



# the weekly Window

May 24, 2020

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

## Appreciation

### A Virtual Fellowship Time to Celebrate Lee Corbett

**O**N SUNDAY, MAY 31st Lee Corbett will conclude almost five years at HMPC as Coordinator of Children's Ministry. She joined us when children's ministry was beginning a significant transition and for the first time in many years put in place a quarter time staff person to focus on our Sunday morning program. Lee quickly became a welcoming presence to our children and their families as she guided children's Sunday School through many changes including format, curriculum and meeting time. Lee held classes throughout the building and outside on our campus so that the children had various places to experience their lessons. Outreach and care for those in need have been a central focus that she has helped the children to express in tangible ways. Her enthusiasm was instrumental in maintaining the wonderful children's worship area in the sanctuary and she eagerly participated in the children's message team. She supervised the child care staff and child care wing, another area where upgrades have taken place. Her accessibility, compassion and kindness have been greatly appreciated as she made



Lee Corbett

participation for children and volunteers a joy. At the same time she has been a part of so many changes here, Lee has had others of great importance as well.

After many years teaching preschool at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, she is now teaching sixth grade at East Garner Middle School. Her daughter Caroline graduated from George Washington University and works in Washington DC with the Southern Poverty Law Center. Lee's daughter Abby just graduated from Enloe High School and will attend Meredith College. Lee's rescue dog Beanie was a very happy addition to their family.

The Fellowship Committee has planned several opportunities for us to express our appreciation to Lee. Families on our distribution list have received these details and **everyone is invited to a virtual fellowship time to celebrate Lee on Sunday, May 31st at 11:45am via Zoom.** Everyone will receive the Zoom link.

For more information contact Susan Bradshaw [susanbradshaw8@gmail.com](mailto:susanbradshaw8@gmail.com) or Jeanna Gatten [jeanna\\_129@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanna_129@hotmail.com).

## Worship & the Arts

# Live Zoom Worship on Pentecost

**Sunday, May 31,  
10:30 a.m.**

In celebration of the birthday of the church we will do worship a bit differently on Sunday, May 31st. It will be a live Zoom worship service at 10:30 a.m. We invite you to wear red worship that day or decorate your background in red to. Watch your e-mail box for a Zoom invite to the service. This will be a chance for us to worship together in a different way than we have been since COVID-19 began.



## Calendar Meetings

# 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, May 24**

- 11:30 a.m. – Sacred Conversations

**Tuesday, May 26**

- 6:30 a.m. – Waking Up With the Word
- 7:00 p.m. – Adult Committee

**Thursday, May 28**

- 5:00 p.m. – Montreat Youth Conference Adult Leaders
- 6:00 p.m. – Women at the Well

**Sunday, May 31**

- 10:30 a.m. – Pentecost Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. – Congregational Fellowship & Celebration for Lee Corbett

# Project Updates

**By Scott Billman**

Well, 2020 has not progressed the way any of us thought it would. The 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign projects may be the one exception. The design of the new Sanctuary access ramp was completed and the work was bid to several local construction companies.

We have entered into a contract with Riggs-Harrod Builders, Inc. to build the ramp addition as well as build a new section for the columbarium in Memorial Garden. The columbarium is funded through the Memorial Garden Funds and the ramp addition is funded mostly by the contributions to the Capital Campaign and partially by a designated gift to HMPC that the Session approved to be used for the project. The design plans are with the City of Raleigh for permit approval and the contractor has started to ready the material orders. We are hopeful the permits will be issued in May and the construction will begin. If you come by the church in the next few months, please don't mind our mess in Memorial Garden, as the construction will be in full swing this summer.

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The ramp will leave the north side Sanctuary vestibule, run along the exterior of the existing building past the Library, and enter into the John Knox room. That room will be converted into a gathering and welcoming area. New space is being created in Westminster Hall to handle our Sunday School class needs as well as create a more flexible space with the addition of a partition wall.

2020 is the third and final year of our 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign and projects. We continue to be blessed with the contributions of time, talent, and treasures by the congregation as we continue to fulfill the task force report vision to help us bring the word of God, through Jesus Christ, to our community.

We started with a list of projects and pledges of \$806,861. To date we have received \$610,838 against those pledges and look forward to the completion of the pledge donations to be able to complete the ramp project and finish funding the HMPC Foundation so we can continue to sustain the beautiful facility and grounds for years to come.

## How to Help in A Pandemic

Our ministry partners need our financial support during this time. Go to <https://www.hmhc.org/ways-to-help-during-pandemic> to donate online.



# Sacred Conversations

**Sunday, May 24**

**at 11:30am**

**Facilitated by  
Pastor Debbie**

Our conversations the past few weeks have been a rich blessing as we reflected on the ways Christ meets us in this extraordinary time. We conclude the season of

Easter focusing on how the Christian tradition calls us to be interdependent and created in relationship with one another. We will consider the challenges and opportunities we have when our methods of communicating and being in community have changed. Material from *Life Together*

*Apart* by Kate Bowler and the hymn *When We Face an Unknown Future* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette will inform our gatherings. To join the class May 24th [follow this link](#).

For more information contact Debbie at [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org).

# Waking Up With the Word

**Tuesday, May 26**

**This men's bible study will meet every Tuesday morning at 6:30** while we are sheltering in place due to COVID-19.

The group centers on the scripture that will be preached on the following Sunday. No previous bible study experience is needed. The group is meeting via Zoom. If you have not received an invitation to the group and would like to, contact Mac Schafer at [mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org).



# Women at the Well

**May 28**

**The monthly Women at the Well** meets May 28 at 6 p.m. and will continue every other Thursday evening in June. Current participants will receive the podcast selection and Zoom and we welcome others to join us!

Contact Debbie Kirk ([dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto: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.

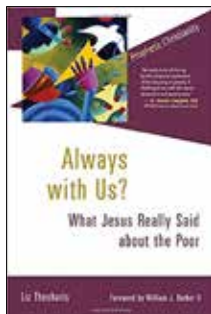


## Faith Formation

# Brown Bag Lunch Women at the Well

**Monday, June 1**

**Order Book Now!** On Monday, June 1st at 12 noon the Brown Bag Lunch group will begin discussing *Always with Us? What Jesus Really Said About the Poor* by Liz Theoharis. This is one of two books the moderators of the 222nd Presbyterian Church General Assembly recommended congregations read. It is especially fitting as the congregation tries to address food insecurity on a deeper level. Please purchase the book on your own. In preparation for June 1st please read through page 62 by the first session. Let Mac know if you would like a Zoom invitation to the group ([mschafer@hmhc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmhc.org)).



**June 3**

Women at the Well continues it's weekly meetings beginning June 3rd 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 is this year's keynote speaker at the Montreat Women's Conference which many of us will be attending in August. Current participants will receive the assignments and Zoom links and we welcome others to join us! For more information contact Debbie Kirk ([dkirk@hmhc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmhc.org)).



## Fellowship

# Virtual Bingo

Hudson is looking into doing a virtual "Bingo" night via Zoom. Please let Pat Cash know if you would be interested in joining in the fun. E-mail Pat at [pcash@hmhc.org](mailto:pcash@hmhc.org) or call 919-787-1086.

## Participate in Worship

Due to Covid-19, we will have worship services online but not in the sanctuary. Worship with us at [hmhc.org/worship-services](https://hmhc.org/worship-services). Closed captioning is available.



# Youth Group News

## This Week

**The Middle School Youth Group** wrapped up its program year last Sunday with a mid-May Christmas party that included holiday Pictionary, Trivia, and Christmas traditions in the Netherlands. Special thanks to leaders Ashley Edmister, Johan van Die, Monica Maxwell, and Nathan Richardson for a fabulous party and year of Youth Group.

**The High School Youth Group** wrapped up its program year with a lite night of Skribbl.io Pictionary fun. Special thanks to Beth Billman, Nancy Eyre, and Russell Allen for a wonderful year of Sunday evening programs and trips. We can't wait until next year.

**The Explorers 5, 6, and 7 Sunday School Class** thanks the teachers for a wonderful year of *Feasting the Word* bible lessons. Thank you Katy Waugh, Sharon Cole, Kelly Capps, Matt Carlisle, and Nancy Eyre for your Sunday Morning leadership, commitment, creativity, and delicious treats.

**Confirmation Class** – If you have not already done so, be sure and send your headshot pictures to Frank Boyd ASAP. Also, we want to say thank you to the teaching team for a wonderful year. Thank you Wilson Cheeley, Hope Parangi, Sonia Allen, Sean Cole for creating such a safe space for us to explore our faith together. We are also grateful for the yummy baked goods every Sunday morning. Watch for Confirmation Sunday to be rescheduled as soon as safely possible.



**High School Seniors** – Send Frank Boyd a copy of your senior picture and the answers to your senior questions for the Class of 2020 bulletin board.

**Spring and Summer Youth Events** – Some of the following events have been cancelled, postponed, and others remain scheduled, but their status could change. We will continue to list them with as much updated information as we have at the time. Watch these lists and your e-mail for updates and further notice. Thank you for your patience.

- Zoom Meeting – Montreat Youth Conference Adult Leaders Thursday, May 28th at 5 p.m.
- Confirmation Sunday will be rescheduled as soon as safely possible.
- Graduation Sunday will be rescheduled.
- Montreat Youth Conference (for grades 8-12), July 19-25 – Watch for updates.

## Congregation

# Celebration

## Gould-Rohs

### Marriage

We celebrate the marriage of Sanders Rohs and Katie Gould on Saturday, April 18th. Eight family members gathered in HMPC sanctuary for the their marriage as approved by session.

Sanders is the son of Caroline and Carl Rohs. Mac Schafer officiated the ceremony.

May God be with Sanders and Katie in their journey together.



# Church Triumphant

We thank God for the life of Jane McDougal who entered God's everlasting



kingdom on Sunday, May 17th. Please pray for Hudson members Renee and Mark McDougal, Cheryl and Chuck McDougal and Erin and Scott Bartow as they grieve the loss of their mother and grandmother.

## Preschool

# Graduation

## Celebration

On Wednesday May 20th our preschool community came together to celebrate graduation and the end of the school year! We had a parking lot parade with at least 100 cars...horns were honking, bells ringing there were balloons and signs too. It was a fun way to come together safely and see so many good friends.



# 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.

## 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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