



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

COMMUNITY EVENT

Community Thanksgiving Service

Worshiping With Our Neighbors

For many years, the churches along Six Forks Road have united for worship together at Thanksgiving. This year, Hudson hosted the service on Tuesday, November 23rd. The Reverend Ben Kifer, pastor of Grace Lutheran, preached a lively and meaningful sermon about gratitude. Participating churches included: St. Timothy’s Episcopal, Trinity Baptist, St. Mark’s United Methodist, North Haven Church, The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship, and Grace Lutheran. We collected an offering for North Raleigh Ministries, and there was a combined choir with members of several different churches who performed *God of the Ages*.



A BIG THANKS to the Fellowship Committee, Presbyterian Women, and other volunteers for hosting a lovely reception on the patio afterwards. The warm food and friendly faces made it a very welcoming event for our Six Forks friends!



Hanging of the Greens

November 28th after Worship

The Hanging of the Greens has been a longstanding tradition at Hudson Memorial. After the worship service, we will gather on the West Lawn for some fellowship, snacks and instructions for those who wish to participate. There are tasks for all ages! We will work together to decorate the church, using Christmas greenery, lights and ornaments. Childcare will be provided for children two and under until 1:00pm.



Please join us!

Advent Wreath-making

November 28th at 9:30am

As part of worship each week throughout the season of Advent, we will light one candle on the sanctuary Advent wreath. Using scripture, liturgy and music, we reflect on themes that prepare us to celebrate the birth of Christ. Many of us find using an advent wreath at home to be a helpful devotional practice. For those who would like to create a wreath, we invite you to join us from **9:30-10:20 on November 28**. Wreaths and supplies will be furnished by the Adult Committee and the Chancel Guild.

Adults with children through Grade 4 will meet in Geneva Hall. HS Youth and Adults will meet in Room 200. If you have any questions contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmhc.org



The Chancel Guild invites you to honor or remember a special person with a donation of \$15 toward Advent preparations, including poinsettias and greenery. Names will be listed in the December 19th worship bulletin. Return an information form (located on the flower calendar board outside of room #103) with your check to the office, or place it in the offering plate by December 12th. Designate 'poinsettias' on your check. You may take your donated poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve service.

2021 Advent:

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

Our theme for Advent this year comes from Hymn #92 in our *Glory to God* hymnal. It is a text by Claire Cloninger from 1986. A simple and meditative hymn that reads, "While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come." Often the early days of December feel less like waiting and more like a frantic scramble to squeeze everything in to the point of exhaustion. What we really need to do is have moments of waiting for the relief of Jesus Christ to break into our chaos. We hope Advent worship, faith formation and other opportunities will help create space for Jesus during this season of waiting.



Advent & Christmas Dates

Sunday, November 28 at 9:30 am - Advent wreath-making

Sunday, November 28 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - Worship on the First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28th following worship on HMPC Campus - The Hanging of the Greens - Decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season - all ages and stages are welcome to help.

Sunday, December 5th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - Worship & the Lord's Supper on the Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - Worship on the Third Sunday of Advent featuring the Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 19th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 19th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary - The Christmas Joy Concert

Friday, December 24th at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Christmas Eve Communion Worship Service

Friday, December 24th at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

Friday, December 24th at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Candlelight & Communion Worship Service

Sunday, December 26th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary - First Sunday of Christmas Worship

Advent Devotionals Available



This year's Advent Devotional is *Come to Bethlehem and Be Nourished*. Bread is a key theme of the devotional which carries us through Advent and the Season of Christmas, November 28 – January 6. Bread has a dual role in the scripture and reflections provided for our use each day. While our souls are nourished as we prepare to celebrate the

birth of Christ, we are invited to nourish our bodies by making or purchasing a particular kind of bread each week to enjoy and to share with others. As a Hunger Action Congregation, we are encouraged to remember those who are food insecure as we gather around holiday tables and to do what we can to be sure all have enough to eat. The devotional is available online [here](#) and we have hard copies available.



HMPC Family Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 4th

We are excited to offer our first annual Christmas Family Scavenger Hunt! Items from the Nativity will be hidden around the campus for you to find as a family. There will be hot chocolate, ornament making, and Nativity gingerbread houses to decorate! Drop by any time between 2:00pm and 4:00pm for this family friendly day. This is a community event so feel free to invite friends! **We ask that as many families as possible RSVP to make sure we have enough materials for everyone,** however an RSVP is not required to attend. We look forward to kicking off the Christmas season with you!

RSVP here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445ada82ca46-hmpc5>

Coats and Jackets for Note in the Pocket

Collecting on November 28th

Let's make it a cozy and warm Christmas for children in Wake County! Note in the Pocket is in need of coats and jackets for distribution through Wake County Public Schools. Please consider donating new (or very gently used) winter coats, rain jackets or fleece jackets this month. We will be collecting November 28th. These items will be available for distributors to children in need immediately.

Note in the Pocket serves students and their families through the school system. All sizes are welcome and needed. Please contact Beth Billman at bethbillman@gmail.com with any questions.



Good Samaritan Fund



Our monthly special offering is for the Good Samaritan Fund, a discretionary account outside of the annual operating budget that is used to assist HMPC members and others who are experiencing financial challenges. We expect these needs to continue to increase due to the long term effects of

COVID-19 and we appreciate any amount you give so we have the funds available as needed.

[You may donate online](#), mail your donation or text to give.

Text “[amount] Samaritan” to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 Samaritan). If you have not done this before, you will be prompted to enter your information. Once it has been entered, you will not have to enter it again.

Volunteer at the Food Bank

The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment to the Food Bank. We have set up two standing monthly volunteer shifts: the second Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm and the third Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm. Use the link below to see the dates we will be working and to sign up to participate. The Food Bank does require that volunteers be masked inside the warehouse. Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent, 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.

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The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am

WH South

In this group are members of the “John Knox” and “Mixed Adults” classes along with newer members and guests. They enjoy a presentation and discussion format. On November 28, the first Sunday of Advent, in preparation for Christmas, Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will help us consider the beauty and tenderness of celebrating these seasons in church. On December 5th, Susan Grigg will facilitate a conversation about stories and traditions about the Nativity, and on December 12th, Ron Ash will facilitate the discussion "Global Advent Traditions: Discussion and Sharing of Advent Traditions at Home and Across the World".

WH North

Join us for “Ponderings” facilitated by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg and Fred Woodward. This informal group is for all who would like to consider faith in light of contemporary issues. If you would like a place to share what challenges and opportunities you have right now and how your faith is informing your life, please join us! Topics and resources will be guided by the group and may include information (i.e. book study) and transformation as we connect with others. **They will not be meeting on November 28th.**

Parlor - Silent Reflection and Prayer

For those who need a quiet space to be still and mindful, the Parlor is available. Suggestions of ways to use the space are provided using *Words to Build On: Words of Scripture for Remembrance and Reflection* and guides for personal prayer. The opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of the light of Christ and or in memory or honor of someone will be available. This will be one option for the space, another is just to sit quietly, pray if you would like, etc. In order to keep the sanctity of the space, the area is not for visiting.

Labyrinth Self-Guided Walking Meditations

Another outside option that will require social distancing but not masks will be a self-guided Labyrinth Meditation option. A guide to walking meditations and suggested material for reflection and some Sundays tokens of focus to carry on your journey will be available at the Labyrinth or in front of the Welcome Box.



Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, November 30th at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group on the Patio 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 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 Pastor Mac.](#)

Women at the Well

Late Fall Information

Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and content. The weekly group meets Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. We are concluding *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things* by Sarah Bessey with a new selection beginning in January. The monthly group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm (sometimes adjusted to avoid holidays, etc.) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. This group typically meets over dinner in a local restaurant with meetings on Zoom if necessary. Fall podcasts have included those with Diana Butler Bass, Anne Lamott, Kate Bowler, and Bishop Michael Curry. 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 concludes December 15 and begins the winter semester January 12. **The monthly group will meet on Thursday December 2;** there will be no meeting in November or later in December due to the holidays. Current participants will receive the location and podcast link. For more information or to participate in either group contact Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmpe.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Mornings

Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet this week at our regular time, 9:30am in the Explorers Room on the second floor.

Confirmation Class (8th grade) will also be meeting at the regular time, 9:30am in the Confirmation Classroom.

Bagels in the Breezeway - These are held the first Sunday of every month. **The next one will be December 5th at 10:00am.**

Youth group will be participating in Hanging of The Greens on Nov. 28th! Please join us for worship, lunch, and decorating the church with the rest of the HMPC community!

Usual Sunday Afternoons

Middle School and High School Youth Group
5:00pm to 6:30pm in GH.

Youth Music with Barbara - 4:30pm - 5:00pm - WH North - Youth interested in participating in the music program here at HMPC.

Youth Group (Middle School grade 6-8 and High School grade 9-12) - 5:00pm - 6:30pm - Westminster Hall - Come join us for recreation, study, mission and worship activities.

Please note THIS SUNDAY, Nov 28th, Youth afternoon activities are cancelled.

Conferences & Retreats

For RISING 9th GRADE - Graduated 12th GRADE:
Montreat Youth Conference
July 17 - 23, 2022

For RISING 6th, 7th and 8th GRADES:
Massanetta Presbyterian Middle School Conference
June 21-24, 2022

Forms and money will be due for both events on MONDAY, November 29, 2021
Contact [Rich Richards](#) if you plan on going.

Youth Music Last Sunday

Youth Music contributed to last week's service with their beautiful handbells and singing. Thanks to our talented youth!



CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Joyful Noise & Wee Worshipers Sundays at 9:30am

Wee Worshipers: Pre-Elementary, Room 225

Children are invited to participate in our pre-K music program called the Wee Worshipers during the 9:30 hour. Children will sing and play instruments to age-appropriate music. They will even join Joyful Noise to perform in worship a few times throughout the year!

Joyful Noise: Grades K-4, GH Music Room

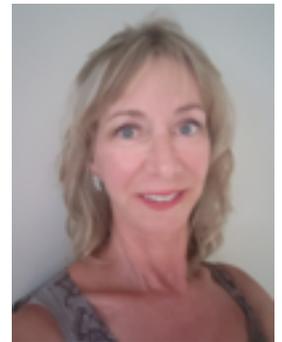
Joyful Noise is our Elementary age music program led by Gina Hayek. Using games and activities and playing instruments, children learn about Bible stories appropriate to their age and development. Joyful Noise children will have the opportunity to lead worship a few times a year through music and simple pageants.

Please note THIS SUNDAY, Nov 28th, Joyful Noise will be held at 11:30am.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Special Thanks to Gina Hayek

Gina Hayek will be concluding her tenure as Joyful Noise Director on Sunday, December 19th. We are grateful for her six years of service on the Hudson Memorial staff working with our children. She helped us develop the Sunday morning Joyful Noise music ministry and did a wonderful job leading Vacation Bible School music for a number



of years. Gina has regularly sung solos in worship, she has participated in the Children's Ministry Committee, been a good colleague to the staff, and has a deep faith in God. Her last Sunday directing the children will be at the Christmas Joy concert on December 19th.

Thanks be to God for Gina's service to this church.



Pledge Update

November 14th was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent and financial resources to Christ through HMPC. Thank you to all of you who pledged in person, mailed your pledge in or made your commitment online.

Currently there are 144 households that have pledged out of 364 member households for a total of \$637,880. This time last year we had collected 132 pledges for a total of \$582,642.

It is not too late to pledge. You may pledge online [here](#), email your pledge to Cheri Thomas, HMPC Bookkeeper, or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086 to request a pledge form be mailed to you. Thank you for your commitment to Christ through the church during these challenging times. Thanks be to God!

TECH TEAM NEWS

Technology Updates

Learning Opportunity December 12

Hudson's Tech Team provides Sound and Livestream support for all events at Hudson and is expanding the coverage of our building's WIFI Network.

We will soon be changing to the popular Open Source streaming software called Online Broadcast Software (OBS). It will allow us to add scripture and hymn words to the live video. It supports smooth transitions between multiple cameras, still pictures, and pre-recorded or internet video sources. We will have some fun figuring out ways to enhance the experience of those watching at home using OBS!

If you would like to learn about mixing sound, livestreaming with OBS or WIFI please join us for our next orientation class. Open to adults and youth.

It will immediately follow worship on Dec. 12 at the soundboard and will last about an hour. Snacks will be provided. If interested, please contact John Whisler, 919-345-2004 (text or phone) or the church office. The class is capped at eight people and we have three reservations so far.

Thanks to the current Tech Team: John Whisler, John Oldenburg, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono, Gil Graybill, Barton Meeks, Chekwas Nkpa, Olsen Richards, Erik Jacobsen, Skye Schafer. Also thanks to Clark Johnson and Winter Fox, who are serving as consultants to the team.

Baptism

Congratulations to Mary Cates & Jason Bevier on the baptism of their children on Sunday, November 21st in worship.



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Parents' Afternoon Out!

Sunday, December 5th from 2:00-4:00pm

Need some time to get some Holiday shopping done? Need a long nap on the sofa during the busy holiday season?

Let the wonderful HMPC youth (and a few adults) take care of things for the afternoon to let you do what YOU need to do during this busy season. Drop off is 2:00pm. Pick up is 4:00pm (on the north side of the church near the Labyrinth).

REGISTRATION is REQUIRED. Please email [Rich Richards](#) to register.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 12th

One of the favorite events of the season is our Christmas Pageant! **The pageant will take place in Worship on December 12th.** We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, December 11th, from 10:00-12:00 for our Elementary children and 11:15-12:00 for our Pre-K children. Your family does not need to be a member of Hudson for your children to participate - the more the merrier!



December Birthdays



- 1: Elizabeth Lewis, Ian Cox
- 2: Chandler Christenbury, Emily Carpenito,
Matthew Rahn
- 3: Tiya Komono, Scott Billman
- 4: C.R. Dolby Jr., Benjamin Rahn, Olivia Nduka
- 5: Jude Davidson, Yvonne Peterson, Megan Bever,
Jill Priester
- 6: Ellie Gatten, Ronnie Strickland-Apple, Elisa Komono
- 7: Brandon Keever, Mark McDougal
- 8: Taryn Reed
- 9: Angela Baker-James, Peggy Grady, Mac Schafer
- 10: Scarlett Maxwell, Maddy Ward, Marsha Flueckinger
- 11: Tom Carpenito, Wes Maxwell, Margot Davidson
- 12: Kathryn Hague
- 13: Ella Grace Edmister, Karlene Perry, Gerry Bowles,
Lucille Nicholas
- 15: Diane Marbach-Morgen, H Lem Ya,
- 16: Nancy Law Rogers, Henry Dudeck, Elizabeth van Die
- 17: Monica Maxwell
- 18: Christine Bond, Nicholas Billman, Linda Measamer,
Jennifer Mercer, Carolyn Sanspree
- 20: April Morris, Robbie Crawford, Dickens Sanchez
- 21: David Powell, Durban Rhame
- 22: Y Leo Ya, Mary Schindo
- 24: Blake Ayers, Anna Brewer, Ron Ash
- 25: Susan Spencer, Holly Burge
- 26: Maria Keever, Natalie Hnat
- 27: Gary King, Dottie Burch, Hannah James,
Zachary Hughes
- 28: Cheryl McDougal, Irene Fleming, Rose Barford,
Gracey Ash
- 29: Clark Johnson, Keto Komono, John Williams,
Michele Walker, Bob Crawford
- 30: Lauren Klimczyk, Griffin Rogers
- 31: Hunter Schafer, Shirley Blanks, Janis Shearon,
Malcolm Cox

Hudson's Current Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub Team, Personnel Committee or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board. All below policies are subject to change.

- Church staff can work from the office or at home.
- For preschool drop off, no parents come inside the building.
- The preschool is following NCDHHS tool kit and guidance.
- Groups of any size can gather outside without masks. Eating outside on church property is permitted.
- Masks are required at all times inside the church building. Exceptions to this are:
 - Vaccinated speakers, soloists and small singing groups in worship who are appropriately socially distant from the congregation.
 - Staff who are working alone in their office.
- Sunday worship children's message volunteers must wear masks when giving their talk because the children are not socially distant from the speaker.
- Employees of HMPC (church and preschool) are required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisor.
- Any volunteer working with children 12 and under at HMPC will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.
- Groups are not allowed to eat together inside the church buildings. The exception to this rule is preschool children have lunch and snack time in their class bubble.

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PERSONNEL SEARCH

Sunday Morning Childcare Workers

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for caring, reliable childcare workers for our church nursery! This is a part-time opportunity on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - noon. Please send a resume or inquiry email to [Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries](mailto:Cary.Dickerson@hmpc.org)

Organist/Music Assistant

We are beginning our search to fill the part-time organist position here at Hudson. [Please click here for more information.](#) If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact anyone on the Search Committee: Barbara Loehr-Fox, Emily Brown, Carol Cox and Dan Vig.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 28

9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226
9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Room 234
9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
10:30 am - Worship - First Sunday of Advent
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Joyful Noise
11:30 am - Fellowship

Monday, November 29

8:00 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 226, 236

Tuesday, November 30

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

Wednesday, December 1

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
6:15 pm - Handbells
6:30 pm - Children's Committee
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 2

6:00 pm - Women at the Well

Saturday, December 4

9:00 am - Deacon Retreat at New Hope Camp
2:00 pm - Family Christmas Scavenger Hunt - HMPC
5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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LIVE-STREAMING

Attend Worship Online



For those unable to attend worship in person, we will be live streaming the services. Please know that the live streams will also be recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel, as well as the church website.

[Click here to live-stream or watch recording of this Sunday's 10:30 am service.](#)