



## THIS SUNDAY, MAY 19

### Pentecost & Music Worship Sunday



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.

“Pentecost” comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church’s seven-week celebration of Christ’s resurrection. As the Lord’s Day is sometimes called the “eighth day” of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation—all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ’s mission throughout the world. - *PC(USA) Book of Common Worship*



## Habitat For Humanity Children's Volunteer Event



As a part of our Habitat Interfaith Build, Unity of the Triangle (5570 Munford Rd, Raleigh) is hosting two baffle painting sessions on Sunday, May 19th. Each child will be able to paint one baffle and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear old clothes and bring a water bottle. **Register using the links below:**

[Shift 1](#) – 2:30pm – 4pm

[Shift 2](#) – 4pm – 5:30pm

# Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Coalition Build HOME DEDICATION CEREMONY LAST WEEKEND

From land filled with mud in 2023, to a thriving community of new homes, Old Poole Place is changing the landscape of southeast Raleigh. Recently, Debbie Kirk participated in a dedication ceremony for the nine newest houses on behalf of HMPC and the Interfaith Coalition in this wonderful new neighborhood being built entirely of Habitat houses. The nine homeowners shared their stories, received their keys and we had a great celebration of over 150 neighbors, friends of the new homeowners, volunteers, and Habitat staff. We are well on our way to building 105 houses and 45 townhomes by 2026. The Interfaith Coalition will finish our 2024 Build in the next few weeks, and it will be dedicated with the next group of completed houses.



What a difference a year and many hours of construction make!



This young man credits Habitat with saving his by life by giving him steady employment at a ReStore while encouraging him to become a homeowner.



Receiving her first set of keys as a homeowner.



This homeowner and her daughter moved in last week and are thrilled to have a comfortable house in a safe neighborhood.



HMPC has been a part of the Interfaith Coalition from its beginning.

# 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.



# 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.



# May Special Offering

## SHELTER MINISTRY

Your gifts this month to the Shelter Ministry Special Offering will go first to fulfill 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. Along with their home builds, their advocacy efforts focus on policy reform to remove systemic barriers preventing low-income and historically underserved families from accessing adequate, affordable shelter. 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).

## Change in Location: Food Donations to North Raleigh Ministries

### NEW BUILDING FOR CRISIS, DEVELOPMENT & PANTRY CENTER

For those of you who donate food to NRM's Food Pantry, please note the new address! You can now drop off your donations at **2809 E. Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, NC 27616**, and no longer at the Strickland Road location. **The Thrift Store for North Raleigh Ministries will remain at the location it is now.**



## Summer Mission Project

As we did last summer, the Mission Committee is making a hands-on project for the Food Bank open to members and friends. Once again 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 within a week! 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.



## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, May 21 | 6:30am | Patio



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@hmpe.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpe.org).

## Presbyterian Pint

7:00pm | Thursday, May 23

Mordecai Beverage Co



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. Join us this Thursday!

## GRADUATIONS

### Graduations

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, etc



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

## Sunday Adult Education

### Nine O'Clock Class

NO Nine O'Clock Class  
This Sunday, May 19

### The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | WH South



MATTHEW 25

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

**On May 19 (Week 2 of the series),** 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.

### 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.



5/19 - The Day of Pentecost

# This Week at HMPC

## Sunday, May 19

9:30am - The Seekers - WH South  
 9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North  
 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary  
 11:30am - Fellowship - WH North  
 6:00pm - Diaconate Dinner - WH North

## Monday, May 20

7:00pm - Session - WH South  
 7:00pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North  
 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

## Tuesday, May 21

6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio  
 10:00am - Sewing Guild Association - WH South  
 11:00am - Esther Circle - Chapel  
 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200  
 6:30pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge  
 7:00pm - Fellowship - Zoom  
 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

## Wednesday, May 22

7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

## Thursday, May 23

11:30am - Preschool Graduation - Sanctuary  
 7:00pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev Co

## Friday, May 24

5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

# Hudson Handy Helpers

Hudson Handy Helpers (HHH) was started about six years ago as a result of a member with cancer asking for help with her home repairs. Over the years, we have helped both church members and others supported by Hudson Memorial and have had outside requests from organizations, such as Step-Up Ministries and Rebuilding Together of the Triangle, and individual friends of our congregation.

We help people move into retirement communities, make donations to North Raleigh Ministries and ReStore, Déjà Vu Thrift Store, and make dump runs, help older members with their yards, do minor home repairs, and consult (if needed) where outside contractors are being hired. We have installed grab bars in bathrooms, built ramps and steps, replaced lights and faucets, picked up and delivered furniture and bedding.

Our congregation has been generous in supporting HHH and as a result, funds have been used by the Mission Committee and the church to fund local needs. In 2024 we have 20+ men and women and teenagers in Handy Helpers on about 35-40 projects.



Please contact the church office, our ministers, and your deacons if you need assistance. Contact Mike Law if you are interested in helping with HHH projects.

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