



the weekly Window

July 29, 2022

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

MAC'S SABBATICAL

Sabbatical Update

Last week Pastor Mac sent this picture from the front of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This is the spot that many associate with the beginning of the Protestant Reformation: At this site, reformer Martin Luther supposedly nailed his 95 Theses to the door for public consumption and discussion. While in Wittenberg, Pastor Mac not only visited the Castle Church where Luther is buried, he also toured the house of Luther and wife, Katharina von Bora, where there is now a museum. He also visited Phillip Melancthon's home. Melancthon taught at the University of Wittenberg with Luther, and authored the Augsburg Confession. Reverend Schafer wants to express his gratitude for this time of renewal and learning.



FELLOWSHIP

Final Summer Supper

Wednesday, August 3 | 6:00pm

We've had great turnouts and delicious food for our other Summer Suppers this year. **Join us for the last one of the summer!**

Come to Westminster Hall anytime between 6:00 and 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 3, and enjoy a summer fresh and healthy meal with your Hudson friends! Cost of dinner is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Place your reservation no later than August 1 by contacting the office at 919-787-1086 (feel free to leave a voicemail) or by emailing susanbradshaw8@gmail.com

Build your own tacos!

- Shredded Chicken
- Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese
- Grilled Veggies (Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms)
- Jalapenos, Salsa, Sour Cream
- Cilantro Rice
- Black Beans
- Mexican Salad
- Lemon Meringue Pie
- French Peach Cake



PROPERTY

Training On Movable Partition



After worship on August 7th, a training session will be offered in Westminster Hall South. This will begin at approximately 11:45am.

The training will instruct on how to safely open the partition between the north and south sections of Westminster Hall. If your committee or group utilizes (or will at some point utilize) Westminster Hall, at least one person on behalf of the group should attend the training. Knowledge of how to navigate the partition will give you more flexibility in using the space, and proper use of the wall is important to avoid damaging it. Please join us!

MISSION

This Week's Mission Trip

In next week's newsletter there will be a full write-up of the mission trip experience, but here's a little peek at what our volunteers have been up to this week as they work on homes in Avery County!



HANDY HELPERS

Hudson Handy Helpers

About Our Group



Hudson Handy Helpers is a volunteer group that provides help to members of the congregation and the greater community. The group supports those in need of physical assistance for projects such as home repairs, furniture moving, and more. **If you are in need of these services, please keep**

in mind this available resource.

We are also looking to encourage other able-bodied congregants to join in as volunteers! Typically, there are opportunities to help a few days a month, and most volunteers probably average a day or so a month, usually a few hours at a time.



Services the Handy Helpers can provide include home repair, carpentry, power washing, moving assistance, and assisting in transporting donations to North Raleigh Ministries.

Those needing assistance or those wishing to volunteer should contact [Mike Law](#) or the church office.



The Handy Helpers hard at work on some of their recent projects!

HMPC YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING:

Sunday School on break until September 11

SUNDAY EVENING:

Youth Group and Youth Music on break until September 11

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 7:



Bagels in the Balcony
Sunday, August 7 at 10:00am

Youth are invited to gather in the balcony for bagels before worship!

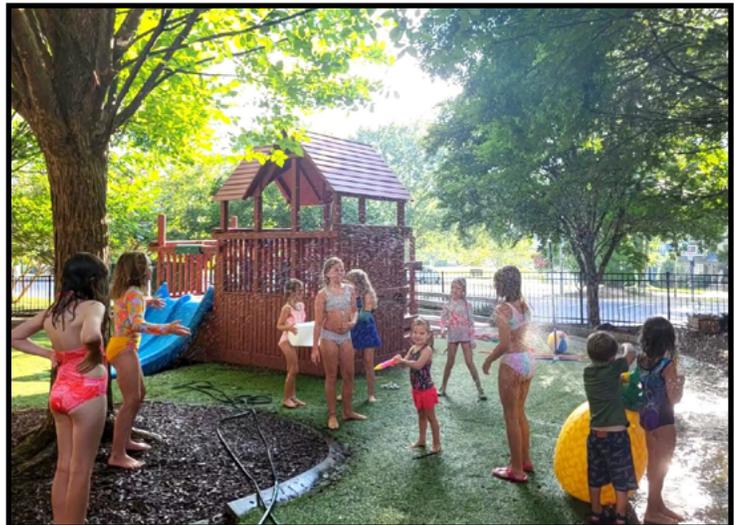
UPCOMING:

Movie on the Green - August 14 from 8pm to 10pm
September 11 - Kickoff!

FELLOWSHIP

Good Times at the Ice Cream Social!

We had a great time at Fellowship Friday last week during our Ice Cream Social! The children had a ton of fun playing and cooling off in the sprinklers. Here's a peek at the event...



July Special Offering Shelter Ministries - FINAL WEEK

Our congregation has been involved with many different housing and shelter ministries. Whether we're helping out with Habitat for Humanity, Rebuild Together, or Hudson Handy Helpers, we have always been there to help people turn their houses into homes. Money raised during this special offering can be used toward our sponsorship of the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build, assist with any natural disaster relief or any other shelter related ministries that the Lord asks us to lend a helping hand to.



You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate, or by online giving specifically to Shelter Ministries through the church's website by clicking the QR code or visiting hmpc.org. You can text the donation

amount with the word "Shelter" to 888-906-0744.

Example text: 25 Shelter. You can also mail a check with "Shelter Ministries" in the memo line to the church office: 4921 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, 27609.

July Tend My Sheep Green Magnet Elementary - FINAL WEEK



This month we are collecting school items to help families at a local elementary school. The beginning of the school year is full of excitement, anticipation, and high costs. This time of year can be difficult for families

in need. Green Magnet Elementary is our neighbor just a couple blocks north of Hudson. Green is a Title I school, which means the school receives federal funds due to at least 40% of their students being considered low-income. The school's social worker identified these items as most needed: Backpacks, crayons (12 or 24 packs), glue sticks, wide-ruled composition books, #2 pencils, blue or black pens, round-tipped scissors, and rulers. The backpacks are a more expensive item that many families have a harder time affording, especially if they have multiple kids.

We will be collecting until the end of July.

Adult & Youth(12+) Food Bank Volunteers Needed



HMPC has dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. The next date is **Wednesday, August 3 (6:00-8:00pm)**

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of the church's website, hmpc.org. After following the link, click the "Sign Up" button next to the shift you'd like to attend, then follow the website's prompts to either create a new account and register, or login to an existing account. Please note that registration through the website is required before volunteering.

Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent; those over 16 do not need a parent in attendance. Youth may be able to count these as service hours. Please contact [Beth Billman](#) with any questions.

NRM Needs Your Help!

We have heard from North Raleigh Ministries about the rapidly increasing need for food pantry assistance which has been growing for the past two and a half years as a result of pandemic-related factors. Currently the Food Bank and Interfaith Food Shuttle, who supply much of what is distributed by food pantries, do not have the food supply (at bulk prices) to feed all of our neighbors in need.

Our Mission Committee has funds designated for Hunger Action and is able to make an additional financial contribution to NRM in addition to our ongoing commitment. Listed below are ways you may want to help personally by donating directly to NRM.

1.) A list of food/household items can be found here.

<https://northraleighministries.com/pantry-donations>

2.) Financial donations can be made here.

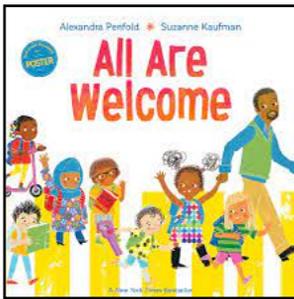
<https://northraleighministries.com/give>

Children's Sunday School Summer Book Series

Coming Up...

Sunday, July 31

THEME: Diversity and Inclusion

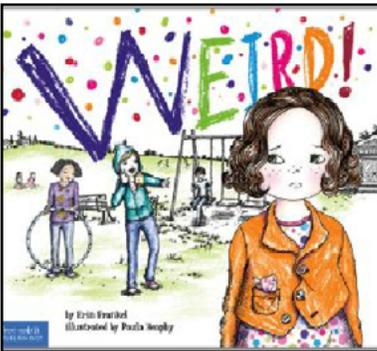


BOOK: *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufmann

SCRIPTURE: Romans 15:7 *Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the Glory of God.*

Sunday, August 7

THEME: Bullying and self-love

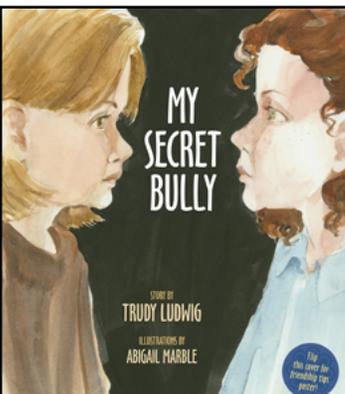


BOOK: *Weird!* by Erin Frankel

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 2:9 *Whoever says "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness.*

Sunday, August 14

THEME: Bullying and friendship



BOOK: *My Secret Bully* by Trudy Ludwig

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34:13-14 *Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.*

Children's Opportunities at The Food Bank



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.

Our volunteer dates are rapidly approaching! The dates are **September 10th** and **October 23rd** from 2:00-4:00 pm. Registration link can be found [here](#).



SUMMER FUN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Women at the Well

Meetings Through The End of The Year

Mark your calendars for the evening of the following dates: **August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15.**

To join the distribution list, contact [Pastor Debbie](#)

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Aug. 2 | 6:30am | Zoom



All men are invited to join this group (Zoom 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 [Don Slater](#) (while Mac is on sabbatical).**

Last Week At Adult Sunday School

Ron Ash discusses genetically modified humans and the moral concerns surrounding these practices.



Adult Summer Series

Sundays | 9:30-10:20am
Westminster Hall

Coming Up...

Sunday, July 31

Old Testament Timeline

We know that Jesus lived about two thousand years ago, but when did all those Old Testament stories happen? Join Fred Woodward for a brief survey of the Old Testament timeline and what else was going on in that part of the world.



Sunday, August 7

A Look At The New Testament



Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will share some highlights of the New Testament and facilitate conversation on how they may guide us in the important issues of our day.

Sunday, August 14

Report From The Mission Trip Team



Our Avery County Mission Team helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity July 24-29. They will be sharing stories and thoughts on their experience this year.

Sunday, August 21

Hunger Action Event



The Mission Committee will host a “hands on” Hunger Action Event as we make a large impact in a short amount of time.

2022 General Assembly Summary

Every two years, the General Assembly of the PC(USA) meets to consider how we can most authentically and faithfully serve God in the manner of Christ. Every Assembly is grounded in worship and a particular theme. This year the theme was “From Lament to Hope”, echoing the challenges we are facing in the 21st century, and the overarching hope that none of these are too great to overcome. As Christians who believe that through the work of the Holy Spirit, God guides us as “the church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God”, we gather in community to consider issues before us. This week, at our first in-person gathering of New Hope Presbytery since COVID began, we heard from the commissioners, Ministers and Elders we elected to attend GA this year. They described worshipping together each day as central to their work. They shared how honest conversations, passionate debate and prayerful discernment were filled with grace and respect for one another. Commissioners are elected from the entire denomination. They are assigned committees to serve on that reflect our diverse membership, and they spend months learning about what is on their agenda before meeting together; their reflections gave us insight into the various topics they worked on.

Here is an abbreviated summation of the 2022 General Assembly, and decisions made by the commissioners we elected to serve on behalf of all of us. Each of these is part of a process where everything goes through various rounds of consideration before it comes to a GA, and is taken up by the appropriate committee who then considers it according to Roberts Rules of Order.

If you have questions or wish to discuss any of these actions, [Pastor Debbie](#) welcomes the opportunity to talk with you at any time!

Israel/Palestine: The assembly voted 266-116 to approve one of the most controversial items before it — INT-02, declaring that the PC(USA) recognize the laws, policies and practices of the Israeli government regarding the Palestinian people “fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid.”

Climate change: Voting 340-41, the assembly directed PC(USA) entities to divest from five oil and gas companies it concluded are not moving quickly enough to try to slow global warming. The vote reflected continued support for the Committee on Mission Responsibility

Through Investment (MRTI)’s strategy of corporate engagement and selective divestment. Action on another item, ENV-09, also affirmed “that working in the fossil fuel industry is a necessity for many” and assured Presbyterians that “divestment is not a condemnation or judgment of their choice of employment.”

Litany of repentance: One of the assembly’s most powerful emotional moments came when White Presbyterians recited a litany of repentance from RGJ-08, offering an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy.

Gun violence: With recent mass shootings still echoing, the assembly approved VIOL-07, declaring 2022-2032 a “Decade to End Gun Violence” — asking the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to develop tools for faith-based advocacy against gun violence and for studying “the intersection of white supremacy culture, Christian nationalism, and gender with gun violence.”

Family leave: The assembly approved a proposed amendment to the PC(USA) constitution to say a minister’s terms of call shall include at least 12 weeks of paid family medical leave (covering the birth, fostering or adoption of a child; care for ill or disabled family members; and healing following a loss or tragic event). To take effect, the proposed change needs approval from a majority of the presbyteries.

Immigration: The assembly voted 340-25 to declare the PC(USA) a “sanctuary and accompaniment church” — saying the denomination stands with immigrants and asylum-seekers and is committed to working for justice in U.S. immigration policy.

Reproductive justice: In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, the assembly approved a resolution on reproductive justice — saying the PC(USA) rejects “attempts at all levels of government to reduce, limit, or eliminate access to contraceptive and abortion care.”

LGBTQIA+ equity: The assembly created a new LGBTQIA+ Equity Advocacy Committee as a permanent committee of the General Assembly — equivalent in access and accountability to the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice and the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee.

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, July 31

9:30 am - Adult Education - Summer Series - WH
9:45 am - Summer Sing - Choir Loft
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH

Monday, August 1

6:00 pm - Children's Committee - WH South
7:00 pm - PW Leadership - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

Tuesday, August 2

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
7:00 pm - Property Committee - WH North
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - GH Room 234

Wednesday, August 3

6:00 pm - Summer Supper - WH North

Friday, August 5

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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Vacation Bible School Starts August 6!

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

Flower Donations

Dates Still Available



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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Join Our Social Media Community!

Hudson Memorial is active on Twitter (HudsonMemPC) & Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), as well as Facebook (HudsonMPC). Follow us & like us! Our Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts have daily quotes, photos, info about upcoming events, poetry, prayer or scripture.



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Save The Date...

HUDSON HOMECOMING

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 6th for a good ol' Church Homecoming Celebration! Invite your family members who grew up in the church, former members and others who might be interested in coming home for a Sunday.

Please send suggested guest names and addresses to lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org by August 15 (or submit form below). Guests are invited to join 10:30am worship, as well as the Homecoming celebration that will follow. We will have a big lunch, fellowship, entertainment, and more!

For questions, please contact Shawn Jackson at shawn_jackson2004@yahoo.com



If you would like to mail your form, fill out the below and send to Lesley Ash-Jacobsen, HMPC, 4921 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh NC 27609.

Guest Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Guest Address: _____ Guest Address: _____

Guest City, State, Zip: _____ Guest City, State, Zip: _____