



# the weekly Window

August 12th, 2022

## Faith, Friendships and Fun on "Adventure Island" Vacation Bible School at HMPC

We had a great week of VBS on Adventure Island! Nearly 100 children learned lessons of how God shines his great light into the world and how they can help shine this light by reflecting what they have learned!



In Art, we painted canvases, tie-dyed t-shirts, and created sun catchers. In Science, we learned about God's creation by studying the sun and stars, learning about his various creatures, and even making our own "volcanoes!" In Music, we explored different styles of music and instruments, and how we can use them to praise God. We also enjoyed games, snacks, and play, to deepen our understanding of the Bible.

An important part of our week was the opportunity to deepen relationships. The children reconnected with old friends and developed new friendships. The volunteers and children created lasting bonds with one another. Most importantly, we all grew together in our faith.

We hope your children enjoyed a week of faith, friendships and fun!



# A BIG THANKS TO OUR AMAZING VBS VOLUNTEERS!



## THANK YOU SO MUCH...

Harper Anderson, Leigha Anderson, Riley Anderson, Kelly Barth, Mary Cates Bevier, Beth Billman, Christine Bond, Polly Bryant, Meagan Burnsed, Whitney Cason, Sandy and Ron Cole, Sharon Cole, Carol Cox, Cary Dickerson, Kessler Dickerson, Sarah Edge, Zoe Edge, Katherine Edmister, Charline Elstad-Vick, Hannah Enos, Jen Fenner, Leigh Forehand, Julie Fruit-Cobb, Amy Gadke, Sandy Geiger, Judie Greenawalt, Colby Guy, John Hall, Finley Harper, Ruth Herpich, Abbie Hester, Brock Howard, Roger and Nancy Howard, Hannah Huesgen, Jimmy and Joanna Hulsey, Grace Hutchinson, Brandi Krichbaum, Nancy Law, Barbara Loehr-Fox, Scarlett Maxwell, Angie Bell-Morris, Roger Morris, April Morris, Teri Morris, John Oldenburg, Lauren Parikh, Carly Pate, Rich Richards, Katy Schafer, Anna Gray Schien, Eleni Schnurr, Luke Schnurr, Carolyn Scott, Allie Sharpe, Ronnie Strickland-Apple, Holli Swenson, Lauren Taylor, Erin Walter, Maggie Waugh, John Whisler, Ashley Woolley, Shannon Yahyapour... **and everyone else who helped make this week a HUGE SUCCESS!!**



# This Summer at HMPC

## Highlights of Summer and a Look at the Fall

Dear Hudson Friends,

Our church family has had a wonderful summer and we are now making the turn into fall. Many of our members have already begun year-round school schedules, and for others, school is starting soon. For some, the summer has brought a welcome change of pace that included travel and gatherings with family and friends. For many of us, this has been a season of transition with moves and job changes. Whether you have traveled the world or have been at home, I hope you have found ways to nurture your bodies, minds, and spirits.

### Highlights of our summer include:

- Children began the summer with our first ever Arts Camp, and they concluded the summer with Vacation Bible School. During Sunday School, the Children's Summer Book Series was a big hit!
- Mission has been vibrant this summer! Activities include workdays for children and adults at the Food Bank; our \$25,000 donation to Interfaith Food Shuttle; a three-part summer series learning more about advocacy and systemic change, concluding with a hands-on event; the completion of the Interfaith Coalition Habitat House; and our mission team serving in Avery County.
- Adult Faith Formation has taken place each Sunday at 9:30am and has provided a wide variety of programs. Some topics included the importance of bees in the ecosystem (led by an experienced beekeeper); Biblical fundamentals; HMPC trivia; genetic engineering; and a dramatic presentation of Biblical women. Carolyn Scott and John Whisler graciously shared their recent Camino experience to a full house following worship, and many of the weekly groups took a summer sabbath break.
- Worship continues to unite us in person and virtually. We are grateful to the choir members and musicians who lead us each week.
- We have enjoyed weekly fellowship after church, monthly summer suppers, and other gatherings of all ages to play games and get to know one another better.
- The Property Committee has been busy with ongoing work, as well as the never-ending list of things that come up. Several large projects are being completed in the next few weeks.
- Deacons are praying, visiting, providing meals and sharing communion with those unable to attend worship.
- The Preschool had a great summer and is on a short break before the fall session begins.
- The last stage of the Memorial Garden is being completed and the improvements have enhanced the use of that sacred space.
- Our Middle School and High School Youth participated in wonderful conferences in Montreat and Massanetta.
- Special offerings were received for Shelter Ministries, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Avery County Mission Trip. As part of our Tend My Sheep program, items were collected for Green Magnet Elementary School, North Raleigh Ministries, and the Interfaith Food Shuttle.



**Don't forget to keep up with the latest news and events!** In the next few weeks, we will provide you all the information for fall activities, programs, and events. Each week you have

at least eight ways to access this information, including hard copies, social media, emails, bulletin boards, snail mail, and more. If you are a part of specific groups and classes, you may receive additional communications. We ask that you choose which format works best for you and check it regularly, making special note of those things that you plan to participate in.

I will be at Montreat this weekend with several members attending the Women's Connection Conference, and I appreciate the worship leadership of Jimmy Hulsey and Aleta Ash, along with Rich Richards, Barbara Loehr-Fox and Cary Dickerson, as well as our VBS children sharing in worship.

If you have a pastoral concern, something you would like to talk with me about, or would just like to chat over coffee, please let me know!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie', written in a cursive style.

# Sabbatical Update From Mac

Hello! I thought I'd update y'all on what I have done with my Sundays over the past month since I was last with you in worship on July 10th:

On Sunday, July 17th, I preached at the Bald Head Island Village Chapel. This was my 11th year preaching there during the summer. The chapel is beautiful and it was a great chance for Katy and I to have time together before I left for Germany.



On Saturday, July 23rd, I was in Wittenberg, Germany and went to evening English worship in the Castle Church where Martin Luther preached and is buried. *(Photo on left.)*

The service was sponsored by Wittenberg English Ministries (WEM). The Reverend Sue Beadle, an ELCA Lutheran pastor from Deforest, Illinois, was the preacher and she gave an excellent sermon on Mark 7:31-37 and the story of Jesus healing a deaf man, saying, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened." A wonderful reminder to me to "stay open" to what God might teach me as I started my sabbatical in Germany.



Following worship, the WEM hosts, Don & Cheryl Klein (from New Kirk, Oklahoma) along with Pastor Sue, invited me to dinner at the Wolf German restaurant. Wonderful folks to break bread with! *(Photo on left)*

On Sunday, July 31st, I worshiped in St. Peter's Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland. This is the church where reformer John Calvin preached and

is central to our reformed history. Worship was in two languages: Swiss-German and French.

I particularly enjoyed the liturgy which centered on the baptism of two children and a profession of faith by their mother. As a part of the mother uniting with the church, she had written a statement of faith that she read aloud in



both Swiss-German and French! After worship I went up to her and commended her for her courage.

On Sunday, August 7th, I worshiped at the Abby of St. Maurice. Maurice was an African Roman soldier who became a

Christian in the 3rd century. His legion was given orders to harass local Christians. He refused and Emperor Maximian had Maurice and every tenth soldier in his legion killed for their disobedience. The Abby is named in Maurice's memory.



I stayed at the Abby, and prior to worship on Sunday had breakfast with two priests: Father Cyrielle and Father Antione. Father Antione spoke English and teaches at the Abby school. We had a lively discussion on the state of the church. He wondered if my pilgrimage to Rome might result in me becoming Catholic. I told

him that while I have great respect for the Catholic tradition, my local congregation in Raleigh might not appreciate that! After our delightful conversation and nourishing breakfast, Father Cyrielle invited me to come back in the future to the Abby for a few days of prayer and reflection. I'm not sure when that will occur, but their hospitality was wonderful and it was a kind offer.

For the past three weeks, it has been a delight to worship from the pews! Hopefully this gives you a little picture of my time away so far.

I again want to thank the congregation for this opportunity to step away and refresh! It is appreciated!

With Care,



*Pastor Mac following worship at St. Peter's Cathedral at the Reformers Monument in Geneva, Switzerland.*

# End-of-Summer Fellowship Lunch

**Sunday, August 28  
Following Worship  
Westminster Hall**

Hudson Memorial will kick off fall with a fun congregational lunch! We are having boxed lunches this year instead of our usual covered-dish lunch. The lunches will be ordered from Jason's Deli and **we need your order by August 24th**. All lunch boxes come with chips, pickle spear and chocolate chip cookie. Drinks will be provided by Fellowship.

## SANDWICH OPTIONS:

- **Roast Turkey Breast** with Lettuce & Tomato on a croissant
- **Chicken Salad** with Almonds & Pineapple, Lettuce & Tomato on a croissant
- **1/2 Veggie Wrap** (Organic spinach, cucumbers, zucchini and our homemade veggie cream cheese mix with red pepper, green onions, in an organic wheat wrap)

## To RSVP online:

Please RSVP and select sandwich options on [this form](#).

## To RSVP through the church office:

Please call 919-787-1086 and leave a message letting us know your name, how many will be attending, and what your sandwich choice(s) are.

**Boxes are \$5 each.** Please pay by check (made out to the church) or cash. You can place the payment in an envelope marked



"Fellowship Lunch" into Lesley Ash-Jacobsen's box in Room 100. Another option is to bring your payment to the event and drop it into the collection basket there.

# Youth News

## THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 14:

No scheduled youth activities in the morning  
(but please join us for worship!)



## **MOVIE ON THE GREEN**

8:00-10:00pm

Bring a friend!

## LOOKING AHEAD:

### **September 11**

Kick Off Sunday (all youth activities begin)

### **September 30-October 1**

Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Camp Kanata  
(Registration for this will be posted next week!)

### **January 2-5, 2023**

Montreat College Conference in Montreat, NC

### **March 17-19, 2023**

Presbytery High School Retreat, Camp Don Lee

### **June 27-30, 2023**

Massanetta Middle School Conference

### **July 16-22, 2023**

Montreat Youth Conference

## CHANGES FOR THE FALL:

We have some exciting changes in youth ministry for the upcoming year. The biggest news is that we will offer two different Sunday morning classes for youth at a different time than before. These classes will be at **11:35am** immediately following worship.

### **1. Explorers Class: 5th-7th grade youth**

Sundays, 11:35 in Explorers Room

### **2. Growing Disciples Class: 8th-12th grade youth**

Sundays, 11:35 in High School Room

**Note: Confirmation Class has been postponed** until next year when both rising 8th and 9th grades will combine to form a large class.

## HOMECOMING

# 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](mailto:Lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org) by **August 15**. 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](mailto:shawn_jackson2004@yahoo.com)

## MISSION

# August Special Offering

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This month's Special Offering is for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Your gifts to this offering provide core funding for the work of PDA, enabling immediate response to national and international disasters, and strengthening ongoing work such as training and development, refugee ministry, and response to disasters that do not receive media attention.



You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate, or giving online by clicking the QR code to the left or visiting [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org). To give by phone, you can text the donation amount with the letters "PDA" to 888-906-0744.

*Example text: 25 PDA*



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

## BIRTHDAYS



# August Birthdays



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| 1 - Davis McDuffie  | 16 - Joe Forehand, Skip Seekamp                                    |
| 3 - Nancy Sinicki, Becca Fisher   | 17 - Bob Dickson, Dona Ya, Jess Ives, Irene van Die, Henry van Die |
| 4 - Don Morrow, Beckie Sipprell, Lou Yates  | 18 - Lindsey Crone, Darcy Perkins                                  |
| 5 - Melissa Carlisle, Joshua Hughes, Drew Mouw  | 19 - Nika Ya, Lisa Rahn  |
| 6 - Jeffrey Walker, Barbara Barrett, Kent Ayers, Brandon Billman, Smith Carlisle                            | 20 - Quan Ya   |
| 7 - Victoria Hammond, Garrett Miller  | 21 - Nancy Howard  |
| 8 - Travis Barkley, D. D. Blackerby   | 23 - Carly Pate, Cheri Thomas                                      |
| 9 - Kristin Hague, Carolyn Scott, Sarah Mitterling, Matthew Dickson   | 24 - Martha Chapman, Shoni Davidson, Reagan Martin                 |
| 11 - Amy Claprod  | 25 - Henriette Komono  |
| 12 - Tracey Woodward, Miles Walker, Lillian Pate, Colby Guy   | 26 - Charlene Fields   |
| 13 - Jackson Mushow, Lilly Graybill, Anna Conger, Gretchen McDuffie, Michelle Coppedge, Langley Flueckinger | 27 - Leigh Johnson, Lily Hoffman, Price Capps                      |
| 15 - Rose Gabbard   | 28 - Peyton Apple, Nancy Keever, Sarah Lynch                       |
|   | 29 - Pete Priester, Sarah Wood                                     |
|   | 30 - Sallie Everette   |
|   | 31 - Sam Baker, Laura Puryear, Noel Ya                             |

## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Aug. 16 | 6:30am | Zoom



All men are invited to join this group (via 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).**

## Adult Summer Series

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

***This Week...***

**Sunday, August 14**

### Report From The Mission Trip Team

Our Mission Trip Team partnered with Habitat for Humanity to renovate a home in Avery County 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.

## 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.



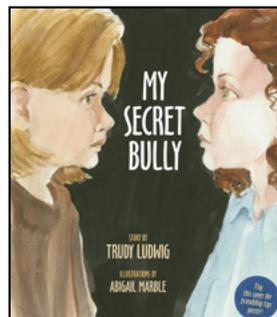
**Our volunteer dates are rapidly approaching!** The dates are **August 13th, September 10th and October 23rd** from 2:00-4:00 pm. Registration link can be found [here](#).

## Children's Sunday School Summer Book Series

***This week...***

**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.*

**Sunday, August 21**

**THEME: Bullying and the power of words**

**BOOK:** *Just Kidding* By Trudy Ludwig

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 4:29 *Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.*

## CALENDAR

### This Week...

#### Sunday, August 14

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  
8:00 pm - Movie on the Green for Youth

#### Monday, August 15

6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Zoom  
7:00 pm - Finance - Zoom  
7:00 pm - Diaconate - WH South  
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

#### Tuesday, August 16

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom  
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge  
9:45 am - Sewing Guild - WH South  
4:00 pm - Memorial Garden Meeting - WH South  
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - GH Room 234

#### Thursday, August 18

11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Olive Garden  
6:00 pm - Women at the Well

#### Friday, August 19

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200  
7:00 pm - Choir/Handbell Party

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## THIS SUNDAY

### Call for Volunteers!

We may need some helping hands to break down VBS decorations after the service on Sunday, August 14. Contact [Cary Dickerson](mailto:Cary Dickerson) if you'd like to help!

