



the weekly Window

April 25, 2021

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

Hunger Action Team

Packing Event for Meals on Wheels

On Saturday, April 17th the Hunger Action Team organized a packing event for Meals on Wheels. Over 25 Hudson members of all ages helped pack breakfast bags for the Meals on Wheels clients. Each bag contained a cereal bar, oatmeal packet, juice box and fruit cup.



Session

Congratulations to

Matt Moorman!

Master of Divinity

Last weekend HMPC member Matt Moorman graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Matt grew up at Hudson where his mother was Children's Choir Director. After some years away from Raleigh, he returned to HMPC as an active member, participating in youth leadership and educational opportunities. Recently he has been working at Sharon Presbyterian Church in Charlotte as a Youth Director, doing CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and finishing his Divinity degree. Matt has been under care of Hudson's session as he continues to explore his call to ministry. Marsha Flueckinger has served as Matt's session liaison. We congratulate Matt on earning his Master of Divinity on Saturday, April 17th.



Adult Faith Formation

Waking Up with the Word

April 27 - 6:30 am

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am via ZOOM.

The group studies the scripture text that will be preached on the following Sunday. No previous Bible study experience is needed. The group centers their study around three questions - 1. What is a word or phrase that stands out to you in the text? 2. Allow that word or phrase to prompt a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. 3. What is Christ calling you to through the scripture text? [Contact Mac Schafer](#) for more information.



Children's Ministry



VBS 2021

August 9-13th 9 am - 12 Noon

Save the Date

Registration begins soon!

Pepper Chopin to Serve as Interim Director of Music



Composer, conductor and humorist Pepper Chopin has agreed to serve as Interim Director of Hudson's music ministry department while the Music Director

Search Committee continues their search for the next permanent Director of Music. Pepper is known nationally for his creative writing in church music. His published works include over 300 anthems for church and school choirs. The chancel choir has had a long standing relationship with Pepper and we are excited to welcome him to Hudson for the upcoming interim period. Pepper will begin his interim work at the end of May.

[You can learn more about Pepper here.](#)

Music Director Search Update

The Music Director Search Committee is chaired by Bruce Cox & John James. Committee members include Kate Fertin, Emily Brown, Sean Cole, Lynne Dawkins, Judie Greenawalt and Mac Schafer (ex-officio). The committee has posted the position opening on multiple relevant sites and has begun receiving resumes from candidates. Please pray for the search committee as they determine who might be called to lead the music ministry at HMPC.

Preschool

Spirit Week

The learning and fun at HMP continues! The children have been exploring all things Spring from flowers to weather patterns. We celebrated HMP Spirit Week by wearing our pajamas, wacky wild outfits, favorite team shirts and dressing in our favorite color. The children were very excited to see each other and their teachers wearing their jammies at school.



Youth Ministry

Youth Programs

- **The Explorers 5-6-7 SS Class** will meet this Sunday, April 25, at 9:30 under the Twin Oaks at church with teacher Sharon Cole. Please bring you mask, a lawn chair, and a water bottle. Parent pick-up is at 10:15.
- **This Sunday, April 25, is Outdoor Movie Night** for both Youth Groups, grades 5-12. The movie we are watching is “Yes Day”, a comedy starring Jennifer Garner where the “the kids rule for 24 hours.” We will gather on the West Lawn behind the church offices at 5:30. We will eat supper, and just before we start the movie, we will have a quick conversation with Kate Fertin about Youth Music at Hudson (see the article below). We are having Jersey Mike’s Subs, chips & cookies for our meal. Please bring \$5 for supper, a mask, lawn chair, & a water bottle. Friends welcome. Parent pick-up is at 7:30.
- **NEXT WEEK - May 2 – The HMPC Youth** are planning to package meals at the Rise Against Hunger Warehouse in the late afternoon, from 4:30-6:00. Please mark your calendar and let Frank Boyd know if you plan to join us, as space will be limited to keep things safe. The basic timeframe will be 4:30-6:00. We are asking all participants to bring \$5, \$10, or \$20 to help cover the costs of the 2,160 meals that we will be packaging (checks should be make out to HMPC). Thank you.
- **Music Search Committee** - As you probably know, our music director Phil Hayden is retiring this summer. He will be greatly missed but we do have to begin the search process for a new music leader. Kate Fertin, a graduating senior at Broughton, is serving on the Search

Committee to represent the youth, and she would love to have input from the Youth. Kate is especially interested to know how you have participated in music at Hudson in the past, or perhaps why you did not, as well as what might be interesting to you as we move forward musically, as we want to encourage church goers of all ages to participate whether it be singing or playing an instrument, as we serve God in community. Kate will be joining us this week at Movie night and looks forward to a chance to listen and chat with you in person. [If you can’t make it on Sunday, Kate would really appreciate any information you would like to share via email](#) .

Looking Ahead

- **Graduation Sunday is May 16th** - All graduating seniors are encouraged to send in your picture and the answer to the bio-questions that were recently mailed and email
- **Mission Trip Dates – June 15-17, 2021** for all 8th-12th grade Youth.
- **Massanetta Middle School Conference** is June 22-25, 2021.
- **Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)** – Now is the time to sign up for current 8th -12th grade youth. Flyers can be found on the church website and have bee emailed. This will likely fill up fast, so the sooner you sign the more likely it is that you will get to go. Currently, we have 19 people signed up to go. If you have questions, please contact Frank Boyd at the church office.

Fellowship

Zinco de Mayo

Wednesday, May 5

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a “Zinco de Mayo” social hour at 5 p.m. Since we are unable to gather in person for a Cinco de Mayo celebration we are gathering via Zoom. Get it?

You are invited to fix yourself a snack and a favorite beverage and join us for a time to catch up with our church family. You may want to dress in something bright and colorful, and if you have any authentic Mexican attire please wear it! [Register by contacting Pat Cash](#). All ages are welcome. You only need to register one e-mail address for your household.

You will receive the Zoom link to participate Monday, May 3rd. For more information contact Susan Bradshaw (susanbradshaw8@gmail.com) or Debbie Kirk (dkirk@hmpe.org).



Deacon Ministry

Prayers for Households

During this time when we are physically apart, we can all benefit from the prayers of others. Starting at the beginning of our church directory, the Deacons are praying for 7 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 have the opportunity to join in praying for them as well. In addition, each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. As always, if you have a specific request for prayer at any time, you can submit a prayer request from the website or



you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon’s Prayer Line. Wilson Cheeley is the Deacon On Call for April and Denise Crosson is the Deacon on Call for May.

Prayer Households for this week. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Linda & Bob Measamer*
- *Dot Medlin*
- *Linda, Barton and Perry Meeks*
- *Karen, Rick, Nikki and Reid Melling*
- *Jennifer, Joe, Olivia and Ivy Mercer*
- *Bonnie, Danny, Whitney and Garrett Miller*
- *Carol Mims*

Calendar

Sunday, April 25

- Online Worship - Anytime
- 9:30 am - Explorer's 5-6-7 SS, Twin Oaks
- 10:30 am - Children's SS
- 10:30 am - Worship - West Lawn
- 5:30 pm - Youth Outdoor Movie Night

Monday, April 26

- 7 pm - Session

Tuesday, April 27

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 3 pm - Elder Training - WH Patio
- 6:30 pm - Music Director Search Committee
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, April 28

- 9:30 am - Women at the Well

Thursday, April 29

- 11:30 am - Amazing Grays Lunch at Winston's Grille

Sunday, May 2

- Online Worship - Anytime
- 9:30 am - Explorer's 5-6-7 SS, Twin Oaks
- 10:30 am - Joyful Noise, Labyrinth Green
- 10:30 am - Worship In Person in the Sanctuary

May Birthdays

- 1 - Carol Clemens, Sandy Geiger
- 2 - Morgan Dickinson
- 3 - Gene Brown
- 4 - Andrew Dudeck, Olene Franks
- 5 - Don Haydon
- 6 - Kelly D. Boone
- 7 - Billy Branch, Pete Peterson
- 8 - Ellis Peterson
- 9 - Ace Ornt
- 10 - Jenifer Pierotti, Paul Simson
- 11 - Jill Hovis
- 12 - Cecil Shearon, Elaine Thomas
- 13 - Tony Bedini
- 15 - Katie Bumgarner
- 16 - Rachel Moore
- 17 - Orji Nduka, Bill Flueckinger
- 19 - Lynne Duncan
- 20 - Debbie Kirk, Karen Brewer
- 21 - Jay Bowles, Sonia Allen, Nathan Ash
- 22 - John James, Cebe Keever, Jack Wright
- 26 - Greg Flueckinger
- 27 - Kay Peedin
- 29 - Chip Magee, Tillie Tingen, Dolores Ussery
- 30 - Zach Edmister, Rob Stephens
- 31 - Harriet Fletcher, Fran Betancourt

College Graduations

– If you are or have a member of your family graduating from college this spring, [please send this information to Pat Cash](#). It is helpful for us to know the name, the degree, the institution, honors, and anything else you think might be helpful.



Inquirer's Class

Sunday, May 16

1 - 2 pm



The Inquirers Class, for those interested in membership, will be held via Zoom on Sunday, May 16th from 1-2 pm. 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 Friday, May 14th. [Please contact Debbie Kirk if you would like to receive the Zoom invitation.](#)

Hunger Action Team

Volunteer at the Food Bank

Saturday, May 8th 9am to Noon

The Hunger Action Team is holding an in-person volunteer shift at the Food Bank on Saturday, May 8th from 9am to Noon. [Please click here to register](#) as spots are limited. Volunteers must be 16-60 years of age to participate due to the Food Bank's COVID-19 restrictions.



Please contact [Beth Billman](#) with any questions.

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