

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JUNE 28, 2024

ADULT SUMMER SERIES

## HOLY LAND ARCHEOLOGY

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 30 | 9:30AM  
WESTMINSTER HALL NORTH

Led By Mary Glenn Krause



This Sunday in the Adult Summer Series, we will watch the National Geographic documentary *The Secret of Christ's Tomb*, followed by a conversation led by archaeologist Mary Glenn Krause. Join us to learn about this interesting topic!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH TRIP

A GREAT WEEK AT MASSANETTA!

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## NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7 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

service the first weekend in July! Iva Stowe will be sharing music and communion will be served by intinction. Pastor Mac will be preaching.

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

INTIMATE



SACRAMENTAL



EARLY



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8:30AM CHAPEL WORSHIP

# HMPC Middle School Youth at Massanetta This Past Week!



For the past 5 days, 10 of our middle school youth and 2 adults (Cary Dickerson and Rich Richards) have been at the 2024 Massanetta Middle School Conference in Massanetta Springs, VA. This year's theme is *"Keep calm and rejoice! The Lord is near"*, which is based on Philippians 4:4-7. The planning team got excited about the themes of joy, personal peace, and prayer. The youth have played hard, sung loudly (mostly in key), worshiped with joy and contemplation, and soaked up all of God's wonderful natural gifts in these foothills of the Allegheny Mountains!

Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference is a transformational program that welcomes hundreds of middle-schoolers and their leaders from all over the country each summer. Participants attend keynotes, recreation, workshops, and worship designed by the Advocates (high school leaders, with one of those high schoolers being our very own Hayes Atkinson) with them in mind. "Encounter Groups" provide an opportunity to reflect and learn alongside youth from other places, led by high school students. Here are some photos of the week!

The group will return today from their week away! Make sure that when you see them to welcome them back and ask about how their week was!

*-Reporting from a beautiful Virginia valley: Rich Richards*



# Amazing Grays: A Luncheon Celebration!

On Thursday, June 20th at 11:30am, we had a wonderful gathering of the Amazing Grays at the church. Anne Kelley was celebrating her 99th birthday and Malcolm Williams was celebrating his 97th birthday. The meal was organized by Mike Law, Sandy Geiger and Hope Parangi. The group had boxed meals from Jason's Deli with a festive birthday cake. During the lunch, Mike Law asked people to share stories around the table. It was a special time of celebration and fellowship!



## Single Way

Join us this Tuesday, July 2

11:30am

Vivo Ristorante

7400 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, 27615

Please call Dee Blackerby at 919-846-6241 by June 29th if you plan to attend. If you know of anyone that might like to join us, please extend the invitation. All are welcome!



## July 26th Fellowship Friday

On Friday, July 26th from 6-8pm, come join your HMPC friends to enjoy the splendor of the Paris 2024 Olympics opening ceremony. We will watch the opening ceremony in Westminster Hall while enjoying an ice cream sundae bar and cold drinks. Please feel free to bring a packed dinner to eat before ice cream.

For the first time in the history of the summer games, the opening ceremony will not take place in a stadium. Paris 2024 is breaking new ground by bringing sports into the city and the same will be true of the Opening Ceremony, set to be held in the heart of the city along its main artery: the Seine. This promises to be an amazing display of creativity and entertainment.



Please RSVP [here](#) or by calling the church office by July 23 so we are sure to have enough refreshments.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## GOOD TIMES AT HMPC Arts Camp

Last week we shared some photos of June's HMPC Arts Camp, and here are a few more!



*Below:  
A collaborative puzzle  
created by all of the  
Arts Campers*



*Below left & below center:  
During June 23 worship,  
the children presented the  
Noah's Ark story that they  
had learned and practiced  
during Arts Camp.*



**FINAL WEEK - 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. **Due to the congregation's generosity, we have reached \$5,442, only \$758 from reaching our \$6,200 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](http://hmhc.org); or texting the donation amount with the word "Avery" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Avery)



**FINAL WEEK - JUNE TEND MY SHEEP:**

**Inter-Faith Food Shuttle**



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.**

**ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE:** 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.

**Summer Project for the Food Bank Off to a Good Start!**



As we did last summer, the Mission Committee is hosting a hands-on project at Hudson for the NC Food Bank. The Food Bank has delivered a very large spool of red mesh which will be transformed into 6,000 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. 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 has pre-cut bags so all you need to do is tie off the ends.

The project is going well so far! The bins are filling up with the completed produce bags. Grab some material and tie off some bags this week! You can bring them back and put them in the bins in Westminster Hall.



*Andrea Mouw returned these grocery bags she and her husband finished at home.*

## BAPTISMS

# *Congratulations* TO THE CARTER FAMILY!

Their children were baptized during worship on  
June 23, 2024



## THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

### Sunday, June 30

- 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, July 1

- 7:00pm - Personnel - Zoom
- 8:00pm - A1-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

### Tuesday, July 2

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio
- 11:30am - Single Way - Vivo Ristorante
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

### Thursday, July 4

HAPPY 4th OF JULY! OFFICE CLOSED

### Friday, July 5

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

## BIRTHDAYS

# July Birthdays



1. Colt Jackson, Josephine Glover-Hurd
3. Avi Banerjee, Billy Poole, Leigh Betancourt
4. Andrea Mouw, Kathy White, Cate Madden
5. Lacey Sandlin
7. Anna Keen, Susan Krause, Debbie Bumgarner, Jimmie Spell, Charlie Onaya, Riley Anderson, Eleanor Ward
8. Connery Bunn, Michelle Philips
9. Dick Ives, Beth Billman, Marie Martin, Jasper Morgan-Richardson
10. Susan Bradshaw
11. Lauren Parker, Walt Lang
12. Jeri Thomas
13. Shelly Ayers
14. Rick Melling, Lee Playford
15. William Davidson, Karen Melling, Avery Claire Bevier
16. Trish Richardson, Cathy Bentlage
17. Heidi Duggins, Sandra Acai, Sandy Cole, Kathy Seekamp, Ellie Vig, Richard Blanks, Tanner Hanks, Lisa Hoffman, Camden Christenbury
18. Teri Morris, Phyllis James, Hannah Cox, Ashley Woolley
19. Luke Dalzell, Nathan Edge, Jimmy Hulsey
20. Aleta Ash, Ogbeyialu Nduka, Morgan Plentl
21. Olivia Mercer, Robert Saleeby, Karen Cox
22. Karen Layton, Bryan Swenson
24. Ann Trent, Laura McHenry, Andrew Pate
26. Calesta Heres
27. Mitch Perry, Jenna Schindo, Katy Schafer, Keels Maxwell
28. Olivia Davidson, Jesse Brouwer
30. Robert Atkinson, Ginny Conger
31. Brent Sharpe, Caroline Smart, Jackie Rogers, Rolf Kolconay

## June Session Update

- Pastors Mac and Debbie opened the meeting with a Litany of Gifts and Service for the installation of Harry Bowles as a Ruling Elder in the class of 2027.
- Session elected to continue with the current policy of providing family health coverage benefits for full-time, called pastors. They also approved an update to the health benefit coverage policy for full-time program staff. HMPC will continue to pay the amount equal to the employee-only premium for the highest value plan. If the employee elects a lesser value plan, for example the EPO with employee/dependent coverage, HMPC will pay 100% of the employee coverage and the remaining amount will be applied to the dependent premium. If the employee elects employee-only coverage on a lesser value plan, HMPC will only pay the employee only premium.
- Allie Maples and Karen Melling, co-chairs of the Property Committee, presented four projects that require funding outside of the 2024 budget. The projects require \$32,000 for sanctuary and arcade repair/painting, replace and repair the external drainage system, upgrade HVAC software, and roof and gutter repairs. Session voted to fund the projects from a combination of a possible donation from the preschool and from designated funds within the foundation.
- Elders Jay Cummins and Steve Guy were elected to represent Hudson at the 122nd Stated Gathering of Presbytery on July 23 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham.
- Elder Don Haydon, as liaison to the Finance Committee, gave an update on the year-to-date finances. Pledges are \$26,000 over budget, and non-pledge offerings are \$23,000 behind budget. On the expense side, Property is \$13,000 over budget and Outreach & Mission is temporarily \$10,000 under budget. The General Fund is running a surplus of \$14,000 over budget.
- The Session thanks Business Manager Erica Hairston and Carol Cox for their work in publishing the new Manual of Operations (MOO!) that is a compilation of all of Hudson's policies, procedures, and by-laws.
- Pastor Schafer's Staff Report at Session indicated that Elder Lizzie Graybill and Deacon Mary Schindo will be coordinating Hudson's effort to host the 123rd Stated meeting of Presbytery on Saturday, October 26th. We will need lots of volunteers for this event.

## SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

### Weekday Summer Adult Faith Formation Opportunities JULY DATES



Tuesday, July 2 - 6:30am - WH Patio - Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, July 9 - 6:30am - Zoom - Waking Up With The Word

Monday, July 15 - 12:00pm - Chapel - Seeing the Word (Topic: The Book of Kells)

Tuesday, July 16 - 6:30am - WH Patio - Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, July 23 - 6:30am - Zoom - Waking Up With The Word

Thursday, July 25 - 6:00pm - Vivo Ristorante - Women at the Well (monthly group)

Thursday, July 25 - 7:00pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev. Co.

Tuesday, July 30 - 6:30am - WH Patio - Waking Up With The Word



# May Financial Update

## Review of Actual VS Budget HMPC General Fund Year To Date (YTD)

	YTD 2024 <u>ACTUAL</u>	YTD 2024 <u>BUDGET</u>	Favorable/ (Unfavorable) ACT VS <u>BUDGET</u>	YTD 2023 <u>ACTUAL</u>
PLEDGES	\$ 410,987	\$ 384,686	\$ 26,301	\$ 321,379
NON-PLEDGE/OTHER GENERAL FUND OFFERING	\$ 31,339	\$ 54,665	\$ (23,326)	\$ 60,489
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS	\$ 442,326	\$ 439,351	\$ 2,975	\$ 381,868
TOTAL GF REVENUE	\$ 506,946	\$ 500,567	\$ 6,379	\$ 426,824
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	\$ 435,886	\$ 443,843	\$ 7,957	\$ 406,077
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 71,059	\$ 56,724	\$ 14,335	\$ 20,748
AVAILABLE TO BORROW-NS BANK	\$ 50,000			
		Current Year		
CASH BALANCE	\$ 495,402			
BORROWED FROM BANK	\$ -			
NET GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE	\$ 495,402			



## FAITH FORMATION

### New Hope Presbytery's Matthew 25 Mini-Conference

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](#).

Read about the speakers [HERE](#).

(link also available on the homepage of hmpc.org)

### Adult Summer Series 9:30-10:20am on Sundays | WH North

#### THIS WEEK!

##### 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 500 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.