

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JUNE 14, 2024

LOOKING FOR STORIES of Giving Out Your "A Place At The Table" Meal Card

On Youth Sunday our confirmation class handed out *A Place At The Table* gift cards. We are wondering if you have any brief stories about who you gave them to and what happened? If you do, and don't mind your story



being shared in the church newsletter (anonymously), please send them to Pastor Mac (mschafer@hmpc.org) by June 23rd. Please keep your statement to one paragraph or 5-6 descriptive sentences.

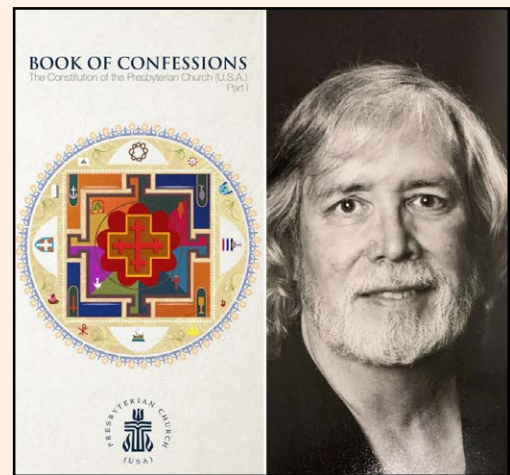


We look forward to hearing about your experiences!

ADULT SUMMER SERIES THE BOOK OF CONFESSIONS

9:30am - Sunday, June 16
Westminster Hall North

Hudson member and long-time Presbyterian Don Slater will be leading this Sunday's Summer Series with a comprehensive overview of the *PC(USA) Book of Confessions*.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Join us for a week of camp fun as we learn to trust in God when we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work! Registration is open and we invite you to join the wait list if no spots are currently available.

We also need volunteers to make this week a success. You can register to volunteer using the registration link below or on the homepage of hmpc.org. Please contact Cary Dickerson with any questions at cdickerson@hmpc.org.



DATES: August 5th-9th | **TIME:** 9:00am-12:00pm | **OPEN TO:** 4-year-olds through rising 4th graders

[REGISTER CHILDREN HERE](#)

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)

[PAY ONLINE HERE](#)

AMAZING GRAYS

Join the Amazing Grays on June 20th!

Amazing Grays Lunch Out group is hosting a celebration of our oldest generation at Hudson. We will be serving boxed lunches from Jason's Deli at a cost of \$10. The choices will be: chicken salad, roast turkey, or vegetarian sandwiches.



Please contact Hannah Woodcock at the church office **by Monday, June 17** for your reservations. There will be cake and drinks supplied.

The congregation and family members are invited to join us for this celebration!

If anyone needs rides to the church for this event, please contact Mike Law at ddelaw1965@verizon.net or 717-439-0677.



SUMMER IN MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Sing

Sundays at 9:45am in the Sanctuary
Join Us Any Sunday this Summer!

If you've wanted to experience the wonderful small group atmosphere of our friendly Chancel Choir with easier songs, no choir robes, and only a Sunday morning rehearsal, this Summer Sing program is perfect for you. In the summer we sing more familiar songs and only rehearse Sunday mornings – no Wednesday commitment! Come join the fun! Contact [Barbara Loehr-Fox](#) for questions.

Handbell Workshops

August 21 & 28 at 6:00 pm
in Westminster Hall South

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?*

These workshops are 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 Loehr-Fox.

PROPERTY & FOUNDATION

New Life for the Old Chairs



You may have noticed that the brown chairs that have lived in Westminster Hall for decades have disappeared! They have been replaced with sleek new blue chairs, purchased with Foundation & Memorial Gifts funds. Our faithful brown chairs have gotten a new home with a newly formed non-profit organization.

This is what the director of the organization told us when they received the chairs: "We are opening up a kids training facility that will offer batting cages, arcade games and much more. We have set aside an area for tables and chairs so that families can come together at a safe place of fun and food. We are also going to offer scholarships to several kids each year that cannot afford to play sports. We needed chairs for this organization that we are starting and we are blessed to have found you with such reasonable prices on the chairs. We thank you so much!" The remainder of the chairs were purchased by a Raleigh resident who needed them for social occasions for his large family.

SUMMER FUN IN CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



“Young-ish Adult” Gathering

Our most recent Young-ish Adult Gathering took place this past Saturday, June 9th, at Laura and Neal McHenry’s house. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun! If anyone would like to be invited to future “Young-ish Adult” gatherings, they can contact Cary Dickerson at cdickerson@hmpc.org.



Adventures of Flat Jesus

"Flat Jesus" is a fun way to keep our church family connected as we enter into the summer traveling season. Color Flat Jesus and take him with you as you enjoy your summer activities. Take a picture of him out to dinner, at the pool, having fun at the beach, or anywhere else you go. Let him be a fun reminder that God is always with us, regardless of where we are! And it might just spark a conversation with someone about what you are doing... and why!

We will put all of the pictures together to show where Flat Jesus has been as a way to share a bit about our summer.

Please submit photos in one of three ways:

- By emailing the photos to Cary Dickerson at cdickerson@hmpc.org.
- By uploading the photos to your social media accounts with the hashtag #hmpcfplatjesus. Be sure to tag HMPC in your photo.
- By posting your picture in the HMPC Children and Family Ministries Facebook page.

Be sure to include your location if it is outside of Raleigh. All images may be reposted on the church's social media page. **You can find a Flat Jesus to color and cut out by the Sanctuary entrances or [HERE](#). Link can also be found on the homepage of hmpc.org.**





ADULT ED SUMMER SERIES

Through August 18

9:30-10:20am Sundays in Westminster North

THIS WEEK!

June 16: Book of Confessions



Mac Schafer is preaching a sermon series on one of our Confessions of Faith each week. Member Don Slater will offer a brief (but comprehensive) overview of the history and significance for us today.

June 23: Dive into the Hudson's Land



Come learn what we are uncovering about the land Hudson's physical property sits on. From hunting land to a county poor farm, to the intention to build a shopping center, there are many interesting things to honor and remember. Led by Elder Dottie Burch and Pastor Mac.

June 30: Holy Land Archeology



We will watch the National Geographic documentary *The Secret of Christ's Tomb*, followed by a conversation led by archaeologist Mary Glenn Krause.

July 14: Meals on Wheels packing event

We will be packing lunch bags for Meals on Wheels during the Sunday School hour. These bags will be delivered to the MOW clients as an extra meal. The Mission Committee will be purchasing the contents for these meal bags with Hunger Action budgeted funds.



July 21: Celtic Christianity 101



St. Patrick, St. Columba, the Gospel of John, God's creation, the Isle of Iona, the Synod of Whitby, and more. What are the marks of Celtic Christianity? Come "scratch the surface" of this interesting topic that can impact your spiritual journey. Led by Pastor Mac.

July 28: St. Cuthbert & The Holy Island

St. Cuthbert is a 7th century saint who is buried in Durham Cathedral in England. He conducted ministry along the present day Scottish border and lived on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. There are many interesting stories and legends about him, and today there is a 100 km pilgrims' path in his memory. Come join Pastor Mac to learn about Cuthbert.



August 4: David LaMotte TED Talk

Debbie Kirk will facilitate this class, watching David LaMotte's most recent TED talk and listening to some of his music as he encourages us to take small, practical steps to plant seeds of positive change.



August 11: Avery County Mission Trip Presentation

Our Mission Team will share their week building with Habitat for Humanity in Avery County in Western NC. Not only do they work hard as the "hands and feet of Christ" but also they enjoy getting to know each other better through times of devotion, reflection and sharing at the end of each day.

August 18: Doves & Pigeons

Forget everything you know about pigeons. Pigeons are one of nature's most successful creatures. Pigeons and doves belong to the same family of birds, and Biblical Hebrew uses two words for these two species: usually translated as pigeon, but also as dove. Occasionally these words occur together. Come for a fascinating look into one of God's creatures as "Pigeon Dan" takes us into a world of wonder and interaction with some of his sought-after companions he has raised and trained.



Women at the Well

Summer Info



The summer monthly Women at the Well dates are **June 27, July 25 and August 22**. This group typically uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on various relevant topics of interest over dinner.

The weekly Women at the Well is taking a summer sabbath beginning in June. The fall semester begins on Wednesday, September 11.

For more information or to participate in the morning/weekly or evening/monthly group, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpe.org.

Presbyterian Pint

Summer Info



Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [Pastor Mac](#) to be added to the distribution list.

We will meet on the following dates at
7:00pm at Mordecai Bev Co:

Thursday, June 27th

Thursday, July 25th

Thursday, August 22nd

FELLOWSHIP

Friday, June 28, at 5:30pm

Fellowship Friday

Cafe Capistrano & Altered State Brewery



These are side-by-side venues. Altered State is a local brewery and Cafe Capistrano is a low-key eatery serving California-style Mexican fare.

8471 Garvey Dr. Unit 113 (off of Durant Road)

Food and drink available for purchase. This is a family-friendly gathering, and dogs are welcome too. Last year we had a blast!

Seeing the Word

Summer Dates



- No June Meeting
- July 15 at Noon - Chapel
The Book of Kells
- August 19 at Noon - Chapel
The Lindesfarne Gospel

Brown Bag Lunch

with Pastor Mac

Summer Dates



- No June Meeting
- Monday, July 1 at Noon - WH South
- Monday, Aug. 5 at Noon - WH South

Waking Up With The Word

June Dates



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in person on the WH Patio and via Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on the upcoming

Sunday four times, with interspersed questions: *What's a word or phrase that stands out to you? Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought you have on the passage, or a metaphor? What is Christ calling you to through the passage?*

No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. New participants are always welcome.

Upcoming Dates - 6:30am

June 18 - In-person

June 25 - Zoom

Continues through summer, alternating Zoom/WH Patio

To be added to the distribution list, contact [Pastor Mac](#).

JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING: Avery County Mission Trip

During June, the church is supporting the Avery County Adult Mission Trip, which will be underway in late July to aid Avery County Habitat for Humanity in its home builds. Eleven individuals (so far) have committed to joining the Mission Trip; and many of them will be contributing \$250 each to help defray the trip's expenses. Nonetheless, we need the assistance of the congregation to fully meet this year's costs and to provide the reserve needed to meet next year's advance reservation expenses. **As of today, we are still in need of \$2,833 to meet our ultimate needs of \$6,200.** We look to and hope for your help in meeting that goal.

You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate; mailing a check with "Avery County Trip" in the memo line to the church office; giving [online](https://www.hmpc.org) by visiting [hmpc.org](https://www.hmpc.org); or texting the donation amount with the word "Avery" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Avery)



Summer Project for the Food Bank

As we did last summer, the Mission Committee is making a hands-on project for the Food Bank open to members and friends. The Food Bank will bring us a very large spool of red mesh which will be cut and tied into produce bags. Each bag will be packed with 5 pounds of fresh produce which the Food Bank will make available to people across their service area through food pantries, such as the one at North Raleigh Ministries. Last year we made thousands of bags which were filled and distributed! This small project has a big impact and



we invite everyone to participate as you are at the church enjoying fellowship, volunteering in the church office, etc. The Committee is going to pre-cut the bags so you can easily take a bunch home to do as well. The material will be available in Westminster Hall soon, so be on the lookout!

JUNE TEND MY SHEEP: Inter-Faith Food Shuttle TWO WAYS TO DONATE

The organization that the church is supporting during June is the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, which seeks to ameliorate hunger in our area by recovering and distributing food, teaching how to grow food sustainably, and demonstrating how to shop and prepare it in ways



**INTER-FAITH
FOOD
SHUTTLE**

that are affordable and healthy. The Inter-Faith Food Shuttle distributed 9 million pounds of food last year through its many programs, including the Backpack Buddies program for school-age children and a Senior Nutrition program for older adults. **The requested items for this month are rice, pasta, and breakfast items.**

In addition to bringing these items to the church and leaving them as usual in the Sanctuary collection bins, the Mission Committee is introducing an alternative way for you to make actual food donations. Through an organization known as Benevolist, we have set up a June food drive for the Inter-Faith Food shuttle. **The link for that drive is [HERE](#).** Without additional cost you may select and purchase from the food options found on the site and have your selections automatically delivered to the Food Shuttle at its address. When, as requested, you report your purchases on Hudson's food drive site set up through Benevolist, the site will account for the congregation's aggregate purchases made in June through the site.

Hunger Awareness Month

June is National Hunger Awareness Month, a time to shed light on food insecurity and recognize those who need help in Wake County. Throughout the month of June, Wake County is hosting four virtual webinars to spread the word about the ways that people in our community are fighting back against hunger. These will take place each Tuesday of the month at noon. Please join us during your lunch break to learn about some incredible people and organizations!

Each of these webinars will be recorded and available for you to watch later. **Join live webinars or watch previous ones [HERE](#).**

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, June 16

- 9:30am - Adult Summer Series - WH North
- 9:45am - Summer Sing - Choir Loft/Sanctuary
- 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva/Playgarden
- 11:30am - Fellowship - WH North

Monday, June 17

- 6:00pm - Property Committee - WH North
- 7:00pm - Diaconate - Room 200
- 7:00pm - Finance - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, June 18

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio
- 9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 10:00am - Sewing Guild- WH South
- 10:30am - Esther Circle - Chapel
- 3:00pm - MVVG - WH South
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 7:00pm - Fellowship - Zoom
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, June 19

- JUNETEENTH - OFFICE CLOSED
- 5:30pm - Arts Camp - WH, Sanctuary, Art Rm, Geneva

Thursday, June 20

- 11:30am - Amazing Grays - Westminster Hall North
- 5:30pm - Arts Camp - WH, Sanctuary, Art Rm, Geneva
- 6:00pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Ristorante

Friday, June 21

- 5:30pm - Arts Camp - WH, Sanctuary, Art Rm, Geneva
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

CHANCEL FLOWERS

2024 Chancel Flowers

SUMMER & FALL DATES AVAILABLE!



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up for a 2024 date, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Hannah Woodcock](#) in the church office.

ADULT EDUCATION

New Hope Presbytery's 1st Semi-Annual Matthew 25 Mini-Conference

"CONNECTING WITH THE
COMMUNITY"

JULY 22 | 9:30AM-3:30PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, DURHAM



Hudson is one of 18 congregations that have committed to Matthew 25 in the Presbytery. Consider attending this conference to learn more about issues and ideas related to Matthew 25. The conference is made up of two sets of three workshops with a joint registration/reception time beforehand and a joint debrief afterwards. Hosted by the NHP Matthew 25 task force. Learn more [HERE](#).

Workshop 1 - 10:00am

- Rev. Rebecca Barnes – “Hunger Issues in Eastern NC, Food Deserts in Rural Communities”
- Rev. Jerry L. Cannon – “Sustainable Ministry: Using the Shared Ministry Approach”
- Rev. Edwin Gonzalez Castillo – “PDA: not just Public Displays of Affection”

Workshop 2 - 1:30pm

- Rev. Alonzo Johnson – “Anchored in the Current Shift: Exploring Ways to Activate and Engage your Community in the Work of Discipleship and Effective Mission”
- Natarsha Sanders – “Both Human & Divine: How leaders can EQUIP for max impact”
- Rev. Jimmy Hawkins – “Jesus and Justice: Advocacy as a Spiritual Discipline”



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