



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

Worship & The Arts



Welcome Nancy Howard and Aleta Ash to the Pulpit the Next Two Sundays

This Sunday, July 11th

On Sunday, July 11th The Reverend Nancy Howard will be preaching. Nancy is an honorably retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and served congregations in Indiana prior to moving to North Carolina with her husband Roger a few years ago. Most Sundays Nancy can be found in the choir loft of HMPC. She is the proud mother of HMPC member Laura McHenry and loves her grandkids who are also active at the church.

Next Sunday, July 18th

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.](#)

Your tech team regrets that there was no sound for the livestream or the recorded worship on youtube last Sunday July 4th. We appreciate that you celebrate with us when it goes well and are patient with us as we continue to find things that can go wrong when livestreaming!

[See also Matthew 18:21](#)

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.

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.](#)

Waking Up with the Word

July 13 - 6:30 am

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am at the WH Patio. 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 [Rob Duggins](#) for more information.



Traveling with Matthew

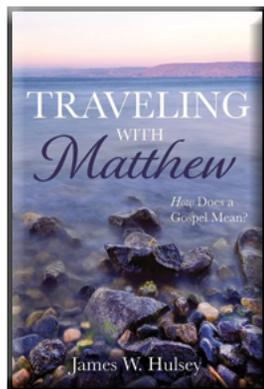
by Jimmy Hulsey



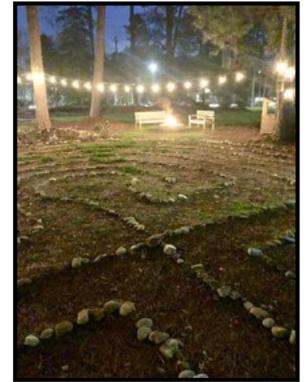
Last year some of you attended the class Jimmy Hulsey taught on the Gospel of Matthew. Recently Reverend Hulsey's book *Traveling With Matthew: How Does a Gospel Mean?* was published. The book pursues the question, 'What did Matthew the gospel writer want to say about Jesus to Jesus' followers fifty 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.



Letting Go at the Labyrinth Will Be Rescheduled



HMPC Foundation

Foundation Birthday Gifts

The following members and friends have donated to the Foundation Birthday Fund in June:

Karen Gaither
Lauren and Steve Parker
Ron Van Vactor
Blanche Wenge
Susan & Glenn Grigg
Billie Isenberg
Marsha & Bill Flueckinger

Inquirer's Class

Sunday, July 18

The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on Sunday, July 18th, in-person and Zoom options available. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [New Member Information Forms are available here.](#) Please submit the forms no later than Wednesday, July 14.

[Please contact Debbie Kirk if you are interested.](#)



Children's Ministry

2021 VBS Volunteers Needed

August 9-13 9 am to Noon



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](#).

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:

- *Mary, Glenn, Abbie & Jenna Schindo*
- *Maggie & Karl Schneider*
- *Suzanne, Paul, Christine and Katherine Schneider*
- *Arline Seaman*
- *Kathy & Skip Seekamp*
- *Jerilyn & Jim Seitz*
- *Michelle, Brent, Allie and Drake Sharpe*

Personnel

Interim Youth Director to Begin In August



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 was 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.

Staff Directory

Mac Schafer – Pastor & Head of Staff - mschafer@hmpe.org

Debbie Kirk – Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture - dkirk@hmpe.org

Aleta Ash, Minister of Visitation – aash@hmpe.org

Pepper Choplin, Interim Music Director – pchoplin@hmpe.org

Frank Boyd, Director of Youth Ministries – fboyd@hmpe.org

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Carol Yeargin, Organist – yeargin@bellsouth.net

Pat Cash, Business Administrator – pcash@hmpe.org

Cheri Thomas, Bookkeeper – cthomas@hmpe.org

Dorothy Roche, Preschool Director – droche@hmpe.org

Joyce Hawkins, Assistant Preschool Director – jhawkins@hmpe.org

Hope Parangi, Church Hostess – hparangi@yahoo.com

Massanetta Youth Retreat

by Kessler Dickerson

Massanetta was a new experience for me. I was unsure what it was going to be like, and I was pretty nervous. This was different from any summer camp I have ever been to, but I loved it. After the first night, it felt easy and I was no longer nervous.

One of my favorite parts was the glow dance party on Thursday night. Everybody was in our group and having fun together. The staff had all of these dances and we did them together, it was very creative. The ride to get to Massanetta was long, but we got to chat and play games, so it wasn't that bad compared to some other car rides I have been on.

I had a lot of freedom with our own rooms and it helped me with some responsibility. I didn't know some of the people in my youth group before, but now I have a good friendship with them. The Massanetta staff were very enthusiastic and hardworking to make us have a great time. The worship services were very interactive and had great lessons connecting day-to-day life with God.

Frank, Ashley, and Kelly were very helpful and they are the ones who made this trip possible. Everybody always had a positive attitude and that also made my experience more fun. I hope that I can go next year, because Massanetta was amazing this year, even with COVID!



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.



Youth Programs

- **The Massanetta Middle School Conference** was June 22-25. The theme for the conference was "Rooted in Love." Thank you for keeping our wonderful group of 15 in your prayers as we visited our denomination's historic Conference Center in Virginia. Special thanks to Ashley Edmister and Kelly Capps for chaperoning.
- **Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)** – Hudson is sending a wonderful group of 20 participants this year to explore the theme "Called to Connect." Special thanks to Beth Billman, Scott Billman, and Nancy Eyre for chaperoning.
- **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 [Frank Boyd](#): 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](#)
- **VBS Youth Volunteers Needed** - Join us for VBS this year, we need you! Serving during VBS is a great, fun, and air-conditioned way to gain volunteer hours. 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](#) for more info! [Sign up here](#)

Missions

July Special Offering

Care of Candidates

During July, will be 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.





Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



Mail to
HMPC
4921 Six Forks Rd.
Raleigh 27609



Online at HMPC.ORG



Text to Give to
888-906-0744

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.

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.

Calendar

Sunday, July 11

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Labyrinth Green
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 12 Noon - Hudson Connects - Room 200

Monday, July 12

- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, July 13

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 7 pm - Adult Ed. Comm.
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, July 14

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

Sunday, July 18

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



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Leadership

Special Thanks to Ministry Team Chairs

This is the time of year when many of the boards, ministry teams and committees rotate leadership. We want to take a moment to thank those who chaired some of our ministry teams through one of the most difficult times in our churches history. It is fair to say these friends blazed new ground and had to be incredibly creative in their work this past year. We thank the following outgoing chairs. Your leadership has been a shining light to us all through a dark time and we thank you for your dedicated service to Christ's church.

- Tom Carpenito, Foundation Board
- Emily Cobb, Memorial Garden Committee
- Cary Dickerson, Mission Committee
- Sarah Edge, Hudson Memorial Preschool Board
- Marsha Flueckinger, Nominating Committee
- Monica Maxwell, Youth Committee
- Laura McHenry, Giving Ministry Team
- Linda Meeks, Moderator of the Deacons
- John Whisler, Hudson Connects



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