



the weekly Window

November 1, 2020

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

Giving Ministry

2021 Pledges & Commitment Sunday

Members & Friends, we hope you have received a letter from the Giving Ministry Team & 2021 pledge brochure. It is that time of year when each of us is asked to discern what we will commit of our time, talent and treasure to Christ through the church in the upcoming year. The national denomination does not send funds for annual operations, which means the church ministries rely completely on your financial support.



Commitment Sunday is November 8th. It is the day we historically bring our pledges to the church and commit them to God in worship. In light of the pandemic, we will do this in different ways on Sunday, November 8th.

Here are your options:

- [Go ahead and pledge online](#)
- Drop your pledge off in a basket at our in-person worship on Sunday, November 8th. Baskets will be available on the way in and on the way out of worship.
- Participate in a drive-thru pledge drop off from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 8th.
- Mail your pledge form into the church. The address is 4921 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27609.
- Email your pledge to [Susan Gressel, HMPC's Bookkeeper](#)

For the in-person worship & drive-thru pledge drop off, our Giving Ministry Team will be present to celebrate the day and give thanks to God for your generosity.

What a wonderful privilege we have to return a portion of what God has given us! Thanks be to God!

Brown Bag with Pastor Mac

November 2

Brown Bag meets the first Monday of the month at 12 noon. Presently the group is meeting via Zoom. This group has done book studies, discusses articles and thinks through issues of faith and culture. Contact Mac Schafer (mschafer@hmpe.org) to receive the Zoom invitation.



Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, November 3rd

A men's bible study group that meets every Tuesday morning at 6:30am. **This coming Tuesday, we will meet by Zoom.** The group studies the scripture text that will be preached on the following Sunday. No previous Bible study experience is needed. The group centers their study around three questions: What is a word or phrase that stands out to you in the text? Allow that word or phrase to prompt a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. What is Christ calling you to through the scripture text? Contact Mac Schafer (mschafer@hmpe.org) for more information.



Popcorn and Presbyterians Pondering



Sunday, November 8

6-7 pm via Zoom

Throughout the fall, the Adult Committee is hosting a series of thought provoking conversations based on documentaries and movies that help us engage selected topics.

Participants will watch each film ahead of time, [then join others via Zoom to share their reflections.](#)



Our topic for November is how faith informs action through the example of the late civil rights pioneer, Congressman John Lewis, whose life's work was pursuing equality and justice for all people. His faith led him to "good trouble" saying "when you see something not right, not fair, not just, we have a moral obligation, mission and mandate to speak up and speak out."

In preparation for our conversion participants should watch the Oprah's Master Class: [Remembering John Lewis broadcast on July 19, 2020](#) which includes an earlier conversion with him from 2018.

New Members

Welcome New Members

Malcolm Cox is Assistant General Counsel at Martin Marietta.

Malcolm grew up in Saint Louis, MO. He is interested in

singing and tinkering with old cars. **Sandra Vasher** is a writer, who grew up in Detroit, MI and enjoys walking, writing in coffee shops (in non-pandemic times) and participating in book clubs. Malcolm & Sandra are expecting their first child in December.



Delinda

Eubanks is Director of Learning and Development/HR at the Cardinal at North Hills.

Delinda grew up in Clearwater, FL and enjoys all things water, travel and family/friend time.



Cyndi & Brad Harris, children Ford & Grayson.

Cyndi grew up in Gastonia, NC and she loves to paint, read, travel, listen to music and craft.

Cyndi taught Art and Music & Movement at Hudson Memorial Preschool, as well as is the Studio Manager/Instructor at Wild at Art Kids Art & Movement. Brad is Territory Manager for AquaDoc Aquatics. Their son Ford is in 6th grade at Saint Timothy's School and daughter Grayson is in 3rd grade at Magellan Charter School.



Music

Virtual Christmas Joy

Upcoming Recordings For Advent Calendar Of Christmas Joy

- Monday, 11/2, 7pm: Steve Parker records
- Tuesday, 11/3, 4pm: Rachael McConnell records; 7 pm: Allie Sharpe records
- Wednesday, 11/4, 7pm: Bruce Cox records
- Thursday, 11/5, 7pm: Sarah Bedini rehearses

Youth

Youth Group News

Youth Programs Looking Ahead

- **The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class** will meet this Sunday, November 1, at 9:30 am. Please watch your email to see if the class will meet outside at the church or on Zoom with teacher Nancy Eyre.
- **Outdoor Movie Night is this Sunday, November 1 for the Middle School Youth Group, grades 5-8.** We will gather at 5:00 and be done around 7:00. Please plan to bring a mask, a water bottle, a lawn chair, and \$5 for a Jersey Mike Subs Supper. Please check your email for details.
- **Ski Trip – MLK Monday, January 18th.** Now is the time to sign up for our annual day trip to Wintergreen with the Youth from St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Registration Flyers can be found on the church website. Friends are welcome as always.
- **Flyers for Montreat 2021, Massanetta 2021, and the Spring High School Lock-in can be found on the church website.** Please contact Frank Boyd, Director of Youth Ministries, if you have any questions.



Preschool

Virtual Book Fair

Through November 8th

The Hudson Memorial Preschool is running a virtual Book Fair. Support our school by shopping The Scholastic Store Online for an expanded selection of exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free. Every purchase benefits our school and helps develop a love of reading. [Click here to shop online](#)



Halloween Fun

We have had a great Halloween at preschool this week! The children have had fun carving their class pumpkins, going on scavenger hunts and playing Halloween bingo. We had a great turn out for the Fall Fest parade, it was fun to see the children in their costumes and a welcome event for families!



Deacons



Prayers for Households

During this time when we are physically apart, we can all benefit from the prayers of others. Starting at the beginning of our church directory, the Deacons will be praying for 7 member households each week, with the goal of praying for each and every member of our congregation. These households will be listed in the Weekly Window so that the congregation can have the opportunity to join in praying for them as well. In addition, each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. As always, if you have a specific request for prayer at any time, you can submit a prayer request from the website or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line.

Prayer Households for week of October 25th - Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Coleman Bumgardner*
- *Debbie Bumgarner*
- *Katie Bumgarner*
- *Brian, Elizabeth, Connery and Alexi Bunn*
- *Dottie, Graham and Charlotte Burch*
- *Holly Burge, Corey and Morgan Stafford*
- *Linda Burton*

Congregation

To the Church Triumphant

Charles "Bob" Grady

Bob Grady entered God's everlasting kingdom on Sunday, October 25, 2020. He had been a member of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church for over fifty years.

Please keep Peggy and the extended Grady family in your prayers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:

HMPC Memorial Garden
4921 Six Forks Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27609

or
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
501 St. Jude Place
Memphis, TN 38105



Mission

Tend My Sheep

Food for NRM

Big thanks from the Mission Committee to all who donated food in our Tend My Sheep collection last weekend! We filled over 60 bags for North Raleigh Ministries.

Fun at Fall Festival



Recommendations for Ruling Elders and Deacons And Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon consider members to begin their service in May 2021.

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us. As prescribed in the Book of Order, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee's work.

If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), and drop it off at the church office or talk with Marsha Flueckinger, Chair of the Nominating Committee. [You may also click here to fill out a recommendation form online.](#)

We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve.

Member's Name _____

Consider for the office of:

☐ Ruling Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ Nominating Committee

Offices held at HMPC and other committee activity or mission involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name: _____

Calendar

Sunday, November 1

- 9 am - Pre-Elementary SS - Langley Outdoor Worship Space
- 9:30 am - Grades K-2 SS - Langley Outdoor Worship Space
- 10 am - Grades 3 & 4 SS - Langley Outdoor Worship Space
- 9:30 am Explorers 5-6-7, Twin Oaks
- 10:30 am - Outdoor Worship
- MS Youth Outdoor Movie Night

Monday, November 2

- 12 pm - Brown Bag
- 12 pm - Election Set Up (WH)
- 6 pm - Personnel

Tuesday, November 3

- 5 pm - Mission, Vision Values - Mac's backyard
- 6:30 am - Election (WH)
- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 7 pm - Boy Scouts - West Lawn

Wednesday, November 4

- 9:15 am – Women at the Well
- 7 pm - Nominating

Thursday, November 5

- 4 pm – Memorial Garden Committee - WH Patio

Saturday, November 7

- 2 pm - Children's Ministry Parents

Sunday, November 8

- 9:30 am Explorers 5-6-7, Twin Oaks
- 10:30 am - Outdoor Worship
- 4 pm - HS Youth
- 6 pm - Popcorn & Presbyterians Pondering

MEETINGS ARE BY ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Staff Directory

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