

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2024



HURRICANE HELENE



Helene made landfall in Florida late evening on September 26th as a very dangerous category 4 hurricane. The impact of Helene has been felt across multiple states. With

the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement.

The HMPC Mission Team will be making a donation and is working on how we can best help the affected communities.

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. As all communities in Western North Carolina, Montreat sustained catastrophic damage.

All five bridges across Flat Creek were impassable, all 18 miles of roadway have severe damage with some still impassable, water is not available, and so much more. 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.

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

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

Learn about damage to our beloved Montreat Conference Center [HERE](#).

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

PRAYER IN A TIME OF DISASTER

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround us now with your grace and peace. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer.

(The Rev. John G. Hamilton, FPC, Rochelle, Illinois.)

HMPC IS PACKING 12,000 MEALS THIS SUNDAY!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH | 4:00-6:00PM

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 by having a meal-packing day on Sunday. Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training, and respond to crises. **Registration for the volunteer event is now full.** For those signed up, this will be held at the Rise Against Hunger Warehouse - 3200 Wellington Ct. #112, Raleigh 27615



2025 Pledge Campaign: Overflow with Hope

A LETTER FROM PASTOR MAC

Dear Friends & Members, I have loved sharing in ministry with you for 15 years and have been witness to so many selfless acts of personal stewardship and generosity:

- Fred Woodward tending to the Memorial Garden niche plaques when someone dies
- Grace Hutchinson watering the peace lilies at church each week
- Susan Bradshaw putting out tablecloths on a Saturday night before a fellowship lunch
- Shirley Blanks knitting pineapples for the welcome bags that go to visitors
- Elizabeth Rankin keeping up records for the memorial book in the narthex
- Mike Law quietly organizing workdays for Hudson Handy Helpers
- Ken Krause & Bill Flueckinger installing shelves in a Geneva Hall classroom
- Judie Greenawalt walking with families in preparation for a memorial service
- John Whisler running new wi-fi wiring in the ceiling of the first-floor hallway
- Harry Bond signing checks each week
- Karen Melling painting a wall in Westminster Hall
- Teri Morris making baked goods for office volunteers and staff each week
- Merritt Dickinson Liebman using a vacation day to be a youth leader at Montreat
- Lauren Parikh delivering Tend My Sheep offerings to a mission organization
- Tom Carpenito doing the monthly financials for the Preschool Board
- Ruth Herpich straightening the pews each week in preparation for worship

I could go on and on with names of people and what they have done to make this a thriving and alive community of faith.

I am writing on behalf of the Giving Ministry Team as we kick off the 2025 Pledge Campaign. It's that time of year when you consider your pledge of time, talent and treasure to Christ's church. Our theme is "Overflow With Hope" and comes from Romans 15:13. I overflow with hope when I think of all the things people do in this church. This hope is in the God who gifted all of you with the breath of life and motivation to care and give of yourselves.

As we enter a time of pastoral transition, your financial commitment, your presence, and the use of your various talents is of vital importance. In all times we are called to put our hope in Christ, but it is especially important in times of transition to live into being the church and exploring what God is calling Hudson to next. Every one of you is important in fulfilling who Christ calls the church to be. Commitment Sunday is November 3rd. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful discipleship to Christ through Hudson.



9/29 MINUTE FOR MISSION JEFFREY COONSE & SHARON COLE Co-Chairs of the Giving Ministry Team

Hi Sharon, how are you doing?

Hey Jeffrey. I'm feeling a little unsettled, uncertain about things that might be just around the corner.

I know what you mean. There is so much in the news about war, concerns about politics, the hurricane, and people dealing with anxiety, especially our young people. How do you find hope?

Well, most weeks, the time that I really take to slow down and reflect about my faith and what my works are going to be is here, right here at Hudson, where I feel embraced by this community of faith who proves over and over again that they show up, that they are there through the hard times, and also who share in my joy.

I understand. I went through a long, tough period. I came here to sit, breathe, think, pray, and be reminded that I am loved. Friends, this Sunday starts our 2025 Pledge Campaign, "Overflow with Hope."

Hope comes from our God of Refuge and Strength. Our church community at Hudson reminds us that God loves us always and is always with us, and that we are called to be present for one another.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may overflow with hope." Romans 15:13

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help with the 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.

MISSION

October Special Offering PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ’s peace. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to “Peace”), or you can give online by visiting [hmpc.org](#). To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word “Peace” to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Peace) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.

 **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

PROPERTY

JOIN US
Saturday, October 12
9:00am–12:00pm



Join us for a campus work day and help spruce up our property for the large Presbytery meeting we are hosting later this month. Bring outside tools, trimmers, hedge-clippers, blowers, and power washers. Jobs for all ages! We hope to see you there!

FELLOWSHIP

Boomers: *Save The Date!*

You are invited to an evening of fun with fellow Boomers! Please plan to attend on **Friday, November 1 at 7:00** in HMPC’s Westminster Hall North.



Offering of Letters to Congress

LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday, many Hudson members wrote letters to Congress during Fellowship urging them to pass legislation, specifically the Farm Bill, that will help feed hungry people. This Sunday, October 6, those letters will be presented during our regular offering as a symbol of our PCUSA—certification as a Hunger Action Congregation as well as our obedience to Scripture, “Lord, when did we see you hungry . . . when you did it to the least of these, my brethren, you did it unto me.”

The Farm Bill is the most important piece of legislation from the U.S. Congress that provides for hunger relief. If you were unable to attend last Sunday’s Offering of Letters you may still write to your member of the House of Representatives and both of our U.S. Senators and bring the letters to church on Sunday before worship. To maintain an accurate count of the letters we write, please email Roger Howard (roger@rogerhoward.com) with the names of the legislators to whom you wrote.

If you’d like to help deliver the letters to the local offices of the Congressional addressees, please contact Lauren Parikh.



Avery County Mission Trip Update



As the congregation was informed in early August, Hudson’s Avery County Habitat for Humanity mission trip this summer was unexpectedly canceled when Holston Presbyterian Camp in Banner Elk had to shut down. At the time of this announcement, the Mission Committee promised both to use the collected donations to serve the mission for which they were given by the planned participants and the congregation, and to report the Committee’s decision back to the Church. After deliberation, the Mission Committee accordingly thought it is most appropriate, in lieu of manual work, to redirect to Avery Habitat for Humanity funds which were given to make that trip possible. Thus, the Mission Committee has this week sent a check for \$4,000 to Avery Habitat.

The Committee has also kept some funds as seed money for next year’s mission trip. Hudson is already scheduled to work with Avery Habitat next summer during July 20-25, 2025. Consider joining us!

We are once more looking forward to a successful endeavor.

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.**



2024 Fall Festival



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.

The Reverend Dr. Bruce Grady Preaching October 13

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.

CHAPEL WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY | 8:30am | CHAPEL

Do you like starting your Sundays early? Do you have a friend who is looking for a church that has a simple, intimate, communion service?

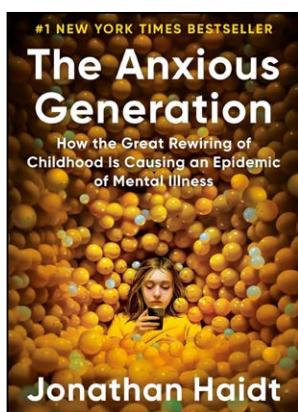
Join us for our monthly 8:30am Chapel Worship this Sunday, October 6! **Pastor Mac will be preaching, communion will be served by intinction, and music will be provided by church member & elder, Dan Vig.**

The 10:30 worship service will be held in the Sanctuary.



FALL BOOK STUDIES

Final Session for Book Study for Parents of Children & Teens

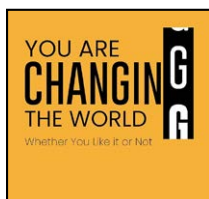


Pastor Mac has been leading a short-term book study on *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Dr. Haidt addresses the impact of the smartphone in the early 2010s to the present and the need to restore a more humane childhood. Pastor Mac will facilitate a discussion on the four parts of the book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

tie to our Christian faith. This study for parents of teens and children will meet at **7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company on Thursday, October 10th.**

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

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.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 8 | 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.

Presbyterian Pint

**Next Meeting October 24 | 7:00pm
Mordecai Bev 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Gathering

The Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | 2nd floor LIBRARY

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.

Join us in the 2nd floor Library this week! Hope Parangi will be leading.

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

October 6: Lectio Divina - Psalm 8

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

This week we will use the practice of Lectio Divina and discuss this week's scripture lesson, Psalm 8.

Later this fall, we will offer sessions based on 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

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.



October 13

"Sharing Interests and Talents:
Show and Tell"



CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Joyful Noise Music

Here is a reminder of dates the children will be singing:

1. Pastor Mac's last Sunday (October 20)
2. Children's Sabbath (November 17th)
3. Christmas Pageant (December 8)
4. Christmas Joy in the Morning (December 15)

It's really important for them to know the music before hitting the chancel for these dates, so we hope your children will join us!



This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. The kids will be processing during the opening hymn. Please let Rich Richards know if you would be able to accompany them.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth This Week

After worship, youth are invited to attend the Westminster Hall dedication.

Join us on Sunday afternoon for the
RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT



A few recent photos of HMPC youth!



This Week at HMPC

Sunday, October 6

- 8:30am - Early Worship - Chapel
- 9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - 2nd floor Library
- 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 & Reception for Westminster Hall Dedication - WH North
- 11:30am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall
- 11:30am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
- 12:00pm - Youth Music - Room 200
- 4:00pm - Rise Against Hunger Event - RAH Warehouse

Monday, October 7

- 5:30pm - Foundation Meeting - WH South
- 6:30pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
- 7:00pm - Personnel - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, October 8

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio
- 9:30am - Staff Mtg - Welcome Lounge
- 11:00am - Elizabeth/Rachel/Esther Circle - Chapel
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 6:45pm - Preschool Board - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00pm - Adult Ed - Zoom
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

- 5:30pm - Worship Committee- Karl Hudson Room
- 7:00pm - Mission Committee - WH South
- 7:00pm - Anxious Generation Book Study - Mordecai Bev.

Friday, October 11

- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, October 12

- 9:00am-12:00pm - HMPC Campus Work Day
- Deacon Retreat New Hope Camp and Conference Center

Get to know your fellow HMPC members!

**DOWNLOAD THE APP OR
UPDATE YOUR PROFILE**



Have you signed up for Hudson's online church directory? We hope this photo directory will help deepen your connections to one another.

You will use your email address as listed in our directory to create a login the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. Please remember, you must confirm your

email address before you can sign in. To view the directory on your device:

Download the free mobile app available at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download. You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

To view the directory on a computer, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign in" to "Create a login now." If the information listed needs to be updated, you may do that online or in the app. Feel free to add birthdays and anniversary if you wish.

If your email is not listed in the directory, or if you have trouble logging into the app or updating your information, contact [Lesley Ash-Jacobsen](mailto:Lesley.Ash-Jacobsen@hudsonmemorial.org).

INQUIRERS' CLASSES

Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held after worship on **Sunday, November 10th**. 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.

