



the weekly Window

October 8, 2021

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

Mac's Meanderings

The Spirit's Work Through Pottery

A few weeks ago I headed to Cary, to the Seagrove Pottery shop to look for a gift for someone. When I pulled up to the store, to my surprise, there was Heather & Sam Brannon. For those who might not know, Heather & Sam joined Hudson back in 2010. They sang in the choir, Heather came on staff as our Children's Choir Director and eventually sensed a called to seminary and ordained ministry. Many of you know she now serves as pastor of the Wyoming Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. This weekend Debbie Kirk will be preaching her installation at that church.

When I ran into Heather at Seagrove Pottery, she was looking for a communion set to use in her ministry and at the church she now serves. I suggested she should contact Fay Krapf, the Raleigh potter who made Hudson's communion ware. Heather thought that was an intriguing idea and that was the last I heard about it for a bit.

A few weeks ago Heather sent me a link to her sermon at the Wyoming church along with a picture of her with communion ware that looked remarkably similar to Hudson's set. In the sermon Heather recounted that she had indeed contacted the potter, Fay Krapf. What Fay always does when she makes any commission, is to create two sets in case anything explodes or gets damaged through the firing process in the kiln. In the not so distant past Hudson's Sacristy Guild had ordered extra pieces from Fay in case we ever broke something. Therefore Fay still had an extra set! Enter Heather Brannon who purchased that extra set and is now putting it to use in New Jersey. Fay was driving to Maine for a

vacation recently and passed off the communion ware to Heather along the Garden State Parkway!

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we often talk about our connectional nature. How wonderful that our connection with Heather continues through the clay that is used for the sacrament at Wyoming Presbyterian Church!

When Heather shared this story with me I added a few nuggets for her to know about: It was Deacon and Church Hostess, Hope Parangi, who found potter Fay Krapf many years ago when the Chancel Guild was thinking about

getting new communion ware. It was Malcolm & Elaine Williams who provided the funds to pay for the pottery that now is used at Hudson. Particularly significant since Elaine was the first ordained woman elder at Hudson and recently entered God's everlasting kingdom.

I told Heather that not only is the Spirit of God present in the story of this communion ware, but the

spirit of strong and talented women run through it as well: The hospitality of Hope Parangi, the leadership of Elaine Williams and now the ministry of Heather Brannon.

As we just celebrated World Communion Sunday and as Heather is about to be installed, thanks be to God for drawing us together at the table of hope and grace.

With Care,


Mac



Belonging Through Missions

Last Sunday, we heard from Ron Cole, John Whisler and Carolyn Scott about the ways they belong at HMPC. Their belonging was told through the lens of participating in the Habitat for Humanity mission trips to Avery County, NC.

As a new, but senior church member, Ron did not think he could be helpful building a home. He was persuaded to go on a mission trip after being encouraged that there are many ways to help and always plenty to do. He found himself painting, caulking and assisting as a, “hand me” guy passing along drills, hammers, etc. to keep the work flow going! He proclaimed that by participating in mission work, God uses helpers to answer someone’s prayers. And though Ron was referring to mission work, he brought to light a broader perspective. “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.” Ron concluded with this call to action, “Be Christ like. He’s shown you how. Loving others is the way to do it.”

John began his remarks with the profound statement, “I belong to Hudson and to God.” He has realized his sense of belonging began with a simple decision to contribute a little of his time to attend a mission trip. He described the mission trip as days filled with working outside, in a beautiful place, with nice people, learning about house building. The evenings brought fellowship time, sharing stories and making friends. This, “wonderful way to spend

time,” John recounted, led to good friendships and learning from others’ life experiences, components that created his feeling of belonging at Hudson.

Carolyn summed things up with some wonderful ideas to ponder. “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.”

[If you are interested in participating in next year’s mission trip to Avery County, contact John Oldenburg.](#)

Belonging: What does it mean to you? How will you give of your time, talents and treasure to make a difference in the community and around the world? We invite you to consider these questions as we approach Commitment Sunday on November 14.



COVID 19

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.

Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, October 12th

6:30 am Zoom



All men are invited to join this group 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 three 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?

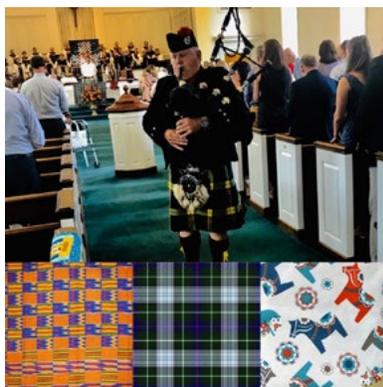
No previous bible study experience is needed. It is a great group of guys who are welcoming and wise in their comments. For our in-person meetings coffee and bibles are provided. [If you have questions or would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Pastor Mac.](#)

Kirkin' O' Tartan

Kirkin' O' Tartan with A Modern Slant

Sunday, October 24

On Sunday, October 24th in worship, bring fabric from your family heritage and wear clothing that represents your family's historical country of origin. We will celebrate a modern version of a Kirkin' O' th' Tartan service. In the 18th century, Scottish clans secretly brought



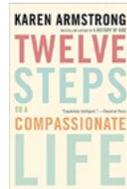
their family tartan to be blessed at their church. On October 24th, we will expand this tradition beyond our Presbyterian/Scottish heritage and ask people to bring fabric that represents their family heritage from all nations to be blessed. We'll celebrate where we come from and our family history inclusively.

This is a great chance for parents (and grandparents) to talk to their kids (and grandkids) about their family history in preparation for worship that day. Knowing our family history can give us a sense of grounding and belonging, much like our faith. We hope you participate by bringing fabric to be blessed and wearing clothing that represents a country of origin.

"Re Gathering"

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 -10:20

Gathering 1 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. October 10 and 17, Ron Ash leads a



conversation on Jesus' model of compassion using "The Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong. Rev. Jimmy Hulsey continues "Exploring the Presence of God" on October 24 and 31. Rev. Aleta Ash facilitates November 7,14 and 21 with the theme

"Disciples: Them and Us, Then and Now."

Gathering 2 Westminster Hall Patio Join us for "Patio 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. Begins October 10.

Gathering 3 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. Begins

October 10.

Gathering 4 Room 200 "Sacred Creations" where we will be engaging in various creative pursuits as a means of personal worship and sacred self-expression. October 10 "Soul Collage" we will be using magazine clippings of words, photos, phrases to make a collage that expresses whatever you need to express, whether its feelings related to the last eighteen months of unprecedented stress and uncertainty, expressions of hope for the future God have planned for us or anything else that is on your mind and heart. Monthly.

Gathering 5 Labyrinth Self-Guided Labyrinth

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.

Youth Programs

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 in the Confirmation Room. See you there!
- High School Sunday school class. Currently, HMPC does not have one. This mainly is due to very low to no numbers where teachers outnumber the Youth Committee at HMPC is looking at how we might serve our High Schoolers during the Sunday school hour on Sunday mornings, (9:30 to 10:20). Stay tuned for possible offerings for this age group.

Sunday Afternoons:

- Middle School and High School Youth Group 5:00pm to 6:30pm. 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 although will be provided on a week to week basis.
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm - Youth Music with Barbara - Youth interested in participating in the music program here at HMPC. WH North
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm Youth Group (Middle School grade 6-8 and High School grade 9-12) Come join us for recreation, study, mission and worship activities.

Coming Up

- **This Sunday - "Staff on the Hot Seat"!** You don't want to miss this once-a-year opportunity to ask anonymous questions to the staff with this sometimes funny, sometimes deep, sometimes OUTRAGEOUS time with HMPC Staff.
- **Pumpkin Decorating Party, October 17**
- **Church-Wide Fall Festival, Sunday, October 24, 4pm-6pm.** Youth are encouraged to not only participate with their families by bringing out a decorated "trunk" BUT to also volunteer to work with the children during the festival. If you are interested in helping with Children's Ministry, please contact Rich Richards or Cary Dickerson.
- **Sunday, October 31 there will be NO EXPLORERS, CONFIRMATION or YOUTH GROUP.**
- **College Students: Montreat College Conference 2022!** If you are a college-aged-student and wish to continue the depth, magic, fun and Christian fellowship of a Montreat Youth Conference then come with Hudson this Winter to the Montreat College Conference. (January 2-5, 2022) If you are interested in registering, please contact Rich Richards.

[Contact Rich Richards here](#)

Youth Group

Decision to Return to 6th - 12th grades for Youth Group

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Youth Committee of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church decided to return to the traditional Middle School model of 6th-8th grades for evening youth group activities effective immediately. These activities include weekly Sunday afternoon/evening Youth Group, Presbytery Retreats, (New Hope Presbytery Fall Retreats) National Conferences (Massanetta Middle School Conference during the summer months) and any other 6th-8th grade youth activities offered by the PC(USA).

This will NOT affect the Sunday morning Sunday school "Explorers Class" which will remain as a 5th to 7th grade class. This will also NOT affect Youth Music on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:00pm. 5th graders are welcomed to continue with Barbara's leadership during this time.

Music Corner

Youth Music

We are ringing bells and have already played once in worship. We will ring in worship several more times this fall and through the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Ringin' is fun and you don't need to have any experience or even read music to participate. We are learning as we go and experimenting with all the techniques.

Join us on Sundays from 4:30 – 5:00 PM in Westminster Hall. [For more information contact Barbara.](#)



HMPC Foundation

Foundation Birthday Gifts

The following members and friends have donated to the Foundation Birthday Fund:

Mitchell Puryear; Lauren Llewellyn; Lou Yates; Jennie Spell; Pat Hedrick; Debbie & Terry Lamberson; Tom & Mary Mac Bradshaw; Shirley Hall; Mildred Brinson

Peace and Global Witness



Special Offering for PCUSA - Peace and Global Witness

We will be receiving a Special Offering for Peacemaking and Global Witness in October. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. HMPC will use 25% of this Offering for Hunger Action, Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You may drop your donation in the church's mailbox (under the large oak, across from the office,) mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 peace).

Children's Ministry

Music for Children

Pre-Elementary: Wee Worshippers, Room 225 9:30 am

Children are invited to participate in our pre-K music program called the Wee Worshippers 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, Geneva Hall/Music Room 9:30 am

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.



Joyful Noise will perform this Sunday for Children's Sabbath, October 10th.

Tend My Sheep

The October Tend My Sheep collection will be holiday dinner items for the food pantry at North Raleigh Ministries. On Sunday morning, Oct. 24, we will collect instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing and gravy packets or jars. These will be assembled into bags at NRM to be distributed to families in need shortly before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed at North Raleigh Ministries to sort food donations and assemble bags, especially during the week of Nov. 1-5.



Hands-On Service Event

The Hunger Action Team is planning a HANDS-ON service event on Sunday, October 17th following Worship. We will be packing Breakfast Bags for Meals On Wheels. These bags will be distributed to their clients.

When: Sunday, October 17th at 11:30 am

Where: HMPC

Who: ALL ages Welcome! Families are encouraged to attend.

Why: Supporting those in need in our community is a vital part of who we are.

All Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

[Please contact Beth Billman with questions.](#)

Volunteer at the Food Bank

The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment with the Food Bank. Volunteers will be providing assistance in various activities including: sorting out produce and food donations, creating CSFP and Disaster Relief boxes, and packing food items such as cereal, pasta, eggs and other dry food. 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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Calendar

Sunday, October 10 - Children's Sabbath

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshippers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226; Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 11:30 am - Hudson Connects Walking Tour & Lunch
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music
- 5:00 pm - MS & HS Youth Group

Monday, October 11

- Preschool Teacher Workday
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, October 12

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
- 11 am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle - Zoom
- 11:45 am - Hannah Circle - West Lawn
- 5:30 pm - Foundation - WH Patio
- 6:30 pm - Soroptimists - WH South
- 6:30 pm - HM Preschool Board - Zoom
- 7 pm - MVVG - Chris Page's Porch
- 7:30 pm - Miriam Circle
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, October 13

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor
- 6 pm - HMPC at the Food Bank
- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 14

- 7 pm - Mission Committee - Zoom

Saturday, October 16

- 9 am - HMPC at the Food Bank
- 10 am - Yoga & Yogurt - West Lawn

Sunday, October 17

- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - GH
- 9:30 am - Wee Worshippers - Room 225
- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers SS - Room 226; Confirmation Class - Room 234
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 11:30 am - Hands on Service - Breakfast Bags for Meals on Wheels
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music
- 5:00 pm - MS & HS Youth Group

Worship & The Arts

Live-Streaming Sunday Worship

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.](#)

Sound Technicians Needed - We are in great need of people to help run our sound system and stream our service. All that is required are good ears and a willingness to learn. [If interested, contact Barbara Loehr-Fox](#), or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, Barton Meeks, plus new streamers, Sarah Bedini, Erik Jacobsen, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono.

Nursery is Open on Sundays!



Our nursery is open during worship. Your children from birth to 3 years old will be safely taken care of by our compassionate, trained, and responsible childcare

workers.

[Contact Cary Dickerson, Interim Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.](#)

Baptism

Congratulations to Lindsey & Will Crone on the baptism of their daughter on Sunday, October 3rd in worship.



Welcoming & Fellowship

Fall Festival! 4-6 pm Sunday, October 24th



This year's Fall Festival is once again sponsored jointly with St. Mark's Methodist Church. It will be held on Sunday, October

24th from 4 – 6 pm in our parking lot.

We will have the full range of activities including decorated trunks, an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, games and food trucks.

What we need to make this event happen are **VOLUNTEERS!** Please consider ways you can help to support this event. Collection containers for donations of “peanut free” wrapped candy and treats will be near entrances to the church. Click this link to sign up for volunteer opportunities [Volunteers for Fall Festival: Hudson and St. Mark's Fall Festival.](#)

This is a wonderful way to engage our families and the community. To provide a safe environment for our children, masks are encouraged.

[If you have questions or need additional information, contact Grace Hutchinson](#)

Join us on the 24th for some great fall fun!

Celebration

Happy 100th Birthday Mildred Brinson!



Personnel

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)

Part-time Communications Specialist

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time (25 hours per week) Communications Specialist. This position will be responsible for all marketing and publication materials put out to the public and members of the church. The position supports staff, officers and ministry leaders in conveying the church vision and message to their target audience.

Responsibilities include branding, electronic resources and printed materials. Hudson is looking for an excellent communicator with the capacity to produce high quality work and juggle multiple projects.

Applicants should have proficient knowledge of social media and strong technical skills with Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office. A Bachelor's degree with concentration in Communications or Marketing is preferred.

If you know someone who might be interested in the position please have them send a cover letter and resume to jobs@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.



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Yoga & Yogurt

Saturday October 16th at 10:00 am



The Deacons invite you to take a fall break with Yoga and Yogurt on Saturday, October 16th at 10 am. Join us in a relaxed time of care for our bodies, minds and spirits using practices of mindfulness through yoga. It will be held outside and suitable for all levels of mobility, including chair yoga for those who prefer to not get on the ground. People should bring a yoga mat or beach towel. Chairs will be provided. [Please RSVP to Pat Cash](#) or 919-787-1086. Beginners are welcome. The workshop will end with a delicious, healthy, yogurt bar. All are welcome!