



## FALL FESTIVAL

The Annual Fall Festival will be on **October 29th from 4:00-6:00pm!** This is a fun-filled event shared between St. Mark's United Methodist Church and Hudson. This year, HMPC is hosting the event, and it will include Trunk-or-Treat, food, games, face-painting, pumpkin-painting, a cake walk, and more. In order to make this community event a success, we need your help!

**VISIT THE SIGN-UP PAGE  
TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

*(Link also can be found on the homepage of hmpc.org)*

### WHAT WE NEED

- **Donations of candy and treats** to use during the event. You can drop them off in the Karl Hudson Room.
- **Volunteers** (of all ages) to make the event safe and fun for the children that attend. Jobs include set-up, face-painting, helping at craft stations, supervising games, preparing hot dogs, clean-up, and more!
- **Trunk-or-Treat** - Get creative! Decorate your trunk and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Serving the Community Through CROSS Missions - By Rich Richards

This past weekend, HMPC middle schoolers went to Charlotte for an Urban Plunge weekend through CROSS Missions. We had an amazing time serving two communities that are connected to housing for those experiencing homelessness or below poverty-level housing. We packed a total of 400 sandwiches and hygiene kits for these communities.

On Sunday morning, we worshiped at Myers Park Presbyterian and attended their "Celebrate" service. It was great to spend such quality time with these young people and see them grow in their faith and understanding of how the larger church's mission of Matthew 25 is working in downtown Charlotte! CROSS Mission is a ministry of Myers Park Presbyterian Church and is run by a long-time friend of Rich's, Erika Funk. MUCH THANKS goes out to Jenn Autry, who was the other adult chaperone on the trip!





## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

# Baptisms

October 8, 2023



*Congratulations  
to the Carter Family!*



*Congratulations  
to the Kelley Family!*

## GIVING MINISTRY & FINANCE

# Looking “Under the Hood” of HMPC’s Financials

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 11:45am



On Sunday, October 22nd at 11:45am in Westminster Hall South, members and friends are invited to get a better picture of the finances of the church. This event will include short presentations from the Finance Chair, the Preschool Treasurer, the Foundation Chair, and the Church Treasurer. It will also offer you a chance to ask questions to some of our financial leaders. We hope you will attend!

## FELLOWSHIP

# Young Adult Gathering

Last weekend at the Bond's home, young(ish) adults of the church gathered for fellowship and games. Thanks to Harry and Christine for hosting! If you are a young(ish) adult and would like to attend or host our next gathering, let Cary Dickerson know and she will add you to the list.



# The Keystone Of Faith

MINUTE FOR MISSION - SUNDAY, OCT 8 - PASTOR MAC

Allie Maples was going to give our Minute For Mission today, but her mom had a fall last night and can't be with us. Please pray for Mimi Johnson, her mom.

Allie is co-chair of the Property Committee along with Karen Melling this year. I'm thankful for their leadership. One of the things Allie said to me last week was that she takes care of her 35 hundred square foot house, but being on Property Committee she has discovered all that it takes to care for a 38,000 square foot property!

It's important for all of us to remember the real ministry that happens within these grounds: Not just the worship, Christian Education, and Fellowship that happens on Sunday mornings.

I am always touched walking out of this building on Monday nights and see the sea of cars here for Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and Ala-Kid. These groups are made up of family members of those who deal with addiction, seeking communal support and care

We have 153 preschool children beginning their early childhood development in 17 different classrooms Monday through Friday. Their parents begin life-long friendships in our parking lot, in our hallways and on the Playgarden after school.

I think of the pastoral care sessions that happen in the Welcome Lounge, in Debbie's office, in my office, and with other staff in their space.

Just a few years ago I got a note from the parents of a neighbor, who came into town for cancer treatment at one of our excellent hospitals. Every afternoon, following treatment, they walked our campus as a source of strength for their recovery. They thanked us for this gift of an open and healing place to be.

From 2019-2021 (a three year period) we averaged \$38,294.00 in building maintenance and cost of repairs.

Last year, we budgeted \$20,000 for maintenance and repair work. We need \$18,000 more just to hit that three-year average in this budget line item.

As you discern your pledge to Christ this year, consider this place and the ministry you've experienced here... consider what others experience here. Experience, relationships, and God's wonder transforms "a space" into "a place" of love and memory.

Katy and I and our four kids have been touched by God, using you in our lives. Katy and I do a percentage-based pledge through the church each year out of gratitude for the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Christ is the keystone that holds up worship, fellowship, mission, care, and education in this place. Thank you for your commitment too – Pledge Sunday is November 5th.



## SESSION

### Update on Hudson Member & Candidate for Ministry Matt Moorman



Hudson Memorial member Matt Moorman has been under the care of the Session while he has been going through the process of being a candidate for ministry in Presbytery of New Hope. We are pleased to share that Matt is "certified ready to receive a call" through the

Presbytery. He began his ministry as Music Chaplain at Trinity Episcopal School in Charlotte, a K-8th grade school where he teaches faith studies, leads the music in chapel for all ages, and works with middle schoolers. In October, Matt is marrying Amanda Stevenson. Amanda is an Episcopal priest. In November, Matt will be examined by Charlotte Presbytery so he can become a member of that Presbytery since he is "laboring within their bounds." Thanks be to God for Matt and the celebrations in his life at this stage of his journey.

*The Keystone of Faith*

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2024





## PRESCHOOL

# Fall at the Preschool

We are in full swing at HMP! The children are attending weekly Chapel with Pastor Mac, Cary, Barbara, and Rich. Ms. Dee is teaching our three and four year olds Spanish; Ms. Lauren is busy with all the children in Music and Movement, as well as Discovery; and Ms. Cyndi is leading extended Art with our four year olds.

We are looking forward to the Fall Festival and the **HMP Halloween Parade at 9:30am on Monday October 30th.**



## AMAZING GRAYS

# Amazing Grays

**THURSDAY, OCT. 19 | HIGH PARK**

Join the Amazing Grays group for our monthly Lunch-out event at High Park (625 Whitaker Mill Road) next Thursday, October 19 at 11:30am. Please let Mike Law or Sandy Cole know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate headcount.



## MISSION

# October Tend My Sheep BREAKFAST FOR NRM



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and sadly, not everyone is fortunate enough to regularly have access to it. Please consider bringing breakfast items to donate to **North Raleigh Ministries**. They are looking for boxes of cereal, shelf sustainable milk, packaged oatmeal, jelly, fruit cups, and juice boxes. **Bring items to the church by October 29.** The Mission Committee thanks you for not only your offerings, but also your prayers and support. We are a hunger-centered congregation and strive to feed those who are in need.

## INQUIRERS' CLASS

# Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on **November 12, 11:45am-12:20pm, in Room 200.** The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP for the class here.](#) Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



## Beware of Scam Emails Impersonating Staff Members



Be advised, there are several email scammers posing as HMPC pastors and staff members. We take security seriously, and we have reported this and are looking into where a data breach might have occurred and what we can do to prevent it in the future. It is important to the pastors and staff that our members feel their information is safe.

### Please read the below information and suggestions:

- Church staff emails end in "@hmpc.org" and are the first initial and last name of a staff member. If you receive an email that does not end in that, and you have never emailed it before, delete it. Many of these scam emails are gmail addresses, and they include the staff member's name in the address. Do not trust non @hmpc.org email addresses, even if they say the staff/pastor's name (unless it is one you have previously used and you trust).
- If you are unsure if an email is a scam, do not reply. We recommend you create a fresh email with the staff member's official email address from the church directory.
- Never click on any links and never reply to an email that seems suspicious. Report any suspicious emails to your email provider.
- HMPC will never send you a personal email asking for gift cards, routing information, and bank account numbers.

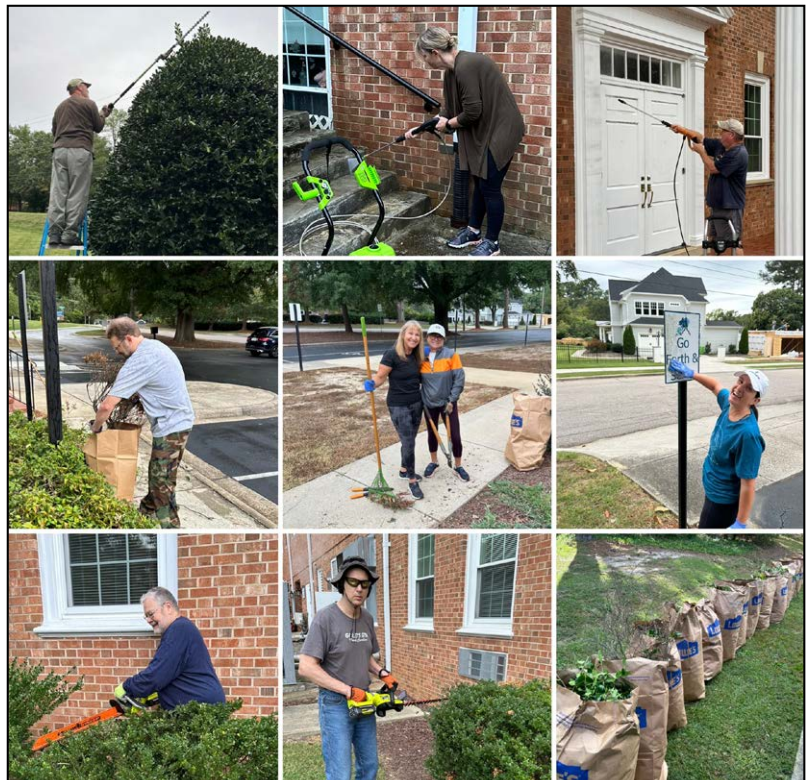
We are saddened that the community is targeted with these types of fake emails. This has happened to a number of churches in our area recently. We wanted you to know we are aware of the situation, and that we should all remain vigilant.

## PROPERTY

## Campus Clean Up Day

The Property Committee hosted a Campus Clean-up Day last Saturday. A HUGE thank you to our 14 volunteers for coming out Saturday and doing work to make it more welcoming to visitors, guests and members! Some projects that were completed: Cleaning up the swale, tree and hedge trimming, clipping, raking, edging, powerwashing, cleaning exterior signs, picking up trash, weeding, and much more! Special thanks to Karen and Allie, our Property Committee chairs for leading the group.

*Thanks, Volunteers!*





# Welcome New Members!

## 9 New Members Joined Hudson This Fall

### Lou & Major Bond



Major and Lou Bond have been married for 49 years and have two sons (one of whom is church member Harry Bond) and 2 grandchildren.

Major is originally from Ohio, and Lou is from Wilson, NC. They met at the University of Georgia and have spent the last 45 years living in Hickory, NC. Lou studied accounting and

she was one of the first female CPAs in NC, running her own practice for 20+ years in Hickory. She loves to play Mexican Train (so if you play too, let her know!) Major is a retired dairy farmer and enjoys working outdoors and showing his Jersey cows at fairs. **THIS WEEKEND, Major will be showing his cows at the NC State Fair!**

### William Glenn

William is married to Rachel and they live in Raleigh. William is a Lobbyist for North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. He is originally from Durham. He is looking forward to meeting new people in the congregation and the community.

### Melinda Kovach



Melinda Kovach is the Program Manager for New Product Development at Boston Scientific. She enjoys stained glass, crafts, going to the beach/collecting shells, gardening, music, travel, hiking, and camping. She was born in Lumberton, NC, and has lived in South Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, and

Minnesota. She was ordained and served as an Elder in her previous church. She has just started playing with the Hudson Handbells. She likes to volunteer, and is looking forward to meeting new people at the church.

### Adam & Heather Carter



Adam and Heather have a son named Collin, who attends Hudson Memorial Preschool. Heather was born in Clinton, NC, and grew up in Rocky Mount, NC, and Adam is from Middlesex, NC. Heather is an ER Nurse at UNC Rex, and Adam is an

ER Physician at Duke Health--They met while working together in the ER at Nash UNC. They are Tarheel fans! They have a 5 year old Shihpoo (Shih Tzu + Poodle mix) named Napoleon, and they enjoy spending time with family and friends. They also love trying new restaurants and finding hidden gems of places to eat!

### Debbie Schumm



Debbie was born in Chicago, IL, grew up in Springfield IL. Debbie is a retired Registered Nurse, and she was ordained and served as a Deacon at her former church.

### Burke & MaryMac Wombwell



Burke and MaryMac have a son, Jack, who was born in January of this year. MaryMac is from Charlotte, NC, and Lynchburg, VA. Burke is from Lynchburg, VA. Burke works in Sales Operations at Kinetic, and MaryMac is an Account Manager at Dillon Supply.

# THE GATHERING - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

**Sunday, October 15: MEDITATION**

Facilitated by Susan Bradshaw



Join us in the Nine O'Clock Class as we continue our workshop on meditation. This activity has been cherished as "a healing refuge of peace, beauty and hope in the midst of a chaotic world". This Sunday, we will bathe in the theme of compassion as we meditate on the poetic words of Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, learn a line in the Aramaic Prayer, and listen and/or join in the healing chants of songleader, Robin O'Brien. This online workshop is led by Kaylee Asbro.

## COMING UP...

**Sunday, October 22**

**PBS's "Find Your Happy Place, Ten To Try: Trails"**

NC trails offer a place to experience peace and God in nature. Join us for a look at these magical gems, and hear how one of the trails offers not only nature, but a great amount of history right in our area!



**Sunday, October 29**

**"Climate Change - Part 1"**

We will view and discuss the video *Our Scorching Planet*

Facilitated by Judie Greenawalt

**Sunday, November 5**

**"Climate Change - Part 2"**

We will view and discuss PBS's

*Nova: Sinking City of Venice | Weighing the Solutions*

## Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

Facilitated by Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg,  
John James, Gil Graybill



This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic "God's Law is Love", a New Testament thematic study with scripture from Luke, John, Romans, Galatians, Acts, and 1 Corinthians. **This week's theme is**

**"The Law Reveals Sin"**. No advance preparation required; only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share with others.

## COMING UP...

October 22 - Justified by Faith Not Laws

October 29 - The Superiority of the Gospel

November 5 - Freed to Become an Heir

November 12 - What is Required for Salvation?

## The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

**October 15, 22, 29**

**"How We Understand Prayer  
and Perhaps a Fresh Perspective"**

Facilitated by Rev. Jimmy Hulsey



Sometimes questions about prayer lurk in our minds. These are not only, *how do we pray*, but more, *why pray* or *what does prayer accomplish*? Though we continue to pray as we continue to breathe, addressing our questions may offer a clarifying perspective, even free our hearts and minds a bit.

This week, we will discuss perspectives on prayer. To get us going, I invite us to read in advance, Matthew 7: 7-12; Luke 11: 1-13 and Ephesians 3: 14-21.

Also, I am intrigued by this old definition of prayer, "keeping company with God." Let it simmer and then let's ask ourselves, "does that sound familiar to us or is it a bit different take on prayer?"



## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 17 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person and on Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on 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. In the fall and winter months, we do the study around a fire. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. This is facilitated by Pastor Mac Schafer and he sends out weekly reminders. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at [mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org).

## Women at the Well

Next Monthly Group Meeting This Thursday!



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

The weekly group meets Wednesdays at 9:15-10:30 in the Chapel and offers a hybrid format. Our book selection is *Life in Five Senses* by Gretchen Rubin. The monthly group fall dates are October 19, November 16, and December 14 at 6:00pm at Vivo Ristorante. The monthly group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on various topics.

To join either group, contact Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org). Current participants will receive an email to confirm participation.

## Seeing the Word

Next Meeting: October 16 at Noon



Seeing the Word occurs the Third Monday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. Monday, October 16 is our next meeting. This group meets once a month and uses music, scripture, and illustrations from the *St. John's Illuminated Bible* for an hour-long time of study and reflection. This is led by Pastor Mac Schafer. Participants are welcome to

bring their lunch; we provide water and napkins. We use an ancient Bible study method called *visio divina*. No previous Bible study experience necessary.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Pastor Mac at [mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Youth Schedule

This Sunday - October 15 - 5-7pm:

High School Youth Group

NO Middle School Youth Group

Drama Troupe will meet at 10:00am this Sunday in the Youth Sunday School Room to talk about and rehearse for their participation in October 22nd worship.



### THIS MONTH:

October 22  
Sabbath Sunday

October 25  
Chipotle Check-In

October 29  
Fall Festival



## CALENDAR

# THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 15

9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200  
9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South  
9:30 am- Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North  
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary  
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH  
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North  
11:30 am - Children's Music - GH  
11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - Youth SS Room  
11:45 am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel  
12:00 pm - Youth Music - WH South  
5:00 pm - High School Youth Group

### Monday, October 16

12:00 pm - Seeing the Word - Chapel  
6:00 pm - Property Committee - WH South  
7:00 pm - Diaconate - Room 200  
7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom  
8:00 pm - How It Works (Al-Anon) - GH Rooms

### Tuesday, October 17

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom  
9:30 am - Staff meeting - Welcome Lounge  
10:00 am - Sewing Guild - WH South  
10:30 am - Esther Circle - Chapel  
7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom  
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Room 234

### Wednesday, October 18

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel  
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South  
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 19

11:00 am - MVVG - WH South  
11:30 am - Amazing Grays - High Park  
6:00 pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Ristorante

### Friday, October 20

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS

# Chancel Flowers 2024 Dates Posted!



Our 2024 sign-up sheet has been posted. 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 contact [Erica Hairston](mailto:Erica.Hairston) in the church office.