

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

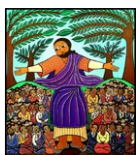


BACK TO CHURCH POTLUCK

SEE YOU THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

You're invited to a **church family potluck** this Sunday in Westminster Hall! We'll have plenty of fried and baked chicken ready — just bring your appetite and, if you'd like, a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Sign up [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmpc.org.

SUNDAY ADULT ED. RESUMES THIS WEEK!



Nine O'Clock Class

Sermon on the Mount - Facilitated by Don Slater - 9:00am - Room 200

Presbyterian Ponderings

Faith and Fame - Series Begins September 13 - 9:30am

Karl Hudson Room (This location is only for 9/13. Regular location is WH North)



The Ponderings class is beginning the fall with a four-week series called "Faith and Fame," where we discuss well-known people from the past and present who are good role models for Christian living (whether they were active in church or not). Dolly Parton will be one of our featured celebrities, and we would like to hear from members about people in public life that they consider to be good examples of Christian conduct.

The Seekers

Science and Religion - September 13 & 20 - Facilitated by Ron Ash - 9:30am

Chapel (This location is only for 9/13. Regular location is WH South)



Both religion and science are taken seriously by Presbyterians because both are seen as important in finding the truth about God's creation. Science and religion are different ways of knowing the world. Yet, many young adults leaving the church express concern that the church is anti-science. This class will explore the relationship between these two areas of understanding and how they fit into our reading of the Bible.

FALL AT HUDSON

Upcoming This Fall & Winter

Sunday, September 13

Kick-off for Sunday Adult Ed - 9:00 and 9:30am
Back-to-Church Potluck Lunch - After worship

Sunday, September 20

Kick-off for Children's Music, Youth Music,
Coffee & Conversation, Youth Group

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday - 10:30am
Rise Against Hunger Workday - 4:00-6:00pm

Sunday, October 11

Blessing of the Animals - Outdoor Worship - 10:30

Sunday, October 25

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

Sunday, November 29

Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 5

Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday, December 6

Christmas Pageant in Worship - 10:30am

Sunday, December 13

Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am

Music Ministry Chancel Choir

Rehearsals Wednesdays - 7:30-9:00pm - Began Sept 9

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. Hudson's Men's and Women's Choruses are part of the fun. New singers always welcome!

Hudson Handbells

Rehearsals - Wednesdays 6:15-7:15pm | WH South
For intermediate to advanced ringers - Began Sept 9

Youth Music

Youth Handbells
(5th-12th grade)
Sundays in WH South
11:45am-12:15pm
Begins September 20

Children's Music

Joyful Noise
(3 year olds - 4th grade)
Sundays in Geneva Hall
11:30am-12:15pm
Begins September 20

If you play an instrument, have any questions, or want to help in the music area, please reach out to Barbara Loehr-Fox.

New Children's Music Director



Our new Children's Music Director, Nicole Flowers, began last month during Vacation Bible School. Nicole is a going into her senior year at Meredith College, where she is studying music education and is very active in extracurricular activities. She enjoys going to concerts, reading and crafting, and

she volunteers at the NC Opera and Music Performance Adjudication. She is from Wilson, NC.

Nicole says: "Music has been a central part of my life, providing both community and personal expression. I aspire to build a career in music education, inspiring the next generation to develop the same appreciation and passion for music that has shaped who I am today."

Be sure to say hello if you see Nicole around the building. You may even see her singing with the Chancel Choir some weeks!

YOUTH & CHILDREN THIS FALL

Children's Ministry

Registration Forms

If your child is attending for the first time OR moving from Nursery to Sunday School, please fill out the appropriate registration form below. If you have filled out this form in previous years, you do not need to complete it again. However, if any information has changed, you can use the Information Update form to give us a new address, alert us to a new allergy, a school transition, or any other information that will help us better serve your family. This will be live throughout the year to send us changes as they arise. These links can be found on the Children's Ministry page of hmpc.org or below:

Information Update form [HERE](#)

First Time Sunday School Registration [HERE](#)

First Time Nursery Registration [HERE](#)

Children's Ministry has a new social media page!

Parents and those interested in Children's Ministry, please follow us!



Instagram: [hmpckids](#) Facebook: [HMPC Kids](#)

5th Grade Families

As of September 13, our 5th graders will officially move up to Youth Group! Families are invited to the Youth Group Kickoff on Sunday, September 20, from 5:00–7:00pm to learn more. Ms. Cary will serve as the Middle School Advisor, so there will be a familiar face. You should also receive communications from Merritt Liebman, our Director of Youth; please let Cary know if you are not receiving them.

5th graders are still welcome to help with Sunday School, assisting younger children with activities and materials.

They are also invited to join Youth Bells, which meets after worship from 11:45am–12:15pm in Westminster Hall South.

Youth Group Meals

Each Sunday at youth group, our youth play games, participate in a time of devotion, and share a meal together. If you are interested in providing dinner for our youth on a Sunday evening this Fall, please sign up via the Signup Genius [HERE](#) or email Merritt (youth@hmpc.org) for more information. We are so grateful for your support!



Youth Ministry

Youth kick-off is right around the corner! There will be lots more information to come! Merritt sends a youth email every Wednesday during the program year, and our youth Instagram, [@hmpcym](#), is another great way to see what we're up to and what's coming next.

The full youth calendar will be available after youth kick off! For now, here are some dates to put on your calendar for all youth (grades 5-12):

Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 am

Breakfast in the Balcony

Youth (grades 5-12) are invited to meet in the balcony for breakfast and to sit together during worship. The Back-to-Church Luncheon will follow worship, and youth and families are invited to join us!

Sunday, September 20 from 5:00-7:00 pm

Youth Kickoff for all Youth

Youth (grades 5-12) and their parents, come to Westminster Hall for a potluck dinner, fun, and a chance to learn about the year ahead.

Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 pm

Chipotle Check-in

High schoolers (grades 9-12) join us at Chipotle at North Hills for a free meal and a mid-week check-in.



Sunday, September 27

11:30-11:45 - Middle School Donuts/Check-in

Middle schoolers (grades 5-8) join us upstairs in the youth room across from the game room for donuts and highs and lows!

From 5:00 to 7:00 pm - Youth Group

Our first 'regular' youth group meeting where grades 5-12 are invited for games, dinner and devotion. We will start off altogether and share a meal together in the middle of the evening, but middle schoolers and high schoolers separate for programming.

Please invite friends who might enjoy being part of our youth group! You do not have to be a member of HMPC to participate.

Adults - if you're interested in joining our advisor team and helping on Sunday nights, or if you'd like to join us on a youth trip this year, please reach out! There are never too many adults to love, support, and invest in our youth!

MISSION

Tend My Sheep

COLLECTING FOR DIAPER TRAIN

This month 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 during September and 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 of Wake County

Office - 919-390-1997

Office Hours - 8.30am - 1:00pm

MEMBERSHIP

Do you need a new name tag?



Contact Lesley Ash Jacobsen at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org and let her know! Specify if you'd like a clip-on or a magnetic name tag.

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.

It's a great time to update your contact information!



Have you moved or changed your phone number? Let us know so we can keep the directory and our database up to date.

Fill out the contact info update form [HERE](#) or contact Hannah Woodcock at hwoodcock@hmpc.org or 919-787-1086.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Three Ways to Help - Property Team

In the last 15 years, your generosity and the work of staff and volunteers have lifted up our property from a state of disrepair to its current state of beauty, accessibility, and functionality. I hope everyone recognizes and celebrates what has been accomplished!

The elevator, new HVAC, ramp, Welcome Lounge, Chapel, Sanctuary renovation and windows, new windows throughout, new network, security and A/V equipment, Memorial Garden, roof replacement, ADA bathroom, renovation of interior ceilings, floors, walls, new Play Gardens and MORE. This has all been done in the last 15-16 years.

The current Property Committee aims to continue this upward trend. To be the best stewards of your contributions as we work, we need to:

- ☐ Understand each issue that arises (everything arises from HVAC to paint color to squirrels in the attic)!
- ☐ Wisely choose our approach (replace/repair, choose a vendor or do it with volunteers).
- ☐ Oversee and hold vendors accountable.
- ☐ Plan for the infrequent but expensive repairs.

We would like to invite you to participate with us. You may know about interior design, electronics, construction, landscaping, carpentry, utilities, HVAC or other trades. You may be good at project management, budgeting, purchasing, contracts, or simply diagnosing problems. You may have time to simply lend a hand when we need something done (something researched or something painted)!

Like all ministries at Hudson, the property committee is also about strengthening the fabric of our community by getting to know people and building relationships.

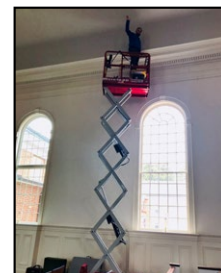
Here are three ways you can participate (only one of them requires coming to meetings!)

-- **Participate as part of the committee** – become more knowledgeable about Hudson and by virtue of your vote, a part of every decision we make. Feel that your hand, heart, mind and creativity have made our property more welcoming and beautiful for Worship, for Preschool, and in the eyes of all. Enjoy new lasting relationships with other committee members.

-- **Participate in an occasional one-off project** organized by a committee member being a researcher, investigator of options, or a subject matter expert.

-- **Participate as a pair of willing hands.** Doing something that requires up to 3-4 hrs, but no preparation or followup, such as attending a Church Workday or doing a small landscape, or power washing job or painting job.

Please let us know of your willingness to help by filling out [THIS FORM](#) or contacting John Whisler.



In Need of Ushers

Where do I go? Is there a certain place where I should sit? Who has a bulletin? All of these questions can be answered by one word: USHER. (No, not the pop artist). For the last three years, Kelly Boone and Carol Clemens have led the team of ushers to national award winning status. In hopes of maintaining that perfection, Sharon Cole and Lizzie Graybill will take the helm. The summer is a busy time of year, so looking ahead towards the fall, they are seeking new ushers to help fill-in some of the vacancies. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new members, assist with the worship service, and be admired by all of those around you. Usher duties are to assist people to their seats, provide worship bulletins, take up the offering, and to assist where needed. If you feel you can donate four to five Sundays a year to participate in this award-winning endeavor, please contact Sharon sharoncole@carolina.rr.com or Lizzie graybill@mindspring.com.

Only qualifications needed....a smile.

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

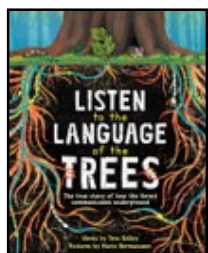
Women at the Well

Weekly Group

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Starting Sept. 16

Did you know that in a forest tree roots reach underground and meet the roots of other trees? There is a silky web that stretches from root to root and beyond. The trees talk to each other through their roots. They speak of danger—of drought and pests. They speak of what one tree needs, and another has to give.

Love is a Root System



In *Tell Me More*, Kelly Corrigan embarks on an exploration of the vital phrases that cultivate love and connection in our lives. *Tell Me More* illustrates the transformative power of language, revealing how the right words at the right moment can profoundly alter our experiences.

Our first session, **Wednesday, September 16** we will be welcoming each other with the love of Christ by getting to know each other to develop community that sees and values one another creating the **heart** of the room. Also, we will be developing our culture, how everyone agrees to show up, our **habit** that holds it together.

Heart - warm enough to belong

And

Habit - strong enough to hold

We hope you will consider joining us. No reading is required for this first session. 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.

Monthly Group

Begins Thursday, September 24 at 6:00pm

The monthly group meets over dinner at a local restaurant at 6:00pm on the third or fourth Thursday of each month. This group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and lively discussion! If interested, contact Kay Emanuel at ckemanuel@gmail.com or Allie Maples ajmfitnessworks@aol.com.

Presbyterian Pint



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.

NEXT DATES:

Thursday, September 24 - 6:45pm - Manchester's

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

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@hmpc.org. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.

NEXT MEETINGS...

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30am - Zoom

Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30am - WH Patio

FELLOWSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

Amazing Grays

September 17 - Metro Diner at 11:30

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 if you are interested in attending.

Lunches this fall at 11:30 on:

September 17, October 15, November 19

Single Way



Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Ruth Herpich at (919) 280-0049 at least three days prior to the lunch if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant a seating count. If you know of

anyone who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome, so please join us!

Lunches this fall at 11:30 on:

October 6, November 3, December 1

Coffee & Conversation A Time for Young-ish Adults

Following Worship - Resumes Sept. 20



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

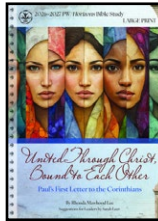
setting. The group meets for a half hour. Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge or a snack in Westminster Hall and stop in. No preparation or homework! This group will start again on Sunday, September 20. If you have questions please reach out to Cary Dickerson.

Presbyterian Women

There is an excellent opportunity for women at Hudson to experience connection, fellowship and study. Presbyterian Women at Hudson currently has 3 small group opportunities. Our circles are named after women of faith and normally meet on the second Tuesday of each month September to May.



The Elizabeth/Esther Circle meets at 11:00am in the Chapel on September 15th. We will be studying the



Presbyterian Women selected study for this year which is *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, A Study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. The Circle leader is Grace Hutchinson fghdukefan@aol.com.



The Hannah Circle began their semester September 8th. This group is reading and discussing the book *How Can I Let Go If I don't Know I'm Holding On?* by Linda Doutry. The Circle Leader is Jill Hovis, hovisj@mindspring.com.

The Miriam Circle meets at 7:00pm in the homes of circle members and will be reading and discussing the book *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, A Study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Circle Leader is Heather Monroe, hmonroe@nc.rr.com.

If you are interested in joining or starting a new small group experience for women, contact Grace Hutchinson. The opportunity to nurture and be nurtured in your faith awaits.

WORSHIP



Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 11
10:30 Worship

Bring your pet for this special outdoor worship service!

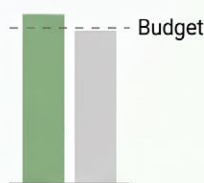
HMPC 2026 Financial Update: August & Year-to-Date Performance

August Monthly Snapshot



\$53,544
in Monthly Pledges

August pledge income exceeded the monthly budget of \$50,248.



\$7,087
in Non-Pledge Offerings

Giving from non-pledging donors outperformed the monthly target of \$5,637.



Strong Monthly Participation

August saw a recovery in giving levels compared to early summer dips.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Trends & Surplus



Expenses Under Budget

Savings in personnel and property expenses are the primary drivers of the surplus.



The Non-Pledge "Gap"

Despite a strong August, YTD non-pledge offerings remain a primary financial risk area.

YTD Actual vs. Budget

Regular Pledges	\$495,879 Actual	\$513,892 Budget
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$68,915 Actual	\$69,884 Budget

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Karl Hudson Room
9:30 am - The Seekers - Chapel
10:00 am - Breakfast in the Balcony (Youth) - Balcony
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva, Playgarden
11:30 am - Back to Church Potluck - Westminster Hall

Monday, September 14

9:30 am - Preschool Chapel
7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom
10:00 am - Sewing Guild Association - Westminster South
11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther Circle - Chapel
6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off site

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Metro Diner
6:00 pm - Pastor Nominating Committee - Karl Hudson Rm
6:30 pm - Mission Committee - Westminster South

To The Church Triumphant Cheryl McDougal

Hudson member Cheryl McDougal entered God's everlasting kingdom on September 4, 2026. A **Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 11:00am at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.**



If you cannot make it in person, the **live-stream** of the service can be found [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmhc.org. Her **obituary** can be found [HERE](#).

In lieu of flowers, [memorial gifts](#) may be made to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Thanks be to God for the life of Cheryl.