

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

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

New Pulpit to Be Dedicated this Sunday



On Sunday, May 14th, a new pulpit in Hudson's Sanctuary will be dedicated. This project was completed by the Property Committee under the leadership of Mary Schindo. It was funded with memorial gifts in conjunction with the Foundation Board. This Sunday, Pastor Mac will focus his sermon on the history of pulpits and preaching within Judeo-Christian tradition and why Hudson purchased a pulpit at this time.

MISSION

HMPC Volunteers at the Interfaith Build

Last Saturday, Beth Billman, Nancy Eyre, Leigh Magee, Chip Magee, and John Oldenburg represented HMPC on our build day with the Interfaith Coalition. Lizzie Graybill and Debbie Kirk delivered lunch to everyone on behalf of the Mission Committee. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed good fellowship while making progress on our house! The first homes being constructed in the Old Poole Place neighborhood are coming along!



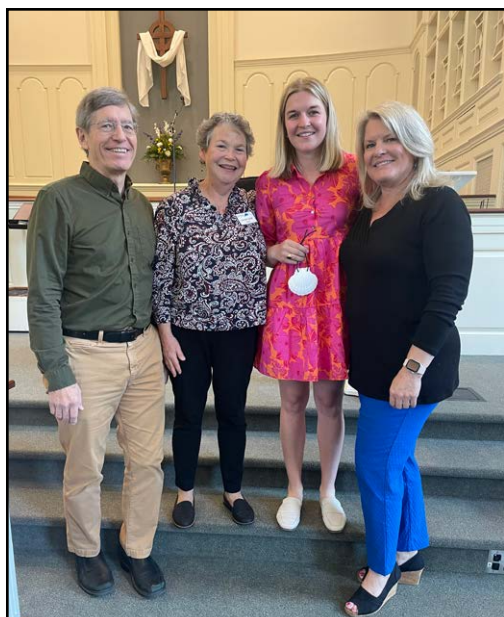
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Shell Ceremony & Blessing of Pilgrimage

On Sunday, May 7th, John Whisler and Carolyn Scott led a Shell Ceremony and Pilgrimage Blessing for HMPC member Charlotte Burch (daughter of Dottie Burch) who is walking the Camino de Santiago, an ancient Christian pilgrims' path from St. Jean Pied de Port, France to Santiago, Spain. Please pray for Charlotte while she is on her journey.



CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations Becca & Frank Malafronte on the Baptism of their child on May 7, 2023



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the generous and kind recognition of Honorary Life Membership from the Presbyterian Women. Wow!

We are grateful for everyone at Hudson, all those who came before us, and the opportunity to know, love and worship with each other.

With love and appreciation,

Susan and Tripp



Happy Birthday, Olene!



Hudson's amazing office volunteer Olene Franks celebrated her 95th birthday last week. A group of office volunteers and staff members were there to celebrate her special day. (Fun fact about Olene: Every week she collates all the Sunday bulletins!)



New Seating Area On Chapel Patio

The Memorial Garden Committee continues their work in making the garden a welcoming place. This week a group of volunteers organized by Mike Law set up two tables with seating on the Chapel Patio. As you can see in the photo below, it was used for the first time by the 2026 Class of Elders for one of their Elder Training Sessions. Special thanks to the Memorial Garden Board for their continued care and improvement of this space.



MISSION

May Special Offering Shelter Ministries



Our Special Offering for May is for Shelter Ministries and your donations this year will go to Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build. Without additional sources of funding for the Interfaith Build, we rely on Special Offerings to support our

primary mission partners, of which Habitat is one, as well as other outreach ministries. The committee has committed \$6,500 as our portion of the Interfaith Build and we are confident that the congregation can make this happen.

You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate, or by online giving specifically to Shelter Ministries through the church's website by visiting hmpe.org. You can text the donation amount with the word "Shelter" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Shelter) You can also mail a check with "Shelter Ministries" in the memo line to the church office: 4921 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, 27609.

May Tend My Sheep Green Chair Project

This month's Tend My Sheep offering benefits The Green Chair Project, a nonprofit organization that reuses donated furnishings for people facing the challenges of homelessness, crisis, or disaster. The Green Chair Project has partnered with other nonprofit agencies to provide essential furnishings and services to families and individuals who are moving from temporary to stable housing. Through the generosity of community partners and businesses, one thing they do is provide every child in Wake County a bed with the Sweeter Dreams Program, because over 6,000 children would sleep on the floor otherwise. Our Tend My Sheep Offering will help to outfit these beds with:

- NEW twin-size gender-neutral sheet sets
- NEW twin-size gender neutral comforters
- NEW pillows

All bedding must be new and in its original packaging and can be placed in the TMS bins at the sanctuary doors and in the narthex. To find out more about this wonderful organization check out thegreenchair.org



THE
GREEN CHAIR
PROJECT

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Friday

JUNE 2 - 5:30PM

JOIN US AT

CAFE CAPISTRANO

(Low-key eatery serving California-style Mexican fare)

and

ALTERED STATE BREWERY

(side by side venues)

FOR OUTDOOR SEATING AND FELLOWSHIP!

**This is a family-friendly gathering
and dogs are welcome too!**

8471 Garvey Dr Unit 113 (off of Durant Road)

(Food and drink available for purchase)



FAITH FORMATION

Women at the Well



Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to participate, and the spring is a great time to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and explore different content.

The weekly group meets Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. The book selection for the current semester is *Hope: A User's Manual*. **Our final meeting of spring will be May 17.**

The monthly group meets on the third or fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest over dinner at a local restaurant. **Our next and final meeting of spring will be May 25.**

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. For more information or to participate in either group contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpe.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Call For All Potential Confirmation Mentors

Do you feel called to serve in a different way than you have previously at Hudson?

Do you have a desire to help young people learn about the church and what it's like to become a disciple of Jesus Christ?

As the summer rolls in, the Confirmation Ministry Team is asking you to consider being a Confirmation Mentor for the 2023-2024 year. Being a Confirmation Mentor does not take a ton of time, but it does take intention,

consistency and a willingness to be yourself. If you are interested, please contact [Rich Richards](#), Director of Youth Ministry.



Youth News This Sunday, May 7

Morning

Youth Sunday School ON BREAK Until Sept. 10

No Youth Bells due to Mothers' Day.

Afternoon

We are on Summer Break for Youth Group. Please check the website this summer for details regarding September 10 Kick-Off times and activities.
(Fall calendar will be listed in June)

Looking Ahead

**HS Graduation Sunday
June 4, 2023 in worship**

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held at **1:00pm on Sunday, May 21**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP here if you would like to attend an Inquirers' Class](#). Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



GRADUATIONS

College Graduations

If you are or have a member of your family who is graduating from college this spring, please send the below information to [Lesley Ash-Jacobsen](#).

Let us know the...

- Name
- Degree
- Institution
- Honors
- Anything else you think might be helpful.



These will be published in the Weekly Window towards the beginning of June.

MISSION

Avery County Mission Trip

Join our group as we travel to Banner Elk, NC to help build homes for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The trip will run from **July 23-28**, but folks are welcome to join for a day or partial week. There are comfortable accommodations, delicious meals, and beautiful surroundings!

Please consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains! No specific skills are necessary; the

inexperienced will receive instruction and learn by participation. Teens and friends are welcome too!

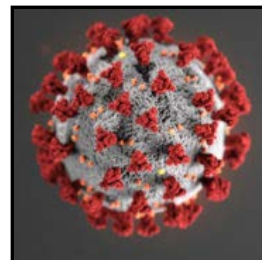


If you desire more detailed information, please contact John Oldenburg, 901-210-3701, oldygolden@aol.com



SESSION

COVID 19 Policy Ended



As of Thursday, May 11th, the Hudson COVID-19 Policies requiring vaccination for staff and for volunteers working with children and youth have ended. At the April meeting of Session, the elders approved this, to align with the Federal Public Health Emergency ending.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS Volunteers Needed!

VBS registration is higher than ever! We filled all available slots before 11:00am on the first day it was open to the public (and have a long waitlist). **Now we need volunteers to enjoy this week with our children!** We need volunteers for Recreation, in the Nursery, and especially to work directly with the children and lead them from activity to activity. Please [sign up here](#) to help for even a portion of the week if you are able.



If you have not yet signed up your child, please **add them to our waitlist**. We hope to be able to accommodate as many children as we can once our volunteers are in place.

THE NINE O'CLOCK CLASS WILL RESUME IN THE FALL!

PRESBYTERIAN PONDERINGS

9:30am Sunday | WH North

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

Keeping with our recent theme of Presbyterian perspectives, we will finish out the spring discussing a variety of social issues and the positions that the PCUSA has taken on those issues. We hope you will join us with your own thoughts and perspectives.

Upcoming conversations :

5/14 - Healthcare

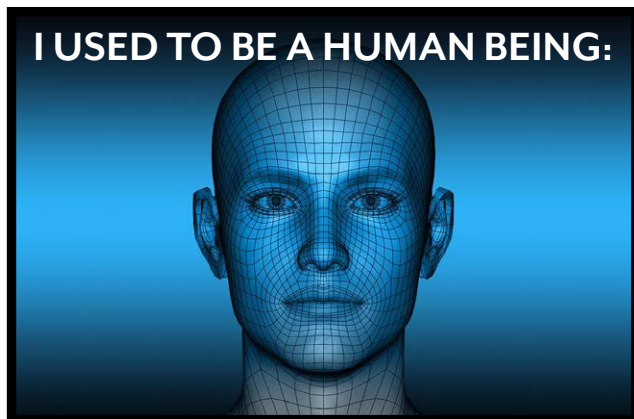
5/21 - Gender and Sexuality



THE SEEKERS

9:30am Sunday | WH South
May 14 and 21

Facilitated by Roger Howard & Laura McHenry



A DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW TECHNOLOGY IMPACTS OUR LIVES AND OUR FAITH



Note: Your personal cell phone is your class admission ticket. Cell phone must be on and in working order.

Seeing the Word

Monday, May 15 | Noon | Chapel



This is a monthly small group that comes together for lunch, Bible study, and discussion on the third Monday of every month. This group uses the *St. John's Illuminated Bible* to discuss a scripture text with a visual image. This week we will be looking at 1st Corinthians 13. All are welcome!

Contact [Pastor Mac](#) for questions.

The Saint John's Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine abbey since the invention of the printing press. The Saint John's Bible is divided into seven volumes and is two feet tall by three feet wide when open. The Bible is made of vellum, with 160 illuminations.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, May 16 | 6:30am | Zoom



All men are invited to join this group 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.](#)

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AMAZING GRAYS

Amazing Grays

May 18 | 11:30am | Poppyseed Markert



Our monthly Lunch-Out Event for Amazing Grays will be at Poppyseed Market at 11:30 on Thursday, May 18. Please call, text or email Sandy Cole or Mike Law if you plan to attend--We need to get an accurate count of attendees. See you soon!

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 14

9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South

9:30 am - Ponderings - WH North

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North

Monday, May 15

9:45 am - Preschool Chapel

12:00 pm - Seeing the Word - Chapel

6:00 pm - Diaconate Dinner Meeting - WH North

6:30 pm - Youth Committee - Room 200

7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on Camino - WH South

7:00 pm - Finance Committee- Zoom

8:00 pm - How It Works (Al-Anon) - GH Rooms

Tuesday, May 16

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom

9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

9:45 am - Sewing Guild Association - WH South

10:30 am - Esther Circle - Chapel

7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom

7:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - GH

Wednesday, May 17

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel

6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 18

11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Poppyseed Market

Friday, May 19

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, May 20

10:00 am - Music Sunday Rehearsal - Sanctuary
(times vary for each group)

Time & Talent

Sharing Your Gifts with the HMPC Community

We understand life is busy, but we are a better church when we share our gifts.

What are you interested in getting involved with?

Where can you help support and enrich our community?

Please circle areas of interest and places where you can share your time and talent. No need to circle areas where you are already active.

Arts Camp	Greeter	Property Maintenance
Adult Education	Handy Work	Soundboard
Children's Events	Human Resources	Teaching
Children's Message	Liturgist	Technology
Children's Sunday School	Live-streaming	Usher
Communion Prep	Men's Groups	Vacation Bible School
Confirmation Mentor	Mission Activities	Van Driver
Elder Care	Music	Women's Groups
Fellowship Events	Nursery	Worship Preparation
Finance	Office Volunteer	Writing/Proofreading
Food preparation	Photography	Youth Leadership
Gardening	Preschool	Youth Sunday School

Other: _____

I am interested in the following Board/Committee/Guild/Ministry: _____

Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Please tear off the filled-out form and give to the church office.

You may email responses as well - info@hmpc.org