



the weekly Window

May 8, 2020

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

Food Bank to Fill Critical Need

COVID-19 Leads to Increased Need for Food Donations

Due to the Corona Virus and the Stay-at-Home order, many workers are unable to work. Businesses are temporarily closed and many are closing permanently. Between March 15 and May 4, more than one million (866,570 COVID-19 related) unemployment claims have been filed in North Carolina. About 23,500 claims were filed May 4th alone. This leaves many families and individuals in need of food.

The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina (FBCENC) has remained open to fill this tremendous need. In addition to their normal operations serving the community, the Food Bank has distributed more than 16,000 family-sized boxes,

containing 20 meals per box, in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Through coordinated efforts, these boxes are going to FBCENC disaster relief partner agencies, some school districts, and several Meals on Wheels chapters, to help support seniors on weekends. This year, with schools closed since March, summer hunger has started early. FBCENC has connected with local vendors to launch an earlier start to the Kids Summer Meals program.

Currently, volunteers have provided more than 69,000 meals by packing disaster boxes and other essential work. The Food Bank greatly relies on volunteers, especially in times of crisis.

Hudson's Mission Committee encourages

church members to continue to support neighbors in need during this difficult time. As a Hunger Action Congregation, the Food Bank is the primary mission partner. Hudson work days at the Food Bank are suspended for now but you can still volunteer as individuals. To give financially, or to volunteer, follow the links below.



Donate

Financial donations are needed most. To donate, go to <https://foodbankcenc.org> and click on 'donate now.'

Volunteer

If you are healthy and symptom free and between the ages of 18-60, schedule a volunteer session at foodbankcenc.org/volunteer.

Member Directory

Upload Your Photo to the Directory

Hudson is working on a new church photo directory that will be available online and via mobile app. You may have received an e-mail from HMPC recently, inviting you to upload a photo. Congratulations and thank you to the many families and individuals who already did it! If you have not uploaded your photo, please do by following the simple instructions in the e-mail.

Soon you will be able to access the directory online and through an app on your mobile phone. We will also publish a printed version for those who prefer a traditional paper directory. We are very excited about having the flexibility to keep our photo directory up to date and we feel confident that all of you will appreciate the convenience!

Need help or have questions?

Contact

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Sacred Conversations

**Sunday, May 10, 17
& 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 10th [follow this link](#).

For more information contact Debbie at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Waking Up With the Word

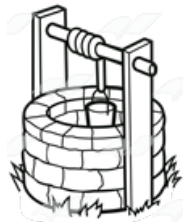
Tuesday, May 12

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.

Women at the Well May 13-28

Women at the Well is continuing its weekly and monthly schedule via Zoom. Both groups will be discussing podcasts that invite us to consider aspects of this unsettled time through the lens of faith and culture. Current participants will receive the content and Zoom invitation. This is a great time for other women to join us! Contact Debbie Kirk by e-mail (dkirk@hmpc.org) if you would like to be included in the list of participants. Weekly meetings are Wednesdays, May 13th and 20th at 9:15 a.m. The next monthly meeting is Thursday, May 28th at 6 p.m.



Participate in Worship Online

Due to Covid-19, we will have worship services available online but not in the sanctuary. Worship with us at hmpc.org/worship-services. Closed captioning is available.



Worship & the Arts

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 17

Worship will include Pastor Debbie's reflection on John 14:1-21: how we live into the life giving love of God as we love one another. Karen Melling will share a children's message and Nancy Eyre will offer prayers. Phil Hayden will share a hopeful, reassuring and cheerful contemporary song about trust in God during difficult times, *You Shine*.

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School

August 3-7

Register for Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Rocky Railway – Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through." Join us for a fun week of music, crafts, experiments, games, and explore where God's power can take you!

VBS will be held from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with classes for children age 4 (by August 31) through rising fourth graders. For registration packets, cost, and volunteer information, go to <https://www.hmpc.org/vbs-2020>.

Fellowship

Garden Drive-By

By Susan Grigg

Glenn and I would like to invite the Hudson family and friends to visit our garden at 105 Trotters Ridge Drive in Raleigh.

We are about six miles north of HMPC off of Six Forks Road in the Trotters Ridge subdivision. Drive by, stop on the street, pull into the driveway to look for a while, or walk around the yard; we will stay inside or on the porch at a safe distance. You do not have to call unless you want to say "hello" or ask questions. We just want to share the beauty of God's creation. Glenn and I can be reached at (919) 870-8345.



Fundraiser

Purchases to Benefit Hudson

Through End of May

Homewood Gardens is conducting a fundraiser for HMPC. Shop at Homewood Gardens and let the cashier know that the purchase should be entered under Hudson Memorial's name. In June, all purchases under Hudson Memorial's name will be tallied and 10% of purchases will be loaded on a gift card to add beautiful plantings to Hudson's campus.

Youth Group News

This Week

There will be no youth meetings this Sunday, May 10. Enjoy celebrating Mother's Day.

Middle School Youth Group will meet May 17, at 7pm for a light night of games, stories, trivia, favorite foods, and more. Watch your e-mail and text messages for the Zoom invitation and link.

High School Youth Group will meet May 17 at 8pm for an evening of Celebrations and Concerns, Prayer Request, and online Pictionary (skribbl.io) that is so much fun. Watch your e-mail and text messages for the Zoom invitation and link.

Explorers 5, 6, and 7 Sunday School Class Curriculum The *Feasting on the Word* curriculum will

be sent out each week so that youth and their families have the resources needed to gather and explore the weekly lesson as your schedule allows.

Confirmation Class – Be sure to send your headshot pictures to Frank Boyd ASAP. You will be notified as soon as Confirmation Sunday can safely be rescheduled.

High School Seniors – Send Frank Boyd 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 and understanding.

- **Zoom Meeting – Middle School Youth, May 17 at 7pm.**
- **Zoom Meeting – High School Youth, May 17 at 8pm.**
- **Confirmation Sunday** will be rescheduled as soon as safely possible.
- **Graduation Sunday** will be rescheduled.
- **Mission Trip to Maryland, Massanetta, & More** has been cancelled.
- **Massanetta Middle School Conference** has been cancelled.
- **Montreat Youth Conference** (for grades 8-12), July 19-25. Watch for updates.

Online Community

Stay in community with us online at Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC), Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), and facebook (HudsonMPC). Our Twitter and Instagram accounts have quotes, poetry, prayer, scripture, and images. Follow us and like us!



Session

Update

March & April

- Approved the signing of the contract with Riggs-Harrod Builders to construct the accessibility ramp to the sanctuary. The contract will be funded from the Capital Campaign and the Ragan gift.
- Approved the recommendation to close the campus due to the COVID-19 virus with guidance from the governor.
- Approved the recommendation to continue to pay hourly workers. Also approved the recommendation to apply for the Payroll Protection Program loan and the loan was received in late April.
- Approved the recommendation to conduct the Congregational meeting on April 26 using Zoom virtual technology.
- Approved serving of holy communion for the virtual services of April 5, Maundy Thursday, and May 3.
- Received the confirmands into membership at a meeting using the Zoom virtual technology.
- Approved the recommendation to cancel the youth mission trip and trip to Massanetta scheduled for June due to the virus.

Calendar

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 10

11:30 am – Sacred Conversations

Monday, May 11

6:00 pm – Zoom Session Meeting at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12

6:30 am – Waking Up with the Word

Wednesday, May 13

9:15 am – Women at the Well

6:30 pm – Children's Ministry

7:00 pm – Handbells 1 rehearsal (*Thine Is the Glory*)

Thursday, May 14

7:00 pm – Handbells II rehearsal (*Simple Gifts*)



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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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