



the weekly Window

September 29, 2019

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

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**2020 HMPC
PLEDGE CAMPAIGN**

Faith Formation Fall Devotional

Thirty Hudson members have written devotions for a fall devotional booklet. The writers reflected on a doxology written by Eric H. F. Law in his book *Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries*. The words to the doxology are:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Circling through earth so all may grow
Vanquishing fear so all may give
Widening grace so all may live.*

We will be singing this doxology every Sunday in church for the next six weeks.

Mr. Law suggests that there are 5 currencies beyond money. They are: Time and place, gracious leadership, relationships, trust and wellness. We will be thinking about all these currencies in worship in October and November.

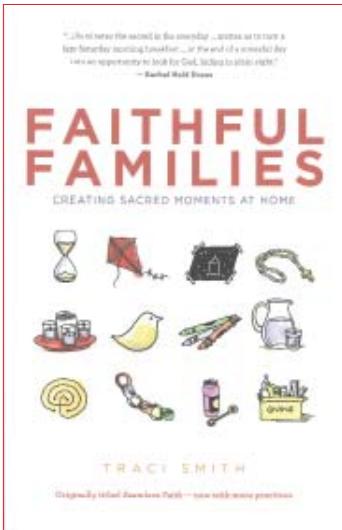
The devotional is available in booklet form beginning September 29 and will also come out in daily e-mails. We hope you will commit to reading these reflections by your fellow church goers. We have intentionally put a photo of each writer next to their devotion so you can put a face with a reflection. It is yet another way we can deepen our faith and get to know each other through community.

Preschool Spiritual Practices @ Home

The preschool board, church leadership and staff of HMP welcomed all of our new and returning families back to school with the gift of a book this year. The book is titled *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* by Traci Smith. By gifting this book it is our hope that we remind families to pause and create traditions and spiritual practices during ordinary moments. Some of these practices include: traditions around meals, dealing with anxiety, smart-phone prayers and night time blessing.

This book comes out of the Christian tradition but we hope that these practices can also be applied to other religious traditions and to families that are not part of a religious background but do consider themselves spiritual.

If you have any questions or would like to visit the preschool please contact Dorothy Roche at droche@hmpc.org or call 919-787-1792



Fellowship Simple Supper

Wednesday, October 2nd



Join us for a time of wonderful food and fellowship at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall.

Menu: Chicken Pie, Crispy Baby New Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Spinach Salad, Fruit, Dessert
\$5 for adult and \$3 for 10 and under.

RSVP to the church office or to Susan Bradshaw (susanbradshaw8@gmail.com) by Monday, September 30th.

NC Presbyterian Historical Society

Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 12

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Fall Meeting on Saturday morning, October 12th, at Davie Street Presbyterian

Church, Raleigh, N.C. We will be celebrating the very interesting 151-year history of Davie Street and the early history of African-American Presbyterian congregations in North Carolina. Registration is \$16, including morning

coffee and lunch. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org or contact our secretary, Flo Durway, 919-977-8897, floanddan74@gmail.com.

Fellowship & Fun

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 20th

Pumpkins, falling leaves, and an inflatable obstacle course can mean only one thing, Fall Festival is almost here. This year we will be holding this annual event jointly with St. Mark's United Methodist Church. One of the most fun, family friendly activities of the year will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 4-6 pm. We can promise fun for all ages with our Trunk or Treat, Crafts, Games, Cake Walk, Food Trucks, Smores and the popular Obstacle Course. In order to make this event happen we will need plenty of volunteers. Donation baskets are located for treats to be used for the festival. Get creative and sign up to provide a themed trunk display, assist with face painting, craft or game, provide a cake walk prize, or assist in set up or take down. To volunteer for this event go to <https://bit.ly/2mGd3vy>.



FALL FEST – Youth handing out candy at last year's Fall Fest.

Make plans now to be a part of this event and take advantage of this opportunity to share in service to the community with our neighbors from St. Marks. Sharing together to make this event happen with our faith partners from St. Marks will truly be a blessing for all.

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, October 1

This men's scripture study meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 a.m. in the Karl Hudson Room before heading off to work. This is a great way to get to know other men of the church. Mac frames each study with three simple questions. No preparation is needed, just show up, pour a cup of coffee and we will share our thoughts on the scripture passage. For more information contact Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.



Bonhoeffer Babes

Tuesday, October 1

Bonhoeffer Babes will meet at 7 p.m. at The Crafty Beer Shop at Lafayette Village (8450 Honeycutt



Road). We will discuss Months 6, 7, and 8 of *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs. We welcome women of all ages who love books and informal conversation to come read with us!

For more information about Bonhoeffer Babes contact Kelly Boone (boonekr@gmail.com)..

The Gathering: Forming our Faith

Sunday Morning Learning Opportunities

All classes meet Sunday morning at 9:30. A thorough description of classes can be found on the website's (www.hmpc.org) home page under "News and Events" and on the Gathering bulletin board in the main hallway.



October 6

- **Westminster Hall: Today's Sermon Text and Theme** facilitated by Barry Cobb, John James and Gil Graybill. If you are interested in learning more about today's theme, join us for this engaging and informative conversation.
- **Room 200: Book Study 1 "The Jesus Priorities"** by Christopher Maricle. Each week we will explore the priorities Jesus modeled in his life and ministry as told in the gospels and we will discuss how to emulate them: healing, love, prayer, and confidence in the treasures in heaven, oneness with God, spreading the Word, innocence, and humility. Participants do not have to read the book and may attend any sessions. Facilitated by Andrea Mouw.
- **Parlor: "Violence and Faith" 1.** How Christians should understand the violence in the Bible and what it means to act like a non-violent Christian in our society today. Possible ways to decrease the many forms of violence will be open for discussion. Led by Ron Ash.
- **John Knox: The Book of Psalms** is the bible study for the fall led by Nancy Law. We will learn about the various categories of Psalms in their original context, where and how they were used through the centuries, and how they have been adapted to contemporary settings as we consider how we might apply them to our lives.

October 13

- **Westminster Hall: Today's Sermon Text and Theme** facilitated by Barry Cobb, John James and Gil Graybill. If you are interested in learning more about today's theme, join us for this engaging and informative conversation.
- **Room 200: Book Study 2 "The Jesus Priorities"** by Christopher Maricle. Each week we will explore the priorities Jesus modeled in his life and ministry as told in the gospels and we will discuss how to emulate them: healing, love, prayer, and confidence in the treasures in heaven, oneness with God, spreading the Word, innocence, and humility. Participants do not have to read the book and may attend any sessions. Facilitated by Andrea Mouw
- **Parlor: "Violence and Faith" 2** How Christians should understand the violence in the Bible and what it means to act like a non-violent Christian in our society today. The many forms of violence will be discussed. Led by Ron Ash

The Session

A Bequest from Eleanor Ragan

Eleanor Gertrude Ragan entered God's everlasting kingdom on December 14, 2018. She was born in Sampson County in 1931. She served as Executive Secretary of the American Cancer Society and was a longtime member of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Eleanor was quiet, caring and a good friend. She was a tremendous caregiver to her mother and brother who lived in Southport, NC. Eleanor had a green thumb and loved to garden at her home on Yadkin Drive. At Hudson she helped plant the Crape Myrtles on the south side of the preschool Playgarden. Eleanor was a regular worshiper on Sunday mornings and attended the women's Sunday School class that met in old Room



Eleanor
Ragan

100. For almost ten years she and Hudson member, Shirley Bennett, would deliver for

Meals on Wheels in the east side of Raleigh. Eleanor was the Monday volunteer in the church office.

Earlier this year the church was informed that Eleanor had named the church in her will and only a few weeks ago did we learn the full extent of her gift. The estate gift came in two parts: An undesignated gift of almost \$97,000 and another designated gift for more than \$628,000 that, "shall be used and applied for the maintenance of the church building to preserve the structure, operation, and beauty of such building." The session of the church is presently discerning how to best manage, invest and

use these resources for the benefit of Christ's ministry through Hudson. This act of generosity will help provide new avenues of ministry for years to come.

In light of this gift, we encourage the congregation to remember the church in their estate planning. Undesignated gifts of any size can make a difference for years to come. We remind the congregation that it is your financial gifts that allow ministry at Hudson to happen. We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to the church through its annual pledge drive and to the HMPC Foundation.

Thanks be to God for Eleanor Gertrude Ragan. May we be faithful stewards of God's good gifts through the church.

Online Sermons

Hudson's sermons are available online. If you were unable to attend a worship service, you can listen to the sermon at <https://www.hmpc.org/sermons>. Closed captioning is also available.



Youth



TIE DYE NIGHT – Youth group enjoying Tye Dye Night. Special thanks to P.J. Conger and family for making this annual event possible.

News

The Middle and High School Youth Groups are going on a skating adventure to Jelly Beans today. This is for youth, grades 5-12 (please note the time frame). The cost is \$10 and friends are welcome as always. We will gather in Westminster Hall today at 12:15 p.m., eat a sack lunch together (please bring a food for yourself), hop in the vans and head out for an afternoon of roller skating fun. We will be back at the church (Westminster Hall parking lot) at 3:30 p.m.

The Middle School Youth Group is going to Camp Kanata next weekend, October 4-6. A detail letter will be e-mailed on by Tuesday, October 1st with a pack list and specific departure and return times. We have a wonderful group going!

The High School Youth Group will be going to the Billmans' Lake House next weekend, October 5-6, for a chance to water ski, swim, fish, eat s'mores, and more. A detail letter will be e-mailed by Tuesday, October 1st with a pack list and specific departure and return times. We have a wonderful group going! Special thanks to the Billmans for hosting this annual event.

The Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8) State Fair Afternoon is October 13 just after church. Please plan to join us. Friends welcome as always. Contact Frank Boyd, Director of Youth Ministries, if you would like to participate.

Special Offering

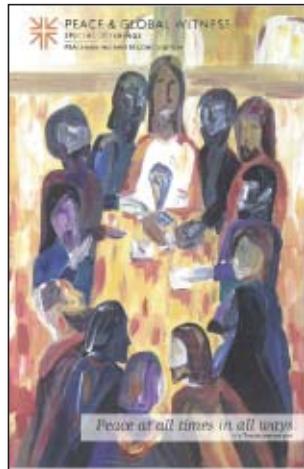
Peace & Global Witness

Sunday, October 6

Equipping Peacemakers
in Congregations and
Around the World.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are

encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



Property



WORKING – Harry Bond and Marsha and Bill Flueckinger working at last year's work day.

Workday

October 5, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Property Committee will be having a church work day on Saturday, October 5th from 8-12. (Rain date 10/12). Come lend a hand, trimming shrubs, cleaning gardens. Hudson's Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 20th, and we want to spruce up our property to be inviting to members and guests. Can't stay for 4 hours? Any amount of help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Finance

Review of Actual vs Budget

August Year to Date (YTD)

	YTD 2019 <u>ACTUAL</u>	YTD 2019 <u>BUDGET</u>	Favorable (Unfav) ACT VS <u>BUDGET</u>
PLEDGES	\$ 482,934	\$ 482,897	\$ 37
NON-PLEDGE/OTHER GF OFFERING	\$ 58,226	\$ 56,674	\$ 1,552
TOTAL GF OFFERINGS	\$ 541,161	\$ 539,571	\$ 1,590
TOTAL GF REVENUE	\$ 578,239	\$ 576,429	\$ 1,810
TOTAL GF EXPENSE	\$ 553,816	\$ 564,348	\$ 10,532
GF SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 24,422	\$ 12,081	\$ 12,341
AVAILABLE TO BORROW-NS BANK	\$ 50,000		

Calendar



Sunday, September 29

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Pre-Elementary Extended Care (218)	9:30 am
Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
Explorers/Confirmation/MS & HS Sunday School (227/234/236)	9:30 am
The Gathering	9:30 am
Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
Youth Roller Skating (JellyBeans)	12:30 pm

Monday, September 30

Preschool Teacher Workday	
Preschool Teacher Training (WH)	9:00 pm
Boys & Girls Homes of NC (200)	5:00 pm
Camino Packing Meeting (Mac's home)	6:30 pm
Al-Anon Family Groups (GH/226/227/236)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 1

Waking Up With the Word (KH)	6:30 am
ROMEO's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
Single Way (Vivo Italian)	1:00 pm
Daisy/Brownie Troop 1968 (215)	4:00 pm
E&O (KH)	6:00 pm
Bonhoeffer Babes (The Crafty Beer Shop)	7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 2

Preschool Pictures (GH)	9:00 am
Women at the Well (Parlor)	9:15 am
Hudson Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:15 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, October 3

Preschool Pictures (GH)	9:00 am
Amazing Grays Lunch (High Park Bar & Grill)	11:30 am
Boys & Girls Homes of NC (200)	5:00 pm

Friday, October 4

MS Youth Retreat at Camp Kanata	3:00 pm
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Saturday, October 5

HS Youth Lake Retreat (Billman's lake house)	7:00 am
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