



the weekly Window

July 12, 2020

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

SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED | HOW YOU CAN HELP

MISSION Opportunity Update

By Debbie Kirk

NOT SURPRISINGLY **COVID-19** is affecting our most vulnerable populations that are already struggling with the necessities including shelter, food, clothing and medical care. As the crisis continues more and more individuals and families are in need:

- many seniors are struggling as it is difficult for loved ones to assist them;
- children who eat their meals in school do not have those meals available right now, and
- thousands of adults who were employed four months ago have lost their jobs.

While dealing with the uncertainty of the pandemic, we can all continue to reach out and help those around us, volunteering if possible and always with financial donations.

The Mission Committee encourages you to continue to support those in need during this difficult time. The most efficient way to do this for the greater community is by working with established organizations who have programs in place for their clientele. All organizations need financial donations, and some can use volunteers under certain conditions.

The Mission Committee is honoring financial commitments to these

ministry partners and have recently distributed \$4,000 to Habitat for Humanity for the Interfaith Build, and \$1,000 to The Presbyterian Homes Foundation to assist in funding a Services Coordinator Staff Position at Capital Towers. In addition we distributed the remaining funds of \$11,012 accrued from our South Sudan commitment to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to be used in South Sudan for immediate relief and education. We are grateful to release these funds to meet the needs of neighbors near and far.

Join us in supporting these ministries.

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Mission Opportunity Update

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Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC

The Food Bank is our primary mission partner as a Hunger Action Congregation. Hudson Work Days at the Food Bank are suspended for now but you can still volunteer as individuals if you meet the criteria. If you are healthy and completely symptom free and between the ages of 18-60, the Food Bank would be grateful if you scheduled a volunteer session. People in central and eastern North Carolina do not have enough to eat. Your gift helps provide food and hope to families, children, and seniors. For more information go to <https://foodbankcenc.org>.

Meals on Wheels

provides healthy meals to local older adults, allowing them to live independently at home. The need has grown exponentially for monetary gifts and donations and volunteer drivers. For more information go to <https://www.wakemow.org>.



COLLECTING – Middle school youth collected food for North Raleigh Ministries during a Scavenger Hunt earlier this year.

North Raleigh Ministries

When a crisis hits, local charities and vulnerable members of our society, like our low-income clients, can really struggle to get by. Many of these people will go without food so that they can pay their rent or keep their lights on. You can make a difference in these challenging times. Donate from home online to fill the food pantry and support the many other programs that are assisting

our neighbors. For more information go to <https://www.northraleighministries.com/pantry-donations>.

Inter-faith Food Shuttle

During this critical time, Inter-faith Food Shuttle is more reliant than ever on donors. Consider a financial donation to support Inter-faith Food Shuttle's COVID-19 response. For more information go to <https://www.foodshuttle.org>.

Trying New Things

Maintaining a Family Connection During Quarantine

By Rachael McConnell

My family and I have appreciated the warm, yet appropriately social-distanced welcome to Hudson Memorial! We already feel like part of the family. In the last couple of weeks, I sent out a survey to get to know the families with young children to see how we could connect with each other and pray for one another.

One of the comments from the survey really resonated with me; a parent shared that they wanted the church to be like a family for their child. That is what we promise in our baptismal liturgy and that is exactly what Christ envisioned for the Church. I want children and families to feel welcomed, comfortable, and dare I say cozy in their church home – every

gathering a welcomed family reunion. Yet, right now we are not gathering in person. So, how do we maintain connection so that we can be the most hospitable to one another by staying apart?

It was so fun to meet families through **Virtual Sunday School** this past week. Thank you all for sharing your children and your homes with us. I look forward to gathering again soon for some more games, conversations, and Bible stories.

This week, I will be launching, what I hope to be a **virtual “Living Room”** for families, a Children

and Family Ministries Facebook page. Leading up to the beginning of the school year I will host Facebook Live prayer times, game hours, and devotionals. There will be a place to share our creativity and real lives, the laughter and the struggles. So look for your e-mail invitation in your inbox this week.

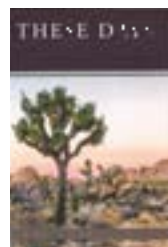
I am very much looking forward to **Vacation Bible School** beginning in the coming weeks. And I cannot wait to share with you all how God shows up on those Sunday evenings.



Devotionals

These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

Devotionals for July through September are available outside the north entrance door. Stop by and pick one up, or contact Patty (pshaver@hmpc.org) to have one mailed.



Sacred Conversations

Sunday, July 12

Sacred Conversations continue in July using three of Jesus' parables to help us find a word of hope in these challenging days. "The Parable of the Sower" in Mark 4:1-9, 13-20 is our text. Participants may want to read and reflect on the text beforehand. All are welcome to join us! [Join Zoom Meeting here.](#) For more information contact [Debbie Kirk.](#)

Waking Up With the Word

Tuesday, July 14

This men's bible study will meet on Zoom every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. while we are sheltering in place due to COVID-19. The group centers on the scripture that will be preached on the following Sunday. If you have not received an invitation to the group and would like to, contact [Mac Schafer.](#)

Women at the Well

Wednesday, July 15

Women at the Well continues it's weekly group meetings at 9:15 a.m. *Fierce, Free and Full of Fire* by Jen Hatmaker is our book selection and can be found on Amazon and other retail outlets. The author will be next year's keynote speaker at the Montreat Women's Conference. Current participants will receive the assignments and Zoom links and we welcome others to join us! For more information contact Debbie Kirk (dkirk@hmpc.org).



Thursday, July 23

The monthly Women at the Well group meets at 6 p.m. and will continue every other Thursday evening. Current participants will receive the podcast selection and Zoom link and we welcome others to join us! Contact Debbie Kirk (dkirk@hmpc.org) to be added to the participant list.

Groups & Classes

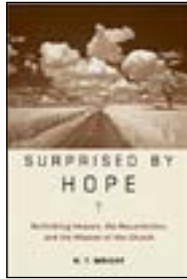
Although we are social distancing due to COVID-19 many groups and classes are meeting online! Contact a group leader for an invitation.



Surprised By Hope

Wednesday, July 15

What does the Christian church have to offer the world in this time of uncertainty, confusion, and fear? Can we only offer hope for a better life in the world to come? Or is “Christian future hope ... deeply intertwined with how we live today?”



Don Slater will facilitate part six of a **series of weekly virtual classes on Wednesday at 7 p.m.** The class will explore these ideas using a DVD series connected to the book *Surprised By Hope Rethinking Heaven, Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by N. T. Wright, biblical scholar

and Bishop of Durham, England. Each session will consist of watching a DVD presentation by Wright and a group discussion of the ideas presented. Purchasing the book might be useful but is not required.

Contact Don Slater at djslater107@mac.com for more information and to express your interest, so that you may be invited to the virtual sessions.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Care of Candidates

July 19

We will be 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 drop it by the church, donate online, or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 candidates).

MUSIC

Amazing Grace

By Phil Hayden

Amazing Grace is one of the most loved and frequently sung hymns. As many know, the text was penned by John Newton, a former slave trader; the melody is from the late 1700's, when the hymn was first sung. In Sunday's moving presentation, singers from 50 different countries contribute their hearts and voices to the singing of this precious, timeless message.

Enjoy!

[Amazing Grace 50 Countries.](#)

Youth Group News

Rising Fifth Grade Youth and Parent E-mail Info 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, e-mail [Frank Boyd](#) with the following information:

- the youth's name, school, and e-mail address,
- and parent's name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.

Youth Committee Members Needed Next Year – If you are interested in serving on the Youth Committee, contact Committee Chair, [Monica Maxwell](#) or Director of Youth Ministries [Frank Boyd](#) (919-787-1086 (ext.23)). Adults and youth are needed to serve.

Upcoming Youth Trips/Events/Retreats

Flyers for many of these events will be coming soon to the church website and the wall pockets near Frank Boyd's office at the church. Mark your calendar and watch for details and COVID-19 updates.

- Middle School Retreat at Camp Kanata, October 2-4
- Virginia Creeper High School Mountain Bike and Camping Adventure, Oct. 24-25
- Ski Trip to Wintergreen, January 18, 2021 (MLK Monday)
- High School Retreat at Camp Don Lee, March 12-14, 2021
- Massanetta Middle School Conference 2021– June 22-25, 2021
- Montreat Youth Conference 2021 – July 18-24, 2021

Online Community

Stay in community with us. We can be found online at:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)



Our Twitter and Instagram accounts have quotes, poetry, prayer, scripture, and images. Follow us and like us!

Participate in Worship Online

Due to Covid-19, we will have worship services available online but not in the sanctuary.



Worship with us at hmpc.org/worship-services.

Closed captioning is available.

Thank You for Your Service to Hudson

2019-2020

As we conclude the 2019-2020 church year we want to thank those who have completed their terms on various ministry teams. This list is proof that it takes everyone's gifts to propel the ministry of Christ forward. We give thanks to God for the ministry of the following people:

Session

- Mike Law
- Scott Billman

Deacons

- Doug Goodale
- Jill Hovis
- Yvonne Peterson
- Dan Vig

Evangelism & Outreach Team

- Tony Bedini
- Tripp Bradshaw
- Jonathan Hughes

Fellowship

- Denise Crosson
- Nancy Eyre

Foundation

- Dottie Burch

Giving Team

- Debbie Bumgarner

Memorial Garden Committee

- Bill Bigger

Mission Committee

- Marsha Flueckinger
- John James

Nominating Committee

- Ruth Herpich
- Gretchen McDuffie
- Carolyn Scott

Preschool Board

- Morgan Jackson
- Allen Taylor

Property Committee

- Joe Forehand
- Carl Rohs
- Kirk Stull

Youth Committee

- Libby Hnat
- Mia Komono
- Maria Plentl

Zoom Meetings

Below is a list of upcoming Zoom meetings. If you are part of a committee or group, you should have received an e-mail invitation. If you have not received an invitation contact your group leader.

Sunday, July 12

- 11:30 a.m. – Sacred Conversations
- 1:30 p.m. – Hudson Connects

Tuesday, July 14

- 6:30 a.m. – Waking Up With the Word
- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Women at the Well
- 7:00 p.m. – Surprised By Hope

Accessing Staff & Deacon on Call

During the time that the office is closed due to COVID-19, please be assured that you can still get in touch with all staff and the Deacons' Prayer Line. Below is a list of staff and their e-mail addresses. Staff is monitoring e-mails and voice mails multiple times a day, and the Deacon on Call is accessing voice mails left on the Deacon Prayer Line at least twice a day. We will continue to stay in touch, even though it is not face-to-face at this time. The Deacon on Call this month is Hope Parangi.

Social Media

You may also follow Hudson on social media. Hudson Memorial is on Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC), Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), and facebook (HudsonMPC). The staff will post regularly.

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