

July 23, 2021

Out to the life and ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)

Personnel

Celebrating Frank Boyd!

August 1st - Immediately **Following Worship**

The congregation is invited to celebrate Frank Boyd's retirement after almost 8 years as Hudson's Youth Director and his over 40 year Youth Ministry career. A short fun, surprise-filled live program of appreciation will be followed by a time of fellowship.



New Director of Music **Ministries**

The Search Committee is delighted to announce that Barbara Loehr-Fox will be the new Director of Music Ministries at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Her starting date is Monday, August 16th.

Barbara comes to Raleigh from Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant, SC, where she has served as Director of Music Ministries since 1999, leading a large and diverse music program. Previously, she served churches in Hattiesburg, MS, Rochester, NY, Springfield, IL, and Galesburg, IL. She has extensive experience with handbell and voice choirs of all ages. Barbara holds a Bachelor of Music (Voice Performance) from the University of Florida and a Master of Music (Choral Conducting) from the University of Illinois.

Early in her career, Barbara held roles in Christian education and this experience helped form her approach to church music. She writes: "I like to make rehearsals relevant to our shared Christian faith journeys... My hope is to create a small group/family atmosphere which deepens our relationships and gives everyone the opportunity to use their musical talents for the worship of God."

Barbara is a loyal Florida Gators fan. Her husband, Winter Fox, is a videographer and (we hope!) will be a big part of Hudson's music and arts programs himself.



Barbara and Winter have family in the Raleigh area and are looking forward to getting settled.

Our Search Committee appreciates the prayers and support received over the past few months from Hudson's staff, the Session, and the Personnel Committee. Through our hours of work, prayer, and conversation, we have strengthened our friendship, and we are gratified that God has brought Hudson and Barbara together through this process.

Music Director Search Committee Bruce Cox (Co-Chair), John James (Co-Chair), Emily Brown, Sean Cole, Lynne Dawkins, Kate Fertin, Judie Greenawalt, Mac Schafer, Ex-offico

Worship & The Arts

Nursery is Open



on Sundays!

Our nursery is open during worship. Your children from birth to 3 years old will be safely taken care of by our compassionate,

trained, and responsible childcare workers.

Contact Rachael McConnell if you have any questions.

Welcoming

In the spring of 2019, long before pre-You-Know-What, they made me stand up during worship and announce that the entire adult membership of the congregation would be getting name badges that were larger, more durable, more easily read and also did not poke holes or make alligator clip teeth marks in dainty silk blouses.

Then came the pandemic and all you folks who "came to church" in your PJs and slippers quit wearing your name badges thinking no one would know. Well Presbyterians, we're always telling our children that they are never alone so think about it . . . yep, you know who is always watching. And no, it's not Santa Claus.

But that's history. Here we are again, gathering, singing, praying, worshiping — moving from getting here to being here — and all things are new. If you haven't been wearing your name badge it's time to look in your sock drawer or in the glove box of your car or purse and attach it to the upper right chest of your shirt, vest, jacket or dainty silk blouse so it can be more easily seen.

If your sock drawer has only socks and the glove box has only your auto registration and your purse has "everything else but," please call or email Pat Cash (pcash@hmpc.org) to receive a new name badge. New badges are ordered on the first Monday of the month and usually arrive in 10 days or so. How 'bout it folks . . . do you promise to wear your name badges next week? Someone is watching!

Roger Howard



Session Policy & The Pandemic

As we continue to go through the pandemic we want to remind the congregation of the following policies set by the Session.

Masks are:

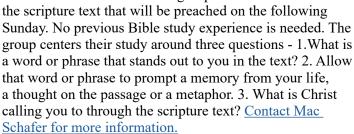
- to be worn in the sanctuary for worship, weddings and memorial services.
- to be worn when walking the hallways of the church while Hudson Memorial Preschool is in session (M-F 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- no longer required for group meetings in rooms at the church for those who have been fully vaccinated.
- not required for any church gathering/meeting outdoors.
- to be worn when working with children under the age of 12 indoors.

Adult Faith Formation

Waking Up with the Word

July 27 - 6:30 am

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am at the WH Patio. The group studies



Youth Ministry

Youth Programs

- Rising Fifth Grade Youth and Parent E-mail **Information Needed** – The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class (for grades 5-7) and the Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8) are excited about the rising fifth grade youth that will be moving into the church's youth program this fall. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please e-mail the following information to hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com: the youth's name, school, and e-mail address, and parent's name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.
- 2021 2022 Confirmation Class Current 7th **Graders and Older** – It's time to start thinking about Confirmation for the 2021-22 Program Year. Please respond to the letter or email that was sent to all potential confirmands recently regarding registration for the confirmation class starting in late August/Early September. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Frank Boyd at hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com.
- VBS Youth Volunteers Needed Become one of the most beloved parts of VBS by volunteering to be one of the Bible Buddies come alive! Check out the description on the volunteer sign up or e-mail Rachael McConnell (rmcconnell@hmpc.org) or text her (512-966-0384) for more info! Sign up here: vbspro. events/p/hmpcvbs2021



Youth and Leaders ready for Montreat! More pics in next week's Weekly Window

Rachael McConnell Called to Pastorate in Banner Elk, NC

Rachael McConnell, Director of Children and Family Ministries, has announced that she has accepted a new position as Pastor at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church in Banner Elk, NC. We are extremely excited for Rachael as she begins this next phase in her faith journey. Although Rachael had no intention to leave Hudson Memorial so soon after becoming a part of our Church family, God



has opened a door and called her forward into ordained ministry. She expresses that her departure from Hudson Memorial is not out of unhappiness or fit, but instead is a recognition of the opportunity God has provided in His great wisdom and love for her family, who have been in a season of transition. She will spend her remaining weeks organizing and leading VBS as well as preparing for a smooth transition into fall programming and activities.

Rachael would like to thank the Children and Family Ministry Committee, the Search Committee and the numerous volunteers and helpers for their commitment to providing engaging and faithful experiences for the children and families at Hudson Memorial. Their dedication, energy, imagination, and knowledge has been incredibly inspiring and an immense blessing. Rachael would also like to thank the staff, leadership, and the entire church family of Hudson Memorial for welcoming, encouraging, and demonstrating the love of Christ to her and her family.

Rachael's last day at Hudson will be Sunday, August 15th. The Personnel Committee has already started planning for the future leadership of our children's and family ministry.

Thanks be to God for the current and ongoing ministry of Rachael McConnell.

Interim Director of Youth Ministries to Begin August 2nd



The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Rich Richards will be the new Interim Director of Youth Ministries at Hudson beginning in August. Rich is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Ohio and has degrees from the Cleveland institute of Music and Hochschule fur Music in Munich, Germany. He has served as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at the Presbyterian Church

of Lawrenceville in N.J. and was Director of Music and Assistant Director for Youth and their Families at Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church in NC. Rich's faith journey has been deeply impacted by Montreat, where he has helped write curriculum for their small group leader manual and be a music director for their youth conferences. Rich is a creative and out of the box thinker with skills in relationship building. He will be a tremendous help during this time of transition.

Worship & The Arts

Live-Streaming Sunday Worship

For those unable to attend worship in person, we will be live streaming the services. Please know that the live streams will also be recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel, as well as the church website.

Click here to live-stream this Sunday's 10:30 am service.

Sound Technicians Needed - We are in great need of people to help run our sound system and stream our service. All that is required are good ears and a willingness to learn. If interested, contact Pepper or someone at the soundboard. We so appreciate our present sound team: John Whisler, Brian Hnat, Libby Hnat, Barton Meeks, plus new streamers, Sarah Bedini, Erik Jacobsen, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono.

Property

Avery County Mission Trip

Hudson's Mission Team has been busy working with Avery County Habitat for Humanity this past week.



Birthdays

August Birthdays

- 1 Davis McDuffie
- 2 Elaine Williams
- 3 Sara Frelich, Nancy Sinicki, Becca
- 4 Don Morrow, Beckie Sipprell, Lou Yates
- 5 Melissa Carlisle, Joshua Hughes, Drew Mouw
- 6 Jeffrey Walker, Barbara Barrett, Kent Ayers, Brandon Billman, Smith Carlisle
- 7 Victoria Hammond, Garrett Miller
- 8 Travis Barkley, D. D. Blackerby
- 9 Kristin Hague, Carolyn Scott, Sarah Mitterling, Matthew Dickson
- 11 Betty Congleton
- 12 Tracey Woodward, Miles Walker, Lillian Pate, Colby
- 13 Jackson Mushow, Lilly Graybill, Anna Conger, Gretchen McDuffie, Michelle Coppedge, Bonnie Smith
- 15 Rose Gabbard
- 16 Joe Forehand, Skip Seekamp, Garrett Pair
- 17 Bob Dickson, Dona Ya, Jess Ives, Irene van Die, Henry van Die
- 18 Lindsey Crone, Darcy Perkins
- 19 Nika Ya, Lisa Rahn
- 20 Ouan Ya
- 23 Carly Pate, Cheri Thomas
- 24 Martha Chapman, Shoni Davidson
- 25 Henriette Komono
- 26 Charlene Fields
- 27 Leigh Johnson, Lily Hoffman, Price Capps
- 28 Peyton Apple, Nancy Keever, Sarah Lynch
- 29 Pete Priester, Sarah Cox
- 30 Sallie Everette
- 31 Sam Baker, Laura Puryear, Noel Ya



Missions

July Special Offering

Care of Candidates

During July, we are receiving a special offering to support candidates to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Money raised for the Care of Candidates Special Offering can be used to provide assistance to members who are pursuing a seminary education. Your generous contributions will enable the church to continue providing this support. You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it to the church, donate online, or text to give. Here is how to text to give: Text amount to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 candidates).

July Tend My Sheep

This year, we are going local with our school supply drive!

Green Magnet Elementary is our neighbor just a couple blocks north of Hudson. Green is a Title I school, which means the school receives federal funds due to at least 40% of their students are considered low-income. They



appreciate us reaching out with an offer of help.

The school's social worker identified these items as most needed: Backpacks (24 needed), crayons (12 or 24 packs), glue sticks, wide-ruled composition books, #2 pencils, blue or black pens, round-tipped scissors, and rulers.

The backpacks are a more expensive item that many families have a harder time affording, especially if they have multiple kids. Donations will be collected on Saturday, July 24th from 11 am - 1 pm and at the service on Sunday, July 25th.

From the HMPC Staff

Staff Email Addresses

When you receive an email from one of Hudson's staff members, please verify that the email address is their first initial then last name @hmpc.org - examples mschafer@hmpc.org, dkirk@hmpc.org.

There have been some spam emails being sent, making them look like they are coming from the church. In those cases, the "from" email address is not correct. If you receive those, please do not respond or click on any links.

Fellowship

Fellowship Friday Bingo!

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us on the West Lawn for a fun night of Bingo!



- Friday, July 30th
- 6:30 pm 8:30 pm
- West Lawn, all ages welcome
- Bring a picnic if you would like, beverages and desserts will be provided
- Our own Sean Cole will join us again as BINGO caller
- PRIZES X
- RSVP by July 30th 10 am to church office or email Pat Cash

Staff Directory

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Children's Ministry

2021 VBS August 9-13 9 am to Noon

Volunteers Needed

This year we are beyond excited to bring back our weeklong VBS program August 9th-13th!

Our passenger cars are filling up and we need conductors



and engineers to keep us going. Okay, enough with the train metaphors! If you have been looking for a chance to bring

the good news of Jesus, have fun, and hang out with some awesome children, please consider volunteering to serve as a crew leader, rotation leader (Bible Stories, Science, Recreation!) nursery caregiver, or decor specialist. Our days will be from 9 am-12 Noon Monday-Friday. Beat the heat as we will be inside since the church is now open safely! Our current policy will be masks required for volunteers and children over the age of 5.

We do not want to turn any child away if we do not have to and our volunteers help us bring the Gospel and the fun to all <u>Sign up here</u> and if you have any questions, <u>contact</u> Rachael McConnell.

Prep Session - This Sunday, 7.25

Vacation Bible School week is almost here! We will have 65 children learning that they can power through life with Jesus.

Sunday, July 25th, following worship, we have a prep session for anyone willing to help us get things ready for our Rocky Railway experience. These will be tasks anyone can do that include painting, gluing, and organizing for the week. Any time that you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

We will have snacks and drinks and much of the activity will take place in rooms within the church as well as outside.

We are so very excited to have this opportunity for our children to safely experience the faith, fun, and fellowship of Vacation Bible School. We are still in need of volunteers for the week of August 9-13th. Please consider how you can support us in this effort and plan now to help out on July 25th. Hope to see you then!

Deacon Ministry

Prayers for Households



Prayer is foundational to the ministry of the Deacons and we consider it a privilege to pray with and for our church family. The Deacons are praying for 7 member households each week,

with the goal of praying for each and every member of our congregation. These households are listed below so the congregation can join in praying for them as well. Each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. If you have a specific request for prayer, you can submit a prayer request at HMPC.org or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line. Hope Parangi is the Deacon on Call for July. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- Beckie & Scott Sipprell
- Don Slater
- Caroline & Dave Smart
- · Stacy, Justin, Maegan and Connor Smith
- Jennie & Jimmie Spell
- Ruth Spencer
- Susan Spencer

Calendar

Sunday, July 25

- 10:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Children's SS Playgarden
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 12 Noon Hudson Connects Karl Hudson Room

Monday, July 26

- 7 pm Session Parlor
- 8 pm Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid GH, 227, 236

Tuesday, July 27

- 6:30 am Waking Up With the Word WH Patio
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting Zoom
- 7 pm Property Zoom
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts GH, 234

Wednesday, July 28

- 6:15 pm Handbells
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sunday, August 1

- 10:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Children's SS Playgarden
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 11:45 am Celebration of Frank Boyd's Ministry