

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 10, 2024

2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Last Sunday, Eight 8th and 9th grade youth were confirmed. Thanks to the Confirmation Ministry Team for helping lead them through their confirmation journey: Sean Cole, Karen Melling, Becca Fisher-Gabbard, Tim Peeler, and Rich Richards.

Learn more about the confirmands on Page 2!



CAMPUS WORK DAY

THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to all the people who came out on Saturday, May 4th, for our campus clean-up day! The team mulched the west and north sides of the church along with our outdoor labyrinth. We also trimmed bushes and weeded. The church property looks wonderful and it was a great time for church members to catch up on each other's lives while they worked together!

More photos on page 4!



Get to Know the 2024 Confirmands!

Jackson Autry



Parents: Jennifer & Ryan Autry
School: Endeavor Charter
Favorite subject: Science
Favorite hobbies & activities: Video games
Fun Fact: "I have literally been playing video games for half of my life."

Reed Cummins



Parents: Jay & Lynn Cummins
School: Ravenscroft
Favorite subjects: English and History
Favorite hobbies & activities: Tennis, piano, guitar
Fun Fact: "I have been going to the beach in Texas ever since I was 4 months old!"

Davis Boone



Parents: Kelly D. & Kelly R. Boone
School: Trinity Academy of Raleigh
Favorite subject: Biology
Favorite hobbies & activities: Running, reading, cooking
Fun Fact: "I like mint ice cream."

Kessler Dickerson



Parents: Cary & Daniel Dickerson
School: Magellan
Favorite subject: Math
Favorite hobbies & activities: Guitar, volunteering, tennis, youth group/church
Fun Fact: "I am an Enneagram #2."

Price Capps



Parents: Kenny and Kelly Capps
School: Leesville Road Middle School
Favorite subject: English
Favorite hobbies & activities: Dance & Cheer
Fun Fact: "I love the beach."

Colby Guy



Parents: Steve & Jennifer Guy
School: Sanderson
Favorite subject: Biology
Favorite hobbies & activities: Football, lacrosse, golf, fishing
Fun Fact: "I like dogs."

Ford Carlisle



Parents: Matt & Melissa Carlisle
School: Carroll Middle School
Favorite subject: Social studies
Favorite hobbies & activities: Football, video games
Fun Fact: "I like football, dogs, and many video games."

Carr Jennings



Parents: Davis and Jerillyn Jennings
School: North Raleigh Christian Academy
Favorite subject: Science
Favorite hobbies & activities: Basketball and football
Fun Fact: "I like to travel."

Worship Last Sunday



Former HMPC Director of Music Phil Hayden shared music at the early worship service.



Last Sunday, HMPC member Matt Moorman partnered with Pastor Mac for a conversational sermon on the Apostles' Creed for both the 8:30 and 10:30am worship services. Rev. Moorman also assisted with communion for the first time at Hudson since he was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Matt shared that he was very grateful for the support and care Hudson has given him over the years.

MISSION

'A Place at the Table' Meal Cards Handed Out in Reverse Offering

On Sunday, May 5th, in a "Reverse Offering", the Confirmation Class and a group of children passed out \$10 meal cards to everyone at the worship service with the instructions to give the card to people they see in the community who may be hungry or in need. A Place at the Table is a "pay what you can" cafe on Hargett Street in downtown Raleigh. We purchased 230 \$10 meal cards with funds from Hudson Handy Helpers, one anonymous youth's giving, and the pastor's discretionary fund.

You can also support this ministry by dining there yourselves! Learn more about this organization at tablerraleigh.org



Spring Music Worship Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 19 AT 10:30AM

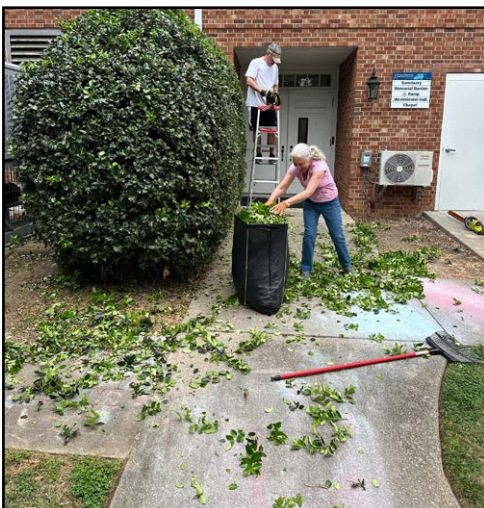
Spring Music Worship Sunday & Pentecost

May 19th will be a special day at Hudson Memorial! We will be celebrating Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the church, by wearing red and enjoying the sacred gift of music. Many of our musical groups and talented members will sing, ring, and play to the glory of God. You'll be able to participate as well as hear our youngest to oldest music-makers. Mark your calendars and join us for this special worship service on May 19 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

PROPERTY



Campus Work Day
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BAPTISMS

Congratulations!

Jackson Autry,
child of Jennifer and Ryan Autry,
was baptized on May 5, 2024.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 376

100th Eagle Scout

Congratulations to HMPC member Johannes van Die on becoming the 100th Eagle Scout of Boy



Scout Troop 376 (which meets here at Hudson). As you have seen in previous editions of the Weekly Window, Johannes' Eagle Scout project was the creation of a Gaga Ball Pit on the north end of Hudson's campus.

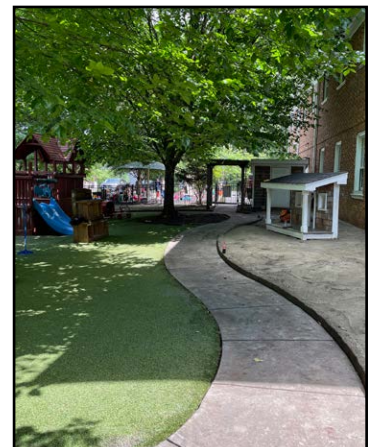
PRESCHOOL

Spring at HMP

So much is happening at HMP throughout the month of May! Our four year olds celebrated Mother's Day with a gathering in Westminster Hall, and it was a special time for the children and their moms. We are looking forward to our class picnics and pizza parties as well!



The Playgarden is in the process of having new ground cover installed. We are looking forward to reopening the water feature, especially during the warmer days, and even having container gardens for the children to care for. We aren't sure what the children are enjoying more: watching the heavy duty equipment make the upgrades, or playing on the west lawn while the Playgarden is closed!



YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth had their End-of-Year Cookout at Rich's house last weekend. They all had a great time and celebrated a wonderful year of ministry together!



YOUTH COOKOUT



MISSION

Final Work Day for Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Coalition Build!

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY 18

This year we will once again be building at Old Poole Place neighborhood. This 105-home neighborhood is going up near the intersection of Old Poole Road and New Hope Road in Southeast Raleigh, and will feature 60 single-family homes and 45 townhomes, all built by Habitat.

The Spring Old Poole Place Build is a building and advocacy campaign to advance a more beloved community with justice, equal opportunity, and love for all. We will start and finish 2 new homes and help to finish other homes underway in the Old Poole Place neighborhood.

TO REGISTER FOR A WORK DAY: Go to [this link](#) and sign in or create an account, scroll down to our assigned build dates (Our remaining date is Saturday, May 18) and choose your date. HMPC has 5-6 slots available.

Contact Debbie Kirk for more information at dkirk@hmpe.org

May Tend My Sheep DIAPER TRAIN

This month we are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for Diaper Train. No family should have to worry about how they will afford their next diaper, yet this is the reality for 1 in 2 families. For more than 10 years, Diaper Train has been committed to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers, ultimately working to end diaper poverty. Their greatest need is 4, 5, & 6 diapers, 3T/4T & 4T/5T pull ups, and wipes, but they will accept any size diaper including opened packages (wipes must be unopened). Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, May 26th, or you may drop off your donation during the week to the church office throughout the month of May. Bins are located at Sanctuary entrances.



2024 Outstanding Older Adult Recognition CONGRATULATIONS, GRACE HUTCHINSON & JOHN OLDENBURG!

Grace Hutchinson and John Oldenburg are dedicated to God and service to the church and are Hudson’s recipients for the 2024 Outstanding Older Adult recognition!



Grace and John met in Memphis, TN, where they lived in the same apartment complex. They were married on March 3, 1979, by Grace’s father, a minister with the United Methodist Church. They are the proud parents and grandparents of two

daughters and four grandchildren—all active members of HMPC. They joined Hudson Memorial in 2015 after retiring from their careers in Memphis, where they were also very active in their church and community. They live in Wake Forest, NC.

Grace is a graduate of Duke University and earned her MBA from Memphis State University. During their years in Memphis and while raising their family, Grace worked for Cokesbury followed by 20+ years with Shelby County (TN) government. She was the Director of the Division of Administration and Finance and Deputy Director of Memphis and Shelby County Division of Planning and Development. Grace and John were members of Colonial Park UMC and worked as coordinators of the church’s work with Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network. In addition, Grace was a member of the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. In her “spare time” Grace volunteered with the Girl Scouts Heart of the South and was Chair of the Board of Directors for a term. Since joining Hudson Memorial, Grace has led our Chancel Guild with creativity making our church home beautiful in keeping with the liturgical calendar. Grace has chaired and is a member of the Children’s Committee, sings alto in the Chancel Choir, Moderator and Circle leader in Presbyterian Women, and is a member of the Worship Committee. She also

volunteers with P.E.O. — a women’s group that raises money to provide scholarships and low-interest loans to help women achieve their educational goals and is currently President of the local chapter.

John grew up in Michigan and entered the seminary before his path took him to the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) for his undergraduate degree and the University of Michigan Law School. John was assigned to Memphis, TN, as an attorney for the United States Postal Service, where he served for 35 years. During their membership at Colonial Park UMC, John was a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class. Plus, he and Grace coordinated the CPUMC work with the Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network. John also volunteered at the Maxine A. Center of Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis. Currently, John is active with Hudson Memorial as Coordinator of the annual Mission Trip to Avery County, NC, to work with Habitat for Humanity, Sunday Gathering Leader (“Ponderings”), Hudson Handy Helpers, Sound Team, and of course helping Grace with the Chancel Guild heavy lifting (i.e. Grace says “John will do that.....”).

Grace and John will be honored along with all award recipients from New Hope Presbytery on May 19, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church Rocky Mount. The recognition ceremony is from 3:00pm – 5:00pm, and all church members are invited to the celebration!

We thank God for Grace Hutchinson and John Oldenburg.



Seeing the Word

MONDAY, MAY 13 | NOON | CHAPEL



We'll be watching *The Illuminator and a Bible for the 21st Century*. This is a documentary on the creation of the St. John's Bible which we have been using for our study for years. This is a great time to jump in and get oriented to the study we have been doing.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in person and on 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. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Sunday Adult Education

Nine O'Clock Class

NO Nine O'Clock Class

This week, May 12, or next Sunday, May 19

The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | WH South



This week the Seekers begin a 2-session exploration using new voices about being/becoming a Matthew 25 congregation. Led by Roger Howard.

On Week 1, May 12, we will use the voice of singer Joan Osbourne to introduce the study of Scripture with

One of Us, her recording that asks "What if God was one of us?"

On May 19, Jay Cummins will co-lead the class encouraging us to deepen our understanding of how our denomination guides individual congregations to learn about and be faithful to Scripture.

Read Matthew 25:31-46 and join the adventure.

AMAZING GRAYS

Amazing Grays

Thursday, May 16 | 11:30am

Poppyseed Market



Join us for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, May 16! We will be meeting at Poppyseed Market. Please let Mike Law (717) 439-0677 or Sandy Cole (276) 708-5010 know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate headcount.

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | WH North

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

Eastertide is the period of time between Easter and Pentecost. It is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but also a time of new and renewed discipleship,



to prepare our hearts and minds for our own ministries in the name of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us for scripture, conversation, and mutual support as we explore this time together.

5/12 - No Religion but Social Religion

5/19 - The Day of Pentecost

Beware of Scam Emails Impersonating Staff Members



Be advised, there are several email scammers posing as HMPC pastors and staff members. Pastor Mac has been impersonated a lot recently, and some of these fake email addresses even include his photo to make it look more

authentic. Please read the list below to help ensure you are only communicating with real HMPC staff members and not impersonators.

THINGS TO KNOW...

- Most church staff emails end in “@hm^{pc}.org” and are the first initial and last name of a staff member. If you receive an email that does not end in that, and you have never emailed it before, **delete it**. Many of these scam emails are gmail addresses, and they can even include the staff member's name in the address. **Do not trust non @hm^{pc}.org email addresses, even if they say the staff/pastor's name (unless it is one you have previously used and you trust, or it is on the list to the right).**
- If you are unsure if an email is a scam, **do not reply**. We recommend you create a fresh email with the staff member's official email address from the church directory or the staff contact list to the right.
- Never click on any links in an email that seem suspicious.
- HMPC will never send you a personal email asking for routing information, or bank account numbers.
- **A pastor or staff member will never request gift cards via email or text message.** (This is the most popular scam right now.) These messages should immediately be deleted, and if they give you an option to "Report Spam" or "Report Phishing", then it is helpful to select one of those options to prevent that scammer from contacting you again.

We are saddened that the community is targeted with these types of fake emails. This has happened to a number of churches in our area recently. We wanted you to know we are aware of the situation, and that we should all remain vigilant.

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MISSION

Change in Location: Food Donations to North Raleigh Ministries NEW BUILDING FOR CRISIS, DEVELOPMENT & PANTRY CENTER

We know many church members donate food to NRM's Food Pantry, so please note the new address! Starting May 13, you can drop off your donations at **2809 E. Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, NC 27616**, and no longer at the Strickland Road location. Those people needing the Crisis Center can also start coming again for help on May 13 to the new building. **The Thrift Store for North Raleigh Ministries will remain at the location it is now.**

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, May 12

9:30am - The Seekers - WH South
9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
11:30am - Fellowship - WH North

Monday, May 13

11:00am - MVVG - WH South
8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, May 14

6am-9pm: WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN WH
6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
11:00am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle - Chapel
11:30am - Hannah Circle - Offsite
5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
6:45pm - Preschool Board - Welcome Lounge
7:00pm - Adult Ed - Zoom
7:00pm - Deacon-elect Orientation - Room 200
7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
7:30pm - Miriam Circle - Offsite

Wednesday, May 15

9:15am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - Sanctuary
7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 16

11:30am - Amazing Grays - Poppyseed Market
6:00pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Ristorante

Friday, May 17

5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
8:00pm - Middle School Lock-in begins - HMPC

Saturday, May 18

8:30am - Pickup for Middle School Lock-in
9:00am - Rehearsal for Spring Music Sunday

GRADUATIONS

College Graduations

If you are or have a member of your family who is graduating from college this spring, please send the below information to [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#).

Let us know the...

- Name
- Degree
- Institution
- Honors
- Anything else you think might be helpful.



These will be published in the Weekly Window towards the beginning of June.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held after worship on May 19th in Room 200. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP for the class here.](#) Please RSVP by May 13.

After the May 19 class, the next Inquirers' Class will be July 21, held via Zoom at 12:30pm. Please RSVP by July 15. [RSVP for the class here.](#)

Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.

