

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

VBS

# Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through



# Waking Up with the Word

**August 17 - 6:30 am**

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am via 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 - 1. What is a word or phrase that stands out to you in the text? 2. Allow that word or phrase to prompt a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. 3. What is Christ calling you to through the scripture text? [Contact Mac Schafer for more information.](#)



# Seeing the Word

**Monday, August 16th - Noon in the Parlor**

This group uses the art work from the Saint John's Illuminated Bible to study scripture texts. Contact [Mac Schafer](#) for more information.



# Women at the Well Fall Schedule

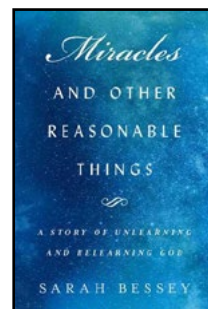
Women at the Well begins the fall schedule this month and welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and content.



**The weekly group** meets Wednesday morning from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. **The monthly group** meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm (sometimes the third Thursday to avoid holidays etc.) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss the intersection of culture and faith and our own spiritual journeys. Each group met on Zoom until recently and while current plans are for in person meetings, this may be amended to return to Zoom if the Covid Delta variant continues to spread and local numbers continue to rise.

**Wednesdays - August 25 - December 8. 9:15-10:30 am HMPC Parlor or Zoom**

The weekly group is using *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God* by Sarah Bessey. Current participants do not need to re-register. Books may be purchased for \$12.00, [you may pay online](#) by cash or check to HMPC with Women at the Well notated, or you may get the book on your own. [If we are ordering a book for you let us know no later than August 18.](#) Participants in the morning group typically commit to the entire semester.



**Thursdays - August 26, September 23, October 21, November 18 and December 16. 6 pm at a local restaurant or Zoom**

Participants can attend regularly or occasionally and will receive the podcast the weekend before our meeting. Current participants do not need to re-register. [For more information or to register for either group beginning with the August meetings contact Debbie Kirk](#)

## 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.



## Thank You Rachael & Pepper

This Sunday, August 15th is Director of Children's Ministry, Rachael McConnell's last Sunday and it is also Interim Director of Music, Pepper Choplin's last Sunday.



Rachael came to Hudson last summer from Austin, Texas in the middle of the pandemic. While we'd hope to have Rachael for a longer period of time in our Children's Ministry position, we celebrate with her the sense of call she feels to be pastor at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church in Banner Elk, NC. Rachael brought energy and creative ideas to our children's program during

the pandemic and we wish her family the best as they head to northwestern North Carolina.

Pepper joined the Hudson staff the week after Phil Hayden's retirement and Hudson's music program did not miss a beat. Pepper immediately brought energy, creativity, laughter and a spirit of excellence. We are deeply grateful for Pepper helping us through this time of transition and keeping our various ensembles connected and focused on worship. Hudson has had a long time connection with Pepper and we hope that our paths will continue to cross through his various projects that happen locally.



We hope members and friends will come to worship this Sunday, August 15th to express their appreciation to Rachael & Pepper for their time of service at the church. There will be a time of fellowship on the West Lawn where you will be able to greet and thank them following worship.

## Interim Director of Children's Ministries

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Cary Dickerson will serve as our Interim Director of Children's Ministry. Cary has been a member of Hudson for 12 years. She grew up in Indiana and was raised Presbyterian. Cary went to N.C. State University and was a double major in Psychology and Criminology. She is married to Daniel and they have three children who have been raised at Hudson. Cary has been a teacher at Hudson Memorial Preschool for seven years and has helped lead weekly preschool chapel for several years. Cary has served as Mission Committee chair at the church, coordinated Vacation Bible School, is in her 4th year on Session as an active elder, among many other activities.

## Director of Music Ministries

### Barbara Loehr-Fox

Barbara Loehr-Fox, the new Director of Music Ministries at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, will start on 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.



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.



Cary is passionate about the growth and implementation of Children's Ministry at HMPC. She is constantly inviting families from the community to come on Sunday mornings to worship and children's Sunday school and she will be invaluable during this time of transition.

Cary will begin Monday, August 16th.

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Programs

- **High School Calendar-ing Event** Sunday, August 15th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. If you are a High School youth OR Advisor for youth ministry, you are invited to participate in a “Calendar-ing” event. This is going to be a fun event which will include some recreation time, food (not dinner) and THE MAIN EVENT...a time where YOU can help create what we will be doing this year in youth group. Come give your input into what’s going to be a great year in High School Youth Group.
- **2022 Confirmation Class - Current 7th Graders and Older** – If you plan on participating in Confirmation this year, start thinking about who you might want to be your Confirmation Mentor! This can be any adult who is a part of the HMPC family. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Richards
- **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 Rich Richards: the youth’s name, school, and e-mail address, and parent’s name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address.
- **Youth Committee** - Reminder the Youth Committee will meet (via ZOOM) from 6 - 7 pm this coming week on Wednesday, August 18th. Please contact Rich by email or phone at rrichards@hmhc.org OR hmhcouthgroup@gmail.com (336)324-0497 with any questions.

#### Upcoming Events:

- **Youth Group Fall Kick-Off - Sunday, August 29th, 6 to 7:30 pm**

## Children & Youth Ministries

### Blessing of the Backpacks

Children and youth are invited to bring their school backpacks to worship on **Sunday, August 22nd**. Each student will receive a backpack tag with Isaiah 55:12 on it. We hope to see you as the traditional school year begins.



## Position Available

### Part-time Communications Specialist

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time (25 hours per week) Communications Specialist. This position will be responsible for all marketing and publication materials put out to the public and members of the church. The position supports staff, officers and ministry leaders in conveying the church vision and message to their target audience.

Responsibilities include branding, electronic resources and printed materials. Hudson is looking for an excellent communicator with the capacity to produce high quality work and juggle multiple projects.

Applicants should have proficient knowledge of social media and strong technical skills with Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office. A Bachelor’s degree with concentration in Communications or Marketing is preferred.

If you know someone who might be interested in the position please have them send a cover letter and resume to [jobs@hmhc.org](mailto:jobs@hmhc.org). The successful candidate will not be a Hudson member or family member.

## Awesome VBS Volunteers

Hudson had a super week of VBS - learning how Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through. This could not have happened without the awesome volunteers:

Harper Anderson, Leigha Anderson, Riley Anderson, Lesley Ash, Angie Bell-Morris, Beth Billman, Christine Bond, Harry Bond, Polly Bryant, Coleman Bumgardner, Deanna Choplin, Pepper Choplin, Sandy Cole, Sharon Cole, Cary Dickerson, Daniel Dickerson, Kessler Dickerson, Bill Flueckinger, Marsha Flueckinger, Melanie Frost, Sandy Geiger, Colby Guy, Grace Hamrick, Ruth Herpich, Roger Howard, Hannah Huesgen, Grace Hutchinson, Ken Krause, Nancy Law, Ginger Lindsey, Joe Lindsey, Esmond McConnell, Isaac McConnell, Lucille Nicholas, John Oldenburg, Lauren Parikh, Rich Richards, Katy Schafer, Eleni Schurr, Carolyn Scott, Ronnie Strickland-Apple, Lauren Taylor, Elizabeth van Die, Johannes van Die.



## Fellowship

### Single Way

Join this group of never-married, widowed, or divorced adults (60+) for fun, food, and fellowship. Contact Phyllis Cheeley, for more information. Their next lunch out will be Tuesday, August 17th at 1 pm at [Bahama Breeze](#).



## Fall Kickoff - After Worship - August 29th

### Hudson Memorial will Kick Off Fall with Lunch on the Lawn August 29, 2021!

We will have many round tables and chairs set up on the lawn so we can enjoy a meal together, but still be safe outdoors. There will be good spacing among the tables and at the tables. We will have some tables on the pavement so those concerned with navigating around the yard, they will not have to!

We are having boxed lunches this year instead of our usual covered dish lunch. The lunches will be ordered from Jason's Deli and the cost is \$5 a box. Details are below.

[We appreciate you paying online by August 24th](#)

If you cannot pay online, no worries, you can pay when you pick up your box.

We look forward to celebrating with you on the 29th!

[Please RSVP by placing your order with sandwich choice, by August 24th, by calling Pat Cash, 919-787-1086 or by email.](#)

Box Lunch Options - all boxes come with chips, pickle spear and chocolate chip cookie:

- Roast Turkey Breast with Lettuce & Tomato on croissant
- Chicken Salad with Almonds & Pineapple, Lettuce & Tomato on Croissant
- 1/2 Spinach Veggie Wrap

## Chancel Guild

### Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103 or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086.



## Worship & The Arts

### Baptism

We celebrate with Monica and Evan Fitzgerald on the baptism of their daughter on Sunday, August 8, 2021.



## 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, Barton Meeks, plus new streamers, Sarah Bedini, Erik Jacobsen, Tiya Komono, Mia Komono.

## 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 the church office if you have any questions.



# August Special Offering

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Your gifts to this offering provide core funding for the work of PDA, enabling immediate response to national and international disasters and strengthening ongoing work such as training and development, refugee ministry, and response to disasters that do not receive media attention.

Funds are divided among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. You may mail your donations to the church, [donate online](#), or text to give (text amount PDA) example (25 PDA to 888-906-0744).

# August Tend My Sheep

## Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina

In August we will collect whole grain cereal, pasta, and rice for The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. This will also be the Mission focus of VBS to tie the two together and promote our Hunger Action focus among non-member families attending VBS. Please bring your donations to church with you on Sunday, August 22nd or you may drop off your donation during the week to the church office.



# Hunger Action: Share Your Bounty With Others

Calling all gardeners! Too many tomatoes, zucchini, etc.? Did you know that you can donate what you don't need to the Interfaith Food Shuttle through their Plant a Row for the Hungry program? Plant a Row for the Hungry encourages garden communities and individuals to donate fresh vegetables, fruit, and herbs to people in need. The Food Shuttle is the Plant a Row partner in the Triangle, distributing your home-grown produce to local food pantries, shelters, and other hunger-relief organizations. Just one pound of your fresh produce supplements four meals. We cannot accept produce grown with animal manure not composted to USDA Organic standards or sprayed with pesticides within two weeks of harvest. If you have food from your gardens to share, contact Andrea Mouw [armouw@gmail.com](mailto:armouw@gmail.com) You can drop your produce off at her home (near Carroll Middle School) Scott Mouw will take it to IFFS on Fridays.



# 2022 Avery County Mission Trip

Hudson's 2022 Mission Trip to Banner Elk, NC to work on a home for Avery County Habitat for Humanity has been set for Sunday evening, July 24, through early Friday afternoon, July 29. The mission crew will once again be roomed and boarded at Holston Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center in Banner Elk, staying at its Guenther Lodge. For further information, contact John Oldenburg, [oldygolden@aol.com](mailto:oldygolden@aol.com), 901-219-3701.

The Mission Committee



## 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](http://HMPC.org) or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line. Tony Bedini is the Deacon on Call for August. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- Ann Trent
- Dolores Ussery
- Elizabeth, Johan, Johannes, Henry and Irene van Die
- Ron Van Vactor
- Dan, Ellie & Zachare Vig
- Michelle, Jeffrey and Miles Walker
- Maddy & Sid Ward

## 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.

## Online Community

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

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

Follow us and like us!



## Calendar

### Sunday, August 15

- 10:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship
- 5:30 pm - HS Youth Calendaring Event - West Lawn/Firepit

### Monday, August 16

- 12 Noon - Seeing the Word - Parlor
- 7 pm - Diaconate
- 8 pm - Alanon, AlaTeen, AlaKid - GH, 227, 236

### Tuesday, August 17


- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 1 pm - Single Way - Bahama Breeze
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, 234

### Wednesday, August 18


- 6 pm - Youth Committee - Zoom
- 6:15 pm - Handbells
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

### Sunday, August 22


- 10:30 am - Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Fellowship




## Three Ways to Give at Hudson Memorial



Mail to  
HMPC  
4921 Six Forks Rd.  
Raleigh 27609



Online at HMPC.ORG



Text to Give to  
888-906-0744

## Notary

Pat Cash, Church Business Administrator, is a Notary Public. If you have a need for a Notary, [please contact her](#), or give her a call at 919-787-1086 to set up a time to have your document notarized. We will follow Hudson's guidelines to safely distance.

## Staff Directory

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