

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JULY 26, 2024

## MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE Always a Win Win for Our High School Youth!



This past Saturday, eleven young people and two adult chaperones returned from a transformative week at the annual Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, NC. For many years, Montreat has been a “thin place” for young people and adults to experience God in new and different ways while continuing to enjoy the many traditions that have been provided for years. This year’s theme was “Planting Peace”. Some of the key sub-themes that were discussed and preached upon were topics like how to be a disciple where inner peace is present, planting peace in others, regular pruning of things in our lives that need to go, and having a persistent drive to gain courage to “sit in the awkwardness” and messiness of life.



[See more Montreat photos on page 2!](#)



We played together,  
We sang together,  
We prayed together,  
We ate well together, and  
We had a ton of fun together.

The next time you see any of the young people you see in these pictures, ask them how their experience was at Montreat! I’m sure they would be happy to share.

-Rich Richards, Director of Youth Ministries

### ADULT SUMMER SERIES LECTIO DIVINA THIS SUNDAY, JULY 28 | 9:30AM



Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is an ancient devotional practice that includes multiple readings of a single Scriptural passage, quiet reflection, and in a group setting, conversation. Bring a Bible and join Fred Woodward in Westminster Hall North to learn more and give it a try.



# Montreat High School Youth Conference



## 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.

## Presbytery Meeting THIS WEEK IN DURHAM



On Tuesday, July 23rd, the 122nd stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope met at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham. Special thanks to Elder commissioners Jay

Cummins and Stephen Guy for attending. We also thank Mary Schindo and Lizzie Graybill for coming to the meeting as they begin to plan for Hudson hosting this meeting in October of 2024.



## Emergency Relief Fund for Presbyterian Church in Lucama

Last week, lightning struck Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Lucama and the church was destroyed by a fire. The building was declared a total loss, and the congregation is planning to rebuild. Luckily, no one was inside the church at the time. The below is a letter sent out from our Presbytery.

Friends of the Presbytery of New Hope,



Thank you for your messages of care and concern in recent days following the fire at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. The outpouring of support has meant so much to the members of the church. Thank you for being the Body of Christ to your sibling congregation! Spring Hill has set up an emergency relief fund. Checks can be mailed to Spring Hill Presbyterian Church:

7246 Springfield School Road, Lucama, NC 27851 - Memo line: Emergency Fund

Ruling Elder Lynn Barnes is the contact for non-monetary offers of support. Her email is [lynnbarnes14@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbarnes14@gmail.com)

## 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. 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”.



### Rose Barford



Last Sunday during worship, Pastor Mac recognized Rose Barford, our oldest member at 105! Rose has been an active participant in our congregation since moving here several years ago with her daughter and son-in-law, Beckie and Scott Sipprell. As Beckie and Scott leave for "life on the road" in their RV, Rose

is moving to Charleston, SC, to live near her son. We will miss her and all she has contributed to our church family! She plans to keep up with us via the newsletter, and would love to stay in touch with members.

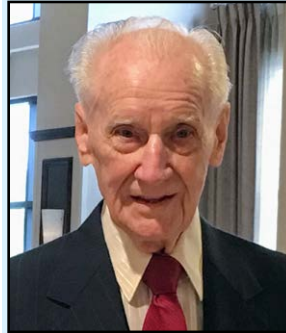
Rose Barford  
Indigo Hall, 509 Standard Way, Apt. C-143  
Charleston, SC 29412

Godspeed to Rose, and to Beckie and Scott!

## MEMORIALS

### *Service of Witness to the Resurrection*

**JACK LLEWELLYN**



Hudson member Jack Llewellyn entered God's everlasting kingdom on July 16, 2024.

**A memorial service is planned for Thursday, August 1st at 2:00pm in the HMPC Sanctuary. A livestream link will be available on the homepage of [hmpc.org](#).**

Please keep the Llewellyn family in your prayers.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Help Decorate for VBS! August 4th After Worship

Join us on August 4th as we transform Hudson into Camp Firelight! Volunteers are needed following worship to help decorate the church for our week of Vacation Bible School. Volunteers will gather in



Westminster Hall North after Fellowship. We hope you can join us! Contact Cary Dickerson if you have any questions.

## PRESCHOOL

### Preschool News: Olympics Fun | Assistant Teachers Needed



We are having a ton of fun celebrating the start of the 2024 Summer Olympics! The children have waived their Olympic flags, earned medals and even had a few track and field races!

Looking ahead toward the fall, we do have a few Assistant Teacher openings. Teachers typically work 8:30-1:00 M-F, but we can be flexible if needed. Please contact Dorothy Roche at [doroche@hmpc.org](mailto:doroche@hmpc.org) if you would be interested in working at the preschool.

## JULY OFFERING - FINAL WEEK!

# Hunger Action



This month we are collecting for our Hunger Action fund. Hudson Memorial is a certified Hunger Action congregation which means our primary mission focus is to address food insecurity in our community and around the world. When famine or other events contribute to food insecurity, we can use these funds to help get food to those in need.

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

## JULY TEND MY SHEEP:

# Green Elementary

### BACKPACKS + SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Green Elementary is our neighbor public elementary school - it is a Title I school which means that a significant portion of its students receive free or reduced lunches and have extra needs required to achieve an equitable education.

Hudson is working with the school's social worker to provide backpacks and school supplies to those children most in need. **We are collecting backpacks, headphones (no earbuds or wireless please), #2 pencils, composition notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, dry erase markers, safety scissors, two pocket folders, glue sticks, and wide ruled paper.** We will continue to collect these items through the first two weeks in August.

## Avery County Mission Trip

### A Note of Gratitude

We would first like to express deep gratitude to the congregation for how very generously it supported the Mission Trip Special Offering, providing \$2,000 above this year's expected expenses not only to meet next year's advance room reservation costs, but also to provide a solid initial reserve for remaining 2025 trip expenses. Thank you for your contributions!

### Some Unexpected News

Unfortunately, we must report that the trip unexpectedly was called off at essentially the last minute. Two successive water purity tests taken Thursday and Friday of last week found bacteria in the well-based water system of Holston Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center, at which we had arranged our room and board for our trip participants this year as had been done for the last eight years. After receiving the second test results in the late morning of last Saturday, Holston responsibly decided to shut down during the present week to attend to the problem and conveyed that decision to us as soon as possible in the first minutes of Saturday afternoon. Under these very late arising circumstances, and not perceiving how a viable alternative that would meet the needs of the participants could be arranged over the weekend on such short order, our organizer called the trip off. Holston, of course, is refunding the sums that Hudson paid for room and board; and the Mission Committee will be deciding how to best utilize the refund consistent with the expectations of both the congregation and the participants who supplied those funds. The bottom line, though, is that the trip, which had received such tremendous congregational support, did not proceed. We look forward to our trip next year and already have made our reservations for July 20-25, 2025, with both Holston Camp and Avery County Habitat.

- The Mission Committee

## Food Bank Project: Let's keep it going!

Last month, volunteers from the Mission team and members of the church cut and tied 6,000 produce bags for the Food Bank. The Food Bank used all of them in just a couple of days! These bags are packed with food and distributed to various hunger relief organizations, and the Food Bank always needs to have a stash ready. Hudson volunteered to create 6,000 more bags this month! You'll see the materials and bins in Westminster Hall as you did last month. Feel free to grab material and create some bags!

## BIRTHDAYS

# August Birthdays

- 1 - Davis McDuffie
- 3 - Becca Fisher-Gabbard
- 4 - Beckie Sipprell, Holli Swenson, Lou Yates
- 5 - Melissa Carlisle, Joshua Hughes, Drew Mouw
- 6 - Barbara Barrett, Kent Ayers, Brandon Billman, Smith Carlisle
- 7 - Victoria Hammond, Garrett Miller, Ryan Autry
- 8 - Corey Grabar, Dee Blackerby
- 9 - Carolyn Scott, Sarah Mitterling
- 11 - Margot Linden
- 12 - Tracey Woodward, Lillian Pate, Colby Guy
- 13 - Lilly Graybill, Anna Conger, Gretchen McDuffie,
- 15 - Rose Gabbard
- 16 - Joe Forehand, Skip Seekamp
- 17 - Langley Flueckinger, Dona Ya, Irene van Die, Henry van Die, Jess Ives
- 18 - Lindsey Crone
- 19 - Nika Ya, Lisa Rahn
- 20 - Johan Ya
- 21 - Elise Carter
- 23 - Carly Pate
- 24 - Martha Chapman, Shoni Davidson
- 25 - Henriette Komono
- 26 - Charlene Fields
- 27 - Lily Hoffman, Price Capps
- 28 - Peyton Apple, Nancy Keever, Sarah Lynch
- 29 - Pete Priestler, Sarah Wood, Debra Schumm
- 30 - Sallie Everette
- 31 - Sam Baker, Laura Puryear, Noel Ya



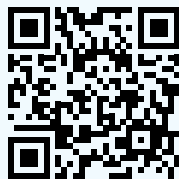
## FELLOWSHIP

### *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.



***Fellowship Friday: Bingo***  
**August 23 | Doors open at 6:00pm | WH North**

## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, July 30 - 6:30am - WH Patio



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.

## Adult Summer Series

9:30-10:20am Sundays | WH North

**COMING UP...**

*July 28 on cover*

### August 4: 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 11: TBD**

### 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.

## Weekday Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

### AUGUST DATES

**Monday, August 5** - 12:00pm - WH South  
Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Mac

**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 22** - 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



## CHANCEL FLOWERS

### 2024 Chancel Flowers

#### 3 REMAINING DATES AVAILABLE

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. There are only 3 dates left in 2024!



**August 25**

**September 22**

**September 29**



To sign up for one of these dates, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Hannah Woodcock](#) in the church office. The 2025 sign-up sheet will be posted in September.

## CALENDAR

# This Week at HMPC...

### Sunday, July 28

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 29

7:00pm - Session - WH South  
 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

### Tuesday, July 30

6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio  
 9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge  
 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

### Thursday, August 1

2:00pm - Jack Llewellyn Memorial Service - Sanctuary

### Friday, August 2

5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

## WORSHIP & THE ARTS

**NEXT 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 next Sunday, August 4!

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



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## MUSIC MINISTRY

# Handbell Workshops

**August 21 & 28 at 6:00 pm**  
**in Westminster Hall South**

Have you ever...



- wanted to learn more about bell ringing?
- wanted to try your hand at ringing a bell?
- rang in the past but are feeling rusty?

These workshops are for you! You will have some hands-on ringing experiences and grow in your appreciation for this fun and meaningful music ministry. For more information, reach out to Barbara Loehr-Fox.