

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OCTOBER 11, 2024

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THIS WEEKEND AT HUDSON

SATURDAY, OCT. 12 CAMPUS WORK DAY



In preparation for the Presbytery meeting, we would like our campus to shine, and we need all the help we can get! There will be inside chores, in case you don't want to be outside, as well

as traditional trimming, weeding, power-washing, and raking.

If there are any high school students that need hours for community service, this is a great time to do that.

We need tools and equipment if you are able to bring it - Blowers, trimmers, power-washers, and rakes. We hope to see you there!



Photos from last spring's campus work day.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13 REV. BRUCE GRADY PREACHING



We welcome to Hudson's pulpit the Reverend Dr. Bruce Grady on Sunday, October 13th. Dr. Grady is the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of New Hope. As Executive Presbyter, Bruce serves as: chief executive to the Presbytery; head of staff; pastor to and on behalf of the Presbytery; and Presbytery's

representative at all Council levels. His education includes NC State University (BS), Duke Divinity School (MDiv), Princeton Theological Seminary (ThM), and Columbia University (EdD).

Bruce brings over 26 years of experience as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). In the public sector, he has practiced management, leadership and strategic planning as a university vice president, dean, associate professor, academic program director, major gifts officer, and government liaison.

Bruce enjoys music, theater, and physical fitness. He is happily married to his best friend, Michele, and they have two lovely children - Isaiah and Alexa.

Pastor Mac and Pastor Debbie will also be participating in the service.



The Presbytery
OF NEW HOPE



Gratitude, Call, Ethic & Challenge

MAC'S MEANDERINGS



As I enter my final few days as being Pastor & Head of Staff at Hudson I wanted to communicate a few important things to help in your understanding aspects of this transition:

1. **Gratitude** – My favorite thing about Hudson has been the people. You are a wonderful and gifted group of human beings. I

am a better follower of Christ because you have taught me so much about faith, service, and love. When I arrived at Hudson, my children were preschool and elementary age. My wife Katy and I want to thank you for loving them unconditionally and teaching them about Christ within community. This meant a great deal to us.



2. **God's Call** – The people on Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) got my name from a colleague in ministry and reached out to me. I had not been looking for a new church. As I read their information, talked to members of the PNC, discerned with Katy, and engaged their needs, I sensed God's call to something new. In like manner, my departure will make space for who God is calling to use their gifts to lead Hudson's ministry in the future.

3. **Separation Ethic** – I recently signed a Separation Ethic with the Presbytery of New Hope agreeing to have certain boundaries with you as a congregation. While I love you very much and will cherish the ministry we shared, I also agreed through this Separation Ethic to no longer engage in ministry with you. This means I cannot do weddings, funerals, baptisms, or provide pastoral care after my call has concluded at Hudson. These boundaries allow space for a new pastor to establish a ministerial relationship with you as a community. I can be your friend, just not your minister.

4. **A Challenge** – Please increase your commitment to this community of faith during this transition. Be open to try new things and to be in relationship with new people at Hudson. Remember what the church is called to do:

- Bring freshness to the proclamation of the gospel;
- Mentor the next generation of leaders to do the work you are doing now;
- Heighten the value of rites of passage;
- Take an interest in learning about each other's gifts;
- Ground yourself in rhythms of personal discipleship and increased faith literacy.

Please know I will pray for you in this period of transition, and I am hopeful for the good work that you will continue to do along Six Forks Road.

Have Courage!

2025 Pledge Campaign: Overflow with Hope

HUDSON AS THE NAUTILUS - MINUTE FOR MISSION - OCTOBER 6, 2024



I'm Marie Wallden, a Hudson member since 2017, writing on behalf of the Giving Ministry Team. Continuing the recent sermon theme of the majesty of God's name in all the earth, in particular all that swim the paths of the seas, lately I've been thinking quite a bit about the nautilus, a sea creature whose

beautiful shell, with its pearlescent coiled exterior, is a fascinating example of God's perfect engineering. While it looks like one cohesive structure from the outside, when bisected we see that it is chambered. As it grows, it moves from its past space into the newest, largest space at the front of its shell. This process repeats throughout the life of the nautilus, each chamber proportionally larger than the last. The previous space becomes an empty, sealed chamber, yet it is vital for the mollusk's future. Those old chambers are connected through a tube-like structure, a through line, allowing the nautilus to regulate air and water within the shell. To float and sink in the ocean, the nautilus relies on its chambered history to explore its world more fully. It is those past chambers that provide its buoyancy and ballast. But it is the current chamber, the living chamber, which the nautilus inhabits and uses to create jet propulsion to move and navigate its world.

In much the same way, Hudson is that nautilus, each chamber representing a stage of the church's life. As we grow, we build a new, larger chamber, leaving the previous one behind but still connected. With each experience and lesson learned, we expand our collective understanding, creating more space for wisdom and discernment. The old chambers, though no longer inhabited, remain integral to our structure, our past experiences shaping who we are today. This continuous process of growing and expanding is only possible by building upon the foundation of our past.

Will we profoundly miss Pastor Mac? We will. Will we move forward together into a new chamber that we have created with faith and intention, beginning a new chapter in Hudson's rich history? We will. Our past and all that we've learned in 15 years of Mac's steady, thoughtful guidance will inform our future direction. We have the ballast of our past to stabilize and help us maneuver in

rough waters. And at other times, though seemingly a paradox, our empty places, those empty chambers, will provide buoyancy when our energy falters, so that we may trust again in God's mysterious wisdom.

Our guiding verse this fall is, **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may overflow with hope."** As we trust in God, our hearts are filled with joy and peace, much like the nautilus fills its new chambers with life.

This divine inspiration allows us to overflow with hope, radiating positivity and strength, just as the nautilus shell grows stronger and more intricate with each new chamber. Our past experiences, guided by faith, provide a stable and resilient core, enabling us to face the future with unwavering hope and confidence in God's grace.

In the same way, our church community grows and strengthens through the contributions and support of its members. Each donation, no matter the size, whether financial or of time and talent, helps build a new "chamber" in our collective journey, allowing us to expand our reach and impact. For me this means no longer waiting to be asked to join in activities and groups, and instead seeking out ways to connect with other Hudson members and support the church. I have found great fulfillment through my involvement in the Giving Ministry Team and the Welcome Team. I'm encouraging my children's greater participation in the wonderful youth programs here. And I'm making a commitment to more consistently attend worship each Sunday, even if it means we're a few minutes late, a little ruffled, and slightly bleary-eyed. Maybe I'll even remember to wear my name tag. The Weekly Window has a calendar of events, and I hope you'll feel God's gentle hand leading you where you are called to join and serve. Community and togetherness matter, and Hudson is a special place. Your generosity supports the physical needs of our church and fosters a spirit of unity and shared purpose. By giving of ourselves, we become an integral part of Hudson's growth, helping to create a space filled with hope, love, and faith. Together, we will use our many gifts and talents to build an ever stronger, ever more vibrant church that continues to inspire and uplift all who enter. Thank you.



PERSONNEL & FELLOWSHIP

PROPERTY

Sunday, October 20

PASTOR MAC SCHAFER'S LAST SUNDAY IN THE HMPC PULPIT!



Pastor Mac will preach on October 20th, and following worship, we will have a celebration in Westminster Hall, hosted by the Fellowship Committee and the Deacons! We hope you will join us!

BE SURE TO SIGN THE BOOK!

We will have a farewell book available in the Welcome Lounge this Sunday, October 13, and in Westminster Hall on October 20th. We would like everyone to sign it with good wishes for the new call and your memories of Mac and Katy's time with us.

SESSION

Session Update

DEBBIE KIRK



The next step in the process of naming a new pastor and head of staff is to designate a Bridge Interim Pastor. The bridge interim will fulfill the duties of the pastor and head of staff until Session names an Interim Pastor.

During last week's called Session meeting, there was a vote to affirm Pastor Debbie Kirk as bridge interim pastor effective October 21, 2024. To support her, some of the staff members and lay leaders will step up to fulfill certain associate pastoral duties. Debbie has had experience in this role over the years, most recently during Pastor Mac's sabbatical in 2023.

The coming weeks will be very busy with Pastor Mac's departure, the stewardship campaign, Presbytery meeting, 2025 budgeting, and Advent. The session is confident that Debbie will guide us through this season of transition.

Thanks be to God for the ministry of Pastor Debbie!

- Glenn Schindo, Clerk of Session

Westminster Hall Re-Dedication LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday we re-dedicated our recently updated Westminster Hall! Our most recent addition to this space is a stained glass window, received from the now-closed Milner Presbyterian Church.



Rise Against Hunger

LAST SUNDAY'S EVENT A SUCCESS - 12,000 MEALS ON THE WAY TO HAITI

The Mission Committee is pleased to share that approximately 60 members and friends of HMPC, children, youth and adults, packed 12,000 meals at the Rise Against Hunger event on World Communion Sunday. We enjoyed fellowship with one another as we worked efficiently to complete this in under two hours. The simple packages of vitamins, soy, seasoning and rice will be added to water to make nutritious meals for those who otherwise would have nothing to eat. The meals we packed are already on their way to Haiti!

The Mission Committee used \$5,000 of their Hunger Action budget to fund the event and we appreciate the leadership of Richard Skinner who coordinated all the moving parts!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We Still Need Volunteers!

Oct. 26 Presbytery Meeting



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](mailto:Mary_Schindo@mschindo@yahoo.com).



AMAZING GRAYS

Amazing Grays

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 11:30am

High Park Bar & Grill



Join us for lunch and fellowship at 11:30am on Thursday, October 17 at High Park Bar & Grill, (625 E Whitaker Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27608). Please let Mike Law or Sandy Cole know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate headcount.

CELEBRATIONS

Owen Clyburn Ward

Child of Sid & Maddie Ward
was born on October 5, 2024!

Congratulations to
Parents Sid & Maddie, grandparents Morgan & Melinda Dickinson, great grandmother Linda Measamer, and aunt & uncle Merritt & Paul Liebman.

PRESCHOOL

A Visit From Firefighters!

What an exciting time to be at HMP! We had our annual visit from Fire Station #9 during Fire Prevention Week. The fire fighters talked to the children about safety and even let them climb through the truck. We thanked the firemen for their visit with boxes of donated treats and fresh fruit.



Hurricane Helene

Helene made landfall in Florida late evening on September 26th as a very dangerous category 4 hurricane. Helene caused devastating damage and donating to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is one way you can help our neighbors in need. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with all affected Presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina, Northeast Georgia Presbytery and Holston Presbytery. Montreat Conference Center, which is close to our heart, sustained catastrophic damage. PDA is on the ground in Montreat and their team is working alongside FEMA, The Red Cross, and a multitude of local agencies and organizations to locate those who are missing, address immediate needs, clear debris, restore essential services, and rebuild infrastructure. PDA will be there as long as necessary.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Donate to PDA's Hurricane Relief Fund [HERE](#).

Learn about what PDA is doing to help [HERE](#).

Donate to Montreat Hurricane Relief Fund [HERE](#).

You can also donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through the church if you prefer. You can write a check to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, and write "PDA offering" in the memo. Or you can donate online [HERE](#), and indicate "PDA" in the notes section.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**



Helene Relief Benefit Concert at Greystone Baptist Church



On Sunday, October 13 at 6:30pm, [The Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble](#) (TYJE) and the [Heart of Carolina Jazz Orchestra](#) (HOCJO), both under the direction of Dr. Gregg Gelb, will be holding a free benefit concert at Greystone Baptist Church to assist with relief efforts for those in western North Carolina who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. The award-winning TYJE features students in grades 9-12 and has been a finalist for Jazz at Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington Festival & Competition 8 times. The HOCJO has been captivating audiences throughout central NC since 1991 with the classic swing and elegance of big band jazz. Each band will play a 30-40 minute set in a family-friendly and casual atmosphere.

During the concert, there will be an opportunity to donate to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund, which works with the United Way of North Carolina to help meet the needs of Hurricane Helene victims.

Greystone Baptist Church is located at 7509 Lead Mine Rd., which is at the intersection of Lead Mine Rd. and Sawmill Rd. The church has parking lots off of each road. Parking will be available in each lot, and please note that the main entrance is most easily accessible from the Sawmill lot.

All are welcome and invited to attend this community event as we help our North Carolina neighbors in need.

October Tend My Sheep RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION

This month we will be collecting **white towels, white twin sheet sets, and standard pillows** for Raleigh Rescue Mission. Raleigh Rescue Mission is dedicated to serving those experiencing homelessness in our community through the love of Christ. They offer a wide range of services from meeting basic needs like providing meals, clothing, hygiene and healthcare to providing counseling, parenting classes, transportation, and vocational and career training. **Please note, all donations must be new. Donations can be placed in bins at Sanctuary entrances.**



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@hmpc.org. Even if you have not registered, you can still attend!

WOMEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Women at the Well

Women at the Well has begun the fall semester, and welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us!

The Monthly Group

Next Meeting: October 17



THE MONTHLY GROUP will meet over dinner at a local restaurant at 6:00pm on Oct 17, Nov 21, and at the end of December) and typically uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest.

These gatherings are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss how the intersection of culture and faith informs our own spiritual journeys. Current participants in each group are already on the contact lists. If you would like to be added to either one or both, email Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 15 | 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 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.

Presbyterian Pint

Next Meeting October 24 | 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 October 24th - Member Tim Peeler will be leading.

THE GATHERING

Presbyterian Ponderings

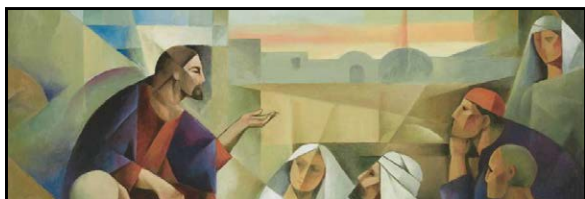
9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

"A Short Walk with The Parables"

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

They are the best known and best understood means by which Jesus conveyed his message of love and hope. His Parables address the profound and made it simple enough that even as children we can understand them and accessible enough that we enjoy listening to them even as their often-challenging messages hit home. For the next four weeks we will examine some of those parables -- perhaps one, perhaps more at a time -- and hear again in these stories important truths about how we should live in connection with God and our neighbors. The first class will briefly address the parable as a teaching tradition even before Christ and then look at the parable of the Sower and the Seed.

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
October 13

"Sharing Interests and Talents:
Show and Tell"



Bring a sample (live or a photo) of your interest, craft, pastime, talent, etc. to class. Tell us a little about the beginning of your interest and how it has continued. Using Romans 12:3-7 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, we will discuss what it means to use our gifts and talents for God's glory.

2024 Fall Festival

October 27 | 3-5pm | St. Mark's UMC

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 hmpc.org.



CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

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 - WH North
11:30am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
12:00pm - Youth Music - WH South
5:00pm - Youth Sabbath Sunday - At home/restaurant
5:00pm - David Lamotte Book Study - Room 200

Monday, October 14

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00pm - Finance - Zoom
8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, October 15

6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
9:30am - Staff Mtg - Welcome Lounge
10:00am - Sewing Guild - WH South
11:30am - Hannah Circle - WH South
5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
6:00pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
7:00pm - Fellowship - Zoom
7:00pm - Miriam Circle - Offsite
7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

Wednesday, October 16

9:15am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
6:00pm - Chipotle Check-in - NH Chipotle
7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 17

11:30am - Amazing Grays - High Park Bar & Grill
6:00pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Ristorante

Friday, October 18

5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, October 19

12:00pm - How it Works District Meeting - WH

MEMORIALS

To the Church Triumphant EUGENE SCOTT BROWN



Hudson member Eugene Brown entered God's Everlasting Kingdom on Sunday, October 6, 2024. There will be a service in his memory on Saturday, October 12, at 2:00pm at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home (831 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC, 27604). Visitation starts at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Tunnel to Towers, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, or Transitions LifeCare, Raleigh, NC.

Please pray for his wife, Pat, and their family.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held after worship on **Sunday, November 17th**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP for the class here](#) or on the homepage of our website. Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Please pray for HMPC Middle School Youth! They are headed to Charlotte for an urban mission immersion through Cross Missions this weekend!

