



the weekly Window

September 27, 2020

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

Giving Ministry - 2021 Pledge Campaign

Times Like These: Seeking God's guidance, satisfying needs, working and growing together toward abundance

The Church was made for times like these – times defined by uncertainty and doubt, anxiety and anger, loneliness, helplessness, and grief. It is wonderful to share the joys and milestones and abundance of life with our church community, but it is times like these that we lean on our faith and on each other. Whether you are struggling with the challenges presented by COVID-19 or more unique, personal circumstances, know that the Church – the body of Christ – is here for you.

It is with this in mind that your Giving Ministry Team approaches the 2021 Pledge Campaign. Your talents and time are needed, and your church family desires to fulfill your needs. Please reach out to any of us, or your church leadership, if you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, short on resources, or in need of reassurance or a listening ear.

In developing the pledge campaign for 2021, your Giving Ministry Team found comfort and inspiration in Isaiah 58:11, ***The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your***



needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

We are in a parched place, friends. The soil is dry and cracked and thirsting. I hope, like me, you have been able to find moments of gratitude and delight despite the drought. But even more, I hope you have found encouragement in the knowledge that God always satisfies our needs. God continues to point us towards the spring of water that can nourish our souls, no matter what the world places at our feet.

Over the next several weeks, you'll be hearing reflections on this theme through weekly speakers and a daily devotional. Among the stories you'll hear about endurance, resilience,

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and silver linings, will be the story of Molly and John Chester, told through the film *The Biggest Little Farm*. It's a documentary that follows a couple attempting to build and run a farm guided by the principles of diversity and harmony.

Through patient observation, focus on the connection and inter-dependence of everything in God's creation, and help from their friends, the couple literally transforms a parched place into a bountiful garden where the waters never fail. There is fear and heartbreak, loss

and unlikely companionship, but there is also beauty and hope and affirmation. It is a beautiful film; watch it on Netflix or contact Mac Schafer to borrow the film on DVD.

As we kickoff the 2021 Pledge Campaign, we thank you for your faithful support of the Church, its mission, and each other.

In Christ,
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Chair, Giving Ministry Team

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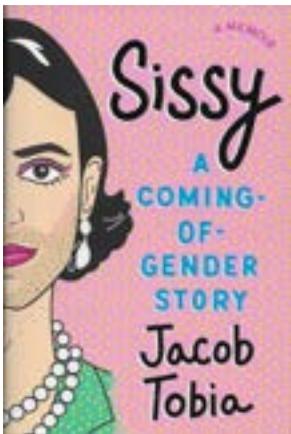
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Adult Faith Formation

October Book Study

Sissy: A Coming of Gender Story by Jacob Tobia



grew up in Cary, NC and share a lot about their experience in church. This study will provide

In October, Pastor Mac will lead a weekly book study on *Sissy* by Jacob Tobia. Jacob tells their story from childhood through college about being gender non-conforming. Their story is funny, unflinchingly honest, painful and enlightening. Jacob

an opportunity for those who participate to think about their own story of gender and be more understanding of those who are gender non-conforming. Please be aware that this book has a lot of explicit language. If you are interested in being a part of the study please purchase the book on your own and email Pastor Mac (mschafer@hmpc.org). The study will be via ZOOM unless the group decides together to meet in-person outside. If you are participating, please read to p. 97 prior to the first meeting on 10.8.20 The following are the dates and times of the study:

- Thursday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Conversations

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Sacred Conversations continues to meet and explore the theme from Psalm 137 “how can we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land.” As we enter another season with a global pandemic, we continue to look to our ancestors in faith and remember, as they did, how God made provision for them even in the darkest of times and the harshest conditions. [All are welcome to join us at 11:30am via Zoom.](#) Sacred Conversations will also meet October 11, 18 and 25, and November 8, 15 and 22.

Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, September 29nd

A men’s bible study group that meets every Tuesday morning at 6:30am. **This coming Tuesday, we will meet on the Westminster Hall Patio.** 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.



October Birthdays

- 1 - Mildred Brinson, Janey Dewar, Eric Conger, Gabby Crosson
- 3 - Merritt Dickinson, John Palmiter, Lauren Parikh
- 4 - Kitty Huth
- 5 - Lisa Williams, Jerilyn Seitz, Jeanne Hoffman
- 6 - James Cobb, T.W. Bradshaw, Serena Ash, Brian Hnat, Bob Measamer, Miller Long
- 7 - Scott Sipprell, Emily Cobb
- 8 - Val Jones, Tory Schafer
- 9 - Melinda Dickinson, Anne Brown, Brad Baur, Suzanne Ledwith, Charles Welby
- 10 - Ruth Spencer, Stacy Smith, Phyllis Cheeley
- 11 - Joyce Hawkins
- 13 - Jack Lynch
- 15 - Perry Meeks, Michelle Sharpe, Danny Miller
- 16 - Dottie Gall
- 17 - Bob Monroe, Lana Bowles
- 19 - Patrick Carpenito, Shelly Thompson, Starr Maxwell
- 20 - Maggie Cobb, Jeff Johnson
- 21 - Traci Weaver, Brian Coppedge
- 22 - Tom Bradshaw, Doug Goodale, Cole Thompson
- 23 - Ashley Banerjee
- 24 - Terry Neet
- 25 - Molly James, Pat Balletta, Emsley Jackson, Diana Jones, Mimi Johnson
- 26 - Jay Cummins
- 27 - Tony Thompson, Marilyn Webb
- 28 - Sawyer McHenry
- 28 - Ruthann Gentry, Anish Banerjee
- 29 - Emma Baker, Abby Baker, Ruth Herpich
- 30 - Drew Keen, Don Slater
- 31 - Harper Sanchez

Zoom Worship and Communion

ZOOM Worship & Drive Through Communion

On Sunday, October 4th we will have live ZOOM worship at 10:30 a.m. - ZOOM worship will include communion for those wishing to stay at home. For those wishing to participate in "Drive Thru" communion, we will invite you to come through the church parking lot from 12 noon to 2 p.m. that same Sunday,

October 4th to receive the elements and a prayer. We ask that you enter the church parking lot on the Cranbrook Drive side, receive the elements in the westside of the parking lot (next to the playgarden) and exit onto Langley Circle..

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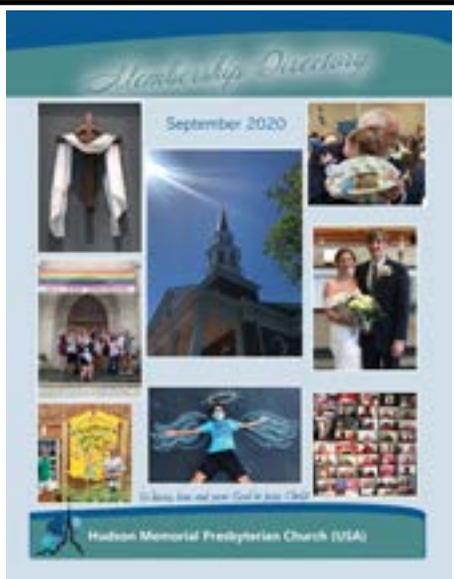
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You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

If you don't have an email address and need a hard copy of the directory, or need help or have questions, please contact [Pat Cash](#) or at 917.787.1086.



Youth Group News

This Week

- Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class will meet this Sunday morning, September 27, at 9:30 for grades 5-7 under the Twin Oaks at the corner of Cranbrook Rd. & Langley Circle.
- Sunday, September 27th – Tie Dye T-Shirt Night. Please bring one 100% cotton white t-shirt and pre-wash it/dry it before you come. To keep the group size as safe as possible, the Middle School Youth will meet from 5:00-5:50, and the High School Youth will meet from 6:00 – 7:00. Both groups will gather on the West Lawn outside at the church behind the church offices. In addition to your cotton t-shirt, please bring a mask, a water bottle, and wear “artsy clothes” that might end up with dye on them

Youth Programs Looking Ahead

- Camp Kanata Retreat Cancelled – In the interest of safety regarding Covid-19, the Presbytery of New Hope has cancelled the Middle School Retreat scheduled for October 2-4 at Camp Kanata.
- Sunday, October 25th – Fall Festival (watch for updates).
- October 24-25 – High School Virginia Creeper Mountain Bike Adventure & Camping Trip – Flyers can be found on the church website. Sign up ASAP – if we can safely go, we will. Space will be limited.
- 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.

Finance

REVIEW OF ACTUAL VS BUDGET HMPC GENERAL FUND (GF) YEAR TO DATE (YTD)

	09/31/20		
	YTD 2020 ACTUAL	YTD 2020 BUDGET	Favorable (Unfav) ACT VS BUDGET
PLEDGES	\$ 538,483	\$ 514,127	\$ 24,356
NON-PLEDGE/OTHER GF OFFERING	\$ 1,467	\$ 4,764	\$ (3,297)
TOTAL GF OFFERINGS	\$ 539,951	\$ 518,891	\$ 21,060
TOTAL GF REVENUE	\$ 626,216	\$ 642,212	\$ (15,996)
TOTAL GF EXPENSE	\$ 454,766	\$ 605,554	\$ 150,788
GF SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 171,450	\$ 36,658	\$ 134,792
AVAILABLE TO BORROW-NS BANK	\$ 50,000		

Children's Ministry

Children's Sabbath

Children's Sabbath is coming up on October 18th! If your family would like to be a part of this special Sunday, please let me know! We need children to pray, call to worship, read Scripture, and more! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACAB22A3FDC52-childrens>

(We will be pre-recording everything) [Also, send you me your artwork of who God is, what God made/makes, how God makes you feel!](#) (rmconnell@hmpc.org)



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 September 27th - Please keep these families in your prayers:

- Heather & Andrew Becker
- Betsy, Tony and Sarah Bedini
- Shirley Bennett
- Cathy, Dave, Luke and Brian Bentlage
- Fran and Leigh Betancourt
- Megan, Eric, Hannah and Ella James Bever
- Emily & Billy Bigger

Sunday, September 27

- 9:30 am - Pre-Elementary SS - Langley Outdoor Worship Space
- 9:30 am - Explorer's 5-6-7 SS, Twin Oaks
- 10 am - K-2 SS - Langley Outdoor Worship Space
- 10:30 am - Grades 3 & 4 SS - Langley Outdoor Worship Space
- 11:30 am - Sacred Conversations
- 5 pm - MS Youth Tie-Dyeing - West Lawn
- 6 pm - HS Youth Tie-Dyeing - West Lawn

Monday, September 28

- 7 pm - Session

Tuesday, September 29

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 1 pm - Single Way
- 7:15 pm - Boy Scouts (West Lawn)

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well

Sunday, October 4

- 12 pm - Children's Ministry Communion Conversation
- 12 pm - 2 pm - Drive-Thru Communion - West Parking Lot
- 6 pm - MS Canned Food Cookout & S'mores - Firepit/Labyrinth
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Meetings are by Zoom unless noted otherwise.

Preschool 2020-2021 Staff



Special Offering

PCUSA Peacemaking and Global Witness

Special Offering for Peacemaking and Global Witness

Sunday, October 4, 2020

We will be receiving a Special Offering for Peacemaking and Global Witness. 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. You may drop your donation in the church's mailbox (under the large oak, across from the office,) mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give.

Here is how to text to give: Text amount to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 peace).



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