



# the weekly Window

May 20, 2022

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

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HMPC Music Ministries put on their spring concert last Sunday, May 15th. It was an afternoon filled with beautiful musical performances and spring hymns. Thanks to our musicians, music directors Barbara and Rich, and to Presbyterian Women for hosting the lovely reception afterwards!



## CONGRATULATIONS

# New Hope Presbytery Outstanding Older Adult

Recognizing Sandy Geiger



This coming Sunday, May 22, 2022, Sandy Geiger will be recognized by New Hope Presbytery as Hudson's 2022 nominee for Outstanding Older Adult.

Sandy has lived a life devoted to the service to our Lord Jesus Christ. During her career, she served six years as a pediatric nurse and 23

years working for the State of Maryland Mental Health and Hygiene department. She worked in the area of addiction education, prevention, and treatment. Sandy has been a member of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church since November 2004. She is currently finishing up the second year of her second term as a ruling elder, and is liaison for the Worship Committee. She serves on the Sacristy Guild, is an usher and on the Welcoming Team. Sandy is also a member of Hannah Circle, coordinates outreach to Capital Towers, delivers Meals on Wheels, participates in Brown Bag Lunch, Seeing the Word, Women at the Well, and is a regular office volunteer. In the past she served with Wake Interfaith Hospitality, was a Deacon, and served on the board of the Hudson Memorial Preschool and Mission Committee.

In her spare time, Sandy enjoys patio gardening, attending sporting events and decorating. She likes walking, and enjoys simple pleasures of life and sharing experiences with her two children and five grandchildren.

**The service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 153 N. Church St., Rocky Mount, this Sunday, May 22nd at 3:00 pm.** If you wish to see the service, you can watch it live on YouTube [here](#).

## HMPC EVENTS

# MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY



## Memorial Day Weekend

Fellowship Friday - May 27th

Fellowship is hosting a cookout!

We will have hamburger sliders, grilled chicken, potato salad, broccoli slaw, garden salad, chips, fruit, and dessert.

We will begin serving at 6:00pm, The movie will follow at 6:45pm. The movie is *Waking Ned Devine*, rated PG. About the movie: "A heartwarming comedy with a delightfully light touch, *Waking Ned Devine* finds feel-good humor in some unexpected -- and unexpectedly effective -- places. When a lottery winner dies of shock, his fellow townsfolk attempt to claim the money."

**Please make reservations by Wednesday, May 25th!** A donation of \$5 per adult would be appreciated. Children (age 10 and under) - \$3.

**Register by calling the church office or sign up using this link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea5a729a6f5c34-memorial>

## GRADUATIONS

# College Graduations

If you are or have a member of your family 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.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

# Congratulations!

Becca Fisher & Lydia Gabbard



Congratulations to HMPC members Becca Fisher & Lydia Gabbard upon their marriage on May 14th in Asheville. Pastor Mac officiated. Thanks be to God for Lydia & Becca. We hold them in Christ's light on their marriage journey.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

# Youth Schedule May 22nd

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Explorers' Class** - 9:30am in the Explorers' Room

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

**Final Youth Group meeting before summer break!**

5:00-7:00pm

Bring \$8 for dinner.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**June 5 - Bagels in the Balcony** - 10:00am

**June 12 - Graduation Sunday!**

**June 12 - Summer Trip Informational Meeting**

11:45am in the Chapel

## MUSIC MINISTRY

# Handbell Refurbishment Offering



Hudson Handbell Ringers and the Youth handbell group are a staple in the music ministry of our church. We own an excellent

set of 5 octaves (61 bells) Malmark handbells, but they need some repairs and care to continue sounding their best. During our Spring Concert last Sunday, we collected a special offering for Hudson's handbells. In case you missed the concert and would like to contribute to the refurbishment and updating of our handbells, you may donate [here](#). You can also write a check to the church with the word "bells" in the subject line. Thank you for your support!



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

# End of School Year

As we begin to wrap up the 2022-2023 school year, we reflect on what a great year it has been. Our infants are now walking, toddlers are talking, and the twos, threes and fours are growing up right before our eyes!

We celebrated the Fours graduation on Friday, May 20th in the sanctuary with a reception in Westminster Hall. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making the celebration a special event.

After a short break, we return for our summer program and are looking forward to more good times!

# The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 - 10:20am



## WH South

### *What Happened To The Disciples After Easter Morning?*

Facilitated by Susan Grigg | Through May 29

Using the Gospels, Acts, and various commentaries, the class will discover the responses of the disciples



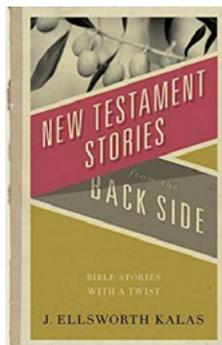
who encountered the empty tomb and the risen Christ. Our discussions will center on our responses as the 'Easter People' today.

## WH North

### *"New Testament Stories from the Back Side"*

Led by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward | Through June 5

"Ponderings" is a conversation all are welcome to join any Sunday, no preparation needed. We use scripture, commentaries, and current events to frame our discussions. Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward facilitate the group. We're currently discussing the book *New Testament Stories from the Back Side*, in which J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into selected New Testament stories by entering them through the "back side" -- through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens", or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.



# Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, May 24 | 6:30am | Zoom

All men are invited to join this group via Zoom for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina. We look at the passage that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday.

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 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 Pastor Mac.](#)



*Waking Up With The Word on Tuesday, May 17th*

## Volunteer at the Food Bank



HMPC has dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. The only remaining date is: **Wednesday, June 8**

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org). After following the link, click the "Sign Up" button next to the shift you'd like to attend, then follow the website's prompts to either create a new account and register, or login to an existing account. Please note that registration through the website is required before volunteering.

Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent, over 16 do not need a parent in attendance. Youth may be able to count these as service hours. [Please contact Beth Billman](#) with any questions.

## Children & Family Volunteer Opportunities at the Food Bank

Please join us for a family-friendly volunteer day at the Food Bank! This event is for children from 5 to 11 years old and guardians are required to attend. Projects include labeling donations and sorting produce. **Our volunteer dates are rapidly approaching!** The dates are June 11th, July 9th, September 10th, and October 23rd from 2-4 pm.

Registration link can be found [here](#).

## Tend My Sheep for May



This month the Mission Committee is collecting toiletry items for our friends and neighbors at Capital Towers. Capital Towers is an affordable housing community for seniors. Hudson Memorial has a

long-standing relationship with their community. Items collected will be distributed to residents. We will be collecting on Sundays, May 22 and May 29.

## Special Offering for May

### Hunger Action/ Food Ministries

This month's special offering is for HMPC's Hunger Action and Food Ministries. Please consider making a generous donation to help our neighbors in need. You



may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. Text donation amount with the word "hunger" to 888-906-0744 (*Example: 25 hunger*).

## VAN MINISTRY

### Volunteers Needed Van Ministry

The HMPC Van Ministry has been a part of our church for decades now. One of the things we do is drive seniors from the Capital Towers apartments to the Food Lion at Six Forks and Millbrook each Tuesday, and return them home after their shopping is done. As we now regroup, coming out of the Covid "hiatus," the ministry is looking for new volunteers to replace some of our merry drivers who have retired from service. The commitment is from 10am - 11:30am one Tuesday each month.

The church will run an MVR and requires that you have not had an infraction or DUI in the past 3 years to be considered. (You do not have to be a church member to participate!) If interested, please contact Dave Smart at [dsmart1972@icloud.com](mailto:dsmart1972@icloud.com).

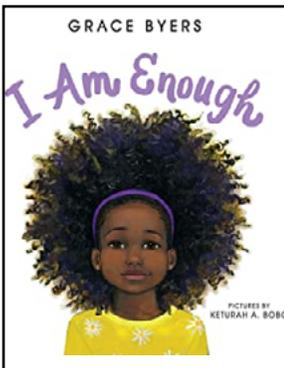


This is an extremely rewarding service, so please consider being a volunteer with us!

# Children's Faith Formation Library

We are excited to announce new additions to our Children's Faith Formation Library! This library is located in the lobby by the Westminster Hall church entrance and contains wonderful stories for families to borrow to read at home. There are a wide variety of stories from the Bible and books about who God is. We have also added beautiful books about Kindness, Inclusion, Diversity, Friendship, and Self-Expression. These books can serve as great conversation starters with our children about these important values at the center of our faith.

## New Book of the Week



This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another comes from *Empire* actor and activist Grace Byers. It is a wonderful story to teach children to embrace their individuality and celebrate who they are. "We are all here for a purpose. We are more than enough. We just need to believe it."

Whether you have small children at home or just have few minutes to spare after worship, we hope you will stop by the library and take a look!

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY



*The children sang their hearts out at the Spring Concert last Sunday!*

# The Adventures of Flat Jesus

As we look forward to summer, we are excited to welcome back Flat Jesus! Families are invited to take him with you on your travels and document all of the adventures he has. We would love for you to take



pictures of yourself with Flat Jesus and send them to [Cary Dickerson](#).



We will stay connected as a church family by watching his travels together and telling stories of where he traveled. Let him be a fun reminder that God is always with us, regardless of where we are!



# GARDEN & GLASS

## RAISING FUNDS FOR THE MEMORIAL GARDEN & SANCTUARY WINDOWS

When you stand on the new patio of the Memorial Garden and face south, not only do you look upon the niches of the saints who built this church, you also look upon the glass windows that bring light to our worship in the sanctuary. Through June 2022, the Session would like to raise \$85,000 to cover the cost of sanctuary windows, as well as Phase III of the Memorial Garden upgrade. On Sunday, May 1st, we kicked off this campaign in worship.

**GARDEN:** In 2021, upon the conclusion of the Capital Campaign Ramp Project, the Memorial Garden Committee began planning for a major upgrade of the Memorial Garden that would truly honor the saints who are remembered there. Phase I and II were completed in the fall of 2021. The funds used for these phases had been collected over the years when niches were purchased or individuals made donations to the maintenance of the garden. **The Memorial Garden Committee now needs funds to pay for Phase III, which includes:** The installation of a pergola around the patio; new seating options; garden sculpture installation; reserve funds for future maintenance and repairs that may emerge with niches, the memorial wall, and garden upkeep.

**GLASS:** In 2019, the Session approved a plan to replace the windows in the sanctuary that were in disrepair. Six new windows were paid for and have been installed. We need to install four more windows, for a total cost of \$35,000.



**If you feel led to give,** please make your financial gift by June 2022. Gifts can be made in the following ways: Online at [www.hmpe.org](http://www.hmpe.org) under the *Donate* tab, mail or deliver a check to the church made out to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, with "Garden & Glass" written on the memo line.

**To the right are the words Dottie Burch spoke about the campaign last week during worship.**



*Greetings to our amazing congregation! My name is Dottie Burch and I am an Elder on Session and a lifetime member of Hudson. As you probably know, the funds collected in the new Garden & Glass campaign will be used to complete improvements to our Memorial Garden and for the purchase of new sanctuary windows to replace*

*the ones which are original to the building and have served us well since 1964--58 years! While I wasn't here yet in 1964, my parents were charter members of the church and they enjoyed these beautiful windows when they were first installed (and no doubt my mom helped select them, knowing her ;-)) I've enjoyed looking out of them as well, especially the second one from the back on the Memorial Garden side of the sanctuary, close to where our family has always sat.*

*We always knew my mom would be inurned in the Hudson Memorial Garden one day, so when I heard about unfunded Memorial Garden improvements, the property committee's report about the deteriorating condition of the old sanctuary windows and the fact that the committee had negotiated quite skillfully for us to get a guaranteed price for all the windows for a few years, my brother Bret and I knew we wanted to buy a window to replace the one close to "our" spot in the sanctuary, especially since we knew mom would be located just outside the window in the Memorial Garden. The new window we gifted is now there and is just beautiful! I wanted to share how meaningful it has been for us to be able to make this gift in honor of our parents. Please consider a contribution to the Garden and Glass Campaign - it is a wonderful way to honor someone, living or passed. And in today's market with the skyrocketing construction costs, the fact that our property committee was able to lock in a price on these windows for us years ago is phenomenal, so let's be sure we can benefit from that fantastic price on all the remaining windows before it expires. Again, we are so proud to be able to participate in this campaign and hope you will also feel called to do so!*

*Peace be with you and thanks be to God for all the folks working so hard on the Memorial Garden and Sanctuary windows!*

## CALENDAR

# This Week...

### Sunday, May 22

9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation - WH  
9:30 am - Explorers Class - Explorers Room  
10:30 am - Worship - Preschool Sunday  
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden  
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH  
5:00 pm - Youth Group - Final Meeting of the year!

### Monday, May 23

7:00 pm - Session Mtg with Incoming Officers  
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

### Tuesday, May 24

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

### Wednesday, May 25

6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South  
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Friday, May 27

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL!

### Saturday, May 28

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

### Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room #103.



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