



the weekly
Window

October 21, 2022

FALL FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 4:00-6:00PM
ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL EVENT HOSTED BY HMPC & ST. MARK'S UMC

All are welcome to enjoy games, a baking contest, a bouncy house, snacks and more! You can also see lots of decorated trunks for Trunk or Treat! Our church will have 20 trunks, so come check out what our creative church members did! Kids, wear your Halloween costume!

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We still need volunteers to help set up, clean up, and assist with games and activities for one-hour shifts. Sign up [here](#) or contact [Cary Dickerson](#) if interested. We need your help making this event a success!

COME DECORATE YOUR TRUNK!

We have a few slots left for Trunk-or-Treat! We have a variety of unique themes represented so far, but we'd love to have a few more to add to the fun. Sign up [here](#)!

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED!

FOR OUR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
Homecoming Celebration

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Link also available on the homepage of [hmpc.org](#)



Happy 65th Birthday, HMPC!



It was great to be back with the congregation in worship last Sunday. I missed you and am grateful for all the wonderful ministry that has happened while I have been away.

This Sunday, October 23rd, we will be celebrating the 65th birthday of Hudson Memorial

Presbyterian Church! What does it mean for a church to hit 65? I'll be exploring that question in my sermon. We'll also be using John O'Donohue's blessing "For Your Birthday" in our liturgy on Sunday. (To the right is O'Donohue's poem in case you can't be in worship Sunday.) Donohue probably wrote this blessing with human beings in mind, but it's interesting to read the words thinking about our congregation. I invite you to do so -- It may be especially interesting for those of you who have been at Hudson for a long time.

See you Sunday!



For Your Birthday

By John O'Donohue

To Bless the Space Between Us, A Book of Blessings

Blessed be the mind that dreamed the day
 The blueprint of your life
 Would begin to glow on earth,
 Illuminating all the faces and voices
 That would arrive to invite
 Your soul to growth.

Praised be your father and mother,
 Who loved you before you were,
 And trusted to call you here
 With no idea who you would be.

Blessed be those who have loved you
 Into becoming who you were meant to be,
 Blessed be those who have crossed your life
 With dark gifts of hurt and loss
 That have helped to school your mind
 In the art of disappointment.

When desolation surrounded you,
 Blessed be those who looked for you
 And found you, their kind hands
 Urgent to open a blue window
 In the gray wall formed around you.

Blessed be the gifts you never notice,
 Your health, eyes to behold the world,
 Thoughts to countenance the unknown,
 Memory to harvest vanished days,
 Your heart to feel the world's waves,
 Your breath to breathe the nourishment
 Of distance made intimate by earth.

On this echoing-day of your birth,
 May you open the gift of solitude
 In order to receive your soul;
 Enter the generosity of silence
 To hear your hidden heart;
 Know the serenity of stillness
 To be enfolded anew
 By the miracle of your being.

Hudson Home Base

Giving Ministry Minute for Mission
By Nancy Eyre - October 16

“Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land ...” - GENESIS 28:15



Good morning, I'm Nancy Eyre and today I want to speak a bit about my journey towards giving at Hudson Memorial. I love the theme of Hudson as Home Base and the imagery of venturing out and coming back into a safe place.

First, a few things you need to know about me: I'm a mom, a sister, and the youngest daughter of Myrna and Carvel Eyre, who were faithful members of this church and who are now in their final resting place in the beautiful Memorial Garden just outside these windows. Back in the late 80's my parents chose to retire in the South, here in Raleigh, and it so happened whenever I came to visit, it was absolutely lovely here – so as the youngest and not wanting to wander too far from our family home base, I eventually moved here too!

The best thing about moving here was that I didn't have to make the decision of where to worship, because my parents had chosen Hudson Memorial, and looking back – I think they made a very wise choice indeed!

My journey hasn't always been an easy one. But this church has been a rock for me. Honestly, it has. I met one of my very best friends here, as she likes to remind me when I was teaching Adult Sunday School; our kids were born within 8 months of each other, and they grew up here together, first in the nursery, eventually attending Kids Praise and Youth Ensemble Choir, then faithfully attending youth group activities as teenagers, and even Montreat College Conference together. Twenty-three years ago, at Tatum's baptism this congregation vowed to help raise her! We did that! In other words, this place was a Godsend for this single mom - a safe place – a home base. I couldn't be more grateful.

There are many, many more stories of friendship, love and acceptance that I could share from 27 years of being a member here at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church but I know I have limited time!

I am Nancy Eyre, and I give back because Hudson has brought friendship, love and acceptance into my life, and I am so grateful. Thank you.

Fall Deacon Retreat



The Deacons recently spent a gorgeous fall Saturday on their annual retreat at New Hope Camp and Conference Center in Chapel Hill. Led by Rev. Dr. Katherine Kussmaul, we considered the theme "Parched or Porous" as we shared where we are, and explored resources to refill us when we are parched. Along with our

rich conversations and fellowship, we enjoyed walking the beautiful labyrinth made of multi-colored crushed glass, walking in the woods, and lakeside worship with communion. We concluded with a picnic while enjoying God's great creation.



NOW COLLECTING RSVPS!

FOR THE HMPC
**HOMECOMING
CELEBRATION
BARBECUE**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 11:45am

RSVP [HERE](#) (OR ON THE FRONT PAGE OF HMPC.ORG)
OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT: INFO@HMPC.ORG

WORSHIP

Children's Sabbath / Preschool Sunday

Sunday, October 16th was a special day! The children sang and the youth played handbells. We recognized the preschool teachers and Pastor Mac preached -- It was his first Sunday back after his sabbatical!

Thank you, children and youth, for sharing your music and enthusiasm with the congregation!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth News

FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

SUNDAY MORNING

Join us in the balcony for worship!

MS/HS Sunday School This Week

Explorers' Class: 5th-7th grade youth
Sundays, 11:40am - Room 226

Growing Disciples Class: 8th-12th grade youth
Sundays, 11:40am - High School Room

SUNDAY EVENING

NO Youth Music this week!

MS/HS Youth Group - Fall Festival!

3:30pm to 5:30pm

*(but you may stay until 6:00pm
when the festival ends if you wish.)*

Wear your Halloween Costume and come ready to
decorate the church van as we present it for
TRUNK or TREAT!



High School Youth Group had a blast bowling last week!



HMPC Youth Group can
now be found on Instagram!
Follow us!
Our handle is [@HMPCYM](https://www.instagram.com/HMPCYM)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Youth Music

This fall, Youth Music is off to a great start! We have 12 middle/high-schoolers learning the ins and outs of playing handbells. The size of the group has doubled from last year's 6 ringers! **All youth (grades 5-12) are welcome - 4:15pm on Sundays.**

They performed during worship last Sunday and will play again on November 6th. Below are some photos of the youth practicing for last Sunday's service.



October Special Offering PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Peace"), or you can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word

"Peace" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Peace) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Children's Opportunity at the Food Bank

THIS SATURDAY! OCTOBER 22

Please join us for a family-friendly volunteer day at the Food Bank! This event is for children from 5 to 11 years old and guardians are required to attend. Projects include labeling donations and sorting produce.



The next date is **October 22** from 2:00-4:00 pm. Registration link can be found [here](#).

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 boxed cereal, shelf sustainable milk, packaged oatmeal, jelly, and apple juice. **Please bring items to the church by October 28.** 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

New Communion Class Date



We will have a Communion Education class for children and their parents immediately following Worship on **November 20.** Debbie will walk the children through the meaning of communion in an age appropriate way.

A light lunch will be served, so **please RSVP [here](#)** to help us know how many to expect.

Volunteer with the Children

Join us for Sunday School! Our program relies on volunteers to succeed and we need your help! We ask that each family sign up to help multiple times through the Fall Semester. We still have the following slots open:

November 27th - 2 volunteers needed

January 1st - 1 volunteer needed

Sign up [here!](#)

You can also get involved with Children's Music! Sign up to help Rich and Barbara hand out instruments and enjoy music with the children!

Sign up [here!](#)

Sunday Adult Education THE GATHERING

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

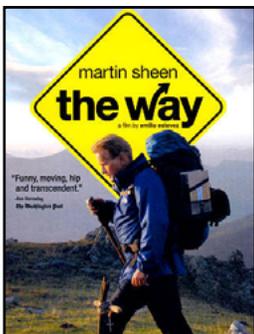
Hosted by
Susan Bradshaw and Linda Meeks

"The Nine O'Clock Class"

Pilgrimage - The journey begins.

Join us as we explore the different facets of pilgrimages.

October 23 and 30: "The Way"



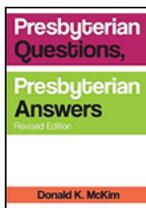
This week we will continue the movie *The Way*. Synopsis: A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El Camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself.

This class is not just for backpackers, but for all those with an adventurous spirit!

9:30-10:20am | WH North

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

"Presbyterian Ponderings"



From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as the Bible, Humanity, the Church, and Salvation. We use *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* by Donald McKim as a primary resource.

9:30-10:20am | WH South

Facilitated by Susan Grigg, Jimmy Hulsey, Ron Ash

"The Church and Social Issues"

Discussion class based on various Scripture selections each week as we think about how we as Christians should act in our public lives. How do we deal with the world that we live in today? Each session is a separate study and you are welcome to attend any Sunday.

Presbyterian Pint

This Thursday, October 27



Men of the church are welcome to join us at 7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [John James](#) to be added to the distribution list.

Amazing Grays

This Thursday, October 27



Join us at Imperial Garden on October 27 at 11:30am. Contact [Mike Law](#) if you are interested in attending so we can get an accurate headcount.



PLEASE NOTE!

"How to Have an Enemy" Book Study will not be held on Sunday, October 23

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 25 | 6:30am | Zoom



All men are invited to join this group (in person this week) for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. 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 3 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 a 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 [Mac Schafer](#).

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, October 23

9:00 am - Adult Ed "Nine O'Clock Class" - Room 200
9:30 am - Adult Ed Classes - WH South and WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
11:30 am - Children's Music - GH
11:40 am - Youth Sunday School - GH
4:00 pm - Fall Festival - St. Marks UMC

Monday, October 24

7:00 pm - Session - WH South
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH 227, 236

Tuesday, October 25

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH 234

Wednesday, October 26

6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 27

11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Imperial Garden
7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Beverage Co.

Friday, October 28

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

2023 Chancel Flowers



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up for a 2023 date, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact Amy Claprod in the church office.