



the weekly Window

August 30, 2020

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

youth ministry

Village Philosophy

The wise folk say that
“it takes a village
to raise a child.”

Here at Hudson, we are so blessed to have this “village philosophy” in our youth program as we are a lay lead, staff supported, collaborative leadership team made up of dozens of dedicated people working together to provide a wide variety of programs and relationships for our amazing youth grades 5-12th grade. Please check out the activities below as we kick off a new program year. Flyers for the trips and conferences, as well as other information, can be found on the church website. Know that friends are always welcome in our village and that even though we are meeting outside these days,



TIE DYE – Youth experience a variety of activities throughout the years, like tie dye. This year Tie Dye T-shirt Night will be Sunday, September 27.

“our door is always open.” If you have any questions, feel free to contact Frank Boyd, Director of Youth Ministries at hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 30

9:30am, Explorers 5-6-7, Sunday School Class meets via Zoom at 9:30am with Sharon Cole. The meeting invitation will be e-mailed to the youth and parents. Join us!

5–6pm, The Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8)

will meet for “Sandwich & Sandwich Fellowship and Fun” on the lawn behind the church offices. Bring a sandwich (or whatever you want) for supper, a water bottle, a mask, and a lawn chair. Ice cream sandwiches will be provided.

6–7:30pm, The High School Youth (grades 9-12)

will meet at the Labyrinth Firepit for an evening of “Campfire Fellowship, Dogs, and S’More Fun. There will be a cheese alternative for vegetarians. Bring a mask, a lawn chair, and a water bottle.

High School Youth, Parents, Leaders

By Frank Boyd

I hope the first week of school went well for everyone. The HMPC Youth Ministry program is gearing up for the new program year and our leadership team has already met to plan the fall calendar.

Check the schedule below for some upcoming events – we look forward to seeing you soon!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 19

High school youth afternoon service project (1-4) at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. This is a great way to accumulate some community service hours.

Sunday, September 27

Tie Dye T-Shirt Night (watch for details). Plan to join in on this fun activity.



ACTIVITIES – Youth safely participating in a youth committee meeting (top) and enjoy ice cream at the State Fair (bottom).

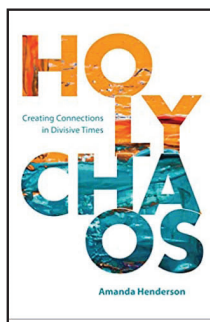
Fall Programs

The upcoming fall season looks different this year as we continue to be the church in a largely virtual world. Wherever you find yourself, we invite you to consider participating in any of the spiritual formation offerings available this fall via Zoom. We have a variety of days, times and topics to choose from designed to feed your spirit as we consider our faith through the lenses of scripture, culture and current events. For those of you who find one more Zoom meeting too much, you may want to “follow along” with the syllabus of a particular group, if so just let the leader know and we will send you a list of resources.

Women at the Well Weekly

Now – November 18

The weekly Women at the Well will meet at 9:15am via Zoom. We are women of all ages and stages who share in prayer, study and support using various devotional resources to inform our reflections.



The fall book selection is *Holy Chaos: Creating Connections in Divisive Times* by Amanda

Henderson. If you would like to participate this fall e-mail Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org. You may pay for your book by mail or [pay online](#).

Women at the Well Monthly

**September 24,
October 22 &
November 19**

The evening version of Women at the Well meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6pm via Zoom.

Women of all ages and stages enjoy a lively

conversation (over dinner when we are able to meet in person) about current topics of interest informed by a variety of podcasts and other resources.

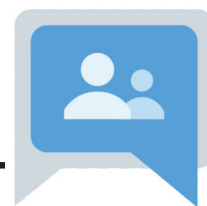


Participants will receive the topic, resources and Zoom link prior to each meeting. All summer participants will be added to the distribution list and we welcome others to join us this fall!

E-mail Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmpc.org to participate.

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.



Zoom Worship and Communion

Sunday, September 6, 10:30am

On the first Sunday of September we will have live Zoom worship again. This is an excellent chance to share the Lord's Supper together and see the people we love and care about in worship. The invitation for Zoom worship will come in your email on Friday, September 4th. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, contact Pat Cash in the church office (pcash@hmpc.org).

Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, September 1

A men's bible study group that meets every Tuesday morning at 6:30am 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: 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@hmpc.org) to receive the Zoom invitation



Seeing the Word

This group uses the art work from the St. John's Illuminated Bible to study scripture texts. Presently it is meeting via Zoom on the third Monday of the month at 12 noon. Contact Mac Schafer (mschafer@hmpc.org) to receive the Zoom invitation.

Brown Bag with Pastor Mac



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@hmpc.org) to receive the Zoom invitation.

Presbyterian Pint

A men's group that meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. This group has historically met at an area pub for beer, fellowship and discussion on faith and culture. During COVID-19 the group has been meeting via Zoom. Folks can still be seen enjoying a beer and discussing various topics Mac shares with the group. Contact Mac Schafer (mschafer@hmpc.org) to receive the Zoom invitation.

Sacred Conversations

August 30

Our text will be Mark 10:17-27, “it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.” All are welcome to join us at 11:30am [via Zoom](#).

September 13, 20 & 27

Sacred Conversations will meet each week 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.

Popcorn and Presbyterians Pondering

Sunday, September 20

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.

The first in the series will focus on Hudson’s commitment as a Hunger Action Congregation using the documentary *The Biggest Little Farm*. We will consider this film through the lens of the Lifestyle Integrity Component of



Hunger Action: how sustainable practices reflect God’s intention that the earth provide enough resources for all its inhabitants and what we are called to do to restore justice and protect creation.

The Biggest Little Farm is available on DVD and multiple streaming services including YouTube, Hulu and Amazon Prime. So get the film, prepare your snacks and enjoy the show!

If you plan to join us September 20, e-mail Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org. We will publicize the Zoom link the week before the event. We look forward to pondering this film and important topic with you!

How to Help in A Pandemic

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



Sunday Strolls



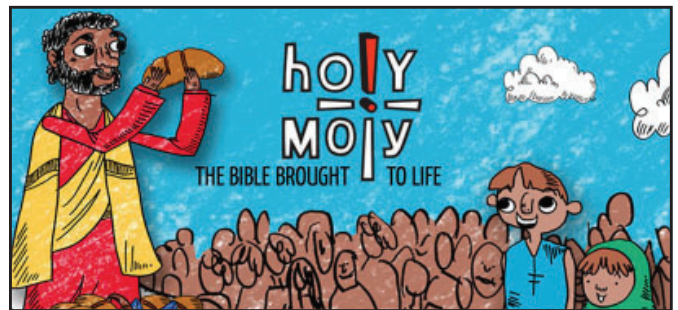
By Susan Bradshaw

Your Fellowship Committee invites all of you that are willing and able to join us on a few walks this fall. A chance to see each other, visit from a distance, get some fresh air and exercise.

August 30th, 9am – Art Museum. Lower parking level behind the main building. There is a paved pathway close by and a pond. If you would rather sit and visit, while others walk, bring a chair and pull up a spot. Bring masks.

September 13th, 9am
HMPC Church Parking lot, Labyrinth side.
 Let's walk around the neighborhood! Follow up with a Labyrinth walk if you choose to. If you would rather sit and chat while others walk, bring a chair and sit apart. Bring your masks!

Drive Thru Bible



Sunday, August 30

Drive-Thru Bible Presentations and September curriculum pick-up are scheduled for 6pm at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church parking lot. Families with three and four-year-olds, Kindergartners, and third graders will be receiving Bibles. All families will drive-thru and receive a bag of supplies and fun for September's Sunday school curriculum.

We cannot wait to see you all there! If you cannot make it that evening, contact [Rachael McConnell](#) to get your family Bibles and curriculum.

Giving

Your financial support is vital to the church. Here's how you can give:

- **Checks** - mail to: Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4921 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27609
- **Online** at hmpc.org via credit card
- **Bill-pay** through your bank
- **Recurring Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** from your checking account. Contact Pat at pcash@hmpc.org



Fall Semester



Tuesday, September 8

Over the last several months and Preschool Board and Covid-19 advisory committee have worked together designing a safe reopening plan. This school year will be different than our usual and will consist of assigned drop off/dismissal locations, social distancing, temperature checks and answering the health questionnaire on a daily basis. Our preschool staff has been trained on new procedures and policies for our “new normal” and are ready to face the challenges that lay ahead. We are looking forward to the new school year which begins on September 8th and reuniting with our families!



personnel

Special Thanks to Patty Shaver

We would like to extend our well wishes and thanksgiving for Patty Shaver. Patty has served at HMPC's Administrative Assistant for almost seven years and her last day was Friday, August 28th. Patty was instrumental in helping the church through a major publication transition following the Session's acceptance

of the Task Force Report on Sunday Morning Ministry. She created the design and format of The Weekly Window, a fusion of the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin announcements. Patty faithfully put together the weekly bulletin for worship, managed google docs for various ministries, made sure pastoral care cards went out from the

staff, helped make many of our bulletin boards beautiful, kept attendance records for all our ministries and lots of other behind the scenes responsibilities. We are grateful for Patty's service to the church and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. If you would like to express your appreciation for Patty's ministry, you can send a card



to the following address: 2605 Pine Creek Court, Raleigh 27613. Thanks be to God for Patty Shaver.

music

Midweek Music

By Phil Hayden

One of the quintessential American hymns is [*Amazing Grace*](#). The text was written, as many know, by a former slave trader and sea captain. Its message speaks to each one of us.

Many of the videos we have shared over the past few months have been highly polished and exquisitely produced professional video



productions. Today's music is not. It is, however, perhaps the most powerful rendition of [*Amazing Grace*](#) that I can remember hearing. It's an a cappella jam on the hymn, and includes both English and a bit of Spanish. It was produced in probably the pantry of a church but – it is something else! If this doesn't put a smile on your face and joy in your heart, check your pulse! Enjoy.

Prayers for Households

During this time when we are physically apart, we can all benefit from the collective prayers of others. Starting on September 6th, the Deacons will be praying for a list of specific

households each week. These households will be listed in the Weekly Window, and we invite the congregation to pray for them during that week as well. 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.

birthdays

Happy Birthday

September

1. BJ Parangi, Jennie Spell, Susie Bradshaw
2. Kathy Sharpe
4. Mitchell Puryear
5. Daniel Dickerson, Nancy Eyre
6. Caroline Bradshaw
7. Carol Mims, Jared Sanspree
8. Markos Ya, Sam Hague, Joshua Frelich, Pat Hedrick
9. C. Stephens, Nolan Coppedge, Corey Atkinson
10. Reese Allen, Jolene Allard, Renee Crawford, Lauren Llewellyn, Caroline Rohs, Graham Burch
11. Hunter Rogers, Sam Duncan
12. Sarah Sandlin, Holly Sandlin, Veda Capps, Hannah Bever
13. Wendy Nellis
14. Kelly R. Boone, Jeffrey Coonse
15. Skye Schafer, Kessler Dickerson, David Hanks
17. Nikki Melling, Tripp Madden, Sara Beth Hague, Claire Bond
18. Jean Macomber
19. Evelyn Bartow, Barton Meeks, Alison Keever
20. Harry Bowles, Steve Huth, Coleman Bumgardner, Jamie Julian
21. Kim Hanchette, Christina Billman, Katherine Magee
22. Elizabeth Rankin, William Bradshaw
23. Lauren Conder, David Britton
24. Morgan Jackson, Shirley Hall, Caroline Keever, Bob Grady
25. Jean Glaub
26. Matt Bowles, Henry Apple, Grace Hutchinson
27. Cindy Wolf
28. Margaret Lockard, Julia Powell, Judie Greenawalt
29. Beau Sanchez, William Stephens
30. Ann Tice, Ashley Edmister, Julia Duncan

mission

Tend My Sheep

The Mission Committee will resume monthly Tend My Sheep collections starting in September! These drive-through collections will take place on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10am-1pm. Simply drive to the south side of the church and our masked volunteers will take your donations without you ever leaving your car.

This month we are partnering with Presbyterian Women to collect needed school supplies for Hearts and Hands for Haiti's Poteau Primary School. Hearts and Hands for Haiti is committed to providing a quality Christian education to the more than 400 students at this school. HHH's supported schools are in session this Fall with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

Please bring any of the following school supply items listed in any quantity. Supply items will not be assembled into kits as they have in previous years.

- Tapebound one subject composition notebooks (please no spiral bound and wide-ruled is preferred because these go to Poteau elementary school)
- Blue ink ball point pens
- Twelve (12) inch ruler
- Blunt tip scissors
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- Pink eraser, 2-1/2 inch size
- 24 ct box crayons (leave in packaging)
- New pencils with erasers

This month's collection will take place on Saturday, September 26th. We look forward to seeing you! For more information contact Cary Dickerson at czeller220@hotmail.com.

calendar

Sunday, August 30

- 9:30am – Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School
- 11:30am – Sacred Conversations
- 5-6 pm– MS Youth Group (Outside)
- 6pm – Bible & Curriculum Pick Up (Parking Lot)
- 6pm-7:30 – HS Youth Group. (Fire Pit)

Tuesday, September 1

- 6:30am – Waking Up with the Word
- 9:30am – Staff Meeting
- 1pm – Single Way

Wednesday, September 2

- 9:15am – Women at the Well

Thursday, September 3

- 6:00pm – Women at the Well

Sunday, September 6

- 9:30am – Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School
- 10:30am – Zoom Worship & Communion

Meetings are by Zoom unless noted otherwise. If you have not received an e-mail invitation to attend a meeting, contact your group leader.

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. The Deacon on Call this month is Jill Priester.

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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