



## Rise Against Hunger Volunteer Event

### 15,000 MEALS PACKED BY 60 HMPC VOLUNTEERS

On World Communion Sunday, the gospel lesson was John's version of the "feeding of the 5,000", where we are told the "meager provisions" that one little boy had of two fish and five loaves, became more than enough for everyone, with plenty left over. In her sermon, Pastor Debbie suggested that Jesus empowered the disciples and the crowd to care for one another, to share what they had, and that in celebrating communion with Christians around the globe, we are reminded of our call to do the same with what we have.

Sunday afternoon we experienced "feeding the multitudes" in a significant way as the Mission Committee hosted a

packing event at the Rise Against Hunger Warehouse. To cover the cost of meals and transportation, a donation of \$6,000 from HMPC included \$1,000 designated Hunger Action Funds and \$5,000 from memorial gifts provided in memory of those who have entered God's everlasting kingdom. Approximately 60 HMPC children, youth, and adults worked hard and had fun. In under 3 hours there were over 15,000 meals packed and readied for transport to Madagascar and the Philippines.

With your support, the Mission Committee would like to host this event on a yearly basis as a tangible expression of our commitment to alleviating hunger on a global scale.



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## MISSION - RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT



To KNOW, LOVE, and SERVE  
God in Jesus Christ.





## WORSHIP & THE ARTS

### A Month of Reformers



In October, the pastors will be doing a sermon series that focuses on reformers and scripture. In particular, we will highlight two women reformers, Katharina Schütz Zell (pictured to the left), and Marie Denture. October 29th is Reformation Sunday, and we will cap off worship this month with the NC State Pipes & Drums group. Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his *95 Theses* on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

## WORLD COMMUNION

### World Communion Sunday LAST SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Our worship service on October 1st celebrated this special day with music from all around the world, shared by Joyful Noise, Youth Bells, and the Chancel Choir.



# The Keystone Of Faith: Pastoral Care

MINUTE FOR MISSION - SUNDAY, OCT 1 - KAREN GAITHER & JEFFREY COONSE

## What is pastoral care?

Well, obviously pastoral care has something to do with shepherding, and around my house that involves a 95 lb. German Shepherd herding two cats while all of us are directed by a mischievous parrot. That's probably not what you're asking... You're asking about here at Hudson. Pastoral care here comes in all sorts of forms, but generally refers to emotional, social, and spiritual support. It encompasses compassion, witness, and service – sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Pastoral care in the church has its roots in the Biblical stories of Jesus healing people, of tending His flock.

## Who at Hudson provides pastoral care?

We have great pastoral care. We have Pastors Mac, Debbie Kirk, and Aleta Ash. I am most grateful that they have all been there for me at various times when I must admit I've been totally lost. We also have another wonderful group – our deacons. They are a group that is elected to serve a 3-year term. They are a respectful, concerned, and caring group that do a wide variety of things – from visiting, to providing a needed meal, to doing a lot of listening and praying. They facilitate an extensive prayer ministry that includes Prayer Partners.

## What is your role and how long have you been involved?

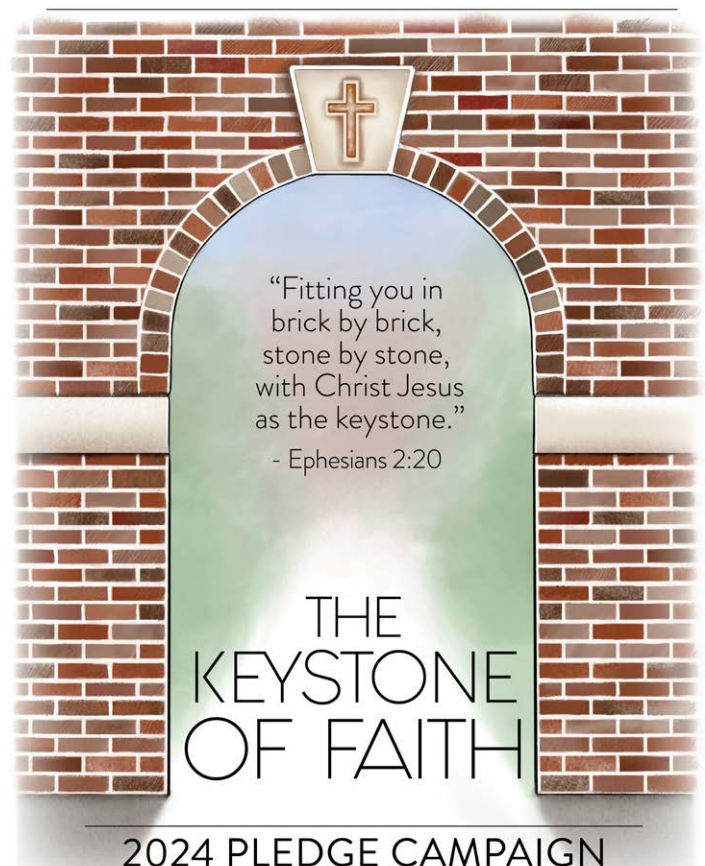
I had the privilege of being an active member of the Diaconate for a couple of terms. It was a very educational and humbling experience--One I am glad that I had.

## How can the congregation help this vital service continue?

As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but the same God who activates them all in everyone."



*This is the season for making our financial commitment to the church and also offering our varieties of talents. We all have our talents, so please consider where you can help.*





# Welcome New Members!

6 New Members Joined Hudson on Sunday, September 24

## Adam & Heather Carter



Adam and Heather have a son named Collin, who attends Hudson Memorial Preschool. Heather was born in Clinton, NC and grew up in Rocky Mount, NC, and Adam is from Middlesex, NC. Heather is an ER Nurse at UNC Rex,

and Adam is an ER Physician at Duke Health--They met while working together in the ER at Nash UNC. They are Tarheel fans! They have a 5 year old Shihpoo (Shih Tzu + Poodle mix) named Napoleon and they enjoy spending time with family and friends. They also love trying new restaurants and finding hidden gems of places to eat!

## Debbie Schumm



Debbie was born in Chicago, IL, grew up in Springfield IL. Debbie is a retired Registered Nurse, and served as a Deacon at her former church.

## Burke & MaryMac Wombwell

Burke and MaryMac have a son, Jack, who was born in January of this year. MaryMac is from Charlotte, NC, and Lynchburg, VA. Burke is from Lynchburg, VA. Burke works in Sales Operations at Kinetic, and MaryMac is an Account Manager at Dillon Supply.

## Melinda Kovach



Melinda Kovach is the Program Manager for New Product Development at Boston Scientific. She enjoys stained glass, crafts, going to the beach/collecting shells, gardening, music, travel, hiking, and camping. She was born in Lumberton, NC, and has lived in South Carolina,

Indiana, Ohio, and Minnesota. She was ordained and served as an Elder in her previous church. She has just started playing with the Hudson Handbells. She likes to volunteer, and is looking forward to meeting new people at the church.

## INQUIRERS' CLASS

### Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on **November 12, 11:45am-12:20pm, in Room 200**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP for the class here](#). Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



Welcome to Hudson!

## PROPERTY



# Campus Clean Up Day

THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 9AM-12PM



The Property Committee will be hosting a Campus Clean-up Day on October 7 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We will be working around our campus to get it ready for fall and winter, as well as do some maintenance that is needed. There will be work for all ages. **If you have the following items, we ask that you bring them along: rakes, gloves/scoopers, flat shovels, power-washers, pitchforks, chainsaws, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, and clippers.** For questions, contact Karen Melling at 919-302-0462 or [krrmelling65@gmail.com](mailto:krrmelling65@gmail.com).

Below are a few images of our last Campus Clean-up Day, which was a huge success!



## SESSION

### Update on Hudson Member & Candidate for Ministry Matt Moorman



Hudson Memorial member Matt Moorman has been under the care of the Session while he has been going through the process of being a candidate for ministry in Presbytery of New Hope. We are pleased to share that Matt is "certified ready to receive a call" through the Presbytery. He began his

ministry as Music Chaplain at Trinity Episcopal School in Charlotte, a K-8th grade school where he teaches faith studies, leads the music in chapel for all ages, and works with middle schoolers. In October, Matt is marrying Amanda Stevenson. Amanda is an Episcopal priest. In November, Matt will be examined by Charlotte Presbytery so he can become a member of that Presbytery since he is "laboring within their bounds." Thanks be to God for Matt and the celebrations in his life at this stage of his journey.

## PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE

### Congratulations, Susan & Glenn Grigg!

The Griggs were honored last Sunday by New Hope Presbytery as they were recognized as Outstanding Older Adults. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual or couple from each congregation who exemplifies a "positive image of Christian discipleship and to celebrate their lifelong service." Thanks be to God for everything the Griggs have done for the Hudson community.



*Pastor Debbie, Glenn and Susan Grigg, and Deacon Carolyn Scott at the awards ceremony in Rocky Mount.*



# 2023 Fall Festival!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH | 4:00-6:00pm | HMPC Campus



The Annual Fall Festival is coming up! This is a fun-filled event shared between St. Mark's United Methodist Church and Hudson. This year we are hosting the event and the Welcoming Team is busy making plans! The Fall Festival includes Trunk or Treat, food, games, face painting, pumpkin painting, a cake walk, and more.

Feeling creative? Get your trunks cleared out and get ready to be a part of the Trunk or Treat experience! In addition to the creatively decorated cars, we will need donations of candy and treats to use during the event. These may be dropped off in the Karl Hudson Room.

However, the most important need is VOLUNTEERS to make the event safe and fun for the children of all ages that attend. If you are able to bake, set up activities, host a station, serve, or clean up, please sign up to help! Visit the [sign-up page](#) and see how you can help make this event a success. There is no age limit for volunteers.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Grace Hutchinson at [fghdukefan@aol.com](mailto:fghdukefan@aol.com)

**SIGN UP HERE!**

*The link can also be found on the homepage of [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org).*

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC

### A Note from Rich CHILDREN'S MUSIC

GREAT SINGING for World Communion!

The next couple of weeks we will be meeting after worship (10/8 and 10/15) to work on "Come Into God's Presence" which we will sing in worship on October 22nd for Children's Sabbath Sunday.

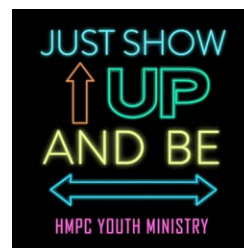
Hope to see you all there!

-Rich



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Looking Ahead in Youth Ministry



**NO YOUTH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
THIS WEEK!**

October 6-8 - Middle School Mission Trip to Charlotte

October 15 - High School Youth Group (5-7pm)

October 22 - Sabbath Sunday

October 25 - Chipotle Check-In

October 29 - Fall Festival

November 5 - Middle School Youth Group (5-7pm)

# THE GATHERING - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

## The Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Sunday, October 8: MEDITATION

Facilitated by Susan Bradshaw



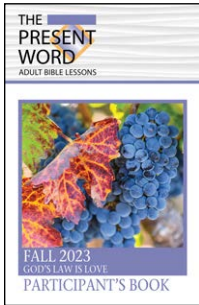
Join us in the Nine O'Clock Class for an activity that has been cherished as "a healing refuge of peace, beauty and hope in the midst of a chaotic world". This Sunday,

we will bathe in the theme of compassion as we meditate on the poetic words of Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, learn a line in the Aramaic Prayer, and listen and/or join in the healing chants of songleader, Robin O'Brien. This online workshop is led by Kaylee Asbro.

## Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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



This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic "God's Law is Love", a New Testament thematic study with scripture from Luke, John, Romans, Galatians, Acts, and 1 Corinthians.

**This week's theme is "Keeping the Law Inwardly"- Romans 2:1-29.**

No advance preparation required;

only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share with others.

## COMING UP...

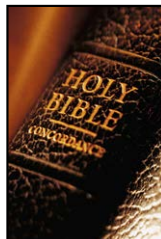
October 15 - The Law Reveals Sin

October 22 - Justified by Faith Not Laws

October 29 - The Superiority of the Gospel

November 5 - Freed to Become an Heir

November 12 - What is Required for Salvation?



## The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

Wraps up on Sunday, October 8

"Poetry in Scripture"

Facilitated by Roger Howard



The Seekers class will explore poetry in Old and New Testament scriptures. Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Lamentations are known as books of poetry.

Did you know that more than half of the Old Testament is poetry? And that the Old Testament makes up more than two-thirds of the Christian Bible? There even are poetic sections in the New Testament. The class will include selections from these and other Scriptures that may surprise you. Join us and learn something about Scripture!

## COMING UP...

October 15, 22, 29

**"How We Understand Prayer  
and Perhaps a Fresh Perspective"**

Facilitated by Rev. Jimmy Hulsey

Sometimes questions about prayer lurk in our minds. These are not only, *how do we pray*, but more, *why pray* or *what does prayer accomplish*? Though we continue to pray as we continue to breathe, addressing our questions may offer a clarifying perspective, even free our hearts and minds a bit.

For three Sundays in October, we will discuss perspectives on prayer. All are welcome. To get us going, I invite us to read in advance, Matthew 7: 7-12; Luke 11: 1-13 and Ephesians 3: 14-21.

Also, I am intrigued by this old definition of prayer, "keeping company with God." Let it simmer and then let's ask ourselves, "does that sound familiar to us or is it a bit different take on prayer?"





## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 10 | 6:30am | Patio



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person and on Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on 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. In the fall and winter months we do the study around a fire. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. This is facilitated by Pastor Mac Schafer and he sends out weekly reminders. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at [mschafer@hmpe.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpe.org).

## Women at the Well

FALL SEMESTER



Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have 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

Wednesdays at 9:15am

Weekly Women at the Well meets Wednesdays at 9:15-10:30 in the Chapel and offers a hybrid format. Our book selection is *Life in Five Senses* by Gretchen Rubin.

### The Monthly Group

Next meeting: October 19

The monthly group fall dates are October 19, November 16, and December 14 at 6:00pm at Vivo Ristorante. The monthly group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on various topics.

To join either group, contact Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmpe.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpe.org). Current participants will receive an email to confirm participation.

## MISSION - SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### October Tend My Sheep

BREAKFAST FOR NRM



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and sadly, not everyone is fortunate enough to regularly have access to it. Please consider bringing breakfast items to

donate to **North Raleigh Ministries**. They are looking for boxes of cereal, shelf sustainable milk, packaged oatmeal, jelly, fruit cups, and juice boxes. **Bring items to the church by October 29.** The Mission Committee thanks you for not only your offerings, but also your prayers and support. We are a hunger-centered congregation and strive to feed those who are in need.

### October Special Offering

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

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. This offering is used to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Peace") or give [online](#). To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word "Peace" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Peace) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.

## CALENDAR

# THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 8

9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200  
9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South  
9:30 am- Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North  
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary  
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School  
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North  
11:30 am - Children's Music - GH  
11:45 am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel

### Monday, October 9

OFFICE CLOSED

9:30 am - Preschool Training - WH  
6:30 pm - Grandparents of Children w/ Autism- WHS  
8:00 pm - How It Works (Al-Anon) - GH Rooms

### Tuesday, October 10

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Patio  
9:30 am - Staff meeting - Welcome Lounge  
11:00 am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle - WH North  
11:30 am - Hannah Circle - WH South  
5:30 pm - Foundation - WH South  
6:30 pm - Preschool Board - WH North  
6:30 pm - Youth Committee- Welcome Lounge  
7:00 pm - Adult Ed - Zoom  
7:30 pm - Miriam Circle - Off-site  
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Room 234

### Wednesday, October 11

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

### Thursday, October 12

5:30 pm - Worship Committee- KH Room  
7:00 pm - Mission Committee- WH South

### Friday, October 13

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

## HMPC OFFICE

# Contribution Statements FOR QUARTER 3



Contribution statements were sent out from the church office to our pledging families via email this week. If you did not receive yours, or if you have questions, please contact Lisa Flint-Morris, Accounting Coordinator, at [lfint-morris@hmpc.org](mailto:lfint-morris@hmpc.org).

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