



the weekly Window

September 24, 2021

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

2022 Giving Ministry Campaign

Belonging: What Does It Mean To You?

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

Ephesians 2:19

This year and last year may have been filled with lonely times for many of us. The pandemic has been isolating. Now, with COVID-19 precautions, we can gather safely again. We are reminded that the Church was made for times like these and that we are blessed to have our church community where we can share good news, fellowship and lessons. Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is a place where we can feel a sense of belonging. The 2022 Pledge Campaign will kick off Sunday, September 26. We will spend the subsequent weeks contemplating this year's theme, ***“Belonging: What does it mean to you?”***

As the Giving Ministry Committee searched for this year's theme, we found guidance in The Ministry of Members (section G-1.0304) that begins by saying, “Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission.” It is now time to rebuild our in-person worship and ministries. To do so, we are in need of your time, talents as well as treasure. In addition to financial pledging, you will see a

new section of the pledge brochure that asks for your areas of interest and talent.



Please take a moment to thoughtfully consider all the information in the pledge brochure. Our church is stronger when we share our gifts!

Nehemiah 10:35 tells us, We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord. We invite you to present your pledge on Commitment Sunday, November 14 during worship. You are also welcome to mail your pledge to the church or pledge online at hmpc.org/stewardship-pledge-form.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,

- Giving Ministry Committee
- Shawn Jackson - Chair
- Scott Baker
- Matt Carlisle
- Ron Cole
- Sharon Cole
- Jeffrey Coonse
- Fred Woodward

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities (aka The Gathering) Sundays 9:30-10:20am

We are grateful for the many virtual faith formation opportunities that are ongoing and we are also excited about the long awaited return to some in person offerings, especially on Sunday mornings! All adults who would like to gather in person for fellowship, consideration of Christian discipleship grounded in the teachings of scripture, and discussion of current events are invited to join one of the three available offerings. Topics and formats will vary depending on the participants and leadership. As we gauge your interest and availability we will add to/amend these offerings accordingly for the fall semester.

- Offering 1 (aka the John Knox Class) meets in the south end of Westminster Hall, masks required. Nancy Law will begin the semester sharing a favorite Psalm as the basis for discussion of its application to our daily lives. Coordinators: [Mike](#) and [Nancy Law](#)
- Offering 2 (aka the Mixed Adults Class) meets in the Parlor, masks required. This group has lively conversations based in Scripture, about various books,

and using media sources that challenges us and is led by a team who will present either a series or one off topics to help explore and understand our faith in our daily life. “Exploring the



Presence of God” is the theme of several classes that Jimmy Hulsey will be leading this fall. We hope to bring into focus that the God of the Bible is a “going with” God more than an overpowering God. This has great implications for how we understand God’s care and nearness, God’s seeing us through difficulties and even how we may imagine God’s presence alongside us through times of chaos, suffering and tragedy. On September 26, we will follow Moses onto holy ground at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3). And we will feel his anxiety, facing the challenge of leading Israel when he prayed for God not to leave them (Exodus 33).

Coordinators/Leaders: [Ron Ash](#), [Jimmy Hulsey](#), and [Susan Grigg](#)

- Offering 3 meets outside at the Labyrinth/Fire Pit area on the north end of our campus. Those who would like join others for his informal time of reconnecting over coffee (provided) will want to bring a lawn chair, masks are not required outdoors. Coordinators [Susan Bradshaw](#) and [Lindsey Crone](#).

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.
- Church and preschool staff must verify their vaccination status with their supervisor.
 - If a staff member or teacher is unvaccinated they are required to wear a mask at all times while on the church property, both indoors & outdoors.
 - Unvaccinated staff and teachers must show their supervisor a weekly negative test to come to work at the church or preschool.
- 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.
- Please love your neighbor by staying home if you have COVID symptoms or do not feel well. Thank you!

Faith Formation for Men

Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, September 28th

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.](#)



Youth Ministry

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.

HMPC On-line Directory

Stay Connected with HMPC Community

One of the greatest parts of being in a church community is getting to know each other. We do that in a variety of ways, from education to fellowship and serving in ministry together. We hope this photo directory will help deepen your connections to one another.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online AND via the mobile app. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

To view the directory on your device:

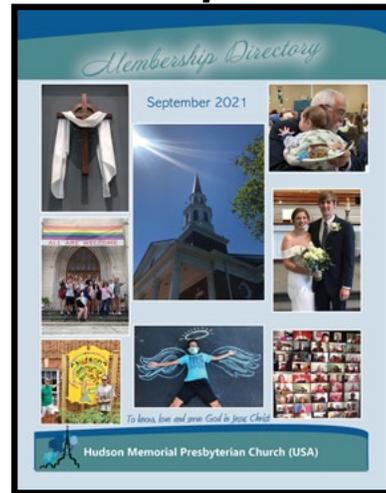
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To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](#) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now."

If the information listed needs to be updated, you may do that online or in the app. Feel free to add birthdays and anniversary if you wish.

If your email is not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app or updating your information, contact [Pat Cash](#), or at 919.787.1086

Please remember this directory is for the benefit of Hudson's members, and is not to be used for commercial purposes.



Online Community

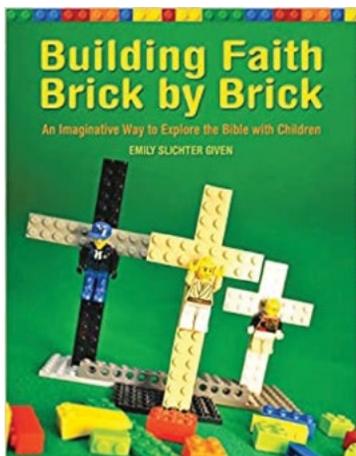
Stay in community with us. We can be found online at:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)



Follow us and like us!

Children's Ministry



Extra Lego Pieces?

Starting this fall, the Hudson Sunday School program will use a curriculum using Lego called "Building Faith Brick by Brick." Here's where you come in: everyone has LEGO! And we need them! Whether your LEGO pieces never get used OR your LEGO pieces never get put away OR you've run out of space to store your LEGO pieces, our Hudson Sunday school program has a solution. Bag them up or box them up and bring them to church. We'll sort them by color, shape and size and create individual kits for our kiddos! Thank you!

Music for Children

Pre-Elementary: Wee Worshippers, Room 225

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

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.



Chancel Guild

Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103 or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086.



Youth Ministry

Youth Programs

Sunday Mornings:

- **The Explorers (grades 5-7)** Sunday School Class will meet during our regular church education hour. (9:30- 10:20am) We will meet in the Explorers Class Room! See you there!!!
- **2022 Confirmation Class!** (8th Grade and Older) – The Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday morning in the Confirmation room. If you are a Confirmand, and have not selected a mentor, you need to have someone selected by Sunday to be your official Confirmation Mentor. This can be any adult who is a part of the HMPC family. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Richards.
- **Currently, HMPC does not have a High School Sunday school class.** This mainly is due to very low to no numbers where teachers outnumber the students. 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. 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.
- **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 balanced throughout the year.

[Contact Rich Richards here](#)

From the HMPC Staff

Staff Email Addresses

When you receive an email from one of Hudson's staff members, please verify that the email address is their first initial then last name @hmpc.org - examples - mschafer@hmpc.org, dkirk@hmpc.org.

There have been some spam emails being sent, making them look like they are coming from the church. In those cases, the "from" email address is not correct. If you receive those, please do not respond or click on any links.

Presbyterian Campus Ministries

Special Offering for Presbyterian Campus Ministries

We will be receiving a Special Offering for Presbyterian Campus Ministries in September.



Presbyterian
Campus
Ministry

North Carolina State University
Meredith College
Peace College
Shaw University
St. Augustine College

As an extension of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), PCM of Raleigh seeks to be a unique voice of God's grace on the college campuses in our community. 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: Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 pcm).

Music Corner

Handbell Workshop

September 28 at 6:30 pm
Westminster Hall

Have you ever -

- wanted to learn more about bell ringing?
- wanted to try your hand at ringing a bell?
- rang in the past but are feeling rusty?



This workshop is for you! You will have some hands-on ringing experiences and grow in your appreciation for this fun and meaningful music ministry.

For more information reach out to [Barbara](#)

Youth Music 5th - 12th grades

New this year! We are starting the year by ringing bells. We will ring in worship several times this fall and through the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Ringing is fun and you don't need to have any experience or even read music to participate. We will learn as we go and experiment with all the techniques.

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

Diaper Train for September

In September, Hudson will be collecting diapers and wipes for The Diaper Train. The Diaper Train provides diapers to low-income families in Wake County, improving the lives of babies and toddlers. The program is run by volunteers and serves over 500 children each month. Volunteers work with churches, businesses, schools and civic groups to collect diapers, baby wipes and children's books.



Please bring your donations to church with you on Sunday, September 26th, or drop off at the church office during the week before.

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, Bethbillman@gmail.com, with any questions.

https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0225&console_type=event_list&event_id=21&ht=1&res_code=HudsonMemorial

Calendar

Sunday, September 26

- 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
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music
- 5:00 pm - MS & HS Youth Group

Monday, September 27

- 7 pm - Session (WH Patio)
- 7 pm - Midtown CAC - WH
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, September 28

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 6:30 pm - Handbell Workshop - WH South
- 6:30 pm - Property - Zoom
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

Wednesday, September 29

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

Sunday, October 3

- 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



Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



Mail to
HMPC
4921 Six Forks Rd.
Raleigh 27609



Online at HMPC.ORG



Text to Give to
888-906-0744

Devotional



These Days

October-December Issue Is Here!

The October-December issue of *These Days* has arrived. Copies are available at the entrances. [Please contact Pat Cash, 919-787-1086](#), if you would like one mailed to you.

Worship & The Arts

Live-Streaming Sunday Worship

HMPC has been having internet issues. It is possible that this Sunday's worship service will not be livestreamed. The recorded service should be available on HMPC's Youtube channel by 2 pm on Sunday.

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.

Hunger Action

Share Your Bounty With Others

Calling all gardeners! Too many tomatoes, zucchini, etc.? Did you know that you can donate what you don't need to the Interfaith Food Shuttle through their Plant a



Row for the Hungry program? Plant a Row for the Hungry encourages garden communities and individuals to donate fresh vegetables, fruit, and herbs to people in need. The Food Shuttle is the Plant a Row partner in the Triangle, distributing your home-grown produce to local food pantries, shelters, and other hunger-relief organizations. Just one pound of your fresh produce supplements four meals. We cannot accept produce grown with animal manure not composted to USDA Organic standards or sprayed with pesticides within two weeks of harvest. If you have food from your gardens to share, contact Andrea Mouw armouw@gmail.com You can drop your produce off at her home (near Carroll Middle School) Scott Mouw will take it to IFFS on Fridays.

Staff Directory

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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](mailto:Cary.Dickerson@hmpc.org), [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. The successful candidate will be not be a Hudson member or family member.

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

October Birthdays

- 1 - Mildred Brinson, Janey Dewar, Eric Conger, Gabby Crosson
- 2 - Cyndi Harris
- 3 - Merritt Dickinson, Lauren Parikh
- 4 - Kitty Huth
- 5 - Lisa Williams, Jerilyn Seitz, Jeanne Hoffman
- 5 - James Cobb, T.W. Bradshaw, Serena Ash, Brian Hnat, Bob Measamer, Miller Long
- 7 - Scott Sipprell, Emily Cobb
- 8 - Va Jones, Tory Schafer
- 9 - Melinda Dickinson, Anne Brown, Brad Baur, Suzanne Ledwith
- 10 - Ruth Spencer, Stacy Smith, Phyllis Cheeley
- 11 - Joyce Hawkins
- 13 - Jack Lynch
- 15 - Perry Meeks, Michelle Sharpe, Danny Miller
- 16 - Dottie Gall
- 17 - Bob Monroe, Lana Bowles
- 19 - Patrick Carpenito, Starr Maxwell
- 20 - Maggie Schneider, Jeff Johnson
- 21 - Traci Weaver, Brian Coppedge
- 22 - Tom Bradshaw, Doug Goodale
- 23 - Ashley Banerjee



- 25 - Molly James, Pat Balletta, Emsley Jackson, Diana Jones, Mimi Johnson
- 27 - Marilyn Webb
- 28 - Sawyer McHenry, Ruthann Gentry, Anish Banerjee
- 29 - Emma Baker, Abby Baker, Ruth Herpich
- 30 - Drew Keen, Don Slater
- 31 - Harper Sanchez