

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

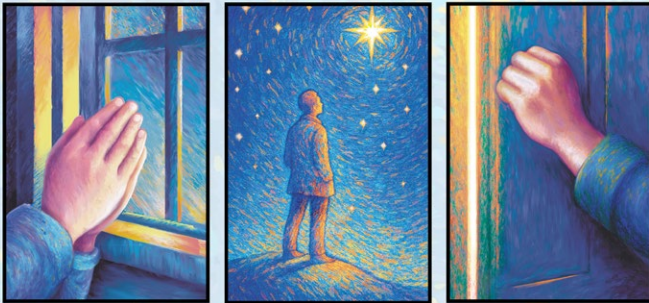
OCTOBER 31, 2025

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY!

HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASK · SEEK · KNOCK
2026 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN



ASK, and it will be given to you;
SEEK, and you will find;
KNOCK, and the door will be opened to you.
LUKE 11:9

Let us all **ask**, **seek**, **knock**, and **PLEDGE** together this Sunday, November 2! We'll ask you to come forward with your pledge (and your morning offering, if you have one) during the offertory, celebrating the spirit of generosity and gratitude to God that continues to lead this congregation. Encourage your friends to be there. Asking, seeking, and knocking can be daunting when you are all alone, but when you are with the cloud of witnesses strengthened by the grace of God, it becomes fun! Thanks be to God for this communion of saints who recognize that all blessings do flow from God, to us, and to the world beyond us. See you on a very special All Saints Commitment Sunday.

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NOV. 2 IS ALSO ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Make sure to get to worship in plenty of time on All Saints' Sunday, November 2. We'll begin with an inspiring call to worship reading reminding us that we are all connected in this mortal life even as we look forward to the life hereafter. Following the reading, we will name all HMPC saints that have gone on to the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Day. In our Presbyterian tradition, we are all saints—no special dispensation required—we are the priesthood of believers!



**CHECK OUT THE
FALL FESTIVAL
PHOTOS ON PAGES 4-5!**



Learn all about about 11/9 Brunch Church on page 2!



What did the CAT tell us?

Thanks to everyone who joined the Mission Study Team's second Zoom meeting on Thursday! Your ideas and questions are at the heart of our Mission Study!

Giving - Almost half of those of you who completed the survey said that your reason for financial giving is your personal faith and your desire to support God's work in the world. Another quarter is motivated most by the effectiveness of our church's ministry in our lives. The percentage of annual household income given by its members to Hudson is 3.41%, above the national average for Presbyterian churches. We give thanks to God for the faith and generosity of our members!

Next to come: Visioning

At Brunch Church on Sunday, Nov. 9, we will take the common ideas that emerged from the CAT and from our brainstorming sessions and turn them into one or more **vision statements**.

What is a vision statement?

A shared image of
our desired future

Appropriate to this
congregation

Faithful to our best
understanding of our
religious heritage

Oriented to
the future

Realistic in light of
our resources and needs

Specific
enough to guide our
whole congregation but
broad enough to encompass
the multiple visions of our
many ministries

What Will We Do at Brunch Church?

Be sure to join us for Hudson's first Brunch Church on November 9! **Sign up with [this link!](#)**



9:30 - Arrive in Westminster Hall and let an usher help you find your table. A light brunch buffet will be served in the Chapel. Spend some time getting to know the others at your table.

10:00-10:30 - Rank the brainstormed lists of church needs and strengths and community needs; learn what a vision statement is and examine examples. Have a short break.

10:30 - Worship begins in Westminster Hall

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading (Philippians 3:12-14)

Sermon(s)—Discussion Around Each Table

1. What do Paul's words say to you about setting goals for the future?
2. What does Scripture say to you about planning?
3. What does the life of Jesus say to you about planning?
4. What does the early Church say to you about planning?

Share Scripture insights with the whole group

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Create Vision Statements

Share Vision Statements with the whole group

Closing Song

Please remember that we will NOT worship in sanctuary that morning.

WORSHIP & THE ARTS



Reformation Sunday

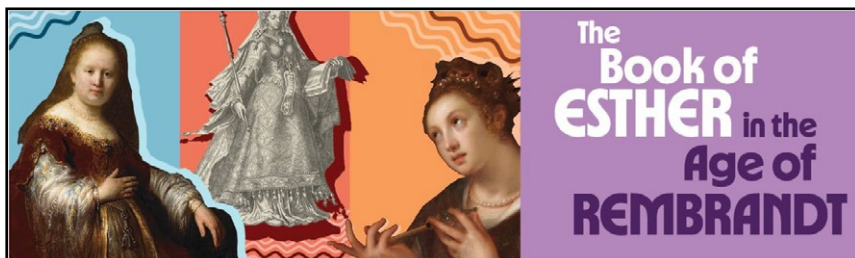
Last Sunday was Reformation Sunday and we had a wonderful morning. A bagpiper joined us for worship and played music on the church lawn after the service as a way to honor the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church.



It was also a special day because new Bibles were presented to our three year olds, kindergartners, and 4th graders!

HMPC Youth Visit the NC Museum of Art

This weekend, regular “youth group” for the HMPC Youth will be a trip to the NC Museum of Art. They have an exclusive tour scheduled with the curator of the current exhibit, “The Book of Esther in the age of Rembrandt”. This exhibit is a partnership between the NCMA and the Jewish Museum in New York City, and showcases how the Biblical story of heroic Queen Esther, depicted by Rembrandt and his contemporaries in art and popular culture, expressed ideas of political and religious freedom during the Dutch Golden Age. This will be a continuation and an addition of their new initiative that was started by the youth this year called, "Bible Exploration".



SESSION

Session Update COVERED AT THE LAST MEETING



- Reviewed the report "Vital Signs for HMPC", which are the results of the CAT assessment tool conducted by the Mission Study Team.
- Agreed to review Hudson's participation and support of the Matthew 25 initiative at the next stated meeting to be held December 15.
- Voted to authorize Session to select the Pastor Nominating Committee candidates, which will be presented for a vote at a congregational meeting when we reach that stage of the process.
- Year-to-date pledges are at budgeted levels, non-pledge offerings are slightly below budget. The current general fund surplus is \$7,000 above budget through September.
- Elder Ken Krause, liaison to the Property Committee, reported that the project to install a handicap-accessible bathroom on the first floor is progressing. We expect to have two formal bids from contractors by the end of October.

COMMUNITY FUN AT THE FALL FESTIVAL



THANK YOU to the 40 volunteers,
the hosts of 15 trunks, and the **HMPC**
Welcoming Team for helping make
the festival a huge success!



**We had over 430 people in
attendance at Sunday's event!**



FALL FESTIVAL



MISSION

An Update from North Raleigh Ministries

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2025...

- We have met 2,305 households in their time of crisis with food assistance and guidance and support.
- We have encouraged 443 individuals to take steps toward deeper connection and engagement through our Pastoral Care programming.
- We have provided 51 families with support that ensures their physical and emotional health and well-being needs are met through our Grocery Support, Mindful Meals and Pathways programs.
- We have walked alongside 115 families as they have transformed their lives with purpose to arrive at a place of stability and thriving through our Coaching programs.

The need is growing but so is the resilience of our community. Since this time last year we have seen a 38% increase in clients engaging in our programs beyond crisis support.

For instance, our Grocery Support program provides weekly one-on-one support as well as grocery assistance to those experiencing a first time financial crisis. This program is proven to provide the brief interventions needed to resolve an early crisis and ensure families leave with a plan to meet their future food needs.

Last month, we had the pleasure of hosting our first ever pastor's breakfast, a morning of fellowship and connection with local church leaders. We discussed our community needs and how churches can engage in meaningful impact on all levels.

We want to extend a special thanks to our partners at Baptist Grove, Celebration, Crossroads Fellowship, Grace Lutheran, **Hudson Memorial Presbyterian**, Iglesia Cristiana Pueblo de Esperanza, Millbrook Baptist, Soapstone UMC, St. Andrews Presbyterian, St. Johns Metropolitan Community, St. Mark's UMC, St. Philip Lutheran, St. Timothy's Episcopal, and Trinity Baptist for taking time out of their busy lives and for their continued commitment to walking alongside North Raleigh Ministries in our mission.

In this third quarter ALONE, **10,734 donors** have graciously chosen North Raleigh Ministries Thrift Shoppes to donate their used items. **Our year to date donor number is 31,437.**

We are SO appreciative of all your donations, which help move our mission forward!

From NRM's October newsletter

November Special Offering 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. These needs have increased due to the recent elimination in assistance programs, and we appreciate any amount you give so we have the funds available as needed.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Samaritan"), or you can give online by visiting hmpc.org.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Tripp McDuffie, John Hall, Fallon Dunn
- 5 - Heather Monroe
- 6 - Justin Smith, Mgbo Nkpa, Martin Playford
- 7 - Jordan Parker, Jim Knight
- 8 - Alexandra McIntire, Will Keever, Davis Bradshaw
- 9 - Allie Maples, Rob Duggins, Maureen Thomas, KK Woolley
- 11 - Matt Ferrer
- 12 - Emily Duggins, Connor Smith
- 13 - Emily Bigger, Elizabeth Forehand, Sandra Vasher, Meredith Dalzell, Bryson Guy, Garrett Guy
- 14 - Kenny Capps
- 15 - Alice Njoroge
- 16 - Darrin Komono
- 18 - Ken Krause
- 19 - Hollis Peterson, Ed Holzinger, Jackson Lynch
- 20 - Joan Lester, Kate Fertin, Anna Fertin
- 21 - Amy Hunnicutt, Maggie Turnbull, Andrew Cranford
- 22 - Ron Cole
- 23 - James Dickerson, Drak Thi
- 24 - Brad Harris
- 25 - Logan Huesgen, Sandy Goodale, Sheri Jackson
- 26 - Burke Wombwell
- 27 - Maegan Smith, Spencer Rogers, William Glenn, Kirk Richardson
- 28 - Roger Howard



Sunday, November 2

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
 9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
 11:30 am - EAP Team Meeting - Karl Hudson Rm
 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
 11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall
 11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Room 200
 11:45 am - Youth Bells - Sanctuary
 1:00 pm - Wedding (Private) - Narthex, MG
 3:00 pm - Youth Group (Esther Exhibit) - NCMA

Monday, November 3

9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary
 6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, November 4

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
 11:30 am - Single Way - Outback Steakhouse
 6:00 pm - ACA - Room 200
 6:00 pm - Welcome Team - Off Site
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, November 5

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/ Zoom
 6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - WH North
 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Sanctuary
 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 6

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

Healing Power of our Tears

BY HOPE PARANGI,

DEACON ON CALL, OCTOBER 2025



Can you remember a time when you were overwhelmed from your emotions and your response was to cry? I have had many times that I can recall myself tearing up silently and or at other times an all out heavy whole-hearted cry. Have you ever cried with someone as you felt their anguish or pain, and or vice versa as

someone has been supportive of you as you experienced loss or disappointment? It is a universal response that we all can experience that is a natural and normal response.

As Deacons, we do our best to offer support to all our members and their loved ones so that they are comfortable sharing with us whatever situation they may be experiencing. I have experienced a few situations where their tears and crying did take place. We all found a way to embrace this expression of our hearts. Some, may I add, are from extreme surprise and of great joy. Our hearts can swell up so much that the flow of tears are present then too.

I think when we cry and shed some tears, it is our soul's ability to wash over us, cleansing itself of some sort of negative event that was disruptive to our soul. Our crying and the flow of our tears gives us this freeing outlet with positive support to our God-given human design.

One of my earliest memories was of seeing my cat get hit by a police car. I called out to my mother that this had happened and we wrapped him in a blanket. I held him until he passed. My life was intertwined with my cat, Ramsey, and my soul wept as I felt his presence go. My parents could not pull me away from him but watched over me as I dealt with this pain. They let my emotions grow to their fullest and my crying was a part of this process. I shed many a tear that day and can see how this process helped get me through to find closure and peace in a moment that was of such an unthinkable accident.

I appreciate my mother and father for having the strength to watch over me and Ramsey. Giving me the time and space to process this pain and sadness. My tears poured out and led me through this process of death, acceptance, and letting go. I feel this has helped build my faith in God and how God has designed us. We can weather any and every situation with him always by our side.

So, the next time you are feeling down or are remembering a great loss, or even when it is in the feeling of such joy, don't hold back your tears. Encourage yourself and/or a loved one to embrace this flood of our emotions and let them flow freely to cleanse you and let the healing power of our tears take place.



FAITH FORMATION

The Nine O'Clock Class

This Sunday, November 2

9:00am | Room 200



Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? When Jesus referred to his Bible, he talked about the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings. What exactly was he referring to? Are these the Old Testament?

The 9:00am Sunday school class has returned after a short hiatus. This class was originally designed to provide a learning opportunity for choir members and worship leaders and those for whom the 9:30 classes were difficult to attend, but all are welcome. The class will be moderated by Don Slater.

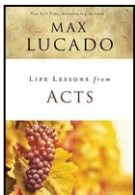
Presbyterian Ponderings

This Sunday, November 2

9:30 | WH North

"Jesus Is Gone! Now What Do We Do?"

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



This fall, the Presbyterian Ponderings class is studying the Acts of the Apostles, guided by *Life Lessons from Acts* written by Max Lucado. We will look at the struggles and successes of the early church and examine how the foundations of our faith, established

by Christ, were shared.

The conversion of Saul to the Apostle Paul is one of the most memorable stories in the New Testament, and one of the most important events for the development of the Christian Church as we know it. Have you had your own Road to Damascus experience? Let's chat.

The Seekers

This Sunday, November 2

9:30am | WH South

"God's Story and Our Stories"

In church or on our own, we often read the Bible in snippets. Our sermons are regularly based on the Revised Common Lectionary, so we again are considering Scripture in snippets. I am not saying there is anything wrong with this way of attending to Biblical texts. But the stories of the Bible, or Biblical narrative, come to us in larger format, taking a number of chapters to present Abraham and Sarah, Rebekkah and Jacob, Naomi and Ruth, Samuel, Saul and David, not to forget Jesus Christ in the gospel narratives.

Our class in October will consider the Rebekkah/Jacob story as a whole (Genesis 24-33). I invite each class member to read those chapters to get a sense of the whole story. Our purpose is to read the story on its own terms. What is it telling us about the characters and events as God moves with them and oftentimes allows them center stage and the foreground?

Recently in a sermon, Marguerite used the phrase "Intrepid Interpretation." Let's read Biblical narrative with a desire for intrepid or bold interpretation to see what the Spirit may be saying first to us through the stories themselves in their context and from their worldview. Before we subject the Bible to our demand of immediate relevance or that it fit our modern criteria of facts and evidence, what does it say as a strong literary piece?

Following the theologian Hans Frei, we may have lost a way to read Biblical narrative on its own terms in our efforts to make it fit our world. He called this "The Eclipse of Biblical Narrative." In demanding to see the text according to our familiar viewpoints, we may have obscured a bolder way of reading it. Wonder of wonders, we may encounter God in an old story for a new day.

(Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey)

FELLOWSHIP



Single Way November Lunch- Tuesday, November 4, 11:30am

Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. This week we are meeting at Outback Steakhouse (7500 Creedmoor Rd). **Please contact Ruth Herpich at (919) 280-0049 at least three days prior to the lunch** if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant a seating count. If you know of anyone who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome, so please join us!