

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

JANUARY 9, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Note From Marguerite



I wanted to let the congregation know where we are in the mission study phase of the transitional process. The report was initially reviewed by Session on January 4, and their amendments have been incorporated into the next draft. There will be a second review at the January 26th Session meeting for any minor remaining amendments. Minor because we need to submit the final report to Presbytery's Commission on Ministry by February 4 to get on the agenda for the February meeting, so that's a quick turnaround. It's important for us to agree on the final version by that deadline since the Commission doesn't meet during Lent, and we would like to get approval to start forming our Pastor Nominating Committee prior to April.

So please continue to pray for the Mission Study Team members Angie Bell-Morris, Tom Carpenito, Wilson Cheeley, Carol Clemens, Susan Krause, Carolyn Scott, and Marie Wallden, as well as the Session, as they make the final decisions about a document that reveals a snapshot of who Hudson Memorial is right now. Making those statements about our church and community are weighty matters. Please pray that the end result will be good enough to set HMPC in the direction God is asking us to go at this time.

Finally, THANK YOU to all who have pledged your time, talent and treasure for the ministry of this church in 2026. Without it, the hope, peace, joy and love of our gospel message would never happen.

Blessings,

SAVE THE DATE! 2026 EVENTS TO NOTE

JANUARY 25 - Inquirers' Class - After worship

FEBRUARY 8 - Youth Arts Sunday - 10:30 Worship

FEBRUARY 17 - Fat Tuesday Dinner - 6:00pm

FEBRUARY 18 - Ash Wednesday

MARCH 14 - Easter Egg Hunt - 10am-12pm

MARCH 29 - Palm Sunday - 10:30 Worship

APRIL 2 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm service

APRIL 5 - Easter - 9:00 and 11:00 Worship

APRIL 19 - Preschool Sunday - 10:30 Worship

APRIL 19 - Inquirers' Class - After worship

MAY 3 - Confirmation Sunday - 10:30 Worship

MAY 17 - Spring Music Sunday - 10:30 Worship

MAY 21 - Preschool Graduation

JUNE 7 - Youth Graduation Sunday - 10:30 Worship

JUNE 17-19 - Arts Camp - 5:30-7:30pm

AUGUST 3-7 - Vacation Bible School - 9am-12pm

AUGUST 23 - Inquirers' Class - Following worship

**ALL SUNDAY
PROGRAMS
RESUME
JANUARY 11**



What Did the CAT Tell Us? - Your Suggestions for Worship

Happy New Year from the Mission Study Team! Why are we still talking about the Congregational Assessment Tool? Session will continue to use all the information and opinions gathered over the last half year—CAT, study resources, Zoom calls, Brunch Church ideas for the vision, goals and objectives—to understand how Hudson’s members feel now and how we all look at the future of our church.

An intriguing question came at the end of the CAT survey: **“If I could add one thing to worship it would be...”** About half of the CAT respondents provided answers to this question, ranging in length from a single word to a paragraph. Of those, about a third were suggestions about music, with several more on other arts such as visual arts and liturgical dance. Sermon content and other worship elements, such as Communion and use of lay and youth liturgists, taken together, was the second most frequent topic. Examples from the responses, below, show how diverse our opinions can be, which is both a refreshing sign of involvement and vibrancy, and a conundrum for leadership. Obviously, we can’t make everyone happy all the time. And we should be most concerned with making God happy. But we benefit from knowing the range of worship elements people most resonate with and try to get creative in responding. When we’re doing something in worship you don’t like, maybe it’s an invitation to practice the grace and tolerance we all insist are so present at the “welcoming church” that members claim HMPC is.

While most changes in worship and other areas of the church will come by action of Session, and many will await the call of a new pastor, ideas and suggestions of all are welcome. As Pastor Marguerite said in a recent sermon, “Nobody is left behind.”

WE WANT...

MORE
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

NO
POLITICAL
SERMONS

MORE
SOCIAL INTERACTION

MORE
TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP
STRUCTURE

BUT WE WANT...

MORE
TRADITIONAL
HYMNS

MORE PREACHING RELATED
TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

NO
PASSING
OF THE PEACE

A CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



CHILDREN'S MOVIE OUTING

to see *David* in theaters:

Saturday, January 24th

Regal North Hills

(4150 Main at North Hills St, North Hills, NC 27609)



Time TBD (but aiming for first showing) - they only have movie dates/times listed out 5 days so we likely won't know until the week of when the movie time will be.

After the movie we will gather on the green outside the movie theater for additional time together. Families are welcome to join even if they can't make the movie.

If you are interested, please reach out to Christine Bond (cnoldenburg@gmail.com), so she can be in touch about additional details as the date gets closer.

YOUNG ADULT OUTING

Saturday, February 21st - 5:00-7:00pm

Edit Beer Company

(1911 Sego Ct Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27616)

Food can be ordered from Scooter's Bar and Grill.

As always, if you are unable to find childcare please do not let that deter you from coming. This place is family friendly with activities for kids.

FELLOWSHIP

Amazing Grays

Thursday, January 22, at 11:30am
Olive Garden (on Capital Blvd)

Amazing Grays is a group for seniors who attend Hudson Memorial and who are 55 or older. The purpose of the group is to get together for fun, food and fellowship.



Lunches are typically scheduled the third Thursday each month at some of the group's favorite restaurants. New people always welcome! Contact Mike Law or Sandy Cole if you are interested in attending.

Join Us for Fat Tuesday Next Month!



Music Ministry

CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals Wednesdays - 7:30-9:00pm

Provides musical leadership in the Sunday 10:30 worship service & special services throughout the year.

The Chancel Choir is Hudson's vibrant, active adult choir. Our goal is to glorify God through music in worship and to offer a small group experience where joys and concerns are shared. New singers always welcome!

HUDSON HANDBELLS

Rehearsals - Wednesdays 6:15-7:15pm | WH South
(for intermediate to advanced ringers)

If you are interested in joining the choir or getting involved in the music program, contact Barbara Loehr-Fox at bloehr-fox@hmpc.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING MUSIC WORSHIP SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2026, AT 10:30

YOUTH MUSIC NEWS

Youth Handbells (5th-12th grades)
Sundays | WH South | 11:45-12:15
Resumes January 11



We currently have **24 youth ringers** on the roll and **18 youth** rang during our Christmas Joy morning worship service! Thanks be to God for the participation and enthusiasm of our young musicians.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC NEWS

Joyful Noise (3 year olds - 4th grades)
Sundays | Geneva Hall | 11:30-12:15
Resumes January 11



Leadership Update: Welcome, Sarah!

Sarah Bedini, recent college graduate and HMPC member, will be serving as the Interim Joyful Noise Director. We welcome Sarah into this role and know she'll be a blessing to our children.

Parents: Join us while your kids are in music!



Adult Ed on Sundays

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, January | 9:00 | Room 200
"Abraham's Journey"

Facilitated by Don Slater

This week we will start exploring Abraham's journey as he learned to walk with God. Join us for a full hour of learning and discussion!

Presbyterian Ponderings

"Judah, From Isaiah to Exile"

Sunday, Jan. 11 | 9:30 | WH North

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



For the first five weeks of 2026, Presbyterian Ponderings will follow PCUSA's The Present Word series titled "Judah, From Isaiah to Exile." We will dip into the Old Testament and consider how God, through prophets and other leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah so that we may come to see the hand of God in our own lives and all human affairs.

On Jan. 11, we will look at King Hezekiah's efforts to bring the Israelites back to proper worship and to reestablish the Passover celebration. We will also discuss the dynamics of religious practice in our own families and church.

The Seekers

9:30am Sundays | WH South

Sunday, January 11

"Noah's Ark: A Message for Today"

Facilitated by Bob Stowe



Coffee & Conversation:

A Time for Young-ish Adults - This Sunday



Coffee & Conversation is a group that meets most Sundays following worship at 11:45 in the Chapel while children & youth music is happening. It's a great group of young-ish adults who talk about life, faith and culture in a laid-back setting. If you have questions please reach out to Cary Dickerson.

Women at the Well

Morning/Weekly Group

Wednesdays at 9:15am Beginning January 14

The weekly group meets Wednesday morning from 9:15-10:30am (from January 14 - May 13; no meeting Holy Week) and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. This semester's book is *Somehow* by Anne Lamott. This group uses a hybrid format with women meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom.

The cost of the book is \$13.45 payable by check to HMPC with "Women at the Well book" in the memo or by using [THIS LINK](#) on the HMPC website. Email Judie Greenawalt at jkgreenawalt@bellsouth.net with questions or to be included in the group. We would love to have you join us!

In *Somehow*, bestselling author Anne Lamott delivers a heartfelt exploration of love's profound and transformative power.

Lamott explores the power of LOVE in our lives:



- ~ how it surprises us
- ~ how it forces us to confront uncomfortable truths
- ~ how it reminds us of our shared humanity
- ~ how it guides us forward

With her signature warmth and humor, *Somehow* is a celebration of love's ability to enlighten, comfort, and energize, encouraging readers to trust in the promise that tomorrow can be brighter than today.

It is our hope that you will join Women at the Well as we dive into the beautiful, messy, and hopeful world of Anne Lamott.

"One day at a time, and somehow one hour at a time, love will be enough to see us through, get us back on our feet and dust us off. Love gives us a shot at being the person we were born to be."

Evening/Monthly Group

Next meeting: Thursday, January 22



The monthly group meets over dinner on the third or fourth Thursday of each month. This group typically uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. The next meeting will include delicious food and a devotional at the home of

Allie Maples on January 22 at 6:00pm. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and discussion! For the 1/22 meeting, RSVP directly to Allie Maples at ajmfitnessworks@aol.com. If interested in joining the mailing list, contact Linda Meeks at linda.meeks@gmail.com, or Kay Emanuel at ckemanuel@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Pint

Next meetings: 7:00, January 22 & February 26

Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant



questions of theology and culture. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) to be added to the distribution list. Locations for 1/22 and 2/26 TBD. For questions, contact John James.

Waking Up With The Word

Men's Bible Study Every Tuesday at 6:30am

Meeting Location Alternates Weekly on Zoom & In-person on the Westminster Hall Patio



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that is preached on for 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. On Zoom we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Lesley at lash-jacobsen@hmhc.org. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30am - WH Patio

Tuesday, January 20, 6:30am - Zoom

Tuesday, January 27, 6:30am - WH Patio

Hello, Hudson Memorial!



The Property Committee is glad to share our December Property Summary to help keep the congregation connected with the care and upkeep of our facilities. This month, we'll first address December's summary and then look at the whole of 2025.

Here's your December Property Summary. Thank you for your support in maintaining our church!

– Hannah Woodcock, Administrative Coordinator & Staff Liaison to Property

December Property Summary

What did we accomplish in December?



Fire Safety: BFPE addressed a wiring issue in our fire alarm system.

Lighting Improvements: Victory Lights installed new lighting in the downstairs preschool hallway and a new exit sign in the kitchen.

Drainage & Grounds: Millridge completed semi-annual cleaning of our storm drains. Our landscapers prepared our sidewalks for wintery weather. Greg Flueckinger generously volunteered his time to trim bushes and assist with landscaping around campus.

Elevator Maintenance: Schindler completed routine elevator service and repaired a defective button.

Kitchen Equipment: Our ice maker was temporarily down and required replacement of a water valve.

2nd Floor HVAC (Preschool area): A leak became visible in the ceiling of the 2nd-floor library/copy room. It initially looked like plumbing, but the issue was identified as HVAC. A defective part for air handler unit #13 needs replacement. The part is being sourced by TriSouth and we are awaiting its arrival. This work required both a mold assessment and an asbestos assessment to ensure it was safe to work on. (Thank you to Gary Alexander for his support with asbestos testing!)

Restroom Project: The new ADA restroom project continues to move forward and is in the contract negotiation phase.

DECEMBER'S PROPERTY EXPENSES:

Utilities: \$4,969 (*Water, electricity, garbage, and gas*)

Monthly Cleaning Fee: \$3,200

Monthly Lawn Care: \$1,014

ADA Bathroom Renovation Payment: \$949

Sidewalk Freeze Treatment: \$406

Cleaning Supplies: \$368

Fire Panel Repair: \$375

Elevator Bi-Annual Fee: \$200

Boiler Inspection: \$170

OVERVIEW OF 2025 PROPERTY EXPENSES

Total General Maintenance & Repair Costs: \$108,011

Total Service Contract Costs: \$50,198

(Includes cleaning, pest control, boiler inspection, swale inspection, HVAC contract, fire panel inspection, AED inspection, and required city inspections)

Total ADA Bathroom Renovation Costs: \$47,978

Total Insurance Costs: \$38,629

Total Lawn Care Costs: \$11,275

Total Cleaning Supplies & Toiletries: \$6,663

Total Van Ministry Costs: \$2,956

Total Elevator Costs: \$2,567

Answering the Call to Serve: Ushers Needed



Our church is blessed by those who serve faithfully as ushers, offering a warm welcome, guidance, and support to everyone who enters our sanctuary. Their ministry helps set the tone for worship and reflects

God's love through simple acts of kindness and service.

As we look ahead, we invite members of our congregation to prayerfully consider becoming an usher. This role is a meaningful way to serve God and our church family, meet new people, and be part of creating a welcoming and worshipful environment for all.

If you feel called to serve or would like more information about what being an usher involves, please reach out to Carol Clemens or Kelly Boone. Your willingness to serve can make a lasting difference.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."

- 1 PETER 4:10

SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION Tom Bradshaw



Longtime Hudson member, Tom Bradshaw, entered God's everlasting kingdom on December 30, 2025. His obituary can be found [HERE](#).

A Celebration of Life and Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 31st, at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4921 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609. A reception

will immediately follow at North Ridge Country Club, 6612 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC.

For those unable to attend in person, the livestream can be found [HERE](#). It will also be posted on the homepage of hmhc.org the week of the service.

In lieu of flowers, to celebrate Tom's life and commitment to service, memorial gifts may be made to [Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Foundation, Inc.](#) or the [YMCA of the Triangle's Annual Campaign](#), 801 Corporate Center Dr., Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27607.

Please keep the Bradshaw family in your prayers.

MEMBERSHIP

Inquirers' Class

Interested in joining Hudson or learning more about membership? Talk with Pastor Marguerite Serrine or Inquirers' Class coordinator Cary Dickerson (at cdickerson@hmhc.org). Our next class is **January 25, 2026**, immediately following worship. You can RSVP [here](#). These classes are a great way to learn about our mission and ministry. When you're ready, you'll be welcomed into membership during worship and supported by Hudson Connects as you find your place.



CHANCEL GUILD

Lots of Sundays Open for 2026 Chancel Flowers!



If you are interested in donating flowers for the chancel on a Sunday, please sign up on the flower bulletin board located in the main hall outside Room 103. You may also email Hannah Woodcock at hwoodcock@hmhc.org to make arrangements.

Many dates are still available this year, and donating flowers is a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one while helping to make our sanctuary especially beautiful for Sunday worship.

MISSION

January & February Special Offerings THE FOOD BANK

This month's Special Offering and Tend My Sheep Physical Collection will both support the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**. One of the largest anti-hunger organizations in the United States, the Food Bank works daily to provide food to those in need while also pursuing long-term solutions to end hunger in our communities.



You may give a monetary donation by placing it in the offering plate (designated "Food"), or by giving online [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code to the left. **For our**

Tend My Sheep Physical Collection, you are invited to bring oatmeal or cereal and place it in the bins located by the Sanctuary doors during the months of January & February.



**Collecting
oatmeal &
cereal
for the
Food Bank!**

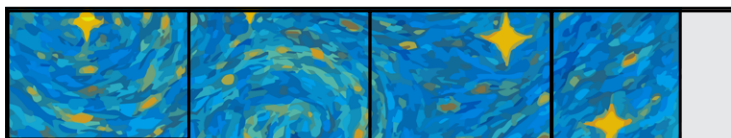


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GIVING MINISTRY

2026 Pledge Campaign Progress As of 1/8/2025

\$777,350 towards our goal of \$835,630



You can still pledge [HERE!](#)

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11

- 9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
- 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Westminster North
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - Westminster South
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
- 11:30 am - Children's Music - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North
- 11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
- 11:45 am - Youth Music - WH South
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group - Westminster, Geneva, Chapel

Monday, January 12

- 9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva

Tuesday, January 13

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
- 11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther Circle - Chapel
- 11:30 am - Hannah Circle - Room 200
- 6:45 pm - Preschool Board - WH South
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 376 - Geneva Hall
- 7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off site

Wednesday, January 14

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - Zoom
- 6:00 pm - Youth Director Search Committee - Rm 200
- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster South
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 15

- 10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 12:15 pm - Preschool Hot Chocolate Social/POPS - WH
- 5:30 pm - Worship Committee - Karl Hudson Room

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