



NOVEMBER 9, 2024

## INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH BEGINS

### Committee Formed & Timeline Overview

In the October 27 issue of *The Weekly Window*, I laid out the process around installing a new Pastor and Head of Staff. That process is well underway.

Here is an update on where we stand:

#### 1. Period of Closure with Pastor Mac

We took the time to celebrate the ministry of Pastor Mac and wished him well with his new call in Pennsylvania. We sent him off with a nice gift and a generous love offering. Praise be to God for the generosity of this community of faith!

#### 2. Bridging the Gap in Leadership

Session has affirmed Pastor Debbie as the Bridge Interim Pastor and Head of Staff while we move to the next step in the process.

#### 3. Interim Pastor Search Committee

The Session has elected four dedicated members to the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee.

They are:

- Grace Hutchinson
- John James
- Laura McHenry
- Bob Monroe



These four saints will work closely with the Personnel Committee and the Presbytery of New Hope Committee on Ministry to recommend a candidate for Interim Pastor to Session.

#### 4. Interim Pastor Ministry

Once selected, the Interim Pastor will guide us through key interim tasks, including conducting a Mission Study. This study will help us discern our church's future vision and priorities.

#### 5. Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

After the Mission Study is approved, the Session will set up a nominating process for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), which will be led by the Hudson Nominating Committee. The congregation will elect the PNC, which will begin the formal search for Hudson's fifth installed Pastor & Head of Staff.

#### 6. Search and Installation of a New Pastor

The PNC will work diligently, writing a Mission Discernment Profile and conducting interviews to identify the right candidate to lead us into the future. When a candidate is selected, the congregation will vote to call the new pastor.

This process, from the beginning of the interim period to the arrival of a newly installed pastor, is expected to take about 1.5 to 2 years. Throughout this time, we will need your prayers, your participation, and your patience. We trust that God is already preparing the next pastor to shepherd our congregation. Let us move forward in hope, grounded in the knowledge that God is faithful in every season of life, including times of transition. As we walk through this together, may we rely on one another and on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

With gratitude for your continued support and prayers,

Glenn Schindo, Clerk of Session  
*On Behalf of the HMPC Session*



# CHAPEL WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY | 8:30am | CHAPEL

November 10th is a two-service Sunday! We have a shorter 8:30am service in the Chapel, and a 10:30am service in the Sanctuary. Pastor Debbie will lead a reflection on Romans 12:9-21 with scripture, prayer and song, and communion will be served by intinction at both services.

Rich Richards will provide music for the 8:30am service, and member Dan Vig will share special music at the 10:30am service.



## NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome, New Members!

Lauren Janarella & Max Delgado

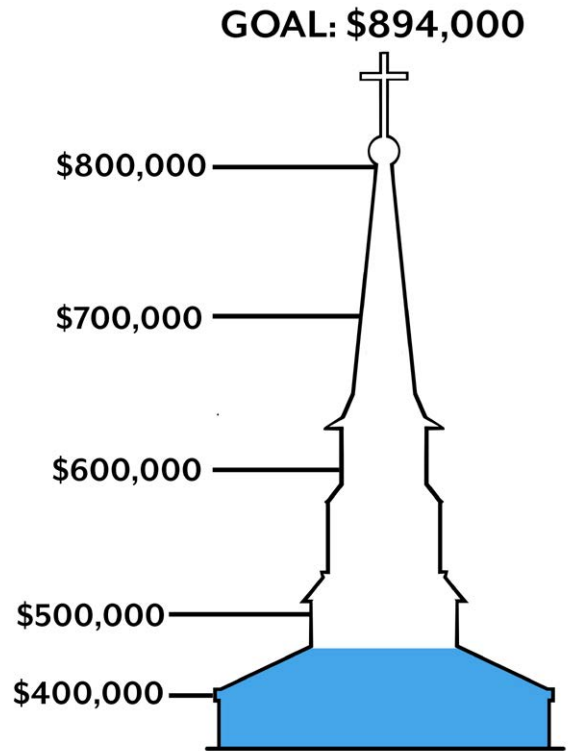
The Delgado-Janarella family joined Hudson on October 27. Max and Lauren have two children - Maverick (5 years old) and Kelly (2 years old). On the same day they joined the church, Lauren, Kelly, and Maverick were all baptized.

Lauren works as HR Manager at Red Storm Entertainment, and Max works as District Manager at Aldi. Lauren is originally from Greenville, SC, and Max is originally from Torrence, California. Lauren's hobbies include health and physical fitness - She is an aspiring triathlete! Max enjoys golf, jiu-jitsu, and physical fitness. They are excited to join the Hudson community!



# 2025 Pledge Campaign Progress Update

AS OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024



November 3rd was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent, and financial resources to Christ through HMPC. Thank you to all of you who pledged in person, mailed your pledge, or made your commitment online.

**Following Commitment Sunday, our 2025 pledges currently total at \$460,524. Out of our 338 active member families, 95 have pledged. In comparison, last year following Commitment Sunday, 133 families had pledged for a total of \$658,931, a difference of nearly \$200,000. We hope you will consider pledging and help us close the gap!**

It is not too late to pledge. You may pledge online [here](#), or email your pledge to Erica Hairston, HMPC Business Manager.



You can call Erica at 919-390-2664 if you would like to request that a pledge form be mailed to you.

# COSTUMES, TREATS & A PARADE AT HMP!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# CHILDREN'S SABBATH

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

### 10:30AM WORSHIP

# Boomer Gathering

The Boomers social group had a great time with our sports-themed evening! We enjoyed fun trivia questions, good food and fellowship, and lots of wonderful conversations with friends.

Please watch out for our next event in the first quarter of 2025!



Dear Hudson Friends,

In this post-election week, I am aware that many people have mixed feelings about some of the results. As Vice President Harris said: "A fundamental principle of American democracy is that when we lose an election, we accept the results. That principle, as much as any other, distinguishes democracy from monarchy or tyranny. And anyone who seeks the public trust must honor it."

Wherever we are with our elected officials, as people of faith we are called to care for one another and be especially attentive to those who are struggling.

I share these wise words from BJ Owens, Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland Ohio, written to his congregation the day after the election:

*As a pastor and a parent, but also a person of privilege, my heart is with those who will feel these pains (of some of the election results) in a way that is immediate and unrelenting.*

*I also believe that much of the work before us today is the same regardless of who was elected last night: the work of dignity and justice is holy and necessary, but it is also costly and requires much of us.*

*This work requires humility and strength and the ability to see the struggles and dignity of all our neighbors. It requires hope, and above all, the work requires faith. Not faith in a God with all the answers, but faith that the one who created us is with us in moments of fear, in a God who is known in how we love our neighbors and how we serve those in need.*

- Debbie



*A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to member **Sean Cole** on his election as Judge for NC Superior Court!*

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 10

- 8:30am - Early Communion Service - Chapel
- 9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
- 9:30am - The Seekers - WH North
- 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30am - Fellowship - WH North
- 11:30am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
- 11:30am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall
- 11:30am - Youth Sunday School - GH Youth SS Rm
- 12:00pm - Youth Music - WH South
- 5:00pm - Youth Sabbath Sunday- At home/restaurant
- 5:00pm - David Lamotte Book Study - Room 200

### Monday, November 11

OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:00pm - Finance - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Ala-teen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

### Tuesday, November 12

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
- 9:30am - Staff Mtg - Welcome Lounge
- 11:00am - Elizabeth/Esther/Rachel Circle - Chapel
- 11:30am - Hannah Circle - WH South
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 6:45pm - Preschool Board - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00pm - Adult Education - Zoom
- 7:00pm - Miriam Circle - Offsite
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

### Wednesday, November 13

- 9:15am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:00pm - Chipotle Check-in (HS Youth) - NH Chipotle
- 6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 14

- 5:30pm - Worship Committee - KH Room
- 7:00pm - Mission Committee - WH South

### Friday, November 15

- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

### Saturday, November 16

- 8:30am - Session Retreat - Off-site

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Community!*



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## MISSION

# November Tend My Sheep "Feed the Pack"

## The Food Pantry at NC State University

"The mission of the *Feed the Pack Food Pantry at NC State* is to help meet the food needs of all members of the NC State community with dignity and respect." Feed the Pack is the food pantry on NC State's campus, and is student-led and open to all members of the campus community (students, staff, and faculty). NC State and campus partners have developed many programs to support students in need of food, housing, financial and educational security.

Feed the Pack accepts a wide variety of donations to the pantry including; food, hygiene products, technology, and more! **Currently, specific needs are: Rice and starches, beans, breakfast food, condiments (no spices), baby formula, pet food, shampoo, and soap.**

**Items can be placed in the bins at Sanctuary entrances throughout the month of November.**

Learn more [HERE](#).

# FEED - the - PACK

THE FOOD PANTRY AT NC STATE

## November Special Offering Good Samaritan Fund



Our monthly special offering is for the Good Samaritan Fund, a discretionary account outside of the annual operating budget that is used to assist HMPC members and others who are experiencing financial challenges. These needs have increased due to the long-term effects of COVID-19

and we appreciate any amount you give so we have the funds available as needed.



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Samaritan"), or you can give online by clicking the QR code, or by visiting [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org).

## FAITH FORMATION

# Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, November 12 | 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](mailto:Lesley.Ash.Jacobsen) to be added to the mailing list for this group.

## SACRISTY GUILD

# Volunteers Needed!



Looking for an easy way to volunteer at Hudson? Join the Sacristy Team and help prepare the Lord's Supper a few times a year.

### Time commitment:

Approximately 1 hour on Saturday morning and 1 hour on Sunday following church, 3-4 times per year based on your schedule.

### Skills required:

Ability to pour juice, dry dishes, and chat with committee members.

For more info, contact [Elizabeth.Peeler@mindspring.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Peeler@mindspring.com) or Carol Cox [bchcox@gmail.com](mailto:bchcox@gmail.com)

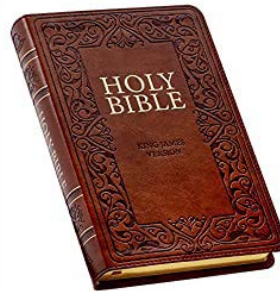
## THE GATHERING - SUNDAY ADULT ED

# Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | WH North

## "Imperfect Messengers"

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



This Sunday we will use the practice of *Lectio Divina* and discuss this week's scripture lesson, Romans 12:9-21. For the following five weeks (no class Thanksgiving weekend), we'll have a series of conversations about the "imperfect messengers" God chooses.

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

## Line-Up for the Rest of 2024

**This Sunday, November 10:** The Seekers will have an All Discussion Sunday. Bring your questions about the pastor search, Scripture, Presbyterian doctrine or policy, or anything else you have concerns about or interest in. We will listen to each other and have a time when we can let all be heard and respected. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday, November 17:** Roger Howard will lead the class looking at references to thanksgiving in Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, and how it should affect our lives as Jesus People.

**Sunday, November 24:** We will explore Thanksgiving Day, our national holiday, and how that day reflects our Biblical thanksgiving.

**Advent begins December 1** and we are blessed to have Rev. Jimmy Hulsey lead our study for the four Sundays in Advent. Come and be a part of an always interesting and meaningful time before the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

## An Announcement from Pastor Debbie



Dear Hudson Friends, I share this news as a significant part of the pastoral transition at HMPC. It turns out that at the same time Mac was discerning his next call, I was also considering a change in the focus of my ministry. About two years ago, I intentionally took a “sabbatical” from most

of my Presbytery responsibilities to be more involved with some of the organizations whose causes I support. Then a few months ago, one of those organizations contacted me asking if I might be interested in working with them in a position they had open. While I did not pursue it, it piqued my imagination as to what a “second act” of ministry might look like for me. Since 1981, my professional ministry has been serving local congregations and it became clear to me that to open up my life for something different, the time is right to retire from active ministry on January 31, 2025.

Simultaneously, Mac and I shared our news with each other in the same conversation. It was important that this information was only divulged to the Personnel Committee until we celebrated Mac’s ministry with us and blessed him as he left for his new congregation. In the meantime, the Personnel Committee and Session asked me to serve as your Bridge Interim Pastor, and I happily agreed. We have an incredibly gifted staff, and together with all of you we are moving forward just as we always do.

The process for ending our formal relationship is essentially the same as it was with Mac. HMPC and New Hope Presbytery will affirm my next steps as I have requested. What is different is that we are not bound to a short timeline because I am retiring rather than accepting another installed position. I will still be living in Raleigh so I won’t be going far, just in a different direction than the one we have shared for so long.

For twenty years it has been a sacred privilege to be with you through each and every season, including numerous staff and pastoral transitions. Now we have entered another season in our life together, and though I will not be going on the interim journey with you, I am grateful that I am able to help you prepare for it and the interim leadership who will be here. I believe that God opened the space for new directions—for Mac and for me in our individual journeys and for our beloved congregation.

I am aware it is a lot for both installed pastors to leave at the same time. However, I am confident God will guide you in finding the right people to fill these positions. I am fully committed to our shared ministry for the next three months, and I am excited about all we have going on through the end of the year: Stewardship conclusion and prayerfully creating the 2025 budget, Children’s Sabbath, end-of-the-year events, the Advent/Christmas Season, and more.

Please know how I dearly wish I could have shared this discernment and decision with each of you in-person. Now that this is public, we can talk freely together. We are blessed to have these next few months, so please invite me to join your activities, classes, gatherings, and meetings for fellowship, and/or there are things you need assistance with. The Interim Pastor Search Committee has been selected and is getting to work. I am not a part of the search, though of course, I am happy to discuss the transition process with you. After the first of the year we will plan on saying goodbye, for now we will go forward in faith, hope, and love that are the strength of our community.

With gratitude for all the ways you minister to me and one another.

Grace and Peace,

## PROPERTY

# Consider Joining Our Team!

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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.

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## ONLINE DIRECTORY

# Get to know your fellow HMPC members!

## DOWNLOAD THE DIRECTORY APP | UPDATE YOUR PHOTO & PROFILE

Have you signed up for Hudson's online church directory? We hope this photo directory will help deepen your connections to one another. You will 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.

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If your email is not listed in the directory, or if you have trouble logging into the app or updating your information, contact [Lesley Ash-Jacobsen](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org).