



the weekly Window

July 16, 2021

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

Worship & The Arts

Welcome Aleta Ash to the Pulpit

On Sunday, July 18th, we welcome to Hudson's pulpit the Reverend Aleta Ash.

Aleta is Hudson's Minister of Visitation and is an active member of the Presbytery of New Hope. Aleta is married to Ron, who is a Deacon at HMPC. Most Sundays, Aleta can be found in the Hudson choir loft singing next to her daughter, Lesley Ash Jacobsen, who recently became a member of the church.



Live-Streaming Sunday Worship

For those unable to attend worship in person, we will be live streaming the services. Please know that the live streams will also be recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel, as well as the church website.

[Click here to live-stream this Sunday's 10:30 am service.](#)

Sound Technicians Needed - We are in great need of people to help run our sound system and stream our service. All that is required are good ears and a willingness to learn. If interested, contact Pepper or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, Brian Hnat, Libby Hnat, Barton Meeks, plus new streamers, Sarah Bedini, Erik Jacobsen, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono.

Personnel

Celebrating Frank Boyd!

August 1st - Immediately Following Worship

The congregation is invited to celebrate Frank Boyd's retirement after almost 8 years as Hudson's Youth Director and his over 40 year Youth Ministry career. A short fun, surprise-filled live program of appreciation will be followed by a time of fellowship.



Nursery is Open on Sundays!



Our nursery is open during worship. Your children from birth to 3 years old will be safely taken care of by our compassionate, trained, and responsible childcare workers.

[Contact Rachael McConnell if you have any questions.](#)

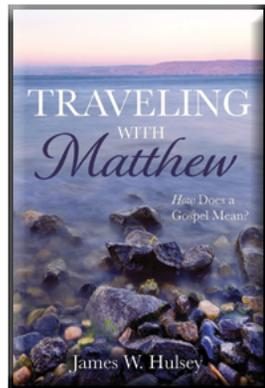
Traveling with Matthew



Last year some of you attended the class Jimmy Hulsey taught on the Gospel of Matthew. Recently Reverend Hulsey's book *Traveling With Matthew:*

How Does a Gospel Mean? was published. The book pursues the question, 'What did Matthew the gospel writer want to say about Jesus to Jesus' followers fifty years after his death and resurrection?' They were living in a time of chaos and cultural shift. By bringing an

old story of God with Israel forward and centering it around Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew offers a great story for communities of believers who have lost their north star. If we receive Matthew as a message for our own time of chaos and cultural shift, how does the story of God with Us speak once again and give shape to our identity in both church and society? Unstoried, we lose our way home. Matthew addresses the urgency of the hour and gives us renewed purpose for our days.'



If any have interest in reading more, *Traveling With Matthew* can be purchased at Quail Ridge Books and on Amazon. Congrats to Hudson's own Jimmy Hulsey on the publication of this book.

Waking Up with the Word



July 20 - 6:30 am

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am via Zoom The group studies the scripture text that will be preached on the following Sunday. No previous Bible study experience is needed. The group centers their study around three questions - 1. What is a word or phrase that stands out to you in the text? 2. Allow that word or phrase to prompt a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. 3. What is Christ calling you to through the scripture text? [Contact Don Slater for more information.](#)

Evening Women at the Well

The evening version of Women at the Well will meet on Thursday, July 22nd at 6 pm at La Rancherita. Women of all ages and stages enjoy great fellowship along with lively conversations about current topics of interest informed by a variety of podcasts and other resources. Participants will receive the topic, resources prior to the meeting. All are welcome to join anytime! [Contact Debbie Kirk for the podcast info or questions.](#)



Seeing the Word

Seeing the Word will return on August 16th.

Welcoming

In the spring of 2019, long before pre-You-Know-What, they made me stand up during worship and announce that the entire adult membership of the congregation would be getting name badges that were larger, more durable, more easily read and also did not poke holes or make alligator clip teeth marks in dainty silk blouses.

Then came the pandemic and all you folks who "came to church" in your PJs and slippers quit wearing your name badges thinking no one would know. Well Presbyterians, we're always telling our children that they are never alone so think about it . . . yep, you know who is always watching. And no, it's not Santa Claus.

But that's history. Here we are again, gathering, singing, praying, worshipping — moving from getting here to being

here — and all things are new. If you haven't been wearing your name badge it's time to look in your sock drawer or in the glovebox of your car or purse and attach it to the upper right chest of your shirt, vest, jacket or dainty silk blouse so it can be more easily seen.



If your sock drawer has only socks and the glovebox has only your auto registration and your purse has "everything else but," please call or email Pat Cash (pcash@hmpc.org) to receive a new name badge. New badges are ordered on the first Monday of the month and usually arrive in 10 days or so. How 'bout it folks . . . do you promise to wear your name badges next

week? Someone is watching!

Roger Howard

Children's Ministry

2021 VBS

August 9-13 9 am to Noon

Volunteers Needed

This year we are beyond excited to bring back our week-long VBS program August 9th-13th!

Our passenger cars are filling up and we need conductors



and engineers to keep us going. Okay, enough with the train metaphors! If you have been looking for a

chance to bring the good news of Jesus, have fun, and hang out with some awesome children, please consider volunteering to serve as a crew leader, rotation leader (Bible Stories, Science, Recreation!) nursery caregiver, or decor specialist.

Our days will be from 9 am-12 Noon Monday-Friday.

Beat the heat as we will be inside since the church is now open safely! Our current policy will be masks required for volunteers and children over the age of 5.

We do not want to turn any child away if we do not have to and our volunteers help us bring the Gospel and the fun to all [Sign up here](#) and if you have any questions, [contact Rachael McConnell](#).

Prep Session

Vacation Bible School week is almost here! We will have 65 children learning that they can power through life with Jesus.

Sunday, July 25th, following worship, we have a prep session for anyone willing to help us get things ready for our Rocky Railway experience. These will be tasks anyone can do that include painting, gluing, and organizing for the week. Any time that you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

We will have snacks and drinks and much of the activity will take place in rooms within the church as well as outside.

We are so very excited to have this opportunity for our children to safely experience the faith, fun, and fellowship of Vacation Bible School. We are still in need of volunteers for the week of August 9-13th. Please consider how you can support us in this effort and plan now to help out on July 25th. Hope to see you then!

Personnel

Interim Youth Director to Begin August 2nd



The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Rich Richards will be the new Interim Director of Youth Ministries at Hudson beginning in August. Rich is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Ohio and has degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and Hochschule für Musik in Munich, Germany. He has served as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at the Presbyterian Church

of Lawrenceville in N.J. and was Director of Music and Assistant Director for Youth and their Families at Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church in NC. Rich's faith journey has been deeply impacted by Montreat, where he has helped write curriculum for their small group leader manual and be a music director for their youth conferences. Rich is a creative and out of the box thinker with skills in relationship building. He will be a tremendous help during this time of transition.

Session Policy & The Pandemic

As we continue to go through the pandemic we want to remind the congregation of the following policies set by the Session.

Masks are:

- to be worn in the sanctuary for worship, weddings and memorial services.
- to be worn when walking the hallways of the church while Hudson Memorial Preschool is in session (M-F 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- no longer required for group meetings in rooms at the church for those **who have been fully vaccinated**.
- not required for any church gathering/meeting outdoors.
- to be worn when working with children under the age of 12 indoors.

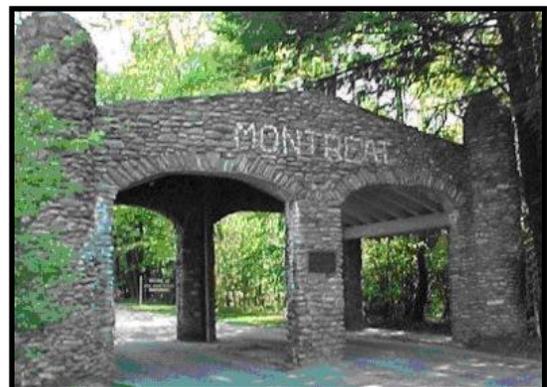
Westminster Hall Renovations

Below are pictures of the Westminster Hall Renovations - looking forward to gathering as a community in our updated fellowship hall.



Youth Programs

- **Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)** – A wonderful group of 19 participants will be at the Montreat Youth Conference this week exploring the theme “Called to Connect.” Special thanks to Beth Billman, Scott Billman, and Nancy Eyre for chaperoning. Please keep our group in your prayers for this very special week.
- **Rising Fifth Grade Youth and Parent E-mail Information Needed** – The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class (for grades 5-7) and the Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8) are excited about the rising fifth grade youth that will be moving into the church’s youth program this fall. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please e-mail the following information to hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com: the youth’s name, school, and e-mail address, and parent’s name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.
- **2021 – 2022 Confirmation Class - Current 7th Graders and Older** – It’s time to start thinking about Confirmation for the 2021-22 Program Year. Please respond to the letter or email that was sent to all potential confirmands recently regarding registration for the confirmation class starting in late August/Early September. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Frank Boyd at hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com.
- **VBS Youth Volunteers Needed** - Are you ready to serve during the most fun week of the summer?! Join us for VBS this year, we need you! Serving during VBS is a great, fun, and air-conditioned way to gain volunteer hours. This year we are doing something new as well: Have you always wanted to be a character at Disney World? Want some practice before high school/college mascot tryouts? Do people often say “You’re quite a character!” Become one of the most beloved parts of VBS by volunteering to be one of the Bible Buddies come alive! Check out the description on the volunteer sign up or e-mail Rachael McConnell (rmcconnell@hmpc.org) or text her (512-966-0384) for more info! Sign up here: vbspro.events/p/hmpcvbs2021



Missions

July Special Offering

Care of Candidates

During July, we are receiving a special offering to support candidates to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Money raised for the Care of Candidates Special Offering can be used to provide assistance to members who are pursuing a seminary education. Your generous contributions will enable the church to continue providing this support. You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it to the church, [donate online](#), or text to give.

Here is how to text to give: Text amount to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 candidates).

July Tend My Sheep

This year, we are going local with our school supply drive!

Green Magnet Elementary is our neighbor just a couple blocks north of Hudson. Green is a Title I school, which means the school receives federal funds due to at least 40% of their students are considered low-income. They appreciate us reaching out with an offer of help.



The school's social worker identified these items as most needed: Backpacks (24 needed), crayons (12 or 24 packs), glue sticks, wide-ruled composition books, #2 pencils, blue or black pens, round-tipped scissors, and rulers.

The backpacks are a more expensive item that many families have a harder time affording, especially if they have multiple kids. Donations will be collected on Saturday, July 24th from 11 am – 1 pm and at the service on Sunday, July 25th.

From the HMPC Staff

Staff Email Addresses

When you receive an email from one of Hudson's staff members, please verify that the email address is their first initial then last name @hmpc.org - examples - mschafer@hmpc.org, dkirk@hmpc.org.

There have been some spam emails being sent, making them look like they are coming from the church. In those cases, the "from" email address is not correct. If you receive those, please do not respond or click on any links.

Online Community

Stay in community with us. We can be found online at:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)



Follow us and like us!

Staff Directory

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Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



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Online at HMPC.ORG



Text to Give to
888-906-0744



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Deacon Ministry

Prayers for Households



Prayer is foundational to the ministry of the Deacons and we consider it a privilege to pray with and for our church family. The Deacons are praying for 7 member households each week,

with the goal of praying for each and every member of our congregation. These households are listed below so the congregation can join in praying for them as well. Each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. If you have a specific request for prayer, you can submit a prayer request at HMPC.org or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line. Hope Parangi is the Deacon on Call for July. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Kathy Sharpe*
- *Margaret & Ron Sharpe*
- *Susan Sheahan*
- *Janis & Cecil Shearon*
- *Peg Simone*
- *Chris & Paul Simson*
- *Nancy Sinicki*

Calendar

Sunday, July 18

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship

Monday, July 19

- 7 pm - Diaconate - Parlor
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, July 20

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

Wednesday, July 21

- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 22

- 7 am - Welcoming Team @ Big Ed's
- 6 pm - Women at the Well - LaRancherita

Sunday, July 25

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Labyrinth Green
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 12 Noon - Hudson Connects - Karl Hudson Room