

# THE WEEKLY

# WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 2023

## THIS SUNDAY

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH

OCTOBER 22 | 10:30AM WORSHIP

Join us this Sunday as the children help lead worship! They will be singing, ushering, greeting, reading scripture, and more! They have been hard at work practicing to make this a special worship service. Thanks be to God for HMPC's enthusiastic children!



## "Under the Hood" Looking at HMPC's Financials

JOIN US OCTOBER 22 AT 11:45AM

On Sunday, October 22nd at 11:45am in Westminster Hall South, members and friends are invited to get a better picture of the finances of the church. This event will include short presentations from the Finance Chair, the Preschool Treasurer, the Foundation Chair, and the Church Treasurer. It will also offer you a chance to ask questions to some of our financial leaders. We hope you will attend!



## NEXT SUNDAY

### FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 29 | 4:00-6:00PM

The Annual Fall Festival is almost here and we still need help! This is a fun-filled event shared between St. Mark's United Methodist Church and Hudson. This year, HMPC is hosting the event, and it will include Trunk-or-Treat, food, games, face-painting, pumpkin-painting, a cake walk, and more. In order to make this community event a success, we need your help!

VISIT THE [SIGN-UP PAGE](#)  
TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP!

*(Link also can be found at [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org))*

### WHAT WE STILL NEED:



**Donations of candy and treats** to use during the event. You can drop them off in the Karl Hudson Room. Other donation buckets labeled *Fall Festival* can be found around the church.

**Volunteers** (of all ages) to make the event safe and fun for the children that attend. Jobs include set-up, face-painting, helping at craft stations, supervising games, preparing hot dogs, clean-up, and more!



**Trunk-or-Treat** participants - Get creative! Decorate your trunk and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters.

## CELEBRATIONS

# *Congratulations*

to

**WILL AND LINDSEY CRONE**  
on the birth of their child

**JOHN "JACK" WILLIAM CRONE V**  
born October 18, 2023!



## Congratulations!



HMPC Member **Ellen Bradshaw** was married this past weekend to Matthias Beebe! Ellen is the daughter of members Tripp and Susan, and granddaughter of members Tom and Mary Mac Bradshaw. Congratulations, Ellen & Matthias!

## WORSHIP & THE ARTS

# Blessing of the Animals

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 10:30AM**

*All are welcome to bring pets to this special outdoor service!*



## MUSIC MINISTRY

# Christmas Joy in the Morning

We will be offering our traditional Christmas music celebration on **December 17** as our **10:30am** worship service this year.

The strong positive feedback from our Spring Music Sunday helped make this move feasible. Not only did we discover how much the music enhanced worship that morning, but we also realized several other bonuses: The children and youth participated more fully with fewer conflicts and more energy; there were fewer issues with quick set-up between morning worship and the concert; and the adult singers and instrumentalists spoke favorably about a morning commitment.

We hope you'll mark your calendar and join us on Dec. 17 at 10:30am for this special worship experience. The choirs are already practicing their Christmas music selections!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

# Youth Schedule

**This Sunday - October 22**

Sabbath Sunday

**Wednesday, October 25**

Chipotle Check-in - 6:30pm

**Next Sunday is the FALL FESTIVAL!**

**October 29 | 4:00-6:00pm**



All youth 5th-12th grade are invited to participate. We need help decorating the church van for Trunk-or-Treat! Feel free to wear a costume!

# Ministry Behind the Scenes

MINUTE FOR MISSION - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 - BY JIMMY & JOANNA HULSEY



Even with our most visible ministers, preachers, musicians and liturgists, there is yet more that they and other staff do that is not up front. What we see and hear does not begin to exhaust what they do and what they represent. In truth,

there is much that they are and do among us that cannot be reduced to the staff line in a budget.

Nonetheless, there is a conjoined material and spiritual reality to the church. We cannot hide from it. The special ministers, including all staff, that is, the paid servants of the body of Christ among us, live out their commitments to Christ among us no less than the rest of us. And yet, they, being human, not angels, require a living like the rest of us.

And though they serve the congregation in visible/audible/accountable ways, what they are about, is that intangible reality we call *ministry*. Like that of offensive linemen in American football, ministry is a task that can go unnoticed unless it's not being done. Our special ministers and staff bring extraordinary gifts and skills to their work, but these are more like the gifts and skills of the surgeon than the pathologist. They have to keep the body alive while they are doing it.

And that work takes us beyond lists to a special quality. Ministry is that quality of keeping people on the same page. Ministry is that quality of moving us in the same direction. I have heard it said, "why do we need to pay anyone to do ministry? We have many talented people in the congregation." In this congregation, for sure, we have talent up the wazoo.

But like any major orchestra conductor or a championship coach, we need people who are gifted at

leading us to play and to be our best in Christ's service. It is their presence and work among us and with us that both attracts us and others to this congregation. Most of all, they lead us out of our tiny cells of self-centeredness to the larger world of worship and service in the name of Jesus Christ.



What we pledge to these staff, we pledge to the whole mission of Christ. We may think of these ministries as the Spirit's gift of mortar. I repeat, *mortar*. By it, Christ the Keystone fits us together to be the church for the world. So, whether we have little or much, let's give generously to the sacred work of this congregation.

## GREETER MINISTRY

### Join The Greeter Team!

As you've entered the church on Sunday mornings, you may have noticed a friendly face welcoming you as you walk through the door. These folks are part of the Greeter team, and they are looking for new members to join the rotation!

If you can: stand for 15 minutes, smile, and say "Good Morning", then you have all the skills necessary for the job.



Come be the "face of Hudson" once every 8-10 weeks. Send a note to [roger@rogerhoward.com](mailto:roger@rogerhoward.com) to join the team.



# THE GATHERING - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Sunday, October 22

### PBS's "Find Your Happy Place - Ten to Try: Trails"

Facilitated by Susan Bradshaw

NC trails offer a place to experience peace and God in nature. Join us for a look at these magical gems, and hear how one of the trails offers not only nature, but a great amount of history right in our area!



### COMING UP...

Sunday, October 29

#### "Climate Change - Part 1"

We will view and discuss the video *Our Scorching Planet*

Facilitated by Judie Greenawalt

Sunday, November 5

#### "Climate Change - Part 2"

We will view and discuss PBS's

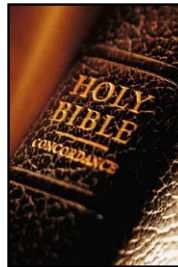
*Nova: Sinking City of Venice | Weighing the Solutions*



## Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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



This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic "God's Law is Love", a New Testament thematic study with scripture from Luke, John, Romans, Galatians, Acts, and 1 Corinthians. **This week's theme is *Justified by Faith Not Laws*.** No advance preparation required;

only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share with others.

### COMING UP...

October 29 - The Superiority of the Gospel

November 5 - Freed to Become an Heir

## The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

October 22 & 29

### "How We Understand Prayer and Perhaps a Fresh Perspective"

Facilitated by Rev. Jimmy Hulsey



Sometimes questions about prayer lurk in our minds. These are not only, *how do we pray*, but more, *why pray* or *what does prayer accomplish?* Though we continue to pray as we continue to breathe, addressing our questions may offer a clarifying perspective, even free our hearts

and minds a bit.

This week, we will discuss perspectives on prayer. To get us going, I invite us to read in advance, Matthew 7: 7-12; Luke 11: 1-13 and Ephesians 3: 14-21.

Also, I am intrigued by this old definition of prayer, "keeping company with God." Let it simmer and then let's ask ourselves, "does that sound familiar to us or is it a bit different take on prayer?"

## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 24 | 6:30am | Patio



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person and on Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on 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. In the fall and winter months, we do the study around a fire. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. This is facilitated by Pastor Mac Schafer and he sends out weekly reminders. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at [mschafer@hmpe.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpe.org).

## Women at the Well

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



The weekly group meets Wednesdays at 9:15-10:30 in the Chapel and offers a hybrid format. Our book selection is *Life in Five Senses* by Gretchen Rubin. The monthly group fall dates are November 16, and December 14 at 6:00pm at Vivo Ristorante. The monthly group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on various topics.

To join either group, contact Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmpe.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpe.org). Current participants will receive an email to confirm participation.

## Presbyterian Pint

7:00pm | October 26 | Mordecai Bev Co



Men of the church are welcome to join us at 7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [Pastor Mac](#) to be added to the distribution list.

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, October 22

- 9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
- 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
- 11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - Youth SS Room
- 11:45 am - "Under the Hood" Presentation - WH South
- 12:00 pm - Youth Music - WH South
- 5:00 pm - Youth Sabbath Sunday - At home/restaurant

#### Monday, October 23

- 7:00 pm - Session - WH South
- 8:00 pm - How It Works (AI-Anon) - GH Rooms

#### Tuesday, October 24

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 11:30 am - Hannah Circle - Chapel
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Room 234

#### Wednesday, October 25

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel
- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 6:30 pm - Chipotle Check-in
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

#### Thursday, October 26

- 7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev. Co.

#### Friday, October 27

- 6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS

### Chancel Flowers 2024 Dates Posted!



Our 2024 sign-up sheet has been posted. 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, or contact [Erica Hairston](mailto:Erica.Hairston) in the church

## MISSION - SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### October Special Offering PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. This offering is used to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Peace") or give [online](#). To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word "Peace" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Peace) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.



### October Tend My Sheep BREAKFAST FOR NRM



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and sadly, not everyone is fortunate enough to regularly have access to it. Please consider bringing breakfast

items to donate to **North Raleigh Ministries**. They are looking for boxes of cereal, shelf sustainable milk, packaged oatmeal, jelly, fruit cups, and juice boxes.

**Bring items to the church by October 29.**

The Mission Committee thanks you for not only your offerings, but also your prayers and support. We are a hunger-centered congregation and strive to feed those who are in need.

