



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

Personnel

Celebrating Phil Hayden!

Join Us! May 23, 2021

Immediately Following Outdoor Worship

The congregation is invited to celebrate Phil Hayden’s retirement after 16 years as Hudson’s Music Director and Composer and his 46-year musical career. A short fun, surprise-filled live program of appreciation will be followed by a time of fellowship on the West Lawn. Reservations for the celebration will be included as part of the reservation for outdoor worship.



Meet Cheri Thomas

Hudson’s Bookkeeper

Cheri Thomas began with HMPC on Tuesday, May 18th. Cheri is originally from Fayetteville, NC, but has called Raleigh home since 1997. She has an Applied Mathematics degree from North Carolina State University and owns a small Automation firm with her husband of 16 years; together they have 2 daughters. In her free time, Cheri enjoys spending time with family, traveling and volunteering at her children’s schools. For the summer, Cheri will be in the office Tuesday-Thursday from 9 am to 2:00 pm. [Click here to contact Cheri.](#)

Worship & The Arts

RSVP No Longer Required for

Outdoor Worship at HMPC

Beginning this Sunday, May 23rd you no longer need to RSVP for outdoor worship at Hudson and there is no longer a limit to the number of people who can attend. We ask, if you are able, to still bring a folding chair to sit in. If you do not have a chair, the church will provide one. Masks are no longer required for outdoor worship, but we do ask that you respect social distancing protocol.

Adult Faith Formation

Presbyterian Pint

Is Going to the Movies

On Thursday, May 27th Presbyterian Pint has rented out The Rialto Movie Theatre on Glenwood Ave. We can have a total of 25 there. We will be watching the movie *A Beautiful Mind*. Admission is free and their concession stand (which serves soft drinks, beer and wine, etc.) will be open. [Please RSVP with Mac Schafer if you plan to attend.](#)



Waking Up with the Word



May 25 - 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 Mac Schafer](#) for more information.

Evening Women at the Well

The evening version of Women at the Well summer dates are: June 3, June 24, July 22 and August 26. We currently meet via Zoom at 6 pm, and on June 24th will return to having our meetings over dinner at a local restaurant. 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 and Zoom link prior to the meeting. All are welcome to join anytime! [For info contact Debbie Kirk](#)



Adult Education Offerings

- Sunday June 6, 2021. 9:30 a.m. Westminster Hall
The Adult Committee invites you to join your church family as we Resume , (not Re Zoom! ) and Reconnect! Before worship we will gather with long time and new church friends to share with one another the challenges and opportunities of the past year as well as the times of grace we have experienced. Together we will celebrate with hope and joy the new things that God is doing in this time and place. Watch for more information and details about sign up and other safety protocols that may be in place.
- Looking ahead: Save the Date - On Sunday evening July 11 the Adult Committee will host a special event under the lights at the labyrinth. Watch for details to follow.

Hunger Action

Mark Your Calendar

Advocating for an End to Hunger through an Offering of Letters



The Hunger Action Team will be leading the congregation in an Offering of Letters on Sunday, June 13 after worship. We will write letters to our members of Congress asking for legislation to reduce poverty and improve nutrition in the

U.S. and internationally. We will conduct our Offering of Letters with the guidance of Bread for the World, a non-profit organization which advocates for hunger relief through bipartisan legislation.



Special Offering

North Raleigh Ministries

Special Offering for May

We are receiving a Special Offering for North Raleigh Ministries in May.



Money raised for this offering supports the Thrift Shoppe, Food Pantry and the Crisis and Development Center. You may mail or bring your

offering by the church or [donate online](#) or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount 'nrm' to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 nrm). If you have not done this before, you will only need to enter your information once.

Tend My Sheep

May 22nd 11am-1pm

Our Tend My Sheep collection for May will be collecting donations of body wash, shampoo and conditioner, Loofahs, Toilet paper, Tissues, Paper towels and Hand sanitizer for the Capital Towers' residents. Donations will be collected at the church on Saturday, May 22nd from 11 am to 1pm and at worship on Sunday, May 23rd.



WAKE Up and Read

Hudson is hosting a book drive for WAKE Up and Read!



Hudson has joined [Activate Good](#) and [WAKE Up and Read](#) as a partner to help build home libraries for over 8,100 Wake County children during Operation Empower Readers.

Here are 2 ways YOU make a difference!

- Collect some of your kids or grandkids gently used, favorite books
- Head over to Quail Ridge Books or your favorite bookstore and buy new books

Then: Bring the books appropriate for infants–5th grade to the church where you'll find specially-marked boxes for WAKE Up and Read.

Easy peasy, huh! **Can we collect 500 books? 750? Let's shoot for 1,000!** By the way, we're also "shooting" for this project to wrap up on May 31st.

Children's Ministry

VBS 2021 Is Selling Boarding Passes Now!

August 9-13 9 am to Noon



Time to sign up to attend and volunteer for the most fun week of the summer. August 9th-13th from 9:00a.-12:00pm. We have one website where you can sign up to both volunteer AND attend! We are also processing payments through our church's giving site (the link is on the sign up website). [Sign up so we can](#)

[save you a seat on the Rocky Railway!](#)

[If you have any questions please contact Rachael McConnell](#)

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. One of the ways we do that is using our church directory, starting at the beginning,

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 have the opportunity to join in praying for them as well. In addition, each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. As always, if you have a specific request for prayer at any time, you can submit a prayer request from the website or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line. Denise Crosson is the Deacon on Call for May.

Prayer Households for this week. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Chekwa Nkpa*
- *Mgbo Nkpa*
- *John Oldenburg & Grace Hutchinson*
- *Linda & Ace Ornt*
- *Chris, Alison, Holland and Ethan Page*
- *Hope, Max, Nedda, Nadine & BJ Parangi*
- *Lauren, San, Maya and Sonia Parikh*

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 ones like that, please do not respond or click on any links.

College Graduates



If you are or have a member of your family graduating from college this spring, [please send this information to Pat Cash](#). It is helpful for us to know the name, the degree, the institution, honors, and anything else you think might be helpful.

Youth Ministry

Youth Programs

- The Explorers 5-6-7 SS Class will meet this Sunday, May 23, at 9:30 under the Twin Oaks at church with teacher Sharon Cole. Please bring your mask, a lawn chair, and a water bottle. Parent pick-up is at 10:15.
- Middle School Dinner Out (grades 5-8) – This coming Sunday evening, May 23, the Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8) is having its School Is Almost Out Celebration Dinner Outside. Please note the details, RSVP, and plan to join us. The dinner plan is to meet at the Cowfish Grill at North Hills from 5:00 – 6:30. PLEASE RSVP - If you know that you will be coming to dinner, please text Monica Maxwell (478-808-9830) and let her know so that we can get enough tables for everyone. If not, feel free to come anyway. Please bring \$\$ for food, drink, and tip, and wear a mask. We will be sitting outside.
- 2021 – 2022 Confirmation Class - Current 7th Graders and Older – It's time to start thinking about Confirmation for the 2021-22 Program Year – Please watch your mail and email closely for registration information for our next class starting in late August/ Early September.

Looking Ahead

- Mission Trip Dates – June 15-17, 2021.
- Massanetta Middle School Conference is June 22-25, 2021. All participants are reminded to do the online insurance link immediately that was recently emailed to you and to send an updated HMPC Parental Release form to Frank Boyd at the church office.
- Montreat 2021 (July 18-24) – Flyers can be found on the church website.



HS Youth Enjoy Dinner Together to Celebrate the 2021 Graduates

Worship & The Arts

Pepper Chopin to Serve as Interim Director of Music



Composer, conductor and humorist Pepper Chopin has agreed to serve as Interim Director of Hudson's music ministry department while the Music Director Search Committee continues their search for the next permanent Director of Music. Pepper is known nationally for his creative writing in church music. His published works

include over 300 anthems for church and school choirs. The chancel choir has had a long standing relationship with Pepper and we are excited to welcome him to Hudson for the upcoming interim period. Pepper will begin his interim work at the end of May.

[You can learn more about Pepper here.](#)

Calendar

Sunday, May 23

- 9:30 am - Explorer's SS Class - Twin Oaks
- 10:30 am - Children's SS Labyrinth Green
- 10:30 am - Worship - West Lawn
- 11:30 am - Phil Hayden Retirement Celebration
- 5 pm - MS Dinner Out - Cowfish Grill

Monday, May 24

- 7 pm - Session
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - WH, GH, Room 200

Tuesday, May 25

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - via Zoom
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm - Property Comm. - WH
- 7 pm - Music Director Search Comm. - WH Patio
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Sunday, May 30

- 10:30 am - Children's SS Labyrinth Green
- 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

All meetings by Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Nursery is Open on Sundays!



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

include your child on your RSVP for worship. [Contact Rachael McConnell if you have any questions.](#)

Preschool

School Year Winding Down

This week at preschool we have been exploring insects, bugs and all kinds of creepy crawly creatures! The butterfly remains a favorite and we have lots of smiling butterflies throughout the building. Our Four year olds had their graduation celebration outside and enjoyed picnic lunches with their families. As we wrap up the regular school year we very quickly turn the page and get busy our summer sessions.





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