



JUNE 7, 2024

This Sunday

9:30am - **SUMMER SERIES** - WH North
Topic: Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, led by Nick Billman

9:45am - **SUMMER SING** - Sanctuary
All are welcome to sing in the choir this summer!

10:30am - **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
Pastor Mac will be preaching and the new
class of church officers will be installed.

Summer Supper

THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

*Come Enjoy Quiche,
Homemade ice cream & Fellowship!*

**WESTMINSTER HALL | \$6 per person
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

RSVP to the church office by June 10. Call or RSVP
online [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmpc.org

SNAPSHOTS OF NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD - By Debbie Kirk

2004



2024

Read the below article to learn all about North Raleigh Ministries, where it began, and where it is now.

Dear Friends,

In the summer of 2004 when I was interviewing with HMPC, I visited the campus. One of the things that Pastor Al Krummenacher shared with me was a new mission of five Six Forks churches to combine efforts and assist neighbors who needed food, who would often contact the churches for help. We walked across our north parking lot to a small house the church owned, where our labyrinth is now located. *(Photo above left: This was during the deconstruction of the house in 2012 when all parts of the building were donated to Habitat for Humanity.)* It was un-rentable due to its poor condition, but was available to start what was a very modest ministry of distributing donated food staffed by members of the five churches who volunteered their time. It was open on certain days and was available to people in the 27609 zip code.

Everyone sensed it was the beginning of something more, but no one had any idea how the food distribution in the little house would become the North Raleigh Ministries thriving nonprofit organization it is twenty years later! I served on its board of directors in those early days, and then as now I am so impressed with the careful process of discernment that has guided the organization. We quickly realized that God was calling the five churches to enable

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the expansion of the ministry, which we did – hiring a director, adding one zip code at time to the service area, and moving to a larger facility where the first thrift store opened on Spring Forest Road. As we outgrew that space, more needs were identified, and the board carefully thought through what this ministry could reasonably address. I recall many hours of conversation in meetings and planning retreats where the board looked at the growing needs in Raleigh, and conferred with other providers of direct services as we decided how we should proceed. One result was that NRM moved again, this time to the Harvest Plaza location, and other zip codes were added to increase the service area. More staff were employed, and programs were expanded to address food insecurity with children and seniors. This was available to assist people in crisis, and a comprehensive system was created to direct them to other organizations when they were out of the NRM service area or had needs best addressed elsewhere. In time, another thrift store was opened at Stony Brook for an additional source of income, providing clothing and home goods at a reasonable cost. With the help of staff and volunteers, NRM added financial literacy and job training programs, and created a food pantry where clients had more choices with healthy options available. The Harvest Plaza location was a good source of income with its thrift store, but outgrew the space quickly as it also housed the food distribution, offices, places to meet with clients, and classrooms. When Covid restricted in-person service for over a year, staff and volunteers still provided food using a drive-through system, and during that time other services were suspended as they discerned next steps.

Which brings us to 2024.

NORTH
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A few months ago, NRM received a grant to expand the reach and depth of its services. In awarding the grant, the following was

announced: "This Wake County-based nonprofit that helps neighbors in financial crisis build a vibrant, purposeful, and healthy life through food assistance, transformative programs, and supportive community partnerships,

has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the Wake County Community Capital grant program. Managed by the Wake County Board of Commissioners, the Wake County Community Capital grant program is a competitive process for funding that helps address critical issues facing the community. Wake County only invests in projects with strong business plans that will help solve countywide problems."

The grant was used to complete the purchase and renovate the property located at the corner of Millbrook Road and Capital Blvd. *(Photo below, as well as on cover page.)*



On May 21st, the new NRM Crisis & Development Center was opened using the grant, and represents the beginning of a new journey as NRM continues to develop the new space, broaden existing programs, and add services to include aging and disability-specific programs. I was pleased to represent our congregation as the many partnering churches and other community representatives gathered to dedicate the building and offer a blessing for all that will take place there. It was a special time of celebration of this new chapter for the organization. As we toured the space, it was wonderful to see all the ways the ministry is able to expand, including the new food pantry with its large commercial kitchen where food preparation classes will be taught; commercial refrigerators and freezers already filled; and rows of shelving, all labeled, with nonperishable items. While we were there, the Food Bank made a large delivery of fresh produce for people who would visit the pantry. There is also ample office space and classrooms. Another new thing that NRM has never had before, are dedicated spaces for children and youth who come with adults so they can be cared for by staff members while the adults are attending classes, shopping in the pantry, receiving counseling, coaching or pastoral care. This comprehensive approach enables clients who come

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to the Crisis and Development Center to be helped immediately to assess their situation, receive food assistance, and create a plan in motion to help them navigate through crisis – emerging stronger, better, and more equipped to handle life’s challenges. Through no-cost resources and programs, clients learn to make purposeful and positive changes to help transform a life path of instability to one of capable confidence.

With all the changes and growth, NRM has stayed true to the heart of its original mission that God desires for everyone to thrive; everything they do is an expression of God’s love in action. The ministry has expanded to meet growing needs while keeping its focus on defined services within the identified zip codes. The partnership with all the other organizations who provide services to those in need will continue to be a priority.

Finally, to put numbers with all of this information: **in the last 4 years NRM has seen a 470% increase in adults and children utilizing the services and programs. Of the families that engaged in the transformative programs, nearly 90% achieved stability after program completion. NRM will now be able to expand its reach to 70,000 households to meet increased demand from the region’s fast-growing status.**

As a founding partner, Hudson actively supports NRM with financial donations and volunteers.

Volunteers in the food pantry and the thrift stores are always needed! Learn more at northraleighministries.com or contact me at dkirk@hmpe.org.



Hunger Awareness Month WEBINARS OPEN TO ALL

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! When the time comes, just [click the buttons next to each webinar listing](#) to join in!

June 11, 2024, at noon:

Youth Hunger Webinar

Learn about how to receive free meals for children with the Summer Food Service Program! Tune in to learn about youth in the community using their skills and talents in the food security space.

June 18, 2024, at noon:

Food Pantry Operations Webinar

Learn about how the Urban Ministries of Wake County Food Pantry operates and the impact they've had on their community.

June 25, 2024, at noon:

Hunger Awareness Send-Off & Family Testimonials

Hear from some families who have been directly impacted by the work the community has done to combat hunger.

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





Congratulations, Graduates!



Charlie Ash

Grandson of Ron & Aleta Ash

Graduated from Bronx Science High School and is attending State University of New York, Binghamton.

Blake Ayers

Son of JP & Shelly Ayers, Grandson of Ruth Spencer

Graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a Masters in Public Health which he achieved while working full-time at LMI.

Tory Erwin

Granddaughter of Jack Trollman & Jerianne Alberti

She is receiving her BS in Animal Science, Summa Cum Laude, from North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Talley Anne Krause

Daughter of Susan & Ken Krause



Graduated cum laude from ECU's School of Music with a bachelor's in music education. She's excited to start her teaching career with Pitt County PSS as the choral director for E.B. Aycock MS & J.H. Rose HS.

Owen Sibley Law

Grandson of Mike & Nancy Law

Graduated from Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI, with a Masters Degree and Certificate as an architect. Mike and Nancy were present for the occasion.

Davis McDuffie

Son of Gretchen & Tripp McDuffie

Graduated from Millbrook High School and is attending Appalachian State University.

Michael Peeler

Son of Elizabeth & Tim Peeler

Graduated from Furman University, Greenville, SC, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Politics and International Affairs, and Religion, with a minor in Data Analytics.

He studied abroad in Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Italy and Thailand. His studies were supported by the James B. Duke Scholarship, the Heatherington Scholarship for Computer Science and National Merit Scholarship. He was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa National Liberal Arts Honors Society, as well as Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Alpha Pi Sigma and Theta Alpha Kappa, the honors societies within each of his majors. He received the Baggot Award for Academic Excellence in Religious Studies, the Political Science Chair's Award, and the Abernethy Award for Excellence in Computer Science. He was involved in multiple campus religious life clubs as well as the Societies for Public Policy and Political Thought. He is pursuing a career in software engineering.

Allie Sharpe

Daughter of Brent & Michelle Sharpe



Graduated from Wake Forest High School and is pursuing a BA in theatre and communications and minor in dance. (College decision pending.)

Her favorite subject in school is Algebra, and her favorite thing about her school is that WFHS has a great range of opportunities in all departments from academics to the fine arts. Her favorite hobbies/extra curricular activities are theatre, dance, and music. She has been dancing since the age of 4, and hip hop is her favorite style of dance. Her favorite church memory at Hudson is the Christmas Eve candlelight service.



ADULT ED SUMMER SERIES

Through August 18

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

THE SUMMER LINE-UP:

THIS WEEK!

June 9: Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Nick Billman from Inter-Faith Food Shuttle will be leading our Sunday School hour. He will speak to us about this mission partner and their programs. Nick will highlight areas where our members are able to volunteer, including their farm and food recovery program.



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.

SUMMER AT HUDSON

Summer Sing

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am
Starts THIS SUNDAY | Choir Loft

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.



It's Almost Time for HMPC ARTS CAMP!

June 19 - June 21 | 5:30pm-7:30pm



Join us as we explore and celebrate God's creation through drama, music, and visual art. Open to grades K-5. Use [this link](#) to register your child. There are only a few spots left!

Friday, June 28

Fellowship Friday

Cafe Capistrano
& Altered State Brewery

5:30PM

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!

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

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 11 - Zoom
- 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 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 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.

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 \$3,838 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](#) by visiting hmhc.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!

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, June 9

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

Monday, June 10

- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, June 11

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
- 9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 11:00am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle - Chapel
- 11:30am - annah Circle - WH South
- 5:30pm - Foundation Board - WH South
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 6:45pm - Preschool Board - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00pm - Adult Ed - Zoom
- 7:30pm - Miriam Circle - Offsite
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, June 12

- 6:00pm - Summer Supper - WH North

Thursday, June 13

- 7:00pm - Mission Committee - WH South

Friday, June 14

- 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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