

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



## BACK TO CHURCH POTLUCK & MINISTRY FAIR

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

You're invited to a **church family potluck** this Sunday in Westminster Hall! We'll have plenty of fried and baked chicken ready — just bring your appetite and, if you'd like, a favorite side dish or dessert to share. **Sign up** [HERE](#) or on the homepage of [hmpc.org](#)



While you're there, stop by nearby tables to learn more about the wonderful ministries at HMPC and how you can get involved. And don't forget to check out our **HMPC T-shirts for sale** — a fun way to show your church spirit! Lots of colors and styles. All are welcome, and we'd love to see you there.



## Recital this Sunday

Sunday, September 7 | 3:00 | Westminster Hall

Nancy Appleby Brenner, mezzo-soprano  
Tetyana Ryabchikova, piano



Come enjoy an afternoon of music with two of our favorite musicians! Nancy and Tetyana will share a delightful program filled with well-loved sacred and secular pieces, along with new works by Phil Hayden, Hudson's former Director of Music. This free concert promises to be a joyful celebration of music and community — we hope you'll join us!



SUNDAY  
PROGRAMS  
KICK OFF  
SEPTEMBER 14



Check out pages 4-7 to learn all about what's happening at HMPC this fall!

# MISSION

## September Tend My Sheep Offering: Note in the Pocket NEW AND GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S COATS & JACKETS



Note in the Pocket helps address clothing insecurity, which is a problem that often lacks adequate attention. By providing clothing we can give children what they need to feel comfortable and confident at school, allowing them to see themselves as valuable and capable of learning and success. **This month we are collecting new and gently used children's coats and jackets.** You may place donations in bins at the Sanctuary entrances.

## September Special Offering PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES



HMPC has been a long-time supporter of PCM and has had many former youth participate in its ministries and activities. Its mission is to proclaim and reflect the Good News of the Kingdom of God through ministry to, with, and for college-age students in the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

**Your support will help to provide much-needed nurturing to the young people in our care** by providing a safe and accepting environment for all students. In addition to Wednesday night meetings at West Raleigh Presbyterian, the Campus Minister and students organize various gatherings and outings throughout the year and attend retreats, spring break service trips, and the annual College Conference at Montreat.



You can place your donation in the offering plate, give online by scanning the QR code, or by visiting [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org). To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the letters "PCM" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 PCM)

## SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH!

North Carolina is experiencing its worst hunger crisis in nearly 20 years, with food insecurity at an all-time high. **Over 607,000 people in the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina's 34-county service area are now food insecure**, an increase of almost 47,000 from the previous year. Their primary concern is the federal cuts for food assistance programs. The federal budget for our local food bank (FBCENC) has dropped drastically. They have been forced to layoff employees to keep food available for those in our community who need it.

Marco Rodriguez, Director of Volunteer Engagement, explained that **volunteers are crucial** for warehouse operations to ensure timely food distribution. Without sufficient volunteer hours, food cannot reach those in need efficiently.

Recent federal budget legislation is poised to deliver a significant blow to food assistance programs in North Carolina, potentially leaving **over a million residents facing increased food insecurity**, including a large number of children and seniors.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Look at the full Hunger Action Month Calendar [HERE!](#)
- Make a financial contribution to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC. Donate [HERE](#)
- Volunteer at the Food Bank. [Learn more HERE](#)



**Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is a recognized Hunger Action Congregation within the PCUSA. We have made a commitment to work to alleviate hunger throughout the world.**

# TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY



## There Are 10 Days Left to Submit Your CAT Survey!

This survey, customized for our church, is the best way for individuals to voice their views on the church's current health and future priorities. A lot of your fellow members have already submitted their CATs. Make sure your voice is heard! The link to the survey is in the emails you received on Aug. 24 and 31. It will be sent out one more time on Sept. 7. If you have difficulty finding the link or if you need assistance filling out the survey, please contact the Mission Study Team at [mst@hmpc.org](mailto:mst@hmpc.org) or call the church office.

### More Tidbits From Community Interviews

Below are quotes from interviews the Mission Study Team members conducted with leaders of local non-profits and other organizations.

#### On what looks exciting about the next five years in our community:

*"The North Hills area has pulled in so many younger professionals looking for connection. The potential for community and faith development/organizing is huge."*

*"Partnerships and connections, community building."*

*"We are inspired by the growth, resilience, and potential of our community."*

### Congregational Zoom meeting SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 5:00pm

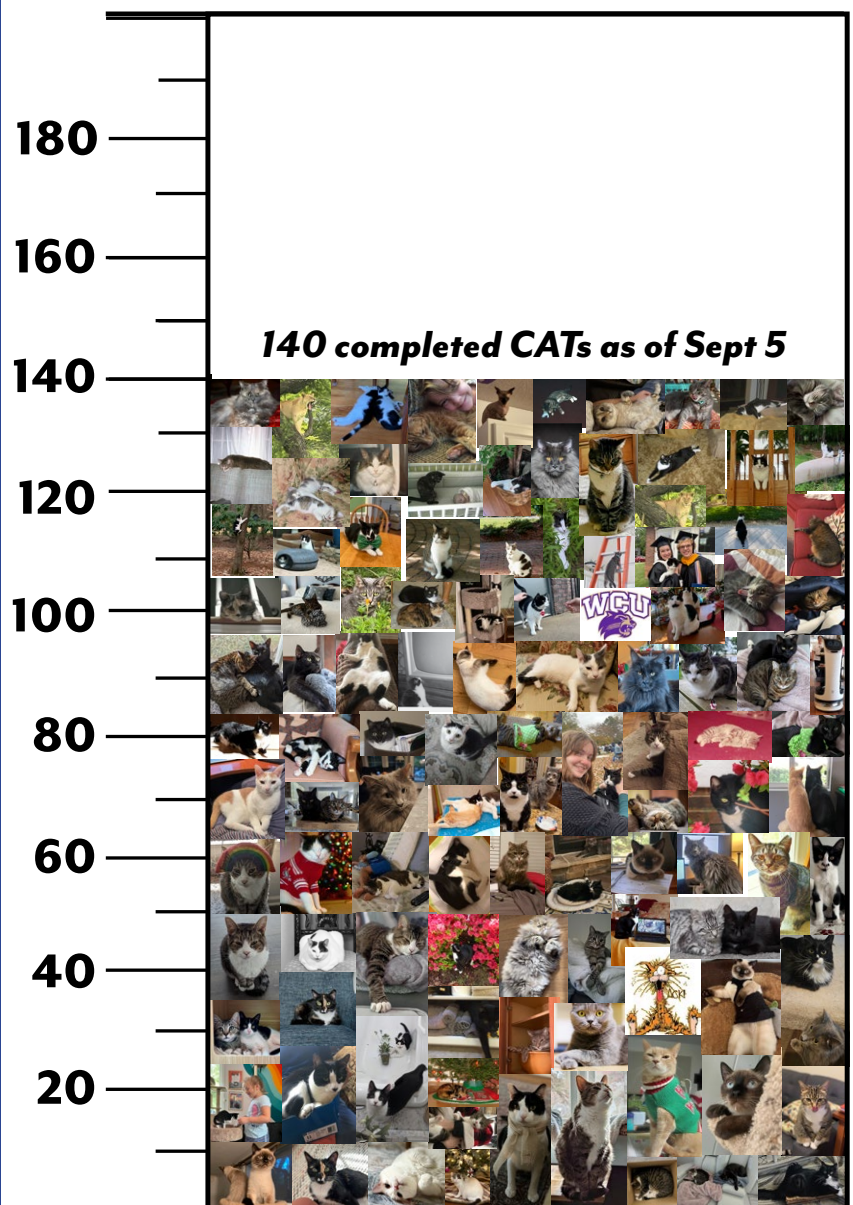


Please plan to join the Mission Study Team & Pastor Marguerite on Zoom to learn the results of the MST's study on the demographic characteristics of

our area and the views of community leaders, as well as Hudson's history and finances. These factors will help our congregation plan our vision, goals and objectives going forward.

### CAT-O-METER

Tracking how many CATs have been submitted so far...





# THIS FALL AT HUDSON

## Fall Special Events

### Presbyterians & Executive Power: Lessons from Scotland

**Sunday, October 12 | 11:30am | WH North**

"Executive Power" is very much in the news these days. Presbyterians, and indeed all people, have a long history of wrestling with how much power to invest in individual rulers versus elected representatives - not just in government, but in the church as well! Join Marguerite and Mark when they share what they learned in tracing Marguerite's maternal and paternal ancestors from Glasgow/Northern Ireland and the Isle of Arran, Scotland. What possessed them to leave their native land in 1718 and 1774? What political, economic, and material realities influenced their decision? Why did their descendants dedicate their lives to the American Revolution and the American experiment? The answers link us surprisingly to today's headlines.



## Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 26 | 3:00-5:00pm**

Get ready for a fun afternoon of trunk or treat, games, crafts, and snacks! It will be hosted at HMPC this year.



## Youth Ministry

### Youth Arts Worship September 14 at 10:30am

On Sunday morning, September 14th, our Minister of Visitation, Rev. Aleta Ash will be preaching and the HMPC Youth will hold creative arts leadership roles. This is the third Youth Arts Led Worship out of four this year. The next one will be the first Sunday of Advent. Come out and support our youth as they share their gifts of leadership.



### Youth & Parents Welcomed for Kick-off 5:00pm on Sunday, September 14



We are READY for the kick-off of the 2025-2026 Youth Ministry season! Everyone from 5th to 12th grade students are welcome to come out ALONG WITH their parents. We will eat pizza & salad, laugh, play, learn, and meet our adult advisors! No reservations needed.

## September Worship

### Sermon Series: Spiritual Intelligence

We'll start off **National Back to Church Sunday on September 7th** with a short sermon series on "Spiritual Intelligence". Artificial Intelligence is dominating the classroom, boardroom, the electric grid, and Wall Street now more than ever. What does the Bible say to help us navigate the AI landscape? Marguerite will preach on this topic 9/7 and 9/21.

Aleta Ash will be preaching 9/14 while Marguerite and Mark attend their youngest daughter's wedding. We are grateful for Aleta's gifts and know the congregation will be blessed!

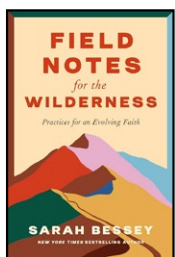
# THIS FALL AT HUDSON

## Weekday Faith Formation

### Women at the Well

#### WEEKLY GROUP

**Wednesdays at 9:15am, Starting Sept. 10**



The weekly group meets Wednesday morning from 9:15-10:30am (from September 10-December 10) and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. This group uses a hybrid format with women meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom. Using the book *Field Notes for the Wilderness, Practices for an Evolving Faith* by Sarah Bessey, we will explore how all of us are on journeys of faith and the practices which help guide us individually and in the community of the Women at the Well, with compassion

and grace. The cost of the book is \$17.00 payable by check with "Women at the Well book" in the memo or by using this link. Email Judie Greenawalt at [jkgreenawalt@bellsouth.net](mailto:jkgreenawalt@bellsouth.net) with questions or to be included in the group. We would love to have you join us!

#### MONTHLY GROUP

**Begins Thursday, September 25**

The monthly group meets over dinner at a local restaurant at 6:00pm on the third or fourth Thursday of each month (see list of planned gatherings below). 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](mailto:linda.meeks@gmail.com), or Kay Emanuel at [ckemanuel@gmail.com](mailto:ckemanuel@gmail.com).

**September 25:** Casa Carbonne Ristorante, 6019 Glenwood Ave A, Raleigh

**October 23:** Relish Craft Kitchen & Bourbon Bar, Creedmoor Crossings, 5625 Creedmoor Rd

**November 20:** Winston's Grill, Sutton Square, 6401 Falls of Neuse Rd, Raleigh, NC

*Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss how intersection of culture and faith informs our own spiritual journeys.*

### Presbyterian Pint

Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org) to be added to the distribution list.



#### FALL DATES:

**September 25 - 7:00pm**

**October 23 - 7:00pm**

**November & December TBA**

## Waking Up With The Word

**Men's Bible Study Every Tuesday at 6:30am**

**Meeting Location Alternates Weekly on Zoom & In-person on the Westminster Hall 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](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org). Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6:30am - WH Patio**

**Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30am - Zoom**

**Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30am - WH Patio**



# THIS FALL AT HUDSON



## Music Ministry

### CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals Wednesdays - 7:30-9:00pm

*Musical Leadership in the Sunday 10:30 Worship Service & special services throughout the year.*

The Chancel Choir is Hudson's vibrant, active adult choir. Our goal is to glorify God through music in worship and to offer a small group experience where joys and concerns are shared. Hudson's Men's and Women's Choruses are part of the fun. New singers always welcome!

### HUDSON HANDBELLS

Rehearsals - Wednesdays 6:15-7:15pm | WH South  
(for intermediate to advanced ringers)

### YOUTH MUSIC

Youth Handbells  
(5th-12th grade)

Sundays in WH South  
11:45am-12:15pm  
Begins September 14

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Joyful Noise  
(3 year olds - 4th grade)

Sundays in Geneva Hall  
11:30am-12:15pm  
Begins September 14

If you play an instrument, have any questions, or want to help in the music area, please reach out to Barbara Lochr-Fox.



*While your kids are in music...*

## Coffee & Conversation: A Time for Young-ish Adults

Following Worship - Resumes Sept. 14



Coffee & Conversation is a group that meets most Sundays following worship at 11:45 in the Chapel while children & youth music is happening. It's a great group of young-ish adults who talk about life, faith and culture in a laid-back

setting. The group meets for a half hour. Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge or a snack in Westminster Hall and stop in. No preparation or homework! This group will start again on Sunday, September 14. If you have questions please reach out to Cary Dickerson.

## Adult Ed on Sundays

### Presbyterian Ponderings

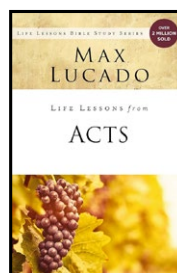
9:30am Sundays | WH North

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

Begins September 14

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

After Jesus' amazing ministry, the disciples were unprepared for what came next. Did he leave them any instructions? How did they choose their new leaders? Who would be in charge of performing miracles? Anybody up for a road trip?



This fall, the Presbyterian Ponderings class will study 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, team-led, with no advance reading or other prerequisites. Drop in and ponder with us!

## The Seekers

9:30am Sundays | WH South

"Women in Religion"

Facilitated by Ron Ash

3 Part Series - Begins September 14

Women have, for centuries, been relegated to second place in many societies and religions. This treatment of women has been due, in large part, to patriarchal interpretations of sacred texts, e.g. the Bible, the Quran, etc. This series will delve into the role of women in Christianity and other mainstream religions. Women who were revered in the founding of certain religious traditions will be discussed.



# THIS FALL AT HUDSON

## Mission Events

### OFFERING OF LETTERS

September 28th after worship

Westminster Hall

More details in next week's issue!



### RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

Sunday, October 5 - 4:00-6:00pm

RAH Warehouse



## SINGLE WAY



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!

**Dates we are meeting this fall:**

**October 7, November 4, December 2**

## Fellowship Groups

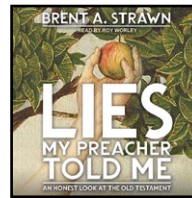
### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



There is an excellent opportunity for women at Hudson to experience connection, fellowship, and study. Presbyterian Women at Hudson currently has 3 small group opportunities. Our circles are named after women of faith and meet on the **second Tuesday of each month, September - May.** The **Elizabeth/Esther Circle** meets at

**11:00am** in the Chapel. We will be studying the Presbyterian Women selected study for this year which is *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rashell D. Hunter. The Circle leader is Grace Hutchinson [fghtukefan@aol.com](mailto:fghtukefan@aol.com).

The **Hannah Circle** meets at **11:30am** in Room 200. This group will be reading and discussing the book *How did I get to be 70 when I feel 35 inside: Spiritual Surprises of Later Life* by Linda Douty. The Circle Leader is Jill Hovis, [hovisj@mindspring.com](mailto:hovisj@mindspring.com).



The **Miriam Circle** meets at **7:00pm** in the homes of circle members and will be reading and discussing the book *Lies My Preacher Told Me - An Honest Look at the Old Testament* by Brent A. Strawn, a professor at Duke Divinity School. The Circle Leader is

Heather Monroe [hmonroe@nc.rr.com](mailto:hmonroe@nc.rr.com).

If you are interested in joining a group, **our first meetings will be on September 9th.** If you are interested in starting a group, contact Grace Hutchinson. The opportunity to nurture and be nurtured in your faith awaits.

## AMAZING GRAYS

Amazing Grays is a group for seniors who attend Hudson Memorial and who are 55 or older. The purpose of the group is to get together for fun, food and fellowship. Lunches are typically scheduled the third Thursday each month at some of the group's favorite restaurants. New people always welcome! Contact Mike Law or Sandy Cole if you are interested in attending.

**Lunches this fall at 11:30 on:**

**September 18 at Carrabba's (on Capital Blvd)**

**Also meeting: October 14, November 20**

# CALENDAR

## September Mission, Fellowship, & Faith Formation Dates

### Tuesday, September 9

6:30am - Waking up with the Word - WH Patio

#### *PW Circles begin!*

Elizabeth/Esther Circle - 11:00am, Chapel

Hannah Circle - 11:30am, Rm 200

Miriam Circle - 7:00pm, off-site

### Wednesday, September 10

Women at the Well begins - 9:15am in the Chapel

### Sunday, September 14

Youth Arts-led Sunday - 10:30 Worship | Rev. Aleta Ash preaching

#### *Fall programs kick off...*

9:30am - The Gathering Adult Sunday School Classes

11:30am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall

11:45am - Youth Music - WH South

11:45am - Coffee & Conversation for Young-ish Adults

5:00pm - Youth Group Kick-off - Westminster Hall

### Tuesday, September 16

6:30am - Waking up with the Word - Zoom

### Wednesday, September 17

Women at the Well - 9:15am in the Chapel

### Thursday, September 18

Amazing Grays - 11:30am - Carrabba's - 4821 Capital Blvd.

### Sunday, September 21

Congregational Zoom Presentation of MST research - 5:00pm

### Tuesday, September 23

6:30am - Waking up with the Word - WH Patio

### Wednesday, September 24

Women at the Well - 9:15am in the Chapel

### Thursday, September 25

Women at the Well Evening/Monthly Group - 6:00pm - Casa Carbonne

Presbyterian Pint - 7:00pm - Manchester's Grill

### Sunday, September 28

Offering of Letters - Mission event following worship

### Tuesday, September 30

6:30am - Waking up with the Word - Zoom

## This Week at HMPC

### Sunday, September 7

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva

11:30 am - Back to Church Lunch- Westminster Hall

3:00 pm - Music Recital - Westminster Hall

### Monday, September 8

6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom

7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

### Tuesday, September 9

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - WMH Patio

11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther Circle - Chapel

11:30 pm - Hannah Circle - Rm 200

6:00 pm - ACA - Rm 200

6:45 pm - Preschool Board - Westminster South

7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off Campus

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom

### Wednesday, September 10

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom

10:45 am - POPS Meeting - Westminster Hall

6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - Westminster South

6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster North

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 11

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

6:00 pm - Mission Committee - Westminster South

