



the weekly Window

June 25, 2021

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

Fellowship



July 4th Cookout Following Worship

We invite all friends and members who are in town on Sunday, July 4th for a Cook Out following worship on the West Lawn (11:30ish). Come to worship dressed casual then stick around afterwards. We'll have tables and chairs set up under the shade of the trees. We will have burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian options and other typical 4th of July fare. It will be a great chance to celebrate the holiday weekend and catch up with your church friends

you haven't seen in a while. Call the church office, 919-787-1086, or [email Pat Cash](#) to **RSVP by June 30th** so we know how many people to plan for!

Memorial Garden

Landscape Improvements

Greetings from the Memorial Garden Committee! We want to share some exciting news with the congregation! Last week, our contractor, Tributary, broke ground on Phase I of our Memorial Gardens landscaping improvements plan. This long-awaited project is being funded by the MG donations fund and designated bequests to the foundation. Like so many other events delayed due to COVID, this has been a yearlong journey to get to the starting point.

Our Committee has been meeting and working with the architect on revisions to the site plan for many months, and we are all very excited about the new look of our Memorial Garden that is to come. Phase I includes regrading the courtyard, and construction of a level and hardscaped patio area on the south side of the garden that will serve as welcoming outdoor event space. New sidewalks and pathways will connect the entrances to the courtyard with this patio. A second gate will be installed through the iron fencing near the preschool wing to provide additional access to the courtyard. This phase is expected to take approximately six weeks to complete.

Phase II of the project includes new plantings of flowers, bushes, and trees to make the space green and inviting. We hope to begin that work in the late summer.

Many thanks to the Committee members and staff who have worked so hard to get this project going. Please stop by the Garden to see progress on the project while you are at the church. Let's all look forward to using our beautiful

new space to honor the memory of those who've gone before us, to pray and worship, and to appreciate the glory of God's creation.



Preschool

Summer is Here!

Now that summer has officially arrived the sprinklers have come out. The children had a terrific time cooling off as they ran thru the sprinklers on the Playgarden. It's so true, the simple things bring the most joy!



Adult Faith Formation

Waking Up with the Word



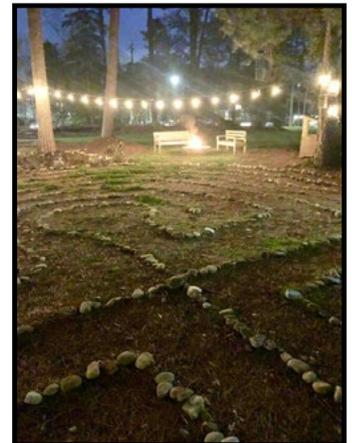
June 29 - 6:30 am

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 Mac Schafer](#) for more information.

Letting Go at the Labyrinth

Sunday, July 11 8 pm

The Adult Education Committee invites you to join us on Sunday, July 11 at 8:00pm for a short sunset ceremony under the lights at the Labyrinth! We will be faithfully letting go of some of the worries we have been carrying for the last fifteen months by participating in a labyrinth walk of release and renewal that is followed by a time of prayer, fellowship and light refreshments at the firepit after your walk. Depending on number of attendees, we will conclude between 9:00 and 9:30pm. We would love to see you, so [please email Debbie Kirk](#) if you can join us! In the event it rains, event will be rescheduled.



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](#).

Inquirer's Class

Sunday, July 18

The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on Sunday, July 18. 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 Friday, July 16.

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

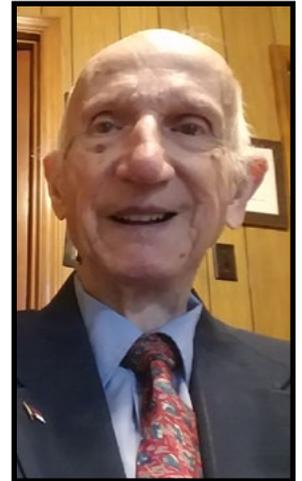


Church Triumphant

Devohn D. Rhame

Devohn D. Rhame, Jr. entered God's everlasting kingdom on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection in Celebration of the Life of Devohn Rhame will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Current protocol requires masks be worn in the building. [The service will be live streamed on Hudson's Youtube channel, and will also be recorded and posted to the channel after the service.](#)



Weather permitting, a reception will follow the service on the West Lawn under the trees.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are requested for Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church Fellowship Fund or North Raleigh Ministries.

Please keep the Rhame family in your prayers.

Thanks be to God for Devohn Rhame.

Celebrations

New Babies!

Wyatt Love Clements, born June 6th, son of Victoria and Bryant Clements. Wyatt's extended family includes Grandparents Ron and Wendy Sharpe, Great-Grandparents Margaret and Ron Sharpe; Great-Aunt Kathy Sharpe; Great-Uncle and Great-Aunt Brent and Michelle Sharpe, along with many cousins.



Katherine Elena Benitez-H, born June 9th, daughter of Maria Ya and Alex Benitez. Katherine's extended family includes Grand-parents Y Leo and H Lem Ya, aunts Nika and Drak, uncles Quan, Dan, Ahn, Markos and Dona, and cousins, Caroline, Charlie, Noah and Noel.

God's blessings on Wyatt and Katherine.

Missions

June Special Offering

Avery County Mission Trip

During June we will be receiving a Special Offering to support the Avery County Mission Trip proceeding this summer from July 18 through July 23 to aid Avery County Habitat for Humanity in the construction of a home. Fifteen individuals, most of whom are retired, have committed to participating in the Mission Trip; and subject to individual circumstances, many are contributing up to \$240 to help defray the costs of the group's room and board. Nonetheless, the assistance of the congregation is needed to fully meet these costs this year and, further, to provide the reserve needed to make advance housing reservations for the group next year. You may put your donation in the offering plate, mail your donation to the church, [donate online](#) or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount 'avery' to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 avery). If you have not done this before, you will only need to enter your information once.

Finance Committee

Review of Actual Vs Budget HMPC General Fund YTD May 31, 2021

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Actual vs Budget
Pledges	\$386,588	\$378,265	\$8,232
Non-Pledge/ Other	<u>10,080</u>	<u>19,389</u>	<u>(9,309)</u>
Total GF Offerings	396,669	397,654	(985)
Total GF Revenue	422,751	423,560	(809)
Total GF Expense	334,381	348,949	14,568
Surplus/ Deficit	88,370	74,611	13,759
Available to Borrow	\$50,000		

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. Arline Seaman is the Deacon on Call for June. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- Ann, Quinten and Andrew Roberson
- Richard Rodgers
- Nancy Law Rogers
- Hunter, Richard, Griffin, Jackie and JD Rogers
- Kristy, Spencer, Carson and Libby Rogers
- Caroline, Carl and Lizzie Rohs
- Katie & Sanders Rohs

Amazing Grays

First Thursday Lunch

July 1st



Amazing Grays will meet for lunch on Thursday, July 1st at 11:30 am at High Park Bar & Grill, 625 E. Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh.

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.



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

New Paraments

Special thanks to Elder Carol Clemens for her wonderful textile work on the new paraments in the sanctuary. We are in what is called “Ordinary Time” in the liturgical year. The color for ordinary time is green representing a time of growth in our faith.



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.](#)

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.](#)

Youth Ministry

Youth Programs

- **The Massanetta Middle School Conference** was last week, June 22-25. Thank you for keeping our wonderful group of 15 in your prayers as we visit our denominations historic Conference Center in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Special thanks to Ashley Edmister and Kelly Capps for driving and chaperoning.
- **VBS Youth Volunteers Needed** - Are you ready to serve during the most fun week of the summer?! Join us for VBS this year, we need you! Serving during VBS is a great, fun, and air-conditioned way to gain volunteer hours. This year we are doing something new as well: Have you always wanted to be a character at Disney World? Want some practice before high school/college mascot tryouts? Do people often say “You’re quite a character!” [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](#) or text her (512-966-0384) for more info!
- **Rising Fifth Grade Youth** (current 4th graders) 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 Frank Boyd with the following information: 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 watch your mail and email closely for registration information for our next class starting in late August/ Early September.

Looking Ahead

- Montreat 2021 (July 18-24) – All 20 participants are reminded to print and start your Symptom Tracker Form on July 4th. The detail letter has already been emailed to all participants.

July Birthdays



1. Colt Jackson, Dottie Davis
2. Tiffany Wheeler, Wynne Long
3. Avi Banerjee, Billy Poole, Leigh Betancourt
4. Andrea Mouw, Kathy White, Cate Madden
5. Lacey Sandlin, Logan Randolph
7. Anna Keen, Susan Krause, Debbie Bumgarner, P. J. Conger, Jimmie Spell, Charlie Onaya
8. Connery Bunn, Maddox Johnson, Michelle Philips
9. Dick Ives, Beth Billman, Marie Martin
10. Susan Bradshaw
11. Lauren Parker, Walt Lang
12. Jeri Thomas
13. Phil Hayden, Shelly Ayers
14. Rick Melling, Lee Playford
15. William Davidson, Karen Melling
16. Trish Richardson, Cathy Bentlage
17. Heidi Duggins, Sandra Acai, Sandy Cole, Kathy Seekamp, Ellie Vig, Richard Blanks, Tanner Hanks, Lisa Hoffman
18. Teri Morris, Phyllis James, Ethan Page, Hannah Cox
19. Bob Conder, Luke Dalzell, Nathan Edge, Jimmy Hulse
20. Aleta Ash, Ogbeyalu Nduka, Morgan Plentl
21. Brooke Baur, Olivia Mercer, Robert Saleeby
22. Karen Layton
24. Ann Trent, Laura McHenry, Andrew Pate
26. Calesta Heres
27. Mitch Perry, Jenna Schindo, Katy Schafer, Keels Maxwell
28. Olivia Davidson, Terry Lamberson
30. Robert Atkinson, Ginny Conger, Patty Shaver
31. Brent Sharpe, Caroline Smart, Jackie Rogers

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Calendar

Sunday, June 27

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

Monday, June 28

- 7 pm - Session - Zoom
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, June 29

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 6:30 pm - Giving Ministry - Zoom

Wednesday, June 30

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

Thursday, July 1

- 11:30 am - Amazing Grays at High Park Bar & Grill
- 6:30 pm - Worship Committee - Zoom
- 6:30 pm - Memorial Garden Comm.

Sunday, July 4

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Labyrinth Green
- 11:45 am - West Lawn Cookout