


THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 27, 2024



Offering of Letters This Sunday

SEPTEMBER 29 AFTER WORSHIP


HMPC is a Matthew 25 Congregation. We are one of 1,235 congregations which have committed to "actively engage in the world around us, and act boldly and compassionately to serve those marginalized and in need - those who are poor, hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned and strangers."

The U.S. Farm Bill (a very large piece of legislation taken up by Congress) is a "comprehensive omnibus bill that is the primary agricultural and food policy instrument of the federal government. Congress typically passes a new farm bill every five to six years." The Farm, Food and National Security Act (H.R. 8746) for 2024 is pending in Congress. Approximately 80% of the \$1.5 trillion cost will go to fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which over 40 million Americans rely upon to put food on their tables. Without these benefits, millions of people go hungry. We need your assistance in encouraging Congress to pass this legislation.

Please join us in Westminster Hall after the service on Sunday, September 29, to write a letter to each of your U.S. Senators (Senators Thom Tillis and Ted Budd) and your U.S. Representative (Congresswoman Deborah Ross or another depending upon where you live). Sample letters, stationery, pens, and refreshments will be provided.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

- Proverbs 19:17



MATTHEW 25

Presbytery Meeting at Hudson Memorial

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hudson is proud to be selected by New Hope Presbytery to host "The 123rd Gathering of the Presbytery of New Hope" on Saturday, October 26th. We need you to help make this event run smoothly. Please sign up and volunteer your time, or donate items as listed on the [sign up page](#). We have opportunities for beverage, baked goods and fruit contributions, Friday set-up, Saturday assistance with parking, greeting, directing, registering, preparing food, serving lunch, clean-up, and tear down. Everyone who volunteers will wear a snazzy "volunteer" lanyard and will receive a free lunch (catered by A Place at The Table).

Sign up to help [HERE](#)
or find the link on the homepage of hmpc.org.



We appreciate your help in providing gracious Christian hospitality to our friends from all over the Presbytery. Any questions? Contact Lizzie Graybill graybill@mindspring.com or Mary Schindo mschindo@yahoo.com.



Help Us Package 12,000 Meals!

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



As a Hunger Action Congregation, we are committed to addressing hunger, not just in our community, but on a global scale. One of the ways we make a significant impact is through our support for Rise Against Hunger. This organization distributes food to places in the world where there is not enough food. Packing this many meals takes a contribution of \$5,000 and the Mission Committee is using designated Hunger Action funds.

Hudson Memorial is partnering with Rise Against Hunger in the fight to End Hunger. Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training, and respond to crises. Be sure to register through the link below for this fun, kid-friendly (ages 4 and up), high-impact event!

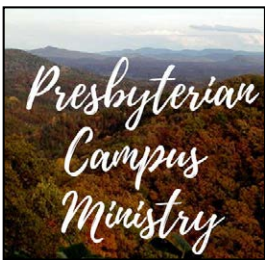


When: October 6th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Where: Rise Against Hunger Warehouse
 3200 Wellington Ct. #112 | Raleigh 27615
Who: You! SIGN UP [HERE!](#)



September Special Offering

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES



Our special offering this month is for Presbyterian Campus Ministries of Raleigh. HMPC has been a long-time supporter of PCM and has had many former youth participate in its ministries and activities. Its mission is to proclaim and reflect the Good

News of the Kingdom of God through ministry to, with, and for college-age students in Raleigh, North Carolina. Your support will help to provide much-needed nurturing to the young people in our care by providing a safe and accepting environment for all students. In addition to Wednesday night meetings at West Raleigh Presbyterian, PCM Raleigh's Campus Minister and students organize various gatherings and outings throughout the year and attend retreats, spring break service trips, and the annual College Conference at Montreat.

You can give online by visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the letters "PCM" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 PCM)

September Tend My Sheep

CLOTHING DRIVE - FINAL WEEK!



This month we are having a back-to-school clothing drive for **Note in the Pocket**. Note in the Pocket helps address clothing insecurity, which is a problem that often lacks adequate attention. By providing clothing we can give children what they need to feel comfortable and confident at school, allowing them to see themselves as valuable and capable of learning and success. Their

most urgent needs are: girls' shirts (short & long sleeve t-shirts) sizes 8 & 16; girls' pants (jeans & athletic pants) sizes 5, 8, & 16; boys' shirts (short & long sleeve t-shirts), sizes 5, 8, & 10; boys' pants (jeans & athletic pants) sizes 6 & 8. Place donations in bins at Sanctuary entrances.



SINGLE WAY

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, October 1 at 11:30am
Lemongrass Thai Restaurant
8320 Litchford Road #142
Raleigh, NC 27615

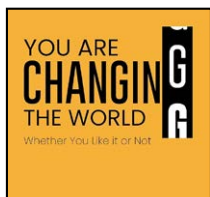
Please call Dee Blackerby at 919-846-6241 by **September 29** if you plan to attend.



FALL BOOK STUDIES

October Book Study

Sunday evenings, Oct. 13 - Nov. 10
5:00-6:30pm in Room 200



Following David LaMotte's visit to HMPC earlier this year, a number of us read his latest book *You are Changing the World Whether You Like it or Not*, and participated in a book study where we had rich conversations about how

to show up and engage wherever people are hurting, bringing our own unique perspectives, gifts and skills to make a positive impact in the world.

This fall we are offering part two of this book study which will cover some of the same as well as additional material we did not get to in the spring study. You are invited to join us whether you attended previously or not. We will begin with David LaMotte's TED Talk and his assertion that "hope is both an active choice and a choice to be active." **We will meet October 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 17.**

If you would like to attend this book study, contact Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmhc.org by Oct. 1.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 1 | 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 is 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?*

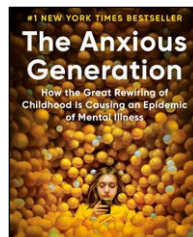
No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. On Zoom we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home.

It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmhc.org.

FALL BOOK STUDIES

Short-Term Book Study for Parents of Children & Teens



Pastor Mac has been leading a short-term book study on *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Dr. Haidt addresses the impact of the smartphone in the early 2010s to the present and the need to restore a more humane childhood. Pastor Mac will

facilitate a discussion on the four parts of the book while incorporating questions that tie to our Christian faith. This study for parents of teens and children will meet on the following dates at **7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company**: Thursday, October 3rd (read Part III) & Thursday, October 10th (read Part IV)

Even if you have not attended the previous two sessions, you are still welcome to join!

THE GATHERING - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

September 29

"Want to be Happy? Be Grateful"

This class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and worship.

On September 29, join us as we watch the Oprah Super Soul Sunday interview with Brother David Steindl-Rast and have discussion..



Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

September topic: "HOPE"

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

Hope is waiting in faith. It is not merely wishing for something to happen or hoping everything will work out if the stars align. Hope is waiting with anticipation—at times, with impatience—for what you know and believe is coming.



For the four Sundays in September, Presbyterian Ponderings will discuss Hope from both Old and New Testament perspectives. We are using a multimedia lesson plan from the series *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*, published by Growing Faith Resources / Presbyterian Publishing.

Later this fall, we will offer sessions based on lectio divina, the Parables of Jesus, and the “flawed 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 | Westminster South

September 29

"Worship in the Church, According to Paul"

Facilitated by Ron Ash

Do you know how to act in Church? Do you know what to wear to Sunday services? Where does the practice of intinction for Communion come from? Paul has some answers to these questions and others for us to ponder.

October 6

"Are Christian Nationalists Really Christian?"

Facilitated by Ron Ash

Over half of the adults in the U.S. have not heard or read anything about Christian Nationalism. On the other hand, 60% say that we should be a Christian nation. This class will explore what Christian Nationalism is and what it means for the future of America.



FAITH FORMATION AFTER WORSHIP

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 Pastor Mac or Cary Dickerson.

A Message From Session

Dear Congregation,

Greetings in the name of our Lord!



As we prepare to celebrate the ministry of our beloved Pastor and Head of Staff, Mac Schafer, we want to take a moment to update you on the process of transitioning to a new pastor, while also highlighting the importance of cherishing the remaining time we have with Mac.

Primarily, our focus over the next several weeks will be to celebrate and give thanks for Pastor Mac's faithful service to our church. His final day with us will be Sunday, October 20, and on that day, we will gather as a congregation after worship to celebrate his ministry and give thanks for his leadership. We encourage everyone to participate in this special day as we express our gratitude for his 15 years of service.



The Process of Transition

While we focus on celebrating Pastor's Mac's ministry, we also want to share the steps we will be taking to find our next pastor. Below is an outline of the transition process:

1. Period of Closure with Our Present Pastor

(Now to October 20)

During this time, we encourage all of us to step up in service through our time, talents, and resources, as we prepare for this transition. Pastor Mac will continue to lead us with grace, and in accordance with the Presbytery of New Hope's guidelines, he will observe a separation ethic after his departure.

On **October 20** – immediately following worship, we will hold a congregational meeting to formally "dissolve the call" as part of the transition process.

2. Bridging the Gap in Leadership

The Session and Personnel have begun working with the Presbytery of New Hope's Commission on Ministry (COM) to determine how to bridge the gap in pastoral leadership before an Interim Pastor begins.

3. Interim Pastor Search Committee

The Session will form a committee to work with the Presbytery and our denominational connections to select an Interim Pastor. Given the unique history and needs of our congregation, this will be an especially important step in the process.

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). The congregation will elect this committee, which will begin the formal search for Hudson's fifth installed pastor and 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

PERSONNEL

Transition in Organist Position

We want to inform the congregation that Al Hyde will no longer be serving as the church organist. We are thankful for his service, and wish him and his wife, Barbara, the very best going forward. The Personnel Committee will be working closely with Director of Music Ministries, Barbara Loehr-Fox, as we begin the search for a new accompanist. We thank member and organist, Iva Stowe, who will be assisting the music program on occasion during this period of transition.

2024 Fall Festival is a Month Away!



The Annual Fall Festival is coming up! This is a fun-filled event shared between St. Mark's United Methodist Church and Hudson. This year, St. Mark's UMC is hosting the event and the Welcoming Team is busy making plans! **The Fall Festival includes Trunk or Treat, food, games, an inflatable obstacle course, and more.**

Feeling creative? Get your trunks cleared out and get ready to be a part of the **Trunk-or-Treat** experience! In addition to the creatively decorated cars, we will need donations of candy and treats to use during the event. These may be dropped off in bins outside the Karl Hudson room and in the Preschool lobby.

However, the most important need is **VOLUNTEERS** to make the event safe and fun for the children of all ages that attend. If you are able to supervise activities, serve food, work the sign-in table or clean up, please sign up to help! Visit the [sign-up page](#) and see how you can help make this event a success. There is no age limit for volunteers.

SIGN UP HERE!

The link can also be found on the homepage of [hmhc.org](#).

HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL

Preschool News



It seems as if September slipped away while we have been settling into the new school year. The children are busy learning all things *apples*: where apples grow, what is inside the apple, and even conducting taste tests to see which variety is their favorite! Our weekly Chapel, Special Art, Discovery and Movement, and Music classes started this week and the children are embracing all of it. These "extra" classes make each day special at HMP!

Intergenerational Event for Youth Kick-Off

This year's Kick-Off revolved around JOY, FOOD, PLAY and FELLOWSHIP! We had around 65 people from all ages...5th grade to parents. We gathered to play some large group games; we heard from different branches of youth ministry; and were able to, for the youth, create a "Covenant" while parents met with Rich regarding a number of things!

Our theme for the year is *Planting Peace*. Continue to pray for these wonderful young people and their parents as they navigate this chapter of their lives.



Youth This Week
Sunday School at 11:30am
Sunday afternoon,
September 29
5:00-7:00pm
High School Youth Group
(with Wake Forest Presbyterian)
Bring \$5 for dinner!



THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 29

9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
9:30am - The Seekers - WH South
10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
11:30am - Fellowship/Offering of Letters - WH North
11:30am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall
11:30am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
11:30am - Youth Sunday School - Youth SS Room
12:00pm - Youth Music - WH South
5:00pm - High School Youth Group - HMPC

Monday, September 30

9:30am - Preschool Chapel
8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, October 1

6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
9:30am - Staff Mtg - Welcome Lounge
11:30am - Single Way - Lemongrass Thai
2:00pm - Presbytery Site Visit - WH South/etc
5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

7:00pm - Anxious Generation Book Study - Mordecai Bev.

Friday, October 4

5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, October 5

10:00am - Chancel Choir Retreat - Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS

October Birthdays



- 1 - Janey Dewar, Eric Conger, Gabby Crosson
- 2 - Cyndi Harris
- 3 - Merritt Liebman, Lauren Parikh, Susan Jones
- 4 - Kitty Huth
- 5 - Lisa Williams, Jerilyn Seitz, Jeanne Hoffman
- 6 - James Cobb, T.W. Bradshaw, Serena Ash, Brian Hnat, Miller Long, Karen Lyness
- 7 - Scott Sipprell, Emily Cobb
- 8 - Val Jones, Tory Schafer
- 9 - Melinda Dickinson, Anne Brown
- 10 - Ruth Spencer, Stacy Smith, Phyllis Cheeley, Chris Woolley
- 11 - Joyce Hawkins
- 13 - Jack Lynch
- 15 - Perry Meeks, Michelle Sharpe, Danny Miller, Iva Stowe
- 16 - Bethany Osborn-Reed
- 17 - Bob Monroe, Lana Bowles
- 18 - Paul Liebman, John Crone
- 19 - Patrick Carpenito, Starr Maxwell
- 20 - Maggie Schneider
- 21 - Traci Weaver, Joseph Genova, Benjamin Brouwer
- 22 - Tom Bradshaw, Doug Goodale
- 23 - Ashley Banerjee
- 25 - Molly James, Pat Balletta, Emsley Jackson, Mimi Johnson, Laura Jones
- 26 - Jay Cummins
- 27 - Marilyn Webb
- 28 - Sawyer McHenry, Anish Banerjee, Autumn Osborn-Reed
- 29 - Emma Baker, Abby Baker, Ruth Herpich
- 30 - Drew Keen, Don Slater, Collin Carter
- 31 - Harper Sanchez

Sunday, September 29

Offering of Letters (After Worship)

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday (Worship)

Sunday, October 20

Pastor Mac's Last Sunday

Sunday, October 27

Fall Festival (3-5pm at St. Mark's UMC)

Sunday, November 3

Commitment Sunday (Worship)

Sunday, December 1

Blue Christmas Service (6pm in the Chapel)

Saturday, December 7

Family Christmas Celebration (10am-12pm)

Sunday, December 8

Children's Christmas Pageant (Worship)

Save
the
Date