue contributing.

And it's a chance for all of us to learn about how the Holy Spirit is prompting each one of you in your thoughts and ideas for the future, your best memories of the past, and how God might want us to use them to plan our ministry at a time when we will be calling the new pastor. Your Pastor Nominating Committee will be elected sometime early next year, and we want to be fully prepared to support them. Your participation will help make it happen.

The Brunch Churches will be the climax of the Mission Study process – and the last push we ask of you. Thank you for your perseverance and patience with this process. I get tired too! But I also get excited because as you'll find out on October 30 with the Zoom call, our CAT results indicate a wonderful level of vitality. The Spirit really is moving HMPC right now and it's exciting to see new leaders stepping up and new ministries being discussed.

Let's keep having good fun and exploring how God would light our path. See you in church – and Brunch Church.

Sunday, October 26

3:00–5:00pm

HMPC Lawn & Parking Lot

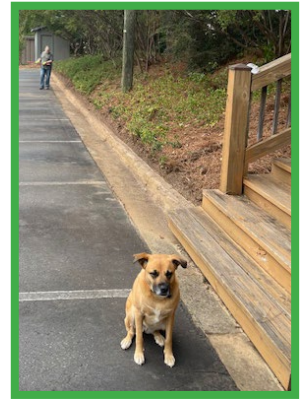
**JOIN US FOR TRUNK-OR-TREATING,
AN INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE,
MINI-PUMPKIN PAINTING, A FREE
HOT DOG DINNER, AND MORE!**

WE ARE HOSTING & NEED YOUR HELP!

We'd love your help at the HMPC Fall Festival! While many parents will be busy enjoying the activities with their children, **we're looking for volunteers of all ages and stages**—from middle school youth to our most seasoned members. Join us for a short shift to help with pumpkin painting, greeting guests, serving food, or other fun roles that make the day special. It's a wonderful way to connect with others, share in the joy of the festival, and—if you're a student—earn service hours too! You can also sign up to **decorate a trunk** for Trunk-or-Treat. We will be accepting **donations** of peanut-free candy and trinkets at the main church entrances. **Or donate items** from our [Amazon wish list](#) and have them shipped directly to the church! **Donations must be delivered by Oct. 25.**

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PROPERTY WORK DAY



Our Property Work Day Mascot was there to cheer on the volunteers!



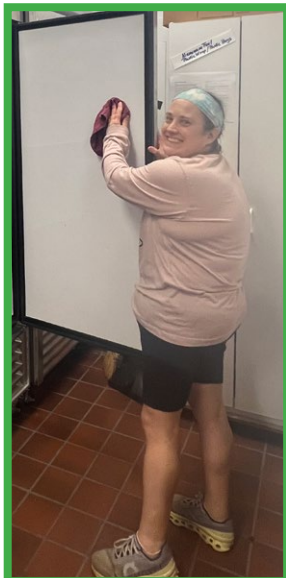
We were so fortunate to have had 25 willing people show up and work so hard last Saturday. We got a lot done! Projects completed include: Landscaping the Westminster parking lot; trimmed up trees; cleaned up the labyrinth; blew the leaves out of the playgrounds; washed all of the campus's directional signs; picked up garbage around campus; power-washed Westminster Hall's entrance; cleaned out and wiped down the refrigerators and freezers in the kitchen; and re-organized the closet in Westminster Hall (prepping to create room for the new ADA bathroom).



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**THANKS TO THE
25 VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED
MAKE OUR PROPERTY
WORK DAY A SUCCESS!**



TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY

CAT Results and What Comes Next



The Mission Study Team, appointed by Session, is using many methods to get a picture of Hudson's strengths and needs before calling a new pastor. The CAT survey of the congregation is the most recent and the most detailed of our steps so far. Your response was tremendous!

A high percentage of active members completed the survey. Your thoughtful answers reflect a strong interest in participating in the future of your church.

As a congregation, you expressed your support for your church and its leadership, as well as your interest in expanding ministries of outreach, Christian education, and service. There is a healthy tolerance of differing opinions and beliefs and less conflict than in many churches surveyed. Hudson is a church that welcomes visitors and new members of all ages and backgrounds. You value relationships in the church and are willing to extend Christian friendship in every aspect of church life.

In the **congregational Zoom meeting on October 30 at 7:00pm**, you will learn more about the results



of the CAT. You will also participate in brainstorming about Hudson's strengths and the community's needs and where these two may meet. This will begin our conversation about the vision

for our church going forward and will prepare you for our Nov. 9, Sunday morning Brunch Church in Westminster Hall (in lieu of worship in the sanctuary) where we will eat, worship and draft one or more vision statements from 9:30 to 11:30.

Respond Today and Come to Brunch Church on November 9



We need your responses!

Brunch Church #1 will be Sunday, November 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 in Westminster Hall (in lieu of our regular 10:30 Sanctuary worship).

Please--1. Plan to attend and 2. Fill out a response form online using the link below OR from the HMPC home page OR leave a printed form in the basket at church entrances.

At Brunch Church in Westminster Hall we will eat, learn what a vision statement is, and worship with song, prayer and scripture (Phil. 3:12-14). We will share insights with our table, pray some more, and create and share vision statements for HMPC.



**RSVP LINK
HERE**



November 9 - Brunch Church RSVP

Number attending: Adults & Youth _____ Children (3 years-4th grade) _____

Names _____

Do you need nursery care (infants, toddlers, 2-year-olds)? Let us know their ages and their names.

Let us know you are a vegetarian, vegan, have a gluten-free diet, or prefer a breakfast with no bacon.

If you choose to use a paper form, you can place in the offering plate or in Lesley Ash Jacobsen's mailbox in the Karl Hudson Room!

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

Women at the Well MONTHLY GROUP

Next Meeting: This Thursday, October 23
6:00pm at Relish Craft Kitchen



Join us Thursday at Relish, located at Creedmoor Crossings, 5625 Creedmoor Rd. This monthly women's group meets over dinner at a local restaurant at 6:00pm on the third or fourth Thursday of each month. This group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and lively discussion! If interested, contact Linda Meeks at linda.meeks@gmail.com, or Kay Emanuel at ckemanuel@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Pint

Next Meeting: This Thursday, October 23
7:00pm at Cape Fear Seafood Co.
832 Spring Forest Rd.



Join us at Cape Fear Seafood this Thursday! This men's group meets the third or fourth Thursday of every month and enjoys a pint or meal together as the group discusses articles that have to do with culture and faith, along with the occasional book or short study. It is a wonderful time of community, laughter, insight, and thoughtful discussion on how we live as people of faith. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact John James.

Waking Up With The Word - Tues, October 21 - 6:30am - WH Patio



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that is preached on for the upcoming Sunday four times, with interspersed questions:

What's a word or phrase that stands out to you?

Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought you have on the passage or a metaphor? What is Christ calling you to through the passage?

No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. On Zoom we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Lesley at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have,

MISSION

October Tend My Sheep - Raleigh Rescue Mission



For nearly 60 years, Raleigh Rescue Mission has served over 750,000 men, women, and children seeking shelter, hope, and a new start. Rooted in faith, their mission is to break the cycle of poverty and walk with people on their journey to rebuilding their lives by acquiring the skills and support needed to find long-term employment and stability.

This month we are collecting: Body wash, Tissues, Women's antiperspirant, Hair gel and hair products (their recommended brands are: Eco Style hair gel, argan or coconut oil for hair, Black Magic hair cream conditioner, and Cantu Leave-In Conditioning Hair Cream)

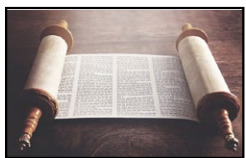
Items can be placed in Sanctuary bins throughout the month of October.



SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

The Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, October 19
9:00am | Room 200



Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? When Jesus referred to his Bible, he talked about the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings. What exactly was he referring to? Are these the Old Testament?

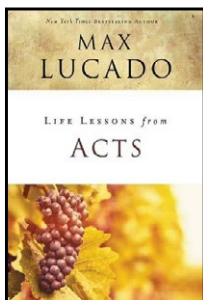
The 9:00am Sunday school class has returned after a short hiatus. This class was originally designed to provide a learning opportunity for choir members and worship leaders and those for whom the 9:30 classes were difficult to attend, but all are welcome. The class will be moderated by Don Slater.

Presbyterian Ponderings

This Sunday, October 19
9:30 | WH North

"Jesus Is Gone! Now What Do We Do?"

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



This fall, the Presbyterian Ponderings class is studying the Acts of the Apostles, guided by *Life Lessons from Acts* written by Max Lucado. We will look at the struggles and successes of the early church and examine how the foundations of our faith, established by Christ, were shared. The Presbyterian Ponderings

class is discussion-based, and team-led.

This Sunday we will focus on Acts Chapter 7, the trial and stoning of Stephen.

The Seekers

Sundays through October 26
9:30am | WH South

"God's Story and Our Stories"



In church or on our own, we often read the Bible in snippets. Our sermons are regularly based on the Revised Common Lectionary, so we again are considering Scripture in snippets. I am not saying there is anything wrong with this way of

attending to Biblical texts. But the stories of the Bible, or Biblical narrative, come to us in larger format, taking a number of chapters to present Abraham and Sarah, Rebekkah and Jacob, Naomi and Ruth, Samuel, Saul and David, not to forget Jesus Christ in the gospel narratives.

Our class in October will consider the Rebekkah/Jacob story as a whole (Genesis 24-33). I invite each class member to read those chapters to get a sense of the whole story. Our purpose is to read the story on its own terms. What is it telling us about the characters and events as God moves with them and oftentimes allows them center stage and the foreground?

Recently in a sermon, Marguerite used the phrase "Intrepid Interpretation." Let's read Biblical narrative with a desire for intrepid or bold interpretation to see what the Spirit may be saying first to us through the stories themselves in their context and from their worldview. Before we subject the Bible to our demand of immediate relevance or that it fit our modern criteria of facts and evidence, what does it say as a strong literary piece?

Following the theologian Hans Frei, we may have lost a way to read Biblical narrative on its own terms in our efforts to make it fit our world. He called this "The Eclipse of Biblical Narrative." In demanding to see the text according to our familiar viewpoints, we may have obscured a bolder way of reading it. Wonder of wonders, we may encounter God in an old story for a new day. **(Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey)**



Thanks to those of you who attended the presentation Mark and I gave on Presbyterians and Executive Power last Sunday. Thanks to all the fellowship folks who made Scottish food (or who gave up making it!) and all who were so attentive and appreciative. We really enjoyed ourselves!

- Pastor Marguerite

This Week at HMPC

Sunday, October 19

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Rm 200
 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
 9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
 5:00 pm - Youth Group (MS) - WH, Geneva, Chapel

Monday, October 20

6:00 pm - Property Committee - WH South
 7:00 pm - Diaconate - Room 200
 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, October 21

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - WH Patio
 11:00 am - Sewing Guild Association - WH South
 6:00 pm - ACA - Room 200
 6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
 7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, October 22

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
 6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - WH North
 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 23

10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Calendaring) - Rm. 200
 5:30 pm - Worship Committee - Karl Hudson Rm
 6:00 pm - Women at the Well (Monthly Group) - Relish Craft Kitchen
 7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Cape Fear Seafood

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2026 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN



ASK, and it will be given to you;
SEEK, and you will find;
KNOCK, and the door will be opened to you.
 LUKE 11:9

Make Your 2026 Pledge [HERE!](#)

FELLOWSHIP

Single Way November Lunch
Tuesday, November 4, at 11:30am
Outback Steakhouse, 7500 Creedmoor 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 at least three days prior to the lunch** 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!