



# the weekly Window

September 3, 2021

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

## Adult Faith Formation

# Adult Faith Formation Opportunities (aka The Gathering) Sundays 9:30-10:20am begin September 12

We are grateful for the many virtual faith formation opportunities that are ongoing and we are also excited about the long awaited return to some in person offerings, especially on Sunday mornings! All adults who would like to gather in person for fellowship, consideration of Christian discipleship grounded in the teachings of scripture, and discussion of current events are invited to join one of the three available offerings. Topics and formats will vary depending on the participants and leadership. As we gauge your interest and availability we will add to/amend these offerings accordingly for the fall semester.

- Offering 1 (aka the John Knox Class) will meet in the south end of Westminster Hall, masks required. Nancy Law will begin the semester sharing a favorite Psalm as the basis for discussion of its application to our daily lives. Coordinators: [Mike](#) and [Nancy Law](#)
- Offering 2 (aka the Mixed Adults Class) will meet in the Parlor, masks required. This group has lively conversations based in Scripture, about various books, and using media sources that challenges us and is led by a team who will present either a series or one off topics to help explore and understand our faith in our daily life. Coordinators/Leaders: [Ron Ash](#), [Jimmy Hulsey](#), and [Susan Grigg](#)
- Offering 3 will meet outside at the Labyrinth/Fire Pit area on the north end of our campus. Those who would like join others for his informal time of reconnecting over coffee (provided) will want to bring a lawn chair, masks are not required outdoors. Coordinators [Susan Bradshaw](#) and [Lindsey Crone](#).



## Hunger Action

# Share Your Bounty With Others

Calling all gardeners! Too many tomatoes, zucchini, etc.? Did you know that you can donate what you don't need to the Interfaith Food Shuttle through their Plant a Row for the Hungry program? Plant a Row for the Hungry encourages garden communities and individuals to donate fresh vegetables, fruit, and herbs to people in need. The Food Shuttle is the Plant a Row partner in the Triangle, distributing your home-grown produce to local food pantries, shelters, and other hunger-relief

organizations. Just one pound of your fresh produce supplements four meals. We cannot accept produce grown with animal manure not composted to USDA Organic standards or sprayed with pesticides within two weeks of harvest.

If you have food from your gardens to share, contact [Andrea.Mouw@gmail.com](mailto:Andrea.Mouw@gmail.com) You can drop your produce off at her home (near Carroll Middle School) Scott Mouw will take it to IFFS on Fridays.



## Adult Faith Formation

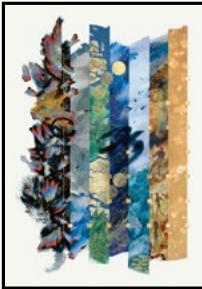
# Brown Bag with Pastor Mac

Brown Bag Lunch will begin a six session series on Being Reformed: Faith Seeking

Understanding, Confession of Belhar on Monday, September 13th at noon, location to be determined. The Belhar Confession emerged from South Africa as a witness of Christian faith against the sins of racism and focuses on major themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice in the context of the church's Trinitarian belief. Explore what it means to be a confessional Church and to meet and confess our faith in the face of racism in its various forms. This confession was added to the PC(USA) Book of Confessions just a few years ago. Mac has ordered the curriculum, [please let him know via email if you would like to participate in the study. Books are available in the Karl Hudson Room for \\$7.00. You may pay online here - Faith Formation Books.](#)

## Seeing the Word

This monthly small group comes together for bible study and discussion on the third Monday of the month. It is next meeting on Monday, September 20th at noon, location to be determined. This group uses the St. John's Illuminated Bible to discuss a scripture using a visual image.



The Saint John's Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine abbey since the invention of the printing press. Beginning in 1970, master calligrapher Donald Jackson expressed in media interviews his lifelong dream of creating an illuminated Bible. Following a Saint John's University-sponsored calligraphy presentation at the Newberry Library in Chicago in 1995, Jackson discussed a handwritten Bible with Fr. Eric Hollas, former executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Between 1996 and 1997, Saint John's explored the feasibility of the Bible project, Jackson created first samples, and theologians developed the illumination schema. The Saint John's Bible was officially commissioned in 1998 and funding opportunities were launched. The public was introduced to the project in 1999 and production was completed in 2011, with the final word penned in May 2011 and touch-up work completed by December 2011. The Saint John's Bible is divided into seven volumes and is two feet tall by three feet wide when open. The Bible is made of vellum, with 160 illuminations. Pastor Mac has just begun looking at New Testament Illuminations with the group. If new people would like to join the group this fall, all are welcome! [Please contact Pastor Mac if you'd like to be added to the distribution list.](#)

## Faith Formation for Men

# Presbyterian Pint



Presbyterian Pint will begin a six session series on Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding, Theology For Presbyterians.

This study focuses on what the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions have believed in the past and ways key theological understandings matter in our Christian lives in the church today. Theological issues include the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding is a series of biblically based mini-courses that provides adults with a foundational understanding of the Reformed faith. Each six-session study-written by well-known and respected scholars--features Scripture, prayer, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection. Each study addresses its subject from a Reformed theological perspective. This series will begin on Thursday, September 23rd at 7 p.m., location to be determined Pastor Mac has ordered the study guide. [Please let him know if you'd like to participate and he will get you the study guide Books are available in the Karl Hudson Room for \\$7.00. You may pay online here - Faith Formation Books.](#)

## Waking Up with the Word



Waking Up with the Word is a long running bible study for men. Two Tuesdays a month it meets by ZOOM and two Tuesdays it meets in-person on the Westminster Hall Patio. 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.](#)

## 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 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. Pat Balletta is the Deacon on Call for September.

Please keep these families in your prayers:

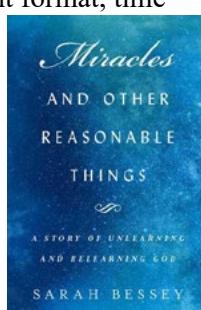
- *Tracey, Fred, Ben, Freddie and Cynthia Woodward*
- *Jack Wright*
- *Quan, Drak, Caroline, Charlie, Noah and Noel Ya*
- *Y Leo & H Lem Ya*
- *Lou Yates*

## Faith Formation for Women

# Women at the Well Fall Schedule

Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and content.

**The weekly group** is using *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God* by Sarah Bessey.



**The monthly group** meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm (sometimes the third Thursday to avoid holidays etc.) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. Current podcast discussions include Kate Bowler, Will Willimon, Brené Brown and Krista Tippett.

Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss the intersection of culture and faith and our own spiritual journeys. Each group met on Zoom until recently and while current plans are for in person meetings, this may be amended to return to Zoom if the Covid Delta variant continues to spread and local numbers continue to rise.

[For more information, contact Debbie Kirk.](#)

## Director of Music Ministries

# A Note from Barbara Loehr-Fox



Last week I told you a little about my early church and musical years. We were a singing family. Both of my parents sang in the choir and my dad and I would sing silly songs when he played the banjo at home. By the time I was in middle school, I was singing as much as possible.

A new choir director came to my little Methodist church and quickly became a musical mentor to me and a best friend to my mom. She continued my piano lessons and started teaching me private voice lessons when I turned 13. One year into those voice lessons I realized that music would be my profession. I was singing a small solo in a church musical and I had an overwhelming sensation that this was what I was meant to do. I wasn't sure at that time exactly where this revelation would lead me, but I became convinced that music would be my path.

I continued with my musical studies throughout high school. I sang in musicals and was given solos in choral concerts. When it came time to go to college, I auditioned for the Choral Director at the University of Florida. I was given a generous scholarship and began my journey. There were definitely a few bumps along the way - music theory and advance ear-training are not for the faint of heart. However, my resolve never faltered. I understood even then that an undergraduate degree in voice performance would not get me very far in this world. I looked around for a college that might be a good fit for me to continue my studies. I even spent a semester at Florida State before I came upon the University of Illinois. They welcomed me with open arms and the conducting bug I had caught during my U of F days grew into a passion.

I'll finish up this little narrative next week with the explanation of how I ended up in church music ministry. Until then, please introduce yourself to me and pray about ways you can join us in making a joyful noise to God.

Many blessings,  
Barbara

## Youth Ministry

# Youth Programs

### Sunday Mornings

- The Explorers (grades 5-7) Sunday School Class will begin after Labor Day on Sunday, September 12 during our regular church education hour. (9:30-10:20am) We will meet in the Explorers Class Room! See you there.
- 2022 Confirmation Class Kick-Off (8th Grade and Older) – The Confirmation Class will gather for their first Sunday morning gathering on Sunday, September 12 in the Confirmation Class Room. If you plan on participating in Confirmation, and have not contacted us, please do so this week. Confirmands should start thinking about who you might want to be your Confirmation Mentor! This can be any adult who is a part of the HMPC family. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Richards
- Rising Fifth Grade Youth 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 the following information to Rich Richards: the youth's name, school, and e-mail address, and parent's name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.

### Sunday Evenings:

- **Youth Group to begin on Sunday, September 12, parents included** (only for our first gathering)
- **Time Change!** We have changed the time we meet from 4:30pm to 6:30pm! Location TBA
- **Also, here's a great musical opportunity.** If you would like to participate in Youth Music with Barbara, our new Director of Music, please come at 4:30pm.
- **All other Youth Group activities for both Middle School and High School** Youth Group will start at 5pm with a 6:30pm dismissal. (We will NOT be offering a meal but there will be snacks provided.) See you all there!

[Contact Rich Richards here](#)

## 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.



## Tend My Sheep

# Diaper Train for September

In September, Hudson will be collecting diapers and wipes for The Diaper Train. The Diaper Train provides diapers to low-income families in Wake County, improving the lives of babies



and toddlers. The program is run by volunteers and serves over 500 children each month. Volunteers work with churches, businesses, schools and civic groups to collect diapers, baby wipes and children's books.

Please bring your donations to church with you on Sunday, September 26th, or drop off at the church office during the week before.

## Missions

# Presbyterian Campus Ministries

### Special Offering for Presbyterian Campus Ministries



We will be receiving a Special Offering for Presbyterian Campus Ministries in September. As an extension of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), PCM of Raleigh seeks to be a unique voice of God's grace on the college campuses in our community. 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: Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 pcm).

## Fellowship

# Fun Times at Fall Kickoff Lunch on the Lawn



## Birthdays

# Happy Birthday

## September

1. BJ Parangi, Jennie Spell, Susie Bradshaw
2. Kathy Sharpe, Emerson Fitzgerald, Erik Jacobsen
4. Mitchell Puryear, Sara Martin
5. Daniel Dickerson, Nancy Eyre
6. Caroline Bradshaw
7. Carol Mims, Jared Sanspree
8. Markos Ya, Sam Hague, Joshua Frelich, Pat Hedrick
9. C. Stephens, Nolan Coppededge, Corey Atkinson, Caleb Bowles
10. Reese Allen, Jolene Allard, Renee Crawford, Lauren Llewellyn, Caroline Rohs, Graham Burch
11. Hunter Rogers, Sam Duncan
12. Sarah Sandlin, Holly Sandlin, Veda Capps, Hannah Bever
13. Wendy Nellis
14. Kelly R. Boone, Jeffrey Coonse

15. Skye Schafer, Kessler Dickerson, David Hanks
17. Nikki Melling, Tripp Madden, Sara Beth Hague, Claire Bond
18. Jean Macomber
19. Evelyn Bartow, Barton Meeks, Alison Keever
20. Harry Bowles, Steve Huth, Coleman Bumgardner, Jamie Julian
21. Kim Hanchette, Christina Billman, Katherine Magee
22. Elizabeth Rankin, William Bradshaw, Delinda Eubanks
23. Lauren Conder
24. Morgan Jackson, Shirley Hall, Caroline Keever
25. Jean Glaub Maskonen
26. Matt Bowles, Henry Apple, Grace Hutchinson
27. Cindy Wolf
28. Margaret Lockard, Julia Powell, Judie Greenawalt
29. Beau Sanchez, William Stephens
30. Ann Tice, Ashley Edmister, Julia Duncan

## Inquirer's Class

# Sunday, September 19

The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on Sunday, September 19th, 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 Wednesday, September 15th [Please contact Debbie Kirk if you are interested.](#)



## Calendar

### Sunday, September 5

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship

### Monday, September 6 - Church Office Closed

- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

### Tuesday, September 7

- Preschool Teacher Workday
- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 1 pm - Single Way - Hibernian
- 4 pm - Memorial Garden Board
- 6:30 pm - Giving Ministry - Parlor
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

### Wednesday, September 8

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
- 6 pm - Food Bank
- 6:30 pm - Children's Ministry Teacher Training - Zoom
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 9

- 9:30 am - Program Staff Meeting
- 6 pm - Committee Chairs Meeting - Zoom
- 7 pm - Mission Committee - Zoom

### Sunday, September 12

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 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
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music
- 5:00 pm - MS & HS Youth Group



## Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



## 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!

## 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 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 Pepper 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.](#)

## Personnel

# Carol Yeargin to Retire November 1st



Carol Yeargin has faithfully served as Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church's organist since 2007. In her communications to Pastor Mac Schafer she said, "I have truly enjoyed and sincerely appreciate the support and encouragement provided to me during my 14 years as part of the music ministry. The positive and professional atmosphere created by staff, choir, and congregation will be cherished. While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will certainly miss being part of the Hudson team and trust our friendships will last long into the future." Carol & Pastor Mac had been quietly communicating about the possibility of her retirement over the past year. Carol was committed to helping Hudson transition to a new Director of Music Ministries, before making her announcement.

We are deeply grateful for Carol's 14 years of service. She has deepened our congregations ability to worship on Sundays, at weddings, in memorial services and more. Her playing, whether it be organ or piano, has supported the choir and congregation and given us all the confidence to sing boldly. Her preludes, postludes and offertory pieces have caused us all to pause and meditate on God's goodness in the midst of a busy and frantic world.

Carol has been actively playing organ and piano for Sunday worship in churches since the age of 16. Her retirement date is scheduled for November 1st. We are thrilled to have several more months to celebrate the gifts with which God has blessed her. Thanks be to God for Carol Yeargin!

## Office

### Notary

Pat Cash, Church Business Administrator, is a Notary Public. If you have a need for a Notary, [please contact her](#), or give her a call at 919-787-1086 to set up a time to have your document notarized. We will follow Hudson's guidelines to safely distance.

## 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](#)

## Part-time Communications Specialist

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time (25 hours per week) Communications Specialist. This position will be responsible for all marketing and publication materials put out to the public and members of the church. The position supports staff, officers and ministry leaders in conveying the church vision and message to their target audience.

Responsibilities include branding, electronic resources and printed materials. Hudson is looking for an excellent communicator with the capacity to produce high quality work and juggle multiple projects.

Applicants should have proficient knowledge of social media and strong technical skills with Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office. A Bachelor's degree with concentration in Communications or Marketing is preferred.

If you know someone who might be interested in the position please have them send a cover letter and resume to [jobs@hmpc.org](mailto:jobs@hmpc.org). The successful candidate will be not be a Hudson member or family member.

## 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.



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## Session Policy & The Pandemic

The Session recently instituted two new policies related to the pandemic:

1. To align with pandemic policies of the City of Raleigh and to protect vulnerable friends and members of HMPC, **masks are now required at all times inside the building of HMPC.**
2. **The church and preschool staff have been asked to verify their vaccination status with their supervisor.** If a staff member or teacher is unvaccinated they will be required to wear a mask at all time while on church property, both indoors and outdoors, and will need to show evidence of a negative test weekly to their supervisor.

**Masks remain required in worship on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary.** Hand sanitizer and disposable masks are available at every entrance to the sanctuary. Groups can continue to gather outside on church property where masks are optional. We simply ask that you would respect the social distancing needs of those around you.

Thank you for your continued patience and compliance.

## Staff Directory

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