

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

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY



### Commitment Sunday November 14th

For several weeks now you have been hearing from members what belonging to Hudson means to them. We hope you too have been thinking about what belonging means. By now you have received a pledge brochure in the mail. Please prayerfully discern how you will commit to Christ through Hudson in 2022.

We especially hope you will fill out the time and talent section of the brochure this year, and we look forward to seeing you in worship on November 14th as the congregation commits themselves to a new year of ministry through the church.

Visit our website pledge page at:

[hmhc.org/make-a-pledge](http://hmhc.org/make-a-pledge)

## 2022 GIVING MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

### Belonging Through The Music Ministry By Bruce and Carol Cox

Since joining Hudson almost 20 years ago, we have been involved in several committees. But one specific aspect of our relationship with Hudson that has provided us with appreciation and a very strong sense of belonging is the Handbells and Chancel Choir.

Everyone can identify with music to some degree. It is in all of us. A baby often smiles when hearing music. Small children jump and clap. They just plain feel it. We never really lose that bond with music as we age. It grows with us and can boost us on our spiritual journey. Hearing selections like a Brahms lullaby, "Music of the Night", "Fly Me to the Moon", "No Hard Feelings", Boston's "More Than a Feeling", and even "Baby Shark" captures us and reminds us. Hymns like "Jesus Loves Me", "Amazing Grace" and "In Christ Alone", put our prayerful thoughts into word and song. Music can transport us, make us feel things, make worship more meaningful – it connects us to people, emotions, and to God.



(Continued on Page 2)

## Belonging Through The Music Ministry

(Continued from Page 1)

We've often heard the expression that a sheet of paper with lines, treble clef, bass clef and notes is just that - a sheet of paper. It is not music until someone plays it on an instrument, or sings it, or hears it, or feels it. Each of these is a gift from God.

While one bell or one vocal may sound nice, when they come together, when the notes are connected and shared, when we gather in community - like in the Chancel Choir or Handbells - that is when it becomes more than "music"! It becomes laughter & joy, care & love, friends & ministry. We are no longer single bells or notes, we are a chorus, a symphony, a family.

**Here are a few examples of how our musical family has added to our sense of belonging at Hudson:**

- What an honor for Carol to play bells next to Susan Grigg – one of Hudson's original Handbell ringers and a friend of her mother's from college.
- Who is not in awe of watching John Williams? How many bass bells can one-man play? He is a wealth of motion and coordination and truly amazing to watch.
- When you need a happiness boost, there is none better than Lisa Williams. Whether it is playing bells or singing, her cheerfulness and joy are contagious and light up every rehearsal and worship service.
- What would Bruce do without fellow tenor John James? He is so thankful to stand beside him in the choir. Without him, who knows what pitch Bruce might sing!
- Carol Yeargin, who while playing the full accompaniment on a song, still finds a way to somehow emphasize the specific note we all are missing. We are so grateful to have Carol guiding us.
- And we must mention Barbara. For most of her time at Hudson, we have all been singing in masks, so we rarely get to see her smile. But when she is directing, we often get to hear her beautiful soprano voice singing right along with us. And see the joy and spirit coming through in her eyes. So, while we can't see her singing the words, her eyes are projecting the ministry of her music. It is wonderful and powerful!

We could go on and on but instead we will just say what a gift it is to spend time with each of our friends in the Choir and Handbells. We are humbled to be a part of their community.

In closing, we would like to ask a favor. Everyone really lean-in and sing those hymns each Sunday (or at least hum along)! It doesn't matter which part you sing or whether it is on key or not. It will be pleasing to God's ear. You are all a part of the music ministry at Hudson!

Our names are Carol and Bruce Cox and we are grateful that we get to experience God's spirit at work through the music ministry. We belong to Hudson, to each of you, and to God.

### LEADERSHIP

## 2021 Session Retreat

The Session of HMPC had a leadership retreat on Saturday, October 30th. The Session began their day around a fire pit reflecting on John 13:3-17 and Jesus' model of servant leadership. They then reviewed their Mission, Vision and Values, and the recent history of congregational goal-setting. The Session had several small group discussions on the health of our ministry inside and outside of our church walls. After lunch the elders began to identify goals that will set our congregational course for the next few years. We will be communicating more about these goals in the weeks to come.



## Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group via Zoom 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 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 Pastor Mac.](#)

## INQUIRER'S CLASS

### Interested in Joining Hudson?

Sunday, November 14th

The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held on November 14 at 1:00pm via Zoom.

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 contact Debbie Kirk for more information at [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org).



## HMPC FOUNDATION

### Foundation Birthday Gifts in October

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

Lauren Parikh; Daniel, Cary, Kessler, Kate and James Dickerson; Jay Cummins; Debbie, Leslie & Katie Bumgarner; Emily and James Cobb; Maggie Schneider; Tom & Mary Mac Bradshaw; Judie Greenawalt

## “Re Gathering”

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am

WH South

In this group are members of the “John Knox” and “Mixed Adults” classes along with newer members and guests. They enjoy a presentation and discussion format. Rev. Aleta Ash facilitates November 7, 14 and 21 with the theme “Disciples: Them and Us, Then and Now.”

### Westminster Hall Patio

Join us for “**Patio Ponderings**” facilitated by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg and Fred Woodward. This informal group is for all who would like to consider faith in light of contemporary issues. If you would like a place to share what challenges and opportunities you have right now and how your faith is informing your life, please join us! Topics and resources will be guided by the group and may include information (i.e., book study) and transformation as we connect with others. The topic for Sunday, November 7, is “Hope in Uncertain Times: Christian Perspectives” with John James leading the discussion.

### Parlor - Silent Reflection and Prayer

For those who need a quiet space to be still and mindful, the Parlor is available. Suggestions of ways to use the space are provided using *Words to Build On: Words of Scripture for Remembrance and Reflection* and guides for personal prayer. The opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of the light of Christ and or in memory or honor of someone will be available. This will be one option for the space, another is just to sit quietly, pray if you would like, etc. In order to keep the sanctity of the space, the area is not for visiting.

### Labyrinth Self-Guided Walking Meditations

Another outside option that will require social distancing but not masks will be a self-guided Labyrinth Meditation option. A guide to walking meditations and suggested material for reflection and some Sundays tokens of focus to carry on your journey will be available at the Labyrinth on or in front of the Welcome Box.



## Youth This Sunday

### Sunday Morning:

**Explorers Class (5th-7th grade)** will meet at our regular time, 9:30am, in the Explorers Room on the second floor.

**Confirmation Class (8th grade)** will meet at our regular time, 9:30am, in a different location - Westminster Hall...with Mentors!

### Bagels Are Back!



Sunday, November 7th, we will have “Bagels in the Breezeway” (due to COVID there is no eating in the building). This will be the first Sunday of every month at 10:00am. Find us by the front entrance of the church (Six Forks side).

### Sunday Afternoon:

**Sunday, November 7 | 1:30 - 4:00pm**

**For Both Middle School and High School in place of regular Youth Group:**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Mission Project at RAH Warehouse! Meet in the parking lot of church at 1:15pm, Leave at 1:30 to then drive over to RAH Warehouse. Return by 4:15pm. Please let Rich know if you are coming!

Registration link: <https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002vmViQAI>

After participants return from the mission project, there will be **Youth Music 4:15(ish) to 5:00pm**

## Collecting Candy for First Responders

If you find yourself with extra candy after the Halloween holiday, bring it to church this Sunday, **November 7th**. Our children will be making treat bags to distribute to distribute to local first responders!



## Chapel with 3-4 Year Olds



Now that Halloween has passed it is time to begin looking forward to Thanksgiving! November at Hudson is all about family, friendships and food. This fall, our 3 and 4 year olds have attended outdoor Chapel with Pastor Mac, Ms. Barbara and Ms. Cary. During chapel this fall, the children have learned new prayers and songs as well as listening to Bible stories. Chapel is a wonderful time for grown-ups and children to come together and remember that we are all children of God!

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

### Joyful Noise & Wee Worshipers

**Pre-Elementary: Wee Worshipers, Room 225**

**9:30 am** - Children are invited to participate in our pre-K music program called the Wee Worshipers during the 9:30 hour. Children will sing and play instruments to age-appropriate music. They will even join Joyful Noise to perform in worship a few times throughout the year!

**Joyful Noise: Grades K-4, GH Music Room**

**9:30 am** - Joyful Noise is our Elementary age music program led by Gina Hayek. Using games and activities and playing instruments, children learn about Bible stories appropriate to their age and development. Joyful Noise children will have the opportunity to lead worship a few times a year through music and simple pageants.

**Our Joyful Noise and Wee Worshiper groups are having fun preparing songs to perform on PRESCHOOL SUNDAY - November 21st. We would love to have your children join us at the 9:30 hour!**

## MISSIONS

### Volunteer at the Food Bank

The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment with the Food Bank. We have set up two standing monthly volunteer shifts: the second Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm and the third Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Use the link below to see the dates we will be working and to sign up to participate. The Food Bank does require that volunteers be masked inside the warehouse.

Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent, over 16 do not need a parent in attendance; youth may be able to count these as service hours.

Please contact [Beth Billman](mailto:bethbillman@gmail.com), with any questions.

[https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console\\_id=0225&console\\_type=event\\_list&event\\_id=21&ht=1&res\\_code=HudsonMemorial](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0225&console_type=event_list&event_id=21&ht=1&res_code=HudsonMemorial)

### Rise Against Hunger

The Mission Committee would like to invite everyone to join us for a meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger. We will be packing 10,000 meals to help alleviate hunger worldwide.

The Mission Committee has committed to funding 10,000 meals. If you would like to donate funds for additional meals please contact Pat Cash.

- **When:** Sunday, November 7 at 2:00pm
- **Where:** Rise Against Hunger facility - 3200 Wellington Court, Suite 112 - Raleigh
- **Who:** HMPC members - Space limited to 50 people!
- Register using this link: <https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002vmViQAI>

Contact Beth Billman with any questions at [bethbillman@gmail.com](mailto:bethbillman@gmail.com)



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 7

#### Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 9:30 am - Wee Worshipers - 226; Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226
- 9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 10:30 am - Worship - *All Saint's Sunday - We will remember those members that have entered God's everlasting kingdom in the last year with reading of names and tolling of the bell.*
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 2:00 pm - Rise Against Hunger - RAH Warehouse
- 4:15 pm - Youth Music with Barbara - WH South

### Monday, November 8

- 8:00 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 226, 236

### Tuesday, November 9

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle - WH North
- 11:30 am - Hannah Circle - WH South
- 1:30 pm - Esther Circle - WH Patio
- 6:30 pm - HMP Board Meeting
- 7:15 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

### Wednesday, November 10

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
- 6:00 pm - HMPC at Food Bank
- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm (or 7:00 if you can make it!) - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, November 11

- 7:00 pm - Mission Committee - Zoom
- 6:30 pm - Worship Committee - WH South

### Saturday, November 13

- 11:00 am - Charles Welby Memorial Service
- 5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!



@HudsonMPC

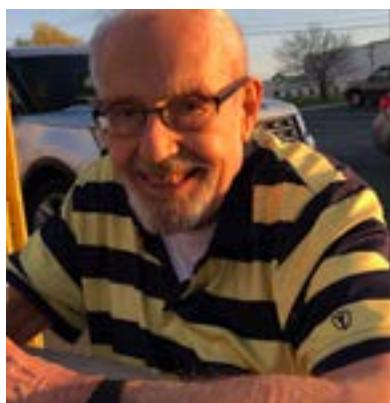


@HudsonMemorialPC



@HudsonMemPC

## Celebration of the Life of Charles W. Welby



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection & Celebration of the Life of Charles W. Welby will be held on **Saturday, November 13th at 11 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. Charles entered God's everlasting kingdom a year ago.

Thanks be to God we can gather now to worship God and celebrate his life among family, friends and the congregation.

### SPECIAL SERVICE

## Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m.

For years the churches along Six Forks Road have united to worship together at Thanksgiving. This year we are hosting the service. The Reverend Ben Kifer, pastor of Grace Lutheran, is preaching.

Participating churches include: St. Timothy's Episcopal, Trinity Baptist, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, North Haven Church, The Fountain Church and Grace Lutheran. We will have a joint choir from all of our congregations and a reception on the front patio following worship. We'd love to get a great showing from our members as hosts.



## Advent Begins November 28th

As part of worship each week throughout the season of Advent, we will light one candle on the sanctuary Advent wreath. Using scripture, liturgy and music, we reflect on themes that prepare us to celebrate the birth of Christ. Many of us find using an advent wreath at home to be a helpful devotional practice. For those who would like to create a wreath, we invite you to join us from **9:30-10:20 on November 28**. Wreaths and supplies will be furnished by the Adult Committee and the Chancel Guild. We ask that you sign up by November 22 using [this link](#) so that we can plan appropriately.

Adults with children through Grade 4 will meet in Geneva Hall. HS Youth and Adults will meet in Room 200. If you have any questions contact Debbie Kirk at [dkirk@hmpe.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpe.org)

## Attend Worship Online



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 or watch recording of this Sunday's 10:30 am service.](#)

## 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 John Whisler](#) or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, Barton Meeks, John Oldenburg, Olsen Richards, plus new streamers, Gil Graybill, Skye Schafer, Sarah Bedini, Erik Jacobsen, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono.

### NURSERY

## Nursery is Open on Sundays!

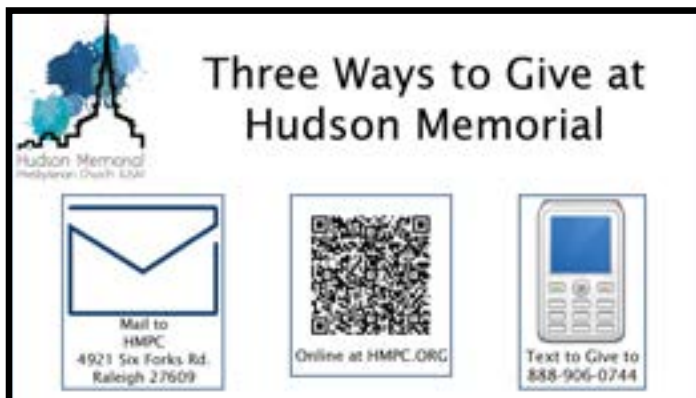
Our nursery is open during worship. Your children from birth to 3 years old will be safely taken care of by our compassionate, trained, and responsible childcare workers.

[Contact Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.](#)

## Hudson's Current Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub Team, Personnel Committee or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board. All below policies are subject to change.

- Church staff can work from the office or at home.
- For preschool drop off, no parents come inside the building.
- The preschool is following NCDHHS tool kit and guidance.
- Groups of any size can gather outside without masks. Eating outside on church property is permitted.
- Masks are required at all times inside the church building. Exceptions to this are:
  - Vaccinated speakers, soloists and small singing groups in worship who are appropriately socially distant from the congregation.
  - Staff who are working alone in their office.
- Sunday worship children's message volunteers must wear masks when giving their talk because the children are not socially distant from the speaker.
- Employees of HMPC (church and preschool) are required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisor.
- Any volunteer working with children 12 and under at HMPC will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.
- Groups are not allowed to eat together inside the church buildings. The exception to this rule is preschool children have lunch and snack time in their class bubble.



**Mac Schafer**, Pastor & Head of Staff

[mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org)

**Debbie Kirk**

Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture

[dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org)

**Aleta Ash**, Minister of Visitation

[aash@hmpc.org](mailto:aash@hmpc.org)

**Barbara Loehr-Fox**, Director of Music Ministries

[bloehr-fox@hmpc.org](mailto:bloehr-fox@hmpc.org)

**Rich Richards**, Interim Director of Youth Ministries

[rrichards@hmpc.org](mailto:rrichards@hmpc.org)

**Cary Dickerson**, Interim Director of Children & Family Ministries

[cdickerson@hmpc.org](mailto:cdickerson@hmpc.org)

**Gina Hayek**, Director of Joyful Noise

[ghayek@hmpc.org](mailto:ghayek@hmpc.org)

**Carol Yeargin**, Organist

[carolyeargin@gmail.com](mailto:carolyeargin@gmail.com)

**Pat Cash**, Business Administrator

[pcash@hmpc.org](mailto:pcash@hmpc.org)

**Cheri Thomas**, Bookkeeper

[cthomas@hmpc.org](mailto:cthomas@hmpc.org)

**Lesley Ash-Jacobsen**, Communications Specialist

[lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org)

**Dorothy Roche**, Preschool Director

[droche@hmpc.org](mailto:droche@hmpc.org)

**Joyce Hawkins**, Assistant Preschool Director

[jhawkins@hmpc.org](mailto:jhawkins@hmpc.org)

**Hope Parangi**, Church Hostess

[hparangi@yahoo.com](mailto:hparangi@yahoo.com)

## PERSONNEL

### Sunday Morning Childcare Workers

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for caring, reliable childcare workers for our church nursery! This is a part-time opportunity on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - noon. Please send a resume or inquiry email to [Cary Dickerson](mailto:Cary Dickerson), Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries

### Organist/Music Assistant

We are beginning our search to fill the part-time organist position here at Hudson. [Please click here for more information.](#) If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact anyone on the Search Committee: Barbara Loehr-Fox, Emily Brown, Carol Cox and Dan Vig.

## November Birthdays

- 2 - Michelle Thompson-Mann, Dorothy McDermott
- 3 - Jim Crosson
- 4 - Tripp McDuffie, John Hall
- 5 - Heather Monroe
- 6 - Justin Smith, Mgbo Nkpa, Chris Page, Martin Playford
- 7 - Matthew McDougal, Jordan Parker, Anson Randolph
- 8 - Monica Fitzgerald, Alexandra McIntire, Will Keever, Davis Bradshaw
- 9 - Allie Maples, Rob Duggins, Maureen Thomas
- 12 - Emily Duggins, Connor Smith
- 13 - Emily Bigger, Dot Medlin, Elizabeth Forehand, Sandra Vasher, Meredith Dalzell, Bryson Guy, Garrett Guy
- 14 - Kenny Capps, Madelyn Sue Johnson, Melissa Keever, Janet Carr
- 15 - Alice Njoroge
- 16 - Darrin Komono
- 18 - Ken Krause, Judy James, Jane Hamner
- 19 - Hollis Peterson, Ed Holzinger, Jackson Lynch
- 20 - Joan Lester, Lee Hammond, Kate Fertin, Anna Fertin
- 21 - Amy Hunnicutt, Taylor Martin
- 22 - Ron Cole
- 23 - James Dickerson, Drak Thi
- 24 - Brad Harris, Bob Terry
- 25 - Logan Huesgen, Sandy Goodale
- 27 - Maegan Smith, Spencer Rogers
- 28 - Kirk Richardson, Roger Howard
- 29 - Rob Tice
- 30 - Ellen Lightsey, Renee McDougal



## MISSIONS

### Tend My Sheep

November 21 & 28

Coats and Jackets for  
Note in the Pocket

Let's make it a cozy and warm Christmas for children in Wake County! Note in the Pocket is in need of coats and jackets for distribution through Wake County Public Schools. Please consider donating new (or very gently used) winter coats, rain jackets or fleece jackets this month. We will be collecting the two weekends around Thanksgiving. These items will be available for distributors to children in need immediately.

Note in the Pocket serves students and their families through the school system. All sizes are welcome and needed.

Please contact  
Beth Billman at  
[bethbillman@gmail.com](mailto:bethbillman@gmail.com)  
with any questions.



---

## Recommendations for Ruling Elders and Deacons And Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon consider members to begin their service in May 2022.

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us. As prescribed in the Book of Order, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee's work.

If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), fill out this form and drop it off at the church office or talk with Carol Clemens, Chair of the Nominating Committee. [You may also click here to fill out a recommendation form online.](#) We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Consider for the office of:  Ruling Elder  Deacon  Nominating Committee

Offices held at HMPC and other committee activity or mission involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_







4921 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27609  
(919) 787-1086 Fax (919) 510-9990  
[www.hmpc.org](http://www.hmpc.org)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED