



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

Community Thanksgiving Service at Hudson!

Tuesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m.



For years, the churches along Six Forks Road have united for worship together at Thanksgiving. This year, Hudson is hosting the service. The Reverend Ben Kifer, pastor of Grace Lutheran, is preaching. Participating churches include: St. Timothy’s Episcopal, Trinity Baptist, St. Mark’s United Methodist, North Haven Church, The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship, and Grace Lutheran. We will collect an offering for North Raleigh Ministries and have a reception on the front patio following worship. The nursery will be open for infants to three year olds. We’d love to get a great showing from our members as hosts.

2022 GIVING MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

Sharing Our Gifts in 2022

By Shawn Jackson

Thank you to all the folks who participated in the videos by sharing their belonging, to the speakers during the past weeks of worship, and to this year’s Giving Ministry Committee, along with Beckie Sipprell and Dave Smart who have been so collectively dedicated to the success of this campaign. I am proud to report that 100% of our Deacons, Elders, Pastors and Giving Ministry Committee have pledged early, raising \$190,000 which is nearly a quarter of the way to our goal.



Today we will celebrate our commitment to Christ through the church when we bring forward our signed pledge forms. If you are still contemplating a pledge, that is okay. You can find pledge forms in the pew racks, at the entrances to the sanctuary and on our website under the *Donate* tab. It is important to note that today is not the deadline, so you still have time to consider your 2022 gifts. Pledges are always welcome. “Belonging” is defined as the feeling of security and support when there is a sense of acceptance, inclusion, and identity for a member of that group. We’ve had some beautiful testimonials from our members over the past several weeks about their views on belonging. So memorable in fact, that I’d like to take you through a highlight reel. One of our early worship speakers, Carolyn Scott said, "Belonging means being a part of the whole, being a part of this family, being a part of God's creation, being a part of God's beloved community." Katherine Edmister, one of our youth told us that with her long-time friends who are now fellow Confirmands, she always feels truly free to be herself. Katherine went on to say, “Once you have found a group of people like I have, you can belong anywhere. Hudson has led me to a group of people that inspire me to commit myself to church and to God. And that’s what belonging is to me.”

Bruce Cox reminded us how music brings us together with this illustration, “While one bell or one vocal may sound nice, when they come together, when the notes are connected and shared, when we gather in community - (cont'd on page 3)

One of Our Lesser Known Callings



With the Community Thanksgiving Service quickly approaching, I thought I'd write about a word that I think fewer and fewer people are familiar with: ecumenical. According to Webster's New World College Dictionary, it is a furthering of the unity or unification of Christian churches; concerning the Christian church as a whole. Sometimes the word ecumenical gets confused with interfaith. I am happy to say that Hudson Memorial engages in ecumenical and interfaith activities. Hudson was a part of the first Interfaith Habitat For Humanity home build in Wake County. We continue to annually support and participate in this important interfaith venture.

Our ecumenical connections along Six Forks Road have deep roots. The pastors/heads of staff from St. Mark's United Methodist (UMC), St. Timothy's Episcopal, Trinity Baptist, Grace Lutheran, North Haven and The Fountain Fellowship of Raleigh, have been meeting for years for monthly lunches. There is rarely a "business agenda" at these lunches. It is mostly a time for clergy to deepen friendships and support one another. The longest standing tradition of this fellowship group (besides lunch) has been the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, a sign of our unity in Christ. On occasion, other things emerge out of these relationships: North Raleigh Ministries is one of the beautiful ministries that grew out of these pastor lunches. The creation of North Raleigh Ministries happened while the Reverend Dr. Al Krummenacher was pastor at Hudson and happened in collaboration between ministers in the early 2000s to help neighbors in need.

Our ecumenical relationship with St. Mark's UMC runs deep. Our church historical records indicate that community organizational meetings to create Hudson Memorial took place at St. Marks! In recent years St. Mark's UMC & Hudson did a leadership retreat together, and for three years we have co-hosted the Fall Festival on each of our properties. This year's Fall Festival had 460 people attend. I said to their pastor LuAnn Charlton, "With that kind of attendance we ought to do more things together!"

For years, Hudson members have been welcomed to get exercise and walk in Trinity Baptist's gym, and when Hudson's building was being renovated in 2013, Grace Lutheran hosted the summer sessions of our preschool. All this is to say that the current group of clergy on Six Forks Road have viewed our close relationships with each other as a benefit. These ecumenical relationships are a breath of fresh air in polarizing times. Our churches are diverse in worship style, theology, biblical interpretation and size, but that's what makes staying in community so important. We learn from each other and most importantly, value our relationships with one another.

Did you know that our Presbyterian Constitution calls us to be in ecumenical and interfaith relationships? Our Book of Order says, "The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at all levels seeks to manifest more visibly the unity of the body of Christ and will be open to opportunities for conversation, cooperation, and action with other ecclesiastical groups. It will seek to initiate, maintain, and strengthen relations with other Reformed and Christian entities."

As far as interfaith relationships, the Book of Order says, "The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at all levels will be open to and will seek opportunities for respectful dialogue and mutual relationships with entities and persons from other religious traditions. It does this in the faith that the church of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is a sign and means of God's intention for the wholeness of all humankind and all creation."

With all this in mind, I hope you will come to the Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary to celebrate our longstanding ecumenical relationships along Six Forks Road. Tuesday night is a small picture of what the body of Christ is supposed to look like!

In Hope of Unity Over Division,

Mac Schafer

Coats and Jackets for Note in the Pocket

November 21 & 28

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 the two weekends around Thanksgiving. 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.

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like in the Chancel Choir or Handbells - that is when it becomes more than 'music'! We are no longer single bells or notes, we are a chorus, a symphony, a family."

After this disconnecting time of the pandemic, Matt Carlise was struggling to re-engage. He shared this insight about involvement at Hudson, "I have recommitted my sense of belonging to Hudson, anchored each week in worship. The tethers of my involvement of time continue to bless me in surprising ways, and I encourage each of you to commit to active participation and gifts if you have not already."

And finally, Ron Cole gave us this to ponder, "God gives us our turn at being an angel, asking for more than just our treasure but part of our time. He does not ask anyone to die for him, but He asks us all to live for Him."

You know what I hear in these testimonials? I hear the church at its finest, teaching us to do just as the cornerstone on our building reads, "To know Christ and to make Christ known." The Ministry of Members from the Presbyterian Book of Order says we should review and evaluate regularly the integrity of our membership, and consider ways our participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful. That, my friends, is what this is all about. The ministries and mission of Hudson are fruitful because of our many helping hands, AND, our many generous gifts! It is from our pledges that the church can establish an annual budget for worship, education, pastoral care, mission and fellowship. The church operating budget is created solely by our generosity and support.

So thank you for your thoughtful, and prayerful consideration!

2022 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Pledges on Commitment Sunday

Last Sunday, 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 129 households that have pledged out of 364 member households for a total of \$593,391. This time last year we had collected 129 pledges for a total of \$529,297.

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!



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. Rev. Aleta Ash concludes a series on November 21 with the theme “Disciples: Them and Us, Then and Now.” 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 and 19th class leaders will continue these conversations with contributions of favorite stories, memories and traditions shared by participants.

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. The topic for Sunday, November 21, is Contemplations about Faith, Part 3, as generously informed by C. S. Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters*.

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 on or in front of the Welcome Box.

Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group via Zoom 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.](#)

MUSIC CORNER

Music on Commitment Sunday

Last Sunday, November 14th, we had a wonderful selection of music. Our Chancel Choir joined with the Hudson Handbell Ringers to perform *In the Season of Our Plenty* to get in the spirit of Thanksgiving.



We also had a men's quartet perform - Thank you John James, Bruce Cox, Ken Krause and Sean Cole!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth on Sunday 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.

Sanctuary Worship (all ages) - Begins at 10:30am. It is a great way to carve out time for God and for your family!

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

Sunday Afternoons

Middle School and High School Youth Group
5:00pm to 6:30pm in GH. *NOTE: This year the afternoon schedule is a bit different than previous years. Also, there will NOT be a meal component as a part of youth group this year. Snacks and drinks will be provided on a week to week basis.*

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Outdoor Thanksgiving Preschool Chapel Gathering

Monday, November 22nd at 9:30am

On Monday, November 22nd at 9:30am, the 3-4 year olds will share their fall prayers and songs with you during Chapel. For those of you that wish to join, please be aware that although this is an outdoor event, we ask that you social distance and wear your mask.



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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST SUNDAY'S YOUTH EVENTS



The High School Youth Group had a fun afternoon of putt-putt and fellowship at Par-Tee Shack!



Paul's Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) - Artwork created by the Middle School Youth Group during an activity called "Fruit of the Spirit in a Square" led by Cyndi Harris. You can see the paintings in person hanging in the main hall across from WH.

WORSHIP

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.](#)

TECH TEAM NEWS

Technology Updates & A Learning Opportunity

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, and Skye Schafer. In addition, thanks to Clark Johnson and Winter Fox, who are serving as consultants to the team.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 21

- 9:30 am - Wee Worshipers & Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226
- 9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 10:30 am - Worship - Reign of Christ Sunday
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, November 22

- 7:00 pm - Session - Parlor
- 8:00 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 226, 236

Tuesday, November 23

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm - Community Thanksgiving Service
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Thursday, November 25

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Saturday, November 27

- 5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

SPECIAL EVENT

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>



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 create a display of the symbols of the season-- Christmas greenery, lights, and ornaments. Childcare will be provided for children 2 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. We ask that you sign up by November 22 using [this link](#) so that we can plan appropriately.

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@hmpc.org

Poinsettias

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 - 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

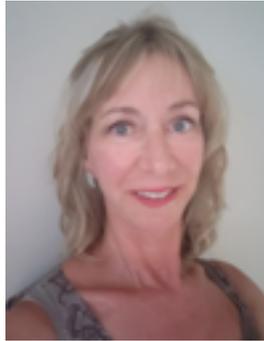
Friday, December 24th at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Candlelight & Communion Worship Service

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

PERSONNEL

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.



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)

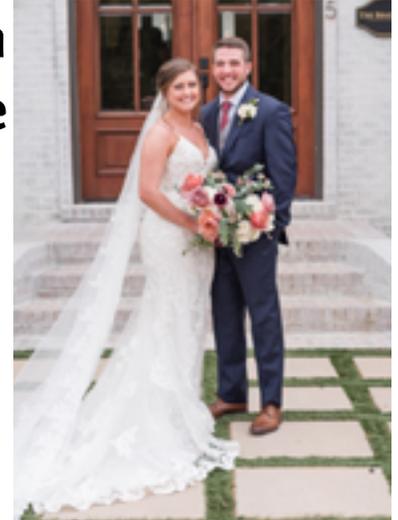
Organist/Music Assistant

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.

CELEBRATION

Celebration of Marriage

Congratulations to Bruce & Carol Cox on the marriage of their daughter Sarah Cox to Cory Wood on Saturday, November 6, 2021.



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