

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NOVEMBER 15, 2024

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DEBBIE

Dear Hudson Friends,

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge toward the 2025 budget. Giving back to God through time, talents, and treasure is evidence of our care for one another and the world God created as we are good stewards of what is entrusted to us.

In this time of transition in our pastoral leadership, it is natural for some people to take a “wait and see” attitude about commitment to the church, and that is understandable. We are a healthy congregation with an abundance of resources, and it is important to show that to individuals who will be considering joining us as interim and later, installed pastors. One thing they will want to know is how well the congregation is doing now that the leadership you have known for so long has changed. You will grow stronger in the months and years ahead with new leadership, especially if you keep moving forward now.

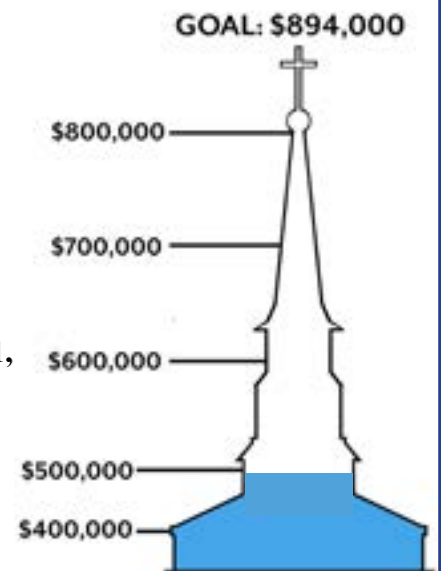
Those of you who were here during the days of the pandemic will remember what a long and uncertain time that was. Our campus was closed for months, reopening only outside until we could safely be inside the building. We learned to be with each other and do important ministry in new ways during those challenging days. We emerged from that experience stronger than we would have thought possible as we continued to be good stewards of time, talent, and treasure. When we came out of Covid, ministries were adapted to meet current needs; some had served their time and were completed to make room for others that began.

God has provided everything we need to thrive, and our congregation is taking care of one another by receiving God’s gifts with gratitude and passing them on in an endless circle of abundance. If you can pledge in support of the financial requirements of our ministry, along with giving your time and talent as you are able, we invite you to do so as soon as possible.

Faithfully,
Pastor Debbie Kirk



Currently, our 2025 pledges total at \$494,864. Out of our 338 active member families, 107 have pledged. In comparison, this time last year 133 families had pledged for a total of \$713,071, a difference of over \$200,000. We hope you will consider pledging and help us close the gap!



You may pledge online [here](#), or email/mail your pledge to Erica Hairston, Business Manager.

THIS SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S SABBATH



THE CHILDREN WILL HELP LEAD
10:30 WORSHIP



Single Way

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT LUNCH!

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!



Tuesday, December 3 at 11:30
 Outback Steakhouse
 7500 Creedmoor Road
 Raleigh, NC 27613

Please call Dee Blackerby at 919-846-6241 by December 1st if you plan to attend.



In the spirit of giving for the Christmas holiday, we are asking that each member of our group bring one personal care item to be donated to Capital Towers. The social director at Capital Towers will use these donations for bingo prizes.



Amazing Grays

Thursday, November 21 at 11:30am



Join us for lunch and fellowship at 11:30am on Thursday, Nov. 21, at **Relish Craft Kitchen** (5625 Creedmoor Road). Please contact Mike Law (717-439-0677) or Sandy Cole (276- 708-5010) if you plan to attend so they can get an accurate headcount.

Special Events & Services

Tuesday, November 26

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

7pm at Trinity Baptist



Sunday, December 1

Hanging of the Greens

After Worship - Meet in WH North

Sunday, December 1

Blue Christmas Service

6pm in the Chapel



Saturday, December 7

Family Christmas Celebration

10am-12pm in Westminster Hall

Pageant Rehearsal at 9:00am that day!

Sunday, December 8

Children's Christmas Pageant

10:30am in the Sanctuary



Sunday, December 15

Christmas Joy Worship

10:30am in the Sanctuary



Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

3:00pm - Communion Service

Nursery available

5:00pm - Family Service

Nursery available

8:00pm - Candlelight & Communion

NO Nursery available



MISSION

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 scanning the QR code, or by visiting hmpc.org.

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](#).



WORSHIP & THE ARTS

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00pm
Trinity Baptist Church
4815 Six Forks Road (Next door to Hudson!)

Every year since the 1980s, a group of churches along Six Forks Road have gathered together for worship around the Thanksgiving holiday. These churches include Grace Lutheran, St. Mark's United Methodist, Trinity Baptist, The Fountain Fellowship, North Haven Church, Saint Timothy's Episcopal, and Hudson. This is a great opportunity to express our connectedness in Christ. Let's get a lot of Hudson folks down to Trinity Baptist for worship and fellowship! In a time when so many people are looking for things that divide, let's celebrate our unity! Members of the Hudson Chancel Choir will be singing with a joint choir during this service, and there will be a reception at Trinity afterwards.

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Coffee & Conversation: A Time for Young-ish Adults

Sundays Following Worship



Are you in your 20s, 30s or 40s? Coffee & Conversation is a group that meets most Sundays following worship at 11:30ish in the Chapel while Joyful Noise & Youth Music are happening. It's a great group of young-ish adults that talk about life, faith and culture in a laid-back

setting. The group meets for a half hour. Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge or a snack in Westminster Hall and stop in. No preparation or homework! If you have questions please reach out to Cary Dickerson. We will be meeting this week.

Presbyterian Pint

Next Meeting: November 21 at 7:00pm
Mordecai Beverage Co.



This men's group typically meets the 4th Thursday of every month and enjoys a pint together as the group discusses articles that have to do with culture and faith, along with the occasional short book study. It is a wonderful time of community, laughter, insight, and thoughtful

discussion on how we live as people of faith.

Join us on Thursday, November 21st - Member John James will be leading.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, November 19 | 6:30am | Patio



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](#) to be added to the mailing list for this group.

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | WH North

"Imperfect Messengers"

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

"God uses crooked sticks to draw straight lines."

– Martin Luther

We are far from perfect, and sometimes we feel we are not worthy to do God's bidding. If God only invited those who are worthy to His table, there would be a lot of leftovers. In this series we will look at the people whom God chose (some familiar, some not so much) who had an "imperfect" past.

This week we'll look at Moses. While he is known as a great prophet and leader, he was far from perfect, with "destruction of property" being the least of his transgressions. We'll look at his entire story and discuss why he was chosen and what impact his imperfections had on his life and adventures. Gil Graybill, who knows a lot about being flawed, will lead the discussion.



The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | WH South

Line-Up for the Rest of 2024

This 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mid-Week Youth Gatherings

SEE BELOW FOR UPDATED
TIMES AND DATES!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THESE SPECIAL
YOUTH GATHERINGS!

High School **CHIPOTLE CHECK-IN GATHERINGS**

6:30pm to 7:30pm
On these dates:

Wednesday, Nov. 13
Wednesday, Dec. 11
Wednesday, Jan 15
Wednesday, Feb. 12
Wednesday, Mar. 12
Wednesday, Apr. 2
Wednesday, May 14



Middle School **CAPTAIN COOKIE GATHERINGS**

6:30pm to 7:15pm
On these dates:

Wednesday, Nov. 20
Wednesday, Dec. 18
NO MEETING in January
Wednesday, February 19
Wednesday, March 26
Wednesday, April 16
Wednesday, May 21



THIS SUNDAY!
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
5:00-7:00PM

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Joyful Noise Music

Schedule for the rest of 2024:

NOVEMBER 17

Kids sing in Worship - Meet at 10:15 in the Sanctuary

NOVEMBER 24 & DECEMBER 1

Joyful Noise Music 11:15am-12:15pm

DECEMBER 7 (Saturday)

Pageant rehearsal 9am-10am in Sanctuary
(Head over to the Family Christmas Event afterwards!)

DECEMBER 8

Pageant in worship - 10:00am call time in Geneva Hall

DECEMBER 15

Kids sing during worship
Meet at 10:00am in the Sanctuary

DECEMBER 22

NO Joyful Noise Music

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 Torrance, 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!

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17

- 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 - Youth Pageant Meeting - Geneva Hall
- 5:00pm - Middle School Youth Group
- 5:00pm - David Lamotte Book Study - Room 200

Monday, November 18

- 9:30am - Preschool Chapel
- 7:00pm - Diaconate - Room 200
- 7:00pm - Finance - Zoom
- 6:00pm - Property - WH North
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Ala-teen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, November 19

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - WH Patio
- 9:30am - Staff Mtg - Welcome Lounge
- 10:00am - Sewing Guild - WH South
- 5:30pm - Fellowship - Karl Hudson Room
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 6:00pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

Wednesday, November 20

- 9:15am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:30pm - MS Youth at Captain Cookie
- 6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 21

- 11:30am - Amazing Grays - Relish Craft Kitchen
- 12:00pm - HMP Parent Committee - WH South
- 7:00pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev Co

Friday, November 22

- 11:30am - HMP Thanksgiving Feast - WH North
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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Community!*



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SESSION

Interim Update from Session

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE

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.

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, and 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