

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OCTOBER 16, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Upcoming Worship

This Sunday, October 18



Rev. Jimmy Hulsey, chair of the Giving Team, will preach as we continue our 2027 Giving Campaign, "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity." Following worship, we invite you to "Under the Hood" to learn more about HMPC Finances.

Next Sunday, October 25

Celebrate **Reformation Sunday** with bagpipes, followed by the Youth Group's pancake brunch fundraiser and the Fall Festival at St. Mark's UMC.



Martin Luther

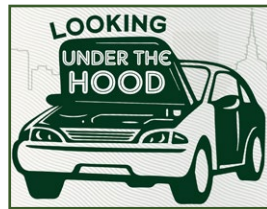
Learn all about Reformation Sunday from the Presbyterian Historical society [HERE](#).



Please sign up to help with the **FALL FESTIVAL!** Hudson is co-hosting this event, so please consider helping out! We currently do not have much HMPC representation on the volunteer or trunk-or-treat list. Details on page 3.

Under the Hood: HMPC Finances

We're talking all about giving during this year's Giving Campaign. But what happens to monetary gifts after they are given to the church? Come check out the "Under the Hood" presentation by HMPC's



Finance and Foundation teams during the Fellowship time in Westminster Hall after worship on **October 18**. They will give you an idea of the monetary ins and outs of HMPC ministry and allow you to ask questions. See you there!

2027 Giving Ministry: Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity

OCTOBER 11 MINUTE FOR MISSION BY LAURA MCHENRY



I am rooted in Christ through the relationships I've developed with people in the church. Here at Hudson I have found a community, a church family, not just for me but for my children and my parents.

In a world that tells us we do not have enough, we do not do enough, here at Hudson I am constantly reminded that through Christ we live an abundant life. And that perspective has helped me grow in generosity – to see all the ways I receive the gift of abundant life through this church and all the ways I can return that gift with a joyful heart.

Whether it's serving as an advisor to the youth group, performing a moving piece of music during worship, stocking the welcome lounge, working the soundboard, or volunteering in the church office, the gifts each of you bring to the church help me grow in generosity and inspire me to pledge.

Visit our Giving Ministry 2027 page [HERE](#). You can find a Giving Campaign kick-off video, as well as the videos in a developing series of "Rooted at Hudson" videos that are made up of footage submitted by church members. Make your 2027 pledge of time, talent, and treasure [HERE](#).

HMPC Financial Highlights: September 2026

While YTD pledge and non-pledge offerings fell short of budget targets, disciplined expense management helped control overall operational expenditures.

Pledge Income Lags YTD Budget

\$533,238
YTD Pledge Balance
($\$30,148$ below YTD budget)



Non-Pledge Giving Below Target

\$72,660
YTD Non-Pledge Offerings
(trailing the YTD budget target by $\$3,334$)



Disciplined Expense Savings Control Spending

\$774,742
YTD General Fund Expenses
(held, supported by cost savings in personnel and support divisions)



Revenue Deficit Offset by Operations

\$28,795
YTD Net Deficit
(Total YTD Revenue $\$745,948$ vs. Expenses $\$774,742$)



Gemini Notebook

Thank You! FROM ALETA ASH

To my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was certainly with mixed feelings that I decided to end my position as Minister of Visitation at Hudson. I felt it was time, but I also know that I will miss it! Words cannot express how much I have enjoyed serving the Hudson congregation by visiting with you, sharing difficult moments with you as you faced challenges, concerns, and even death. And, of course, there have been lots of joys along the way

as well! Please accept my appreciation and thanks for your generous gift. I will continue to be your friend and feel so grateful to be part of the Hudson church family.

God bless you all.

Aleta



Coffee & Conversation

A Time for Young-ish Adults Following Worship on Sundays



Are you in your 20s, 30s or 40s? 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 that talk about life, faith and culture in a laid-back setting. The group meets for a half hour. Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge or a snack in Westminster Hall and stop in. No preparation or homework! If you have questions please reach out to Cary Dickerson.

INTERESTED IN JOINING HMPC THIS FALL?

Our Next Inquirers' Class will be NOVEMBER 15 after worship.



Sign up [HERE](#) or contact Cary Dickerson if you have any questions at cdickerson@hmpc.org.

FALL FESTIVAL

Our Fall Festival is coming up, and there are lots of ways to participate - whether you have a few minutes to volunteer, a bag of candy to donate, or simply want to bring your family and enjoy the evening!

1. Attend the event!

October 25 - 3-5pm - St. Mark's United Methodist

Bring your children, invite a friend or neighbor, and come enjoy an evening of fun, food, games, and fellowship!

2. Donate Halloween candy!

Help us stock up for Trunk or Treat! Candy donations can be dropped off in the Karl Hudson Room.

3. Shop our Amazon Wish List!

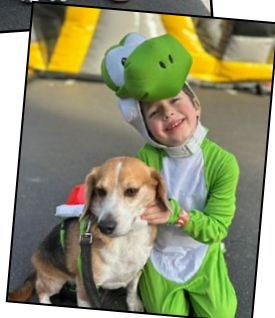
A quick and easy way to contribute - no need to remember to bring your donations to church! Simply choose an item from our Wish List and have it delivered directly to us.

Amazon Wish List [HERE](#).

4. Volunteer or decorate your trunk!

We need volunteers to cook and serve hot dogs, supervise games, and help with set-up and clean-up. You can also join the fun by decorating your trunk for Trunk or Treat! If you don't want to purchase decorations, we have some VBS decorations you are welcome to dig through!

We need volunteers of all ages to help make this a fun and memorable event for our church families and community. There's a place for everyone—so come join us and be part of the fun! **Sign-Up Genius** [HERE](#) or on the homepage of [hmpc.org](#).



YOUTH MINISTRY

PANCAKE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR HMPC YOUTH TRIPS

**October 25
After Worship**



WHO: Everyone is invited! Come enjoy brunch and support HMPC Youth.

WHAT: A pancake brunch hosted by HMPC Youth. Pancakes and fellowship are on us! Free admission, but donations appreciated.

WHEN: Sunday, October 25 from 11:30-12:30

WHERE: Westminster Hall

WHY: Your donations help make youth trips accessible to all of our youth and support the cost of the many opportunities we offer throughout the year, including service trips, weekend retreats, ski trips, and summer faith formation trips.

Come hungry, enjoy some pancakes, and give what you feel called to give to support our youth! If you are not able to make it but still feel called to donate, you can do so [HERE](#), be sure to specify 'pancake' in the memo!

RSVP FOR THE BRUNCH [HERE](#)

COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

This Sunday (10/18) after worship, middle schoolers join us for Donuts and Highs and Lows in the BALCONY after worship until 11:45.

This Sunday (10/18), we will meet at HMPC from 5:00 - 7:00 for youth group - games, dinner, and devotion! We will see you then, 5th - 12th graders!

Wednesday 10/21 is Chipotle Check-in for grades 9-12! Check your email from Merritt for more details!

MISSION

Tend My Sheep

COLLECTING FOR DIAPER TRAIN

This October we are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for Diaper Train. No family should have to worry about how they will afford their next diaper, yet this is the reality for 1 in 2 families. For more than 10 years, Diaper Train has been committed to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers, ultimately working to end diaper poverty.



Their greatest need is 4, 5, & 6 diapers, 3T/4T & 4T/5T pull ups, and wipes but they will accept any size diaper including opened packages (wipes must be unopened).

Please bring your donations to church through the end of October and place them in the bins by Sanctuary doors.

Meals on Wheels

DRIVERS NEEDED

JOIN THE TEAM!

If you're working from home with a bit of flexibility around lunch, retired and looking for a way to connect in your community, or a parent looking for opportunities to volunteer as a family-- consider delivering a hot meal and a warm smile to a senior neighbor. Meals on Wheels routes take about an hour, and you can choose a route close to home - on a regular basis, or just an occasional shift when your schedule allows. It's a simple way to give back and brighten someone's day!

Apply [HERE](#) or contact:



Melissa Evers
Home Delivery Site Manager -
Main Office Blair Drive
Meals on Wheels, Wake County
Office - 919-390-1997
Office Hours - 8.30am - 1:00pm

A Peals for Peace

RING BELLS FOR PEACE NEXT 3 MONDAYS

Faith communities, organizations, families, and individuals are invited to join a shared public witness for peace through the ringing of bells. On selected Mondays at 6:00pm, communities across North Carolina will ring bells for 15 minutes as a visible and audible reminder that:

* Every person is created with inherent worth

* We are called to love our neighbor

* Peace is not passive, it is something we actively seek and embody

* Unity is stronger than division

This is a simple, non-confrontational, faith-rooted act of shared witness. This effort is sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Would you like to join in ringing a bell in front of the church on Mondays at 6:00pm on Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2? Bring any kind of bell and stand with us as we witness to our neighbors that we stand for PEACE. We will also have some bells available at the church for you to use.

No sign up required. We ring for 15 minutes.

Learn more [HERE](#).

** A "Peal" is the sound of a bell ringing. The word comes from Middle English (pele or appel), originally meaning a "summons" or a call to draw worshippers to church.*



FAITH FORMATION

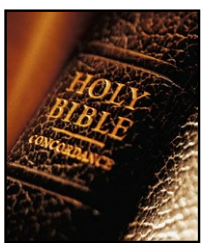
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Ponderings & Seekers Combined 6-Week Class

Session #2 This Week, Oct. 18

"Christian Doctrines: A Guide to Life's Big Questions"

Led by Parish Associate, Becca Kuiken

Christian doctrines can appear to 21st century minds as rigid laws or judgmental rules. They can better be seen as a theological response to key questions of human life. Where is God? What are the possibilities and problems of human beings? What can we ultimately hope for? Behind every doctrine are theologians seeking answers within particular historical moments.



This 6-week class looks at key Christian doctrines: Sin, Incarnation, Atonement, Resurrection, and Christian Hope. It traces both orthodox and alternative theological streams. We will also cover topics such as Creation, Sin and Evil, Resurrection and Hope.

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, October 18
9:00 in Room 200

"Jesus & The Torah"

Led by Don Slater



Women at the Well Weekly/Morning Group

Meets Wednesdays 9:15am - Chapel/Zoom

Join us for this weekly women's book study! For in person participation, we meet in the chapel each Wednesday from 9:15-10:30. If you are unable to attend in person you can email Judie Greenawalt for the Zoom link at jkgreenawalt@bellsouth.net.

For other questions, contact Barbara Coleman at colemanbar@gmail.com.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - 6:30am - 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, and alternates meeting in person and over Zoom.

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

Presbyterian Pint

Thursday, October 22 - 6:45pm
Manchester's Bar & Grill



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 one Thursday each month. Contact John James to be added to the distribution list. Join us this Thursday!

Women at the Well Monthly/Evening Group

THIS Thursday, October 22 | 6:00pm

Women at the Well meets monthly the third or fourth Thursday of each month. The group uses this time to mingle, enjoy a meal and discuss a podcast or devotional of choice. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and lively discussions.

If interested please contact:

Kay Emanuel- ckemanuel@gmail.com

Allie Maples- ajmfitnessworks@aol.com



Our next meeting will be October 22 at 6:00 pm, hosted by Allie Maples. There will be good food and good conversation.

This Week at Hudson

Sunday, October 18

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Ponderings + Seekers (Combined) - WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North
11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall
11:30 am - Donuts and Highs/Lows (Youth) - Youth Rm
11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
11:45 am - Youth Bells - Sanctuary
5:00 pm - Youth Group - Westminster, Geneva

Monday, October 19

9:30 am - HMP Chapel
6:00 pm - Property Committee - Westminster South
7:00 pm - Diaconate - Room 200
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, October 20

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
10:00 am - Sewing Guild Association - Westminster South
6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
6:30 pm - Fellowship Committee - Karl Hudson Room
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off site

Wednesday, October 21

9:15 am - Women at the Well (Weekly) - Chapel/Zoom
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster South
6:30 pm - Chipotle Check-in - Chipotle North Hills
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 22

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Hudson Room
6:00 pm - Women at the Well (Monthly) - Allie's House
6:45 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Manchester's Grill



Upcoming This Fall & Winter

Sunday, October 18

Rev. Jimmy Hulsey Preaching - Worship - 10:30

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday - Bagpipes & Worship - 10:30
Youth Trip Pancake Brunch Fundraiser - 11:30am
Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC - 3:00-5:00pm

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday & Tolling of the Bell
Commitment Sunday - 10:30 Worship

Sunday, November 15

Children's Sabbath - 10:30 Worship
Presentation of Bibles to three age groups

Sunday, November 29

Advent Begins!
Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 5

Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00-12:00

Sunday, December 6

Advent Week 2
Christmas Pageant in Worship - 10:30am

Sunday, December 13

Advent Week 3
Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 & 7:00pm