

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 24, 2024

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OUR SUMMER
PROGRAMS ON PAGES 2-6

MUSIC WORSHIP SUNDAY

May 19th was Music Worship Sunday! Rich & Lindsey Richards began this Pentecost service with a lovely flute/guitar prelude, and then worship was led by the Chancel Choir, Hudson Handbells, Youth Bells, and Joyful Noise. Member Dan Vig played a beautiful offertory. "Spirit & Song Testimonials" were given by Carol Cox, Ellie Gatten, Don Slater, and Director of Music, Barbara Loehr-Fox. Special thanks to our Music Ministry team, Barbara Loehr-Fox, Rich Richards (Director of Children's Music), and Al Hyde (Organist). Thanks be to God for all of the talented musicians of HMPC! If you missed it, be sure to check out the [livestream](#) on our YouTube page.





ADULT ED SUMMER SERIES

June 2 - August 18

9:30-10:20am Sundays in Westminster North

We all enjoy a change of pace in the summer! Our Adult Summer Sunday School Series, coordinated by the Adult Committee, gives our teachers and leaders a break, encourages fellowship among folks from the different classes, and provides the opportunity to hear from a variety of individuals from our congregation and community on various topics of interest. Highlights this year include three sessions hosted by our Mission Committee (on behalf of Hunger Action), including a popular hands-on packing event, as well as conversations on stewardship of the earth. Pastor Mac will share about his May walking adventure, and Pastor Debbie will facilitate as we watch and discuss David LaMotte's latest TED talk. Whether you are a regular Sunday School participant, teach elsewhere during the year, or don't usually attend an adult class, we encourage you to come any time you can, and bring friends!

On the holiday weekends of May 26 (Memorial Day) and September 1 (Labor Day), adult classes are not meeting. We encourage you to use the time before worship to begin your Sabbath with personal reflection in the Memorial Garden or walking one of the labyrinths, outside on the north end of our campus or indoors in the Chapel.

THE SUMMER LINE-UP:

June 2: Hudson Session History with Race



Elder Joan Lester will share a summary of her extensive research on the history of our congregation as we have considered issues of race through the decades. Being informed is an important step as we consider our commitment as a Matthew 25 congregation.

June 9: Inter-Faith Food Shuttle



Nick Billman from Inter-Faith Food Shuttle will be leading our Sunday School hour. He will speak to us about this mission partner and their programs. Nick will highlight areas where our members are able to volunteer, including their farm and food recovery program.

(June 9 Continued) After worship, the congregation is invited to join the Mission Committee at A Place At The Table for lunch. This local Pay-What-You-Can café is located downtown. We will have space reserved for members. Reservations are needed for this event so the café can plan accordingly. If interested in attending the lunch, contact Beth Billman bbillman@nc.rr.com

June 16: Book of Confessions



Mac Schafer is preaching a sermon series on one of our Confessions of Faith each week. Member Don Slater will offer a brief (but comprehensive) overview of the history and significance for us today.

June 23: Dive into the Hudson's Land

Come learn what we are uncovering about the land Hudson's physical property sits on. From hunting land to a county poor farm, to the intention to build a shopping center, there are many interesting things to honor and remember. Led by Elder Dottie Burch and Pastor Mac.



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 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. Join us for this hands-on, meaningful project!

ADULT ED SUMMER SERIES (Continued from page 2)

July 21: Celtic Christianity 101

St. Patrick, St. Columba, the Gospel of John, God's creation, the Isle of Iona, the Synod of Whitby, and more. What are the marks of Celtic Christianity? Come "scratch the surface" of this interesting topic that can impact your spiritual journey. Led by Pastor Mac.



July 28: 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 4: David LaMotte TED Talk

Debbie Kirk will facilitate this class, watching David LaMotte's most recent TED talk and listening to some of his music as he encourages us to take small, practical steps to plant seeds of positive change.



August 11: Avery County Mission Trip Presentation

Our Mission Team will share their week building with Habitat for Humanity in Avery County in western NC. Not only do they work hard as the "hands and feet of Christ" but also they enjoy getting to know each other better through times of devotion, reflection and sharing at the end of each day.

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. "Pigeon Dan", expert on pigeons, will wrap up our Summer Series on August 18. Come for a fascinating look into one of God's creatures as Dan takes us into a world of wonder and interaction with some of his sought-after companions he has raised and trained.



GET INVOLVED WITH MUSIC THIS SUMMER!

From Dr. Sanjay Gupta:

"Singing crosses the midline of the brain which not many other activities do. Just by singing a song you can activate so many different areas of your brain – left temporal lobe, right parietal lobe, cerebellum. Singing is super healthy and good for your brain. It is good for your physical health and even more so for your mental health."



Summer Sing!

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am
June 9 - September 1 | Choir Loft

If you've wanted to experience the wonderful small group atmosphere of our friendly Chancel Choir with easier songs, no choir robes, and only a Sunday morning rehearsal, this Summer Sing program is perfect for you. In the summer we sing more familiar songs and only rehearse Sunday mornings – no Wednesday commitment! Come join the fun! Contact [Barbara Loehr-Fox](#) for questions.

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.

WEEKDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Presbyterian Pint Summer Info



Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [Pastor Mac](#) to be added to the distribution list.

We will meet on the following dates at 7:00pm at Mordecai Bev Co:

Thursday, June 27th
Thursday, July 25th Thursday, August 22nd

Seeing the Word Summer Dates



- No June Meeting
- July 15 at Noon - Chapel
The Book of Kells
- August 19 at Noon - Chapel
The Lindesfarne Gospel

Women at the Well Summer Info



The summer monthly Women at the Well dates are **June 27, July 25 and August 22**. This group typically uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on various relevant topics of interest over dinner.

The weekly Women at the Well is taking a summer sabbath beginning in June. The fall semester begins on Wednesday, September 11. The book selection will be announced later in the summer.

For more information or to participate in the morning/weekly or evening/monthly group, contact [Debbie Kirk](#).

Walk the Labyrinths

Hudson has two labyrinths that we invite you to stop by and walk this summer. One is outside on the north end of our campus and one is off the first-floor hallway in the Chapel. The outdoor Labyrinth has recently been spruced up by some energetic member volunteers!



Labyrinths provide space for prayer, meditation and rest. Listen for God/Speak with God; Take in nature; Ask for wisdom; Rest, relax and quiet yourself. Grab a [Labyrinth Walking Guide](#) from the brochure racks to

give you some ideas of what to think about on your walk.

Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Mac Summer Dates



- No June Meeting
- Monday, July 1 at Noon - WH South
- Monday, Aug. 5 at Noon - WH South

Waking Up With The Word May and June Dates



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.

Upcoming Dates - 6:30am

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| May 28 - Zoom | June 18- In-person |
| June 4 - In-person | June 25 - Zoom |
| June 11 - Zoom | (Continues weekly all summer) |

To be added to the distribution list, contact [Pastor Mac](#).

Summer Suppers

Delicious, healthy meals and fellowship!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Westminster Hall

Doors open at 6:00pm

\$6 per person

RSVP to the church office
919-787-1086 ex. 1008
or use [THIS FORM](#)



Friday, June 28

Fellowship Friday

**Cafe Capistrano
& Altered State Brewery
5:30PM**

These are side-by-side venues.
Altered State is a local brewery and
Cafe Capistrano is a low-key
eatery serving California-style
Mexican fare.

**8471 Garvey Dr. Unit 113
(off of Durant Road)**

Food and drink available for purchase.
This is a family-friendly gathering!
And dogs are welcome too!



Friday, July 26

Fellowship Friday

Stay tuned for details!



Friday, August 23

Fellowship Friday

BINGO NIGHT

Doors open at 6:00

Bingo begins at 6:30

Sean Cole will once again be our
BINGO caller!



Fall Kick-off Lunch

Save the Date!

August 25 After Worship

Children's Sunday School

Next week, June 2, we will begin our Summer Series on The Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are blessings we receive when we have certain attitudes. For the summer we will call them the BEE ATTITUDES, as they are what our *attitudes* should *be*. Come join us this summer for a series on changing your perspective to BEE more like Jesus!



Bags for the Food Bank

As we did last summer, the Mission Committee is making a hands-on project for the Food Bank open to members and friends. The Food Bank will bring us a very large spool of red mesh which will be cut and tied into 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. Last year we made thousands of bags which were filled and distributed! 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 is going to pre-cut the bags so you can easily take a bunch home to do as well. The material will be available in Westminster Hall beginning in June.

OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULT RECOGNITION

2024 Outstanding Older Adult Recognition

CONGRATULATIONS, GRACE HUTCHINSON & JOHN OLDENBURG!



Grace and John were honored last Sunday by New Hope Presbytery as they were recognized as Outstanding Older Adults. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual or couple from each congregation who exemplifies a "positive image of Christian discipleship and to celebrate their lifelong service." Thanks be to God for everything Grace and John have done for the Hudson community.



The pastors and a group of Hudson members attended the ceremony last Sunday, May 19.

SINGLE WAY

Single Way

Join us for our next meeting!



When:

June 4 at 11:30am

Where:

Milton's Pizza and Pasta
8853 Six Forks Road
Raleigh, NC

Please call Dee Blackerby at 919-846-6241 by June 2 if you plan to attend. **New people are always welcome!** Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, May 26

10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
11:30am - Fellowship - WH North

Monday, May 27

OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY
8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, May 28

6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
9:30am - Staff Meeting
5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, May 29

7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, May 31

5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, June 1

2:00pm - Memorial Service for Bill Bigger - Sanctuary

CHANCEL FLOWERS

2024 Chancel Flowers

SUMMER & FALL DATES AVAILABLE!



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up for a 2024 date, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Hannah Woodcock](#) in the church office.

MEMORIALS

Service of Witness to the Resurrection

BILL BIGGER



Hudson member Bill Bigger entered God's everlasting kingdom on Friday, May 10, 2024. There will be a memorial service at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4921 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC, on **Saturday, June 1st at 2:00 pm**. If you are unable

to attend in person, you can livestream the service [here](#). The link can also be found on the homepage of hmhc.org. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the HMPC Foundation.

Please keep the Bigger family in your prayers. Thanks be to God for Bill.

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Two Worship Services June 2

On June 2, we will hold another 8:30am Chapel Worship service, led by Pastor Debbie. We will also have our 10:30am service in the Sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will be served at both services.

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

INTIMATE



SACRAMENTAL



EARLY



SHORTER



8:30AM CHAPEL WORSHIP

May Tend My Sheep

DIAPER TRAIN - FINAL WEEK!

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.



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May Special Offering

SHELTER MINISTRY - FINAL WEEK!

Your gifts this month to the Shelter Ministry Special Offering will go towards fulfilling our commitment to the 2024 Interfaith Habitat Build. **We currently have \$4,500 toward this year's project and are currently \$2,000 away from reaching the goal of \$6,500.** Habitat works together with families, local communities, volunteers and partners from around the world so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes. Building with the Interfaith Coalition is an important witness for our congregation as we are united in a common cause that builds the beloved community.



Donations received that exceed the Habitat goal will be used for other shelter ministries as needed, including our own Hudson Handy Helpers and Raleigh Rebuild Together.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#), or text to give. Text donation amount with the word "Shelter" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 Shelter).

Thanks to Mary Schindo who worked on our Interfaith house as it nears completion! And thank you to new member Joe Cox, who has already worked on several Habitat builds.

GRADUATIONS

Graduations LAST CALL FOR INFO!

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

Let us know the...

- Name
- Degree
- Institution
- Honors
- Anything else you'd like to share



These will be published in June 7th's Weekly Window.