

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 25, 2024



Join us on **October 27 from 3:00 to 5:00pm** for the annual Fall Festival! This is a fun-filled, family-friendly event shared between St. Mark's United Methodist Church and Hudson. This year, St. Mark's UMC is hosting the event, so head over there (4801 Six Forks Rd) on Sunday to enjoy creative displays at Trunk-or-Treat, food, games, an inflatable obstacle course, and more! Feel free to come in a costume!



PASTOR MAC'S LAST SUNDAY

October 20th was Rev. Mac Schafer's
Final Sunday at Hudson



Pastor Mac preached a wonderful sermon and all of HMPC's choirs and handbell ringers shared music. The congregation applauded his 15 years of service at HMPC and he was presented with a love offering from the congregation.

Check out the photos from worship and the celebration afterwards on

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YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Read all about HMPC's Middle School
Youth Mission Trip to Charlotte!

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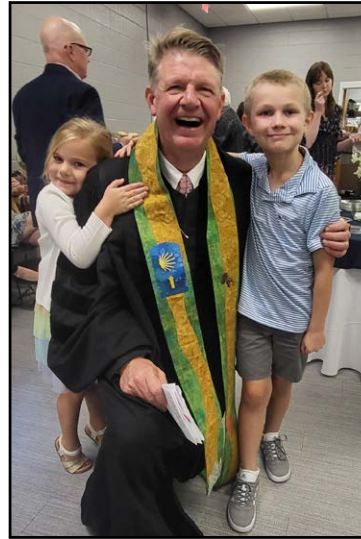


FAREWELL, PASTOR MAC!



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MAC

Dear Hudson Friends,

Sunday, October 20th, was a day filled with lots of love, care, and heartfelt goodbyes. Katy and I are very thankful for the beautiful reception, the signed “Hunter Drawing” of Hudson, and the kind financial gift.

The Presbyterian Book of Common Worship provides a prayer that can be used at the conclusion of ministry with a community of faith. I used portions of it to open the Congregational Meeting this past Sunday. I think it bears repeating in writing:

*In your world, be present, Lord.
In this congregation, be present, Lord.
In this community, be present, Lord.*

*For work begun but not completed, Lord, have mercy.
For expectations not met, Lord, have mercy.
For wounds not healed, Lord, have mercy.*

*Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:
For friendships made, for joys celebrated,
and for times of nurture and growth,
Thanks be to God.
For our fellowship in Jesus Christ,
and for the love of God, which has sustained us,
Thanks be to God.*



There is an additional section which I didn't use, but I think it's appropriate for us to pray as I leave you:

*Loving God, Alpha and Omega,
you are both beginning and end.
Our endings and our beginnings
are rooted in your love.
Whether near or far,
we are held close by your love, and
kept safe from any lasting loss.
Let our time together end with your blessing.
Touch all memories with your grace and peace.
Help us to live with courage and gladness
in the future you present us.
In every time and place,
may we offer you our highest and our best;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alleluia!*



With Love,

Middle School Youth Urban Immersion Mission Trip

Earlier this month, a group of HMPC Middle School Youth participated in an urban immersion mission trip in Charlotte at CROSS Missions, a ministry of Myers Park Presbyterian Church. It was a fruitful and meaningful weekend of service, learning about the reality of those on the margins, and how we are able, with just a short amount of time, to be the “hands and feet” of Christ through the giving of our time and talents. The two local agencies for which they served during the weekend were the Diaper Bank of Charlotte and Crisis Assistance Ministry. Here are a few “first-hand-accounts” of the weekend through the voices of our young people. The Diaper Bank work that we did directly helped those in need in Western North Carolina. (Rich Richards, Director of Youth Ministries)



"I realized that every single item that we packaged would truly make an impact on a person or family. I was humbled by the realization that compared to some people out in the world that I have a lot to be grateful for." (Tanner Morris)



"I saw God at work this weekend by helping me and guiding me to help other people. I loved serving and being able to help the people in the mountains." (Darcy Autry)



YOUTH MINISTRY

"I felt that God was working with all the homeless people by sending us and others to sort clothes and pack diapers. We helped a lot of people, and I know God is helping them as much as he can." (Whitney Miller)



"While at the youth mission trip, I saw God work on making us love the work we did at The Diaper Bank and Crisis Assistance. It felt good helping people. God sent us to help people and it felt amazing. My individual relationship with God felt stronger. I was impacted by The Diaper Bank by knowing that they are nonprofit and help people no matter what." (Kate Dickerson)



"Through my work at both the Diaper Bank and Crisis Assistance, I realized that not everyone is as fortunate as I am because they cannot afford essential items that everyone should be able to have. I am grateful that I am able to help people in need." (Ellie Gatten)



"Something specific at the Diaper bank that I was impacted by was the fact that they flooded the river knowing it was going to leave people without their homes. Although on the other hand I am glad that places like the Diaper Bank are working to help people in need of supplies." (Garrett Miller)



2025 Pledge Campaign: Overflow with Hope

ELLIE GATTEN - MINUTE FOR MISSION
OCTOBER 20, 2024



We have been coming to Hudson for 13 years, and during that time we have been a part of Easter Egg Hunts and Fall Festivals, Sunday School Classes, VBS, Joyful Noise and Handbell Ensembles. Through youth group I've been able to go on mission trips and retreats and make close friends. We've helped with countless fellowship events, and supported other ministries along the way. We know that if it weren't for the generosity of the members of this congregation, we wouldn't have been able to do so much, and that the giving of our collective time, talents and treasures are what help to create these meaningful experiences.

Hope is the theme of this year's campaign, and I'd like to share a Prayer of Thanksgiving related to that.

*Dear Lord,
I've learned that hope isn't waiting for something that isn't promised,
It's knowing what will come because it's been promised.
Hope is the joy in knowing my mom will love me no matter what;
It's knowing Pastor Mac will keep the faith growing;
It's knowing Hudson will continue to support my journey alongside Jesus;
And my friends in youth group will accept me for who I am.
Hope is the peace in knowing:
The world will keep spinning,
The wind will keep blowing,
The crops will keep growing,
And the owls will keep whoooing.
Hope is looking forward to what's going to happen because what matters most already exists and will continue to be.
Thanks to You, God,
I overflow with hope.
Amen.*



A Message of Thanks From Pastor Debbie



Kudos to the **Mac Farewell Celebration** event team:
Susan Bradshaw, the Fellowship Committee, Deacons, and Presbyterian

Women. The event was a special time to connect with one another and wish Pastor Mac well upon his departure from Hudson.

Thank you to the Children's Ministry leadership and Committee for coordinating the **Fall Festival** with St. Mark's UMC. This annual tradition is enjoyed by our congregations and many of our neighbors. We hope lots of folks will join us on Sunday for the event!

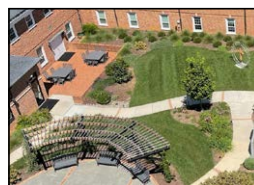
Bravo to Lizzie Graybill, Mary Schindo, and their team who planned, organized and coordinated the many moving parts needed to host the **New Hope Presbytery Meeting** on Saturday. Additional thanks to John Whisler for all of his extensive technical assistance.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Consider Joining Our Team!

Psalm 23:6 - "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

These are such comforting words from the Psalmist. We know that this passage means God's eternal house yet while here on earth, we are called to take care of God's earthly house, in our case, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Property Committee of HMPC has quite the large task of taking care of our church's campus. We are seeking members to join our committee to help keep God's House up and running to provide a space for worship, mission work, fellowship, preschool, support groups and so much more. Please consider joining our committee to make this House the best it can be. Feel free to contact any member of



the Property Committee: Allie Maples, Karen Melling, Harry Bond, Steve Jesseph, John Whisler, JB Babson, Nancy Eyre, Bob Stowe, or Session Liaison, Ken Krause.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE GATHERING

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | WH North

"A Short Walk with The Parables"

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

They are the best known and best understood means by which Jesus conveyed his message of love and hope. His Parables address the profound and made it simple enough that even as children we can understand them and accessible enough that we enjoy listening to them even as their often-challenging messages hit home.

For the next four weeks we will examine some of those parables -- perhaps one, perhaps more at a time -- and hear again in these stories important truths about how we should live in connection with God and our neighbors.

This week we will seek illumination with the Parable of the Lamp. What light are we hiding? Have we put it in the right place? What is keeping us from seeing the light from others? We won't keep you in the dark this week!

We are discussion-based, team-taught, with no advance reading or other prerequisites. Drop in and ponder with us!



The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | WH South

October 27

"Happiness, Joy and Laughter in Scripture"

Facilitated by Susan Grigg

FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tues. October 29 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on

for 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. On Zoom we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home.

It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) to be added to the mailing list for this group.

MISSION

October Tend My Sheep

RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION - FINAL WEEK!

This month we will be collecting **white towels, white twin sheet sets, and standard pillows** for Raleigh Rescue Mission. Raleigh Rescue Mission is dedicated to serving those experiencing homelessness in our community through the love of Christ. They offer a wide range of services from meeting basic needs like providing meals, clothing, hygiene and healthcare to providing counseling, parenting classes, transportation,



and vocational and career training. **Please note, all donations must be new. Donations can be placed in bins at Sanctuary entrances.**

FELLOWSHIP

Boomer Gathering!

This Friday, November 1, at 7:00pm

Let's get together and celebrate our favorite sports teams—college or pro. Wear your team's shirts/hats/etc.

Please join us at HMPC's Westminster Hall North on Friday, November 1 at 7:00. Bring an appetizer to share and we will have cold drinks available.

It's time that we get together and reconnect with old friends and meet new friends.



Quite a few Boomers have joined HMPC over the past few years and we all need to get to know them.

Looking forward to seeing you in November! Contact Marsha Flueckinger with any questions you may have.

SINGLE WAY

Single Way

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT LUNCH!

Join this group of never-married, widowed, or divorced adults for fun, food, and fellowship. We typically meet the first Tuesday of every month. If you know of anyone that would like to join us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome!



Tuesday, November 5 at 11:30am
Olive Garden
4805 Capital Blvd
Raleigh, NC 27616

Please call Dee Blackerby at 919-846-6241 by **November 3** if you plan to attend.



CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27

- 9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
- 9:30am - The Seekers - WH North
- 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30am - Fellowship - WH North
- 11:30am - Youth Sunday School - Youth SS Room
- 11:30am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall
- 11:30am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
- 12:00pm - Youth Music - WH South
- 3:00pm - Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC
- 5:00pm - David Lamotte Book Study - Room 200

Monday, October 28

- 9:30am - Preschool Chapel
- 7:00pm - Session - WH South
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Ala-teen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, October 29

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
- 9:30am - Staff Mtg - Welcome Lounge
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

Wednesday, October 30

- 9:15am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 6:30pm - Middle School Youth @ Captain Cookie
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 31

- Morning - HMP Halloween Parade

Friday, November 1

- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 7:00pm - Boomers Event - WH North

If you have not yet signed the farewell book for Mac, you can find it in the Welcome Lounge on Sunday! We hope everyone will share a message in it.