

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



AUGUST 2, 2024

## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 4!

### CHAPEL WORSHIP 8:30am | HMPC CHAPEL

*Do you like starting your Sundays early? Do you have a friend who is looking for a church that has a simple, intimate, communion service?*

Join us for our monthly 8:30am Chapel Worship this Sunday, August 4! Pastor Mac will be preaching, communion will be served by intinction, and music will be provided by Rich, Lindsey, and Olsen Richards.

The 10:30 worship service will be held in the Sanctuary.



### ST. CUTHBERT & THE HOLY ISLAND 9:30AM SUMMER SERIES



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 this Sunday in WH North to learn about Cuthbert.

## HELP DECORATE FOR VBS THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP



Join us this Sunday as we transform Hudson into Camp Firelight! Volunteers are needed following worship to help decorate the church for our week of Vacation Bible School. Grab a snack at Fellowship and head to Westminster Hall South to get instructions and supplies and start decorating! You can contact Cary Dickerson if you have any questions.



### Olympics Opening Ceremony & Sundaes



Good Times Last Week  
at Fellowship Friday!



# Session Report: HMPC Now A Gun-Free Campus

Dear Members and Friends,

On Monday, July 29th, the Session voted unanimously to become a gun-free campus and to post signage indicating this new policy.

As many of you know, more than a year ago, the Session created an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Team. The goals of this team are as follows:

- Reduce the risk of harm
- Have a simple, safe, and understandable plan
- Have effective training processes
- Have a seamless communication system
- Have capital improvements to enhance security

On July 29th, the Session received a recommendation from the EAP Team to become a gun-free campus along with a rationale of why. The Session also considered correspondence from a church member/preschool parent on this issue. Some of the reasons Session considered adopting this policy were as follows:

- The 221st Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly recommended it.
- The safety of the 150-student preschool at HMPC.
- Wake County Public Schools are gun-free campuses.

Please know that the EAP Team and Session continue to discern thoughtfully the security and safety of the community we serve. We thank you for your continued prayers as we attempt to be faithful to Christ's calling.

With Care,

Mac Schafer, Pastor & Head of Staff  
Glenn Schindo, Clerk of Session



# Preschool News

Another terrific summer has come and gone at HMP. The children had a wonderful time making new friends, splashing on Water Days, and being creative! We will take the month of August off and rest up for the new school year that begins in September.

We had a ton of fun celebrating the start of the 2024 Summer Olympics with a parade! (*Photos below.*)



# Welcome New Members!

Last Sunday, July 28, Two families joined Hudson

## THE NEIGHBORS



Josh and Katherine Neighbors have 2 children - Henry (7th grade) and Julia (3rd grade). Josh was born and raised in Nashville, TN. He is an attorney, and for fun he enjoys being outside, reading, watching good TV shows, and playing golf. Katherine was born and raised in Lenoir, NC. She is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and enjoys volunteering and giving back on the weekends, as well as planting, exercising outside, and reading.

certified scuba diver. Susan loves music and has enjoyed singing and playing handbells in past years. She has volunteered at Note In the Pocket, has helped out at the Food Bank, and at her kids' school. She enjoys driving/volunteering/helping with community drives, and fellowship events. She loves children and teaching, and works as the 5th Grade assistant teacher at Ravenscroft.

Will plays baseball, football, and winter track. He has been singing for over 10 years, and this past year he was a member of both the State Honors Choir and the All-state Choir. He loves doing projects, whether it be building something or helping package food. He wants to be able to lend his strength and talents to help make a positive impact in the lives of others. Will enjoys weightlifting, cooking, the outdoors, skiing, and he is a certified scuba diver. He loves spending time with his family, friends, and his dog.

Hallie has lots of experience working with children and volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club, Note in the Pocket, and being the assistant conductor for the elementary choir at her school. Hallie has a passion for music! She plays violin, ukulele, flute, piano, and loves to sing. She enjoys baking chocolate chip cookies, gardening, and beating everyone at putt-putt.

## THE EICHLERS



Todd and Susan have 2 children - Will and Hallie. Both children attend Ravenscroft School (Hallie is in 11th grade and Will is in 12th grade). Todd is an engineer and he enjoys gardening and automotive repair. Susan was born in Evansville, Indiana, and grew up in Goldsboro, NC. She loves baking, baseball, traveling, and is a

*Congratulations  
Hallie, Todd, & Will  
on your Baptism on July 28!*



## FELLOWSHIP

# Final Summer Supper

August 14 | 6:00pm | WH North  
Suggested donation \$6 per person

Join your friends for a delicious meal and fellowship!

RSVP using the QR code below or find the [link](#) on the homepage of [hmpc.org](#). You can also call the church office to make a reservation. Please RSVP by August 12.



## SINGLE WAY

# Single Way

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 to join!



**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, at 11:30am at Hiberian Irish Pub and Restaurant (8021 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC 27615). Let Dee Blackerby (919-846-6241) know if you plan to attend by August 4.**

## MISSION

# AUGUST TEND MY SHEEP Food Bank of NC

August's Tend My Sheep collection is for the Food Bank of North Carolina. The Food Bank has provided over 89,600,000 meals to families in just this past year! In our community, one out of seven people face starvation and food insecurity. North Carolina has hundreds of local pantries, food giveaways and pop up markets that help to decrease this need. As a church, we are focused on food insecurities in our community and this month will focus on collecting healthy breakfast food.

**Items needed:** Canned fruits, canned dairy, shelf stable milk, cereal, oatmeal, nut butters (peanut, almond, hazelnut), jelly, nuts, seeds, trail mix and granola.

Place donations in the bins at the front and rear of the sanctuary anytime and the Mission Committee will deliver to the Food Bank after the last Sunday in August.

Many of your fellow church members volunteer at these pantries and markets – you can too!



# AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. Through our church, donations for this offering go towards events such as: Hurricane Beryl, the Texas Panhandle Fires, Israel/Palestine, and more. We pray, we cry, we give, and pray some more. Please consider sharing your treasures.

You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate; mailing a check with "PCUSA Disaster Assistance" in the memo line to the church office; giving online by visiting [hmpc.org](#), or texting the donation amount with the word "PDA" to 888-906-0744. *Example text: 25 PDA*



## FAITH FORMATION

### Waking Up With The Word Tuesday, August 6 - 6:30am - Zoom



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.

## Weekday Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

### AUGUST DATES - SOME CHANGES\*\*

**\*\*NO BROWN BAG THIS MONTH**

**Tuesday, August 6 - 6:30am - Zoom**  
Waking Up With The Word

**Tuesday, August 13 - 6:30am - WH Patio**  
Waking Up With The Word

**Monday, August 19 - 12:00pm - Chapel**  
Seeing the Word (Topic: The Lindesfarne Gospel)

**Tuesday, August 20 - 6:30am - Zoom**  
Waking Up With The Word

**\*\*Thursday, August 29 - 6:00pm - Vivo Ristorante**  
Women at the Well (monthly group)

**Thursday, August 22 - 7:00pm - Mordecai Bev. Co.**  
Presbyterian Pint

**Tuesday, August 27 - 6:30am - WH Patio**  
Waking Up With The Word



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Deacons' Meal Ministry: Cooks Needed

As one of our ministries to the congregation, the Deacons coordinate preparing and delivering meals to our members for whom getting a meal together would be difficult: struggling with an illness, recovering from surgery, healing from a broken bone, welcoming a new baby into the family, etc. We need your help in caring for one another in this very practical—and tasty(!)—way.

We are updating our list of members who would like to be called on occasionally to help out. Please let [Joanna Hulsey](#) know if you would like more information or are interested in joining our “team of cooks”.



## SESSION

### Hudson is Hosting! ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Hudson is hosting the 123rd Stated Meeting of Presbytery on Saturday, October 26th, from 8:00am-3:00pm. What is Presbytery, you ask? Hudson is one of 111 congregations that are a part of the Presbytery of New Hope, covering as far west as Eland and as far east as the Outer Banks and Elizabeth City. Three times a year the Presbytery gathers to worship and do the “business of the church.” It is Hudson's time to host!



Elder Lizzie Graybill and Deacon Mary Schindo (pictured on the left) have agreed to co-coordinate our efforts and will need numerous volunteers to help

make it a great day for over 200 commissioners from the various congregations in the Presbytery. Mary and Lizzie will begin communicating the needs soon, but if you are willing to help, you can let them know at the following emails: Lizzie ([graybill@mindspring.com](mailto:graybill@mindspring.com)) and Mary ([mschindo@yahoo.com](mailto:mschindo@yahoo.com)). Some of the needs are: registration, serving refreshments, serving lunch, ushering, greeting, giving directions, parking attendants, set up, clean up and more! Mark your calendar and thanks in advance for your help.

# Take Flat Jesus On Your Adventures this Summer!

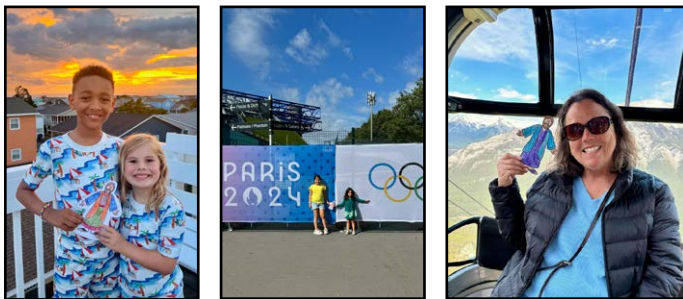
We have been getting fun Flat Jesus pictures all summer, and we hope the congregation will continue sharing their summer activities and adventures!

**Please submit photos in one of three ways:**

- By emailing the photos to Cary Dickerson at [cdickerson@hmpc.org](mailto: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](http://hmpc.org).



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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 4

- 8:30am - Early Worship - Chapel
- 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
- 11:30am - VBS Decorating!
- 11:45am - Hudson Connects - Room 200

### Monday, August 5

- 9:00am - VBS - HMPC Campus
- 5:30pm - HMPC Foundation - WH South
- 7:00pm - Personnel - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

### Tuesday, August 6

- 9:00am - VBS - HMPC Campus
- 5:30pm - Worship Committee - KH Room
- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

### Wednesday, August 7

- 9:00am - VBS - HMPC Campus

### Thursday, August 8

- 9:00am - VBS - HMPC Campus
- 7:00pm - Mission Committee- WH South

### Friday, August 9

- 9:00am - VBS - HMPC Campus
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200