



the weekly Window

August 5th, 2022

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

MISSION TRIP

Reflections on the Avery County Mission Trip

Have you ever considered participating in HMPC's annual mission trip? Would you like to learn more? A group of volunteers from Hudson traveled to Avery County last week to do work for Habitat for Humanity, and they have shared photos, thoughts and stories from their experience. Special thanks to Rich Richards for documenting the event with some beautiful photos!

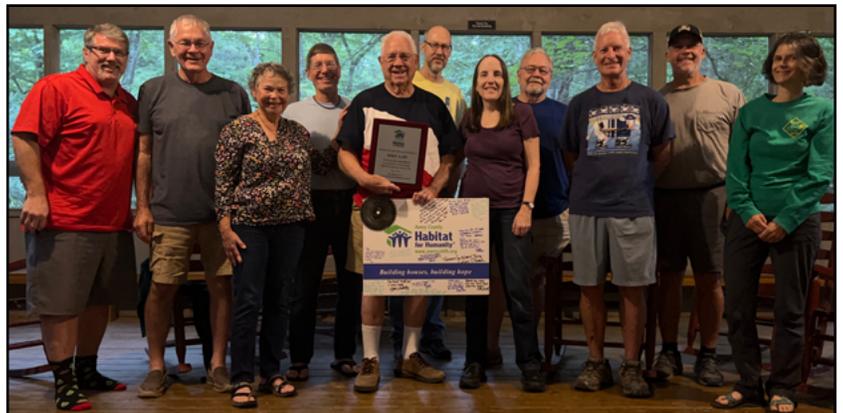


"I was deeply impressed with and inspired by our mission community of individuals, its own mystical body, in which all labored to their best personal effect to successfully meet our main work goals, and who also shared honestly and supported each other freely as we gathered together each evening and reflected."

- John Oldenburg

"My favorite part of the Avery County mission trips is the camaraderie. From meals together to working on the jobsite to our evening devotion time and just sitting around together, we have fun and form bonds that strengthen the whole group. The more experienced members teach building skills to the less experienced so that everyone contributes."

- Carolyn Scott



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Reflections on the Avery County Mission Trip (continued from page 1)

"It's always fun to build a new house, but this year we had the interesting job of rehabbing an old one. As always, the fellowship of being at the lovely camp together was an added treat. We certainly have some hard-working volunteers who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty!" - **Aleta Ash**



"From the endless floor scraping with John, to new floor installation with Tom, Mike, and Pam, and every activity in between, I enjoyed every moment that I got to know everyone personally in the short time that I was there!"

-**Theresa Ash**



"Always heartwarming to get to meet potential Habitat homeowners and neighbors! One of my work days was spent pruning bushes and hauling away brush. The next day, a very nice-looking young man wearing a T-shirt with a landscaping logo was on the job site helping cut down some trees. I'll call him "Jack". I said hello, and Jack introduced himself as a potential homeowner for the house our Hudson crew was working on. Jack said he worked for a landscape company, and if we needed any landscaping he was the one to call! Jack was volunteering in order to fulfill requirements so that he could apply to be a Habitat homeowner. I immediately knew that Jack is just the kind of guy you would want as a friend and neighbor. I love that Habitat for Humanity builds neighbors and neighborhoods!" -**Linda Meeks**



"Gary, Ken, Jeff and I built two well houses during the week. We ended up labeling ourselves *Wells Angels*."

-**Harry Bowles**



MISSION TRIP

"This is my third time on the mission trip and my first full week. I have enjoyed each trip tremendously. The camaraderie and fellowship are so wonderful and we learn so much about each other.

On this project, I worked on putting down laminate flooring. Tom Law, Mike's son, has done this before and was quite good at planning out the boards and making the cuts around trim, pipes and vents, and just had a great general sense of the best way to lay it out. I tried to be his "right hand man" being ready with the next board or tool he'd need, and assisting with the jigsaw cuts. Mike manned the saw and trimmed the boards where Tom marked them. Theresa, Aleta's daughter-in-law, also helped lay out the floor that first day and later in the week John Whisler and Carolyn Scott arrived and joined in on the project. It was great to team up with Carolyn in assisting Tom and John in laying out the remainder of the floor. When that last board went in right at ending time on Friday, we were all very proud and happy!

Every evening on the trip, we gather on the "rocking porch" where there are 15 rocking chairs in a circle and one person leads us in a devotional. The sharing and insights that happen are remarkable and it's great hearing everyone's perspective on the subject. This year we talked about wonder and joy, got to pair up to learn more about someone we don't know as well, and heard about John & Carolyn's Camino trip.

On Thursday night, there was a lovely presentation to Mike of a plaque and a poster we all signed to honor his contributions and leadership over the years since he plans to "retire". Mike has been our foreman, coordinating what needs to be done with Bruce, our Habitat connection, and guiding everyone to what needs to be done, assisting us along the way. He has so much construction experience! We will miss his guiding hand in the years to come.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention John Oldenburg. John plans and coordinates the entire trip, ordering our meals, planning our rooms, gathering our forms and buying drinks and supplies we might need along the way. He does a tremendous job.

I thoroughly enjoy this trip and would recommend it for people of all skill levels and strengths."

- Pam Glaub



"One of the many things I find gratifying about HMPC's mission trip (and it happened this year) is to meet and work alongside prospective Habitat for Humanity (H4H) applicants. We met a father and son who were accumulating hours as part of the application process, and it gives me a better perspective on how dedicated the applicants need to be to pursue a habitat home. Bruce, our general contractor on site, shared that they were competing with two or three other families for the upcoming available house! These folks truly have skin in the game, and I appreciate that. It drives me to put my best effort towards quality work on behalf of these folks!"

- Ken Krause



***Come to Adult Education on
August 14 at 9:30am
to hear more about the trip!***

Sabbatical Update From Mac



Pastor Mac continued to visit Reformation sites in Germany. He is pictured to the left at Wartburg Castle, outside of Eisenach, Germany. Following Luther's refusal to recant his writings

at the Diet of Worms, Elector Frederick the Wise staged a kidnapping of Luther and hid him at Wartburg Castle under a different alias. While at Wartburg, Luther made quick work of translating the New Testament from the original Greek into the people's language, German. Mac was fortunate to visit the castle in the 500th year of Luther doing this ground-breaking work. There was an outstanding exhibit on Luther's translation and all that goes into translating the scriptures.



The room where Luther translated the Greek New Testament to German.



Reformation monument in Worms, Germany

Help Needed!

Come Help Decorate for VBS

Join us Saturday after 12:00pm, or Sunday immediately following worship. There is a lot of decorating to be done before VBS starts on Monday!

If you would like to help, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445ada82ca46-vbsdecoration>

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



JOIN US THIS SATURDAY AT 12:00PM OR THIS SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP!

Children's 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 **August 13th, September 10th and October 23rd** from 2:00-4:00 pm. Registration link can be found [here](#).

Our Week at Montreat

Here's a snapshot of HMPC Youth's amazing experience at Montreat last week.



HMPC YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Explorers Class and Growing Disciples Class
on break until September 11

SUNDAY EVENINGS:

Youth Group and Youth Music
on break until September 11

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 7:



Bagels in the Balcony
Sunday, August 7 at 10:00am
Youth are invited to gather
in the balcony for bagels
before worship!

UPCOMING:

Movie on the Green - August 14 from 8pm to 10pm
September 11 - Kickoff!

Interfaith Coalition Habitat House



Recently, the Interfaith Coalition Habitat House was dedicated along with another home in the same neighborhood. Working with these faith communities each year to help a new homeowner construct their house is an amazing experience for all of us. The amount of love and respect at each build is a witness that people of all faiths can change the world one house at a time.

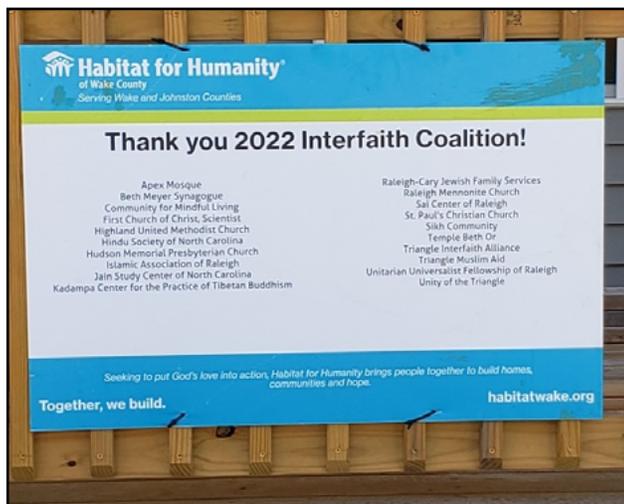
These beautiful remarks by Rabbi Lucy H.F. Dinner of Temple Beth Or capture the spirit of this build:

Habitat Dedication Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, open our ears, our hearts and our minds, so that we may learn from others as we work together, especially those who represent cultures and traditions different than our own. As we engage in mission together, rid us of any arrogance, stereotypes and hidden agendas. May our capacity to see the world and ourselves through the perspective of others grow.

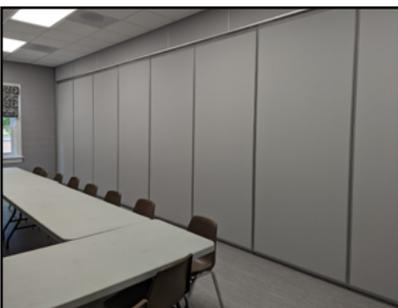
We ask that you bless all that will work in this place; may their task be made lighter, knowing they do not work alone. Through the work of our hands, may your love be made visible for all to see. As we build this house, may we build relationships as well. May the home built here be a place of safety and peace, filled with joy.

We pray the construction of this house and the bonds made here be evidence of your kingdom, as we stand in Christ-like solidarity with all of God's people.



THIS SUNDAY

Training On Movable Partition



After worship on August 7th, a training session will be offered in Westminster Hall South. This will begin at approximately 11:45am.

The training will instruct on how to safely open the partition between the north and south sections of Westminster Hall. If your committee or group utilizes (or will at some point utilize) Westminster Hall, at least one person on behalf of the group should attend the training. Knowledge of how to navigate the partition will give you more flexibility in using the space, and proper use of the wall is important to avoid damaging it. Please join us!

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Aug. 9 | 6:30am | Patio



All men are invited to join this group (in person this week) 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 a 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 [Don Slater](#) (while Mac is on sabbatical).**

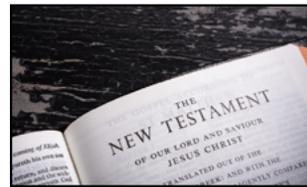
Adult Summer Series

Sundays | 9:30-10:20am
Westminster Hall

Coming Up...

Sunday, August 7

A Look At The New Testament



Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will share some highlights of the New Testament and facilitate conversation on how they may guide us in the important issues of our day.

Sunday, August 14

Report From The Mission Trip Team



Our Mission Trip Team helped Habitat for Humanity in Avery County July 24-29. They will be sharing stories and thoughts on their experience this year.

BIRTHDAYS



August Birthdays



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| <p>1 - Davis McDuffie
3 - Nancy Sinicki, Becca Fisher
4 - Don Morrow, Beckie Sipprell, Lou Yates
5 - Melissa Carlisle, Joshua Hughes, Drew Mouw
6 - Jeffrey Walker, Barbara Barrett, Kent Ayers, Brandon Billman, Smith Carlisle
7 - Victoria Hammond, Garrett Miller
8 - Travis Barkley, D. D. Blackerby
9 - Kristin Hague, Carolyn Scott, Sarah Mitterling, Matthew Dickson
11 - Amy Claprod
12 - Tracey Woodward, Miles Walker, Lillian Pate, Colby Guy
13 - Jackson Mushow, Lilly Graybill, Anna Conger, Gretchen McDuffie, Michelle Coppedge
15 - Rose Gabbard</p> | <p>16 - Joe Forehand, Skip Seekamp
17 - Bob Dickson, Dona Ya, Jess Ives, Irene van Die, Henry van Die, Langley Flueckinger
18 - Lindsey Crone, Darcy Perkins
19 - Nika Ya, Lisa Rahn
20 - Quan Ya
21 - Nancy Howard
23 - Carly Pate, Cheri Thomas
24 - Martha Chapman, Shoni Davidson, Reagan Martin
25 - Henriette Komono
26 - Charlene Fields
27 - Leigh Johnson, Lily Hoffman, Price Capps
28 - Peyton Apple, Nancy Keever, Sarah Lynch
29 - Pete Priester, Sarah Wood
30 - Sallie Everette
31 - Sam Baker, Laura Puryear, Noel Ya</p> |
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CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, August 7

9:30 am - Adult Education - Summer Series - WH
9:45 am - Summer Sing - Choir Loft
10:00 am - Bagels in the Balcony (Youth)
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH

Monday, August 8

9:00 am - First Day Of Vacation Bible School!
6:00 pm - Grandparents of Children w/ Autism - 200
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
5:30 pm - HMP Foundation Meeting - Room 200
6:30 pm - Preschool Board - WH North
6:30 pm - Homecoming Committee- Zoom
7:00 pm - Adult Ed - Zoom
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - GH Room 234

Thursday, August 11

7:00 pm - Mission Committee - Zoom

Friday, August 12

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

SOCIAL MEDIA

Join Our Social Media Community!

Hudson Memorial is active on Twitter (HudsonMemPC) & Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), as well as Facebook (HudsonMPC). Follow us & like us! Our Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts have daily quotes, photos, info about upcoming events, poetry, prayer or scripture.



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CHANCEL FLOWERS

Flower Donations

Dates Still Available



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.



**DEADLINE
APPROACHING:
Please submit
suggested
guest names by
August 15!**

Save The Date...

HUDSON HOMECOMING

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 6th for a good ol' Church Homecoming Celebration! Invite your family members who grew up in the church, former members and others who might be interested in coming home for a Sunday.

Please send suggested guest names and addresses to Lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org by **August 15** (or submit form below). Guests are invited to join 10:30am worship, as well as the Homecoming celebration that will follow. We will have a big lunch, fellowship, entertainment, and more!

For questions, please contact Shawn Jackson at shawn_jackson2004@yahoo.com



If you would like to mail your form, fill out the below and send to Lesley Ash-Jacobsen, HMPC, 4921 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh NC 27609.

Guest Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Guest Address: _____ Guest Address: _____

Guest City, State, Zip: _____ Guest City, State, Zip: _____