



the weekly Window

October 15, 2021

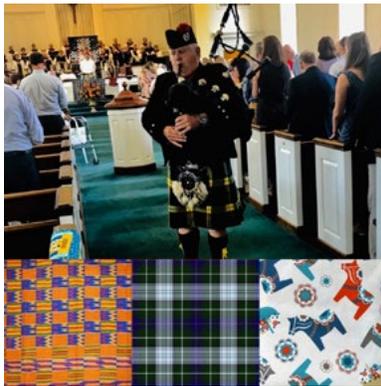
Out to the life and ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)

Kirkin' O' Tartan

Kirkin' O' Tartan with A Modern Slant

Sunday, October 24

On Sunday, October 24th in worship, bring fabric from your family heritage and wear clothing that represents your family's historical country of origin. We will celebrate a modern version of a Kirkin' O' th' Tartan service. In the 18th century, Scottish clans secretly brought



their family tartan to be blessed at their church. On October 24th, we will expand this tradition beyond our Presbyterian/Scottish heritage and ask people to bring fabric that represents their family heritage from all nations to be blessed. We'll celebrate where we come from and our family history inclusively.

This is a great chance for parents (and grandparents) to talk to their kids (and grandkids) about their family history in preparation for worship that day. Knowing our family history can give us a sense of grounding and belonging, much like our faith. We hope you participate by bringing fabric to be blessed and wearing clothing that represents a country of origin.



Welcoming & Fellowship

Fall Festival! 4-6 pm Sunday, October 24th



This year's Fall Festival is once again sponsored jointly with St. Mark's Methodist Church. It will be held on Sunday, October

24th from 4 – 6 pm in our parking lot.

We will have the full range of activities including decorated trunks, an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, games and food trucks.

What we need to make this event happen are **VOLUNTEERS!**. Please consider ways you can help to support this event. Collection containers for donations of "peanut free" wrapped candy and treats will be near entrances to the church. Click this link to sign up for volunteer opportunities [Volunteers for Fall Festival: Hudson and St. Mark's Fall Festival](#).

This is a wonderful way to engage our families and the community. To provide a safe environment for our children, masks are encouraged.

[If you have questions or need additional information, contact Grace Hutchinson](#)

Join us on the 24th for some great fall fun!



Belonging Through Youth Ministries

By Katherine Edmister

Hi everyone! I have been at Hudson since I was a baby, and now I am 13 years old. And I want to tell you what I feel it means to belong. I started off at Hudson Memorial when I was two years old in daycare.

Obviously, I kept moving up as I got older, and so did the kids around me. Those kids started off as preschoolers, moved up to Sunday school, moved up again to Youth Group, and now we're all in Confirmation together. With this group of people, I always feel truly free to be myself, and I always fit right in with them. These four or five people that I have been with all the way through my church journey really embody Hudson's values, and they help me walk in God's footsteps every day.

Once you have found a group of people like I have, you can belong anywhere. Hudson has led me to a group of people that inspire me to commit myself to church and to God. And that's what belonging is to me. I'm Katherine Edmister, and belonging at Hudson isn't about belonging to a church, it's about belonging with a group of people and belonging to God.



COVID 19

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.

Seeing the Word

Monday, October 18

This group uses the art work from the Saint John's Illuminated Bible to study scripture texts. Weather permitting we will meet on the West Lawn at 12 noon. Contact [Mac Schafer for more information](#)



Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, October 19th

6:30 am WH Patio

All men are invited to join this group 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 three 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.](#)



Evening Women at the Well

The evening version of Women at the Well will meet on Thursday, October 21st at 6 pm at the WH Patio. Women of all ages and stages enjoy great fellowship along with lively conversations about current topics of interest informed by a variety of podcasts and other resources. Participants will receive the topic, resources prior to the meeting. All are welcome to join anytime! [Contact Debbie Kirk for the podcast info or questions.](#)

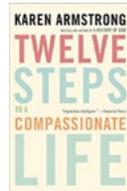


“Re Gathering”

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 -10:20

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.

October 17, Ron Ash leads a conversation on Jesus’ model of compassion using “The Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life” by Karen Armstrong. Rev. Jimmy Hulsey continues “Exploring the Presence of God” on October 24 and 31. 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. This Sunday, the class will reflect, with the aid of some scriptural passages, on Gratitude.



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 Labyrinth 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 Programs

Sunday Mornings:

- Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet this week at our regular time, 9:30am in the Explorers Room on the second floor.
- Confirmation Class (8th grade) will also be meeting at the regular time in the Confirmation Room. See you there!
- High School Sunday school class. Currently, HMPC does not have one. This mainly is due to very low to no numbers where teachers outnumber the Youth Committee at HMPC is looking at how we might serve our High Schoolers during the Sunday school hour on Sunday mornings, (9:30 to 10:20). Stay tuned for possible offerings for this age group.

Sunday Afternoons:

- Middle School and High School Youth Group 5:00pm to 6:30pm. NOTE: This year the afternoon schedule is a bit different than previous years. Also, there will NOT be a meal component as a part of youth group this year. Snacks and drinks although will be provided on a week to week basis.
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm - Youth Music with Barbara - Youth interested in participating in the music program here at HMPC. WH North
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm Youth Group (Middle School grade 6-8 and High School grade 9-12) Come join us for recreation, study, mission and worship activities.

Coming Up

- **This Sunday - Pumpkin Decorating Party, 10/17!** Please bring \$5 for pumpkin and materials. See you there!
- **Church-Wide Fall Festival, Sunday, October 24, 4pm-6pm.** Youth are encouraged to not only participate with their families by bringing out a decorated "trunk" BUT to also volunteer to work with the children during the festival. If you are interested in helping with Children's Ministry, please contact Rich Richards or Cary Dickerson.
- **Sunday, October 31 there will be NO EXPLORERS, CONFIRMATION or YOUTH GROUP.**
- **College Students: Montreat College Conference 2022!** If you are a college-aged-student and wish to continue the depth, magic, fun and Christian fellowship of a Montreat Youth Conference then come with Hudson this Winter to the Montreat College Conference. (January 2-5, 2022) If you are interested in registering, please contact Rich Richards.

[Contact Rich Richards here](#)

Youth Group

Decision to Return to 6th - 12th grades for Youth Group

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Youth Committee of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church decided to return to the traditional Middle School model of 6th-8th grades for evening youth group activities effective immediately. These activities include weekly Sunday afternoon/evening Youth Group, Presbytery Retreats, (New Hope Presbytery Fall Retreats) National Conferences (Massanetta Middle School Conference during the summer months) and any other 6th-8th grade youth activities offered by the PC(USA).

This will NOT affect the Sunday morning Sunday school "Explorers Class" which will remain as a 5th to 7th grade class. This will also NOT affect Youth Music on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:00pm. 5th graders are welcomed to continue with Barbara's leadership during this time.

Music Corner

Youth Music

Our Youth Music ensemble rang bells in worship last Sunday. They accompanied the Joyful Noise choir in their anthem.

We will ring in worship a couple more times this fall and through the Advent and Christmas seasons.

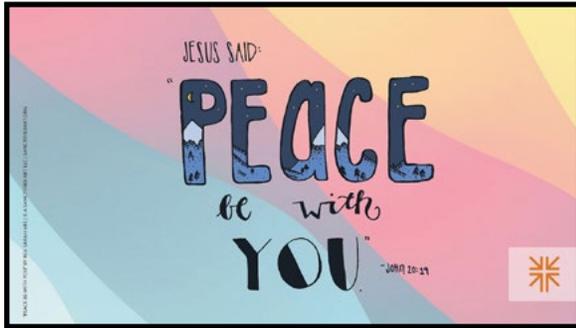
Ringin' is fun and you don't need to have any experience or even read music to participate.

We are learning as we go and experimenting with all the techniques.

Join us on Sundays from 4:30 – 5:00 PM in Westminster Hall. [For more information contact Barbara.](#)



Peace and Global Witness



Special Offering for PCUSA - Peace and Global Witness

We will be receiving a Special Offering for Peacemaking and Global Witness in October. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. HMPC will use 25% of this Offering for Hunger Action, Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You may drop your donation in the church's mailbox (under the large oak, across from the office,) mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 peace).

Fellowship Friday

Friday, October 29 6:45 pm
 Movie on the West Lawn
The Ghost & Mr. Chicken



Don Knotts stars as a timid typesetter who hasn't a ghost of a chance of becoming a reporter – until he decides to solve a murder mystery and ends up spending a fright-filled night in a haunted house!
 Timeless comedy classic.
 Bring a picnic and a portable chair. (We can also provide a chair if needed)
 Drinks and popcorn provided

Tend My Sheep

The October Tend My Sheep collection will be holiday dinner items for the food pantry at North Raleigh Ministries. On Sunday morning, Oct. 24, we will collect instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing and gravy packets or jars. These will be assembled into bags at NRM to be distributed to families in need shortly before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed at North Raleigh Ministries to sort food donations and assemble bags, especially during the week of Nov. 1-5.



Hands-On Service Event

The Hunger Action Team is planning a HANDS-ON service event on Sunday, October 17th following Worship. We will be packing Breakfast Bags for Meals On Wheels. These bags will be distributed to their clients.
 When: Sunday, October 17th at 11:30 am
 Where: HMPC
 Who: ALL ages Welcome! Families are encouraged to attend.
 Why: Supporting those in need in our community is a vital part of who we are.
 All Covid-19 protocols will be followed.
[Please contact Beth Billman with questions.](#)

Volunteer at the Food Bank

The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment with the Food Bank. Volunteers will be providing assistance in various activities including: sorting out produce and food donations, creating CSFP and Disaster Relief boxes, and packing food items such as cereal, pasta, eggs and other dry food. 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](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0225&console_type=event_list&event_id=21&ht=1&res_code=HudsonMemorial), with any questions.
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Calendar

Sunday, October 17

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshippers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226; Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 10 am - Session meets with New Member Class - Welcome Lounge
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 11:30 am - Hands on Service - Breakfast Bags for Meals on Wheels
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music
- 5:00 pm - MS & HS Youth Group

Monday, October 18

- 9:45 am - Preschool Chapel - Langley Lot
- 12 Noon - Seeing the Word - West Lawn
- 6 pm - Youth Committee - Zoom
- 7 pm - Diaconate - WH South
- 7 pm - Finance - Zoom
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, October 19

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - West Lawn
- 1 pm - Single Way - Piper's Tavern
- 7 pm - Fellowship - Zoom
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, October 20

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 21

- 7:30 am - Welcoming Team - First Watch (Glenwood)
- 6 pm - Women at the Well - WH Patio

Friday, October 22

- 5 pm - Crawford/Williams Wedding - The Oaks at Salem

Saturday, October 16

- 9 am - HMPC at the Food Bank
- 10 am - Yoga & Yogurt - West Lawn

Sunday, October 24

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshippers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226; Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 4 pm - Fall Festival

Worship & The Arts

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 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 Barbara Loehr-Fox](#), or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, 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 Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.](#)

Chancel Guild

Flower Donations

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 or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086.





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

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Sabbath was a wonderful celebration of the children of Hudson! Joyful Noise performed with the youth bells, we presented Bibles to our 3 year olds, Kindergarteners, and 4th graders, and several children read prayers or scripture passages.

On Saturday our children participated in Kids Day at the Food Bank with a Halloween theme! We helped bag 7,894 pounds of sweet potatoes which translates to 6,578 meals for our neighbors in need!



Music for Children

Pre-Elementary: Wee Worshippers, Room 225 9:30 am
Children are invited to participate in our pre-K music program called the Wee Worshippers 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, Geneva Hall/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.



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, 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.

Online Community

Stay in community with us. We can be found online at:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)



Follow us and like us!

Celebration

Bumgarner-Pascucci

On Saturday, October 9th, Leslie Bumgarner and Dan Pascucci were married at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. Mac Schafer officiated the ceremony. Congratulations to HMPCC members Debbie Bumgarner, mother of the bride and to Katie Bumgarner, sister of the bride





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HM Preschool

Fall is in full swing at Preschool! The children have enjoyed nature scavenger hunts, apple tastings, and cooler weather. School picture day is right around the corner as well as the Fall Festival. Our Four year olds are working on their self portraits with Ms. Cyndi, this clay project is a favorite year after year.

