



the weekly Window

September 1, 2019

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

Youth

Montreat Youth Conference

By Cynthia Woodward

Earlier this summer, a group of 17 youth and five adult chaperones attended the Montreat Youth Conference. Our youth group looks forward to this week all year as it's an incredible opportunity to make new friends, have fun, and grow in our relationships with God. The theme for this year was "Let Love Lead," and we explored the different types of love and how to spread love in our own communities.

Every morning's keynote began with energizers, which are fun dances led by recreation leaders. Doing energizers is one of my favorite parts of youth conferences because everyone can let their guard down, be goofy, and get energized for the day. We were assigned small groups at the beginning of the week, which we met with twice a day.

In small group, we played games, discussed keynote and worship, and participated in activities revolving around the theme of love. Small group is an incredible opportunity to meet people from many different states, and I enjoyed discussing the similarities and differences of our home churches.

One of the central ideas the keynoters and



ENERGIZING – Hudson youth participated in energizers at the Montreat Youth Conference in July.

preacher discussed was going out on a limb to help others. It is important to learn about people's stories rather than judging them because we all sin, and we all have burdens that we keep to ourselves. One concept that stood out to me was how much courage it takes to love as Jesus loved us and the importance of stepping out of our comfort zone at times to love others.

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Fall Kick Off

Fellowship Lunch and Sunday Schedule

September 8

The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to lunch in Westminster Hall following worship next Sunday. This is a time for our church family to reconnect after a busy summer as our fall schedule begins. **The committee is providing chicken, baked beans, bread, drinks and dessert. Please bring a side or a salad to share, or just bring yourself!** This year brings a wide variety of new offerings to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church! To make our first day of the Fall schedule run as smoothly as possible we have provided a schedule below.

Time	Event	Location
9:15 am	Nursery (Infants, Toddlers, and Twos)	Nursery Wing
9:30 am	Pre-Elementary Extended Care (ages 3 & 4) Joyful Noise - Children's Music (grades K-4) The Explorers (grades 5-7) Confirmation (grade 8) High School (grades 9-12) The Gathering (see page 4 for more information)	218 Geneva Hall 227 234 236 200, Parlor, John Knox
10:30 am	Worship Bagels in the Balcony Pre-Elementary Sunday School (ages 3-5) Elementary Sunday School (grades 1-4)	Sanctuary Balcony 218 Geneva Hall
11:45 am	Fall Kickoff Luncheon	Westminster Hall
11:45 am	Nursery closes	Nursery Wing
12:30 pm	Youth Fall Kickoff (youth and parents)	John Knox

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.



Children's Faith Formation

Sunday Morning Programs

2019-20 Registration

Children's programs will resume next Sunday, September 8th. Parents and guardians of children enrolled in Sunday morning programs must complete a registration form. Registration forms are located in the publication racks in the main hallway. Fill out one form per child and return to the office before September 8th. For more information contact Lee Corbett at lcorbett@hmpc.org.

Pre-Elementary 9:30–10:20 am

Three's and Fours – Room 218

Children are invited to participate in faith based, age-appropriate songs and finger plays that introduce the Bible stories.

Joyful Noise 9:30-10:20 am

Grades K-4 – Geneva Hall/Music Room

Led by Gina Hayek. Children learn about Bible stories appropriate to their age and development using games and instruments. Children will have the opportunity to lead worship a few times a year through music and simple pageants.

Sunday School – 10:30-11:30 am

During worship children may participate in Sunday school education after the children's message. Before the service starts, make sure your child has been signed in at the back of the church in the narthex and has received a lanyard designating which age group they are in in order to leave with their leaders.

- Children ages 3–5 (Pre-Elementary)
- Children in grades 1–4 (Elementary)
- Children in grade 5 remain with parents

At the end of the service, children will return to the sanctuary and wait in a pew near the children's worship area to be checked out. These guidelines are for the safety of our children and to keep this process as easy and unobtrusive to the service as possible.

Children's Worship Area

Children (second grade and younger) who are not participating in Sunday school may utilize the children's worship area which is open following the children's message. Sit nearby and assist them as needed.

Communion Sundays

Children participating in the Sacrament can be checked out early from Sunday School or kept with parents in the Sanctuary.

Communion Class

Sunday, September 29

A Communion Education Class is available following the worship service for children (ages 4 and up) and their parents. Hosted by the Children's Committee and led by Debbie Kirk, the class is helpful for children who have not yet participated in communion, and those who are already participating and would like to learn more about it. The class meets from 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and a light lunch will be served. Registration deadline is Monday September 16th. E-mail Patty (pshaver@hmpc.org) the names of parents and children who are attending. Childcare is available by reservation for younger siblings.

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.



September 1 – Labor Day

- No classes

September 8

- **Room 200: 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.
- **Parlor:** Susan Grigg will facilitate the conversation on the topic: **"Is PRIDE okay?"** (From *Sinning Like a Christian* by W.H. Willimon and selected scripture).
- **John Knox: Psalms** is the bible study for the fall led by Nancy Law. Together we will consider how Psalms informs our lives as individuals and community.

September 15

- **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: Prayer of the HeART.** Nancy Eyre and Susan Bradshaw will lead participants in this offering using a simple devotional practice to help participants reflect on the work of the Spirit in our lives.
- **John Knox: Psalms** is the bible study for the fall led by Nancy Law. Together we will consider how Psalms inform our lives as individuals and community.
- **Parlor:** Susan Grigg will facilitate the conversation on the topic: **"Is it okay to be ANGRY?"** (From *Sinning Like a Christian* by W.H. Willimon and selected scripture)

September 22

- **Westminster Hall:** All are invited to join the **Mission Task Force** as they introduce food insecurity as a new focus of our congregational mission efforts. Led by Beth Billman, JoLee Carpenito, Carol Clemens, Mitch Perry, Carolyn Scott, Glenn Schindo, and Debbie Kirk.

September 29

- **Westminster Hall:** Everyone is invited to the **"Stewardship Kick Off"** hosted by The Giving Ministry Team. Laura McHenry and John James will share this year's theme, goals and plans as we consider what it means to be a good steward of all God has entrusted to us.

Worship

Guest Preachers

September 22 & 29

On Sunday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 29th we will have guests in the pulpit. On September 22nd The Reverend Ashley-Anne Masters will preach. She is the Raleigh Presbyterian Campus Minister



Ashley-Anne Masters

for NC State, Meredith, William Peace, Shaw and Wake Tech. She is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Columbia Theological Seminary. She is a published author and has been the keynote speaker at Montreat Youth Conference. There will be a special offering on Sunday, September 22nd for Raleigh Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

On September 29th Katy Schafer will preach. Katy is the Children and Family Ministries director at First Presbyterian Church in

Raleigh. She is a graduate of Flagler College and Princeton Theological Seminary. In 2020 she will be a workshop leader at the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators conference (APCE) and is under care of Hudson's session as a candidate for ministry. We hope you'll be present as these two friends lead us in worship.



Katy Schafer

Youth

Montreat Youth Conference

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This year, the schedule was shifted back on Thursday so we had a time of sabbath in the morning with opportunities to hike, rest, draw, or do yoga. I went to a yoga class with three other people from the youth group, and it was a nice period of relaxation during the busy conference schedule and allowed us to try something we don't usually do.

The candlelight service around Lake Susan on Friday night is always beautiful

and emotional. As I held my candle, surrounded by all my favorite people, I reflected on my five years attending the Montreat Youth Conference. I have grown so much as a person and in my faith at Montreat, and it's what made me realize how important the youth group at Hudson is to me. The Montreat Youth Conference was an amazing week filled with new friends and old friends, and it was the perfect way to wrap up my time in the high school youth group.

Youth News

Youth Sunday School Classes and Confirmation begin Sunday, September 8.

Sunday Evening Youth Groups begin September 15.

Upcoming Youth Trips/Events/Retreats

- Fall Kick-Off Luncheon, September 8
- Middle and High School Parent/Youth/Leader Fall Kick-Off Luncheon, Info Gathering and Sign Up is Sunday, September 8th, following worship.

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Bonhoeffer Babes

Tuesday, September 3

Bonhoeffer Babes will meet at 7 p.m. at The Crafty Beer Shop at Lafayette Village (8450 Honeycutt Road). We will discuss months 3, 4, and 5 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! Contact Kelly Boone (boonekr@gmail.com) for more information.



Women at the Well

Wednesday, September 11

Women at the Well weekly devotional group begins the fall semester using *God, Improv and the Art of Living* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana as our book selection. Dana shares her wisdom noting the many ways we improvise as we navigate the circumstances life. Being aware of the principles of improvisation enables us to see more clearly how God is operating in the world and the Spirit is moving in our lives. The deadline for book order has passed but you may still join the class; you must purchase the book on your own.

Women at the Well is for women of all ages and stages who meet regularly for support, fellowship, prayer and conversation using selected resources as a guide. Weekly sessions are Wednesday from 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the Parlor; the monthly group meets the fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. in a local restaurant and uses podcasts as the basis for conversation. The next meeting is September 26th.

Inquirers Class

Sunday, September 15

The Inquirers Class for those interested in membership will be held following the worship service in the Karl Hudson Room (#100) and lasts about two hours. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson. Childcare is available if you register. Registration forms are available on New Member Bulletin Board in the main hallway, or online at hmpc.org/visit-us/join-the-church. **Registration deadline for the class and childcare is Wednesday, September 11.**



Waking Up With the Word

Tuesday, September 3

Men's Morning Scripture Study – The group will meet in the Karl Hudson Room at 6:30 a.m. Come join other men to do a simple reflection on a passage from the Bible before heading off to work. The group will use three simple questions to frame the study. No preparation is needed, just show up, pour a cup of coffee and we will share our thoughts on the scripture passage. This is a great way to get to know other men of the church and deepen your faith.

Brown Bag Lunch

Monday, September 9

Brown Bag has been moved from Labor Day to September 9th.

New Members

Welcome

Coleman Bumgardner

is from Denver, NC – on Lake Norman, “Denver of the East.” He works as an auditor for a southeast regional accounting firm. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and was actively involved in Presbyterian Campus Ministry where he served on the leadership team as Treasurer.



Coleman
Bumgardner

Janice

Krause is from Chicago. She loves the Bears and anything else NFL. Janice enjoys crossword puzzles, remembering birthdays, vanilla ice cream and Rolos. Janice loves the Lord and is so at peace with her love of family and Jesus. She is so grateful for her Hudson welcome!



Janice
Krause

Gloria Toler

is a life-long resident of Raleigh. She loves to laugh and talk and visit with friends. She is glad to be a part of Hudson.



Gloria
Toler

Martha

Chapman is a retired music director from First Presbyterian of Smithfield and is an ordained deacon.



Martha
Chapman

Social Media

Hudson Memorial is on 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!



Missions

Tend My Sheep

Sunday, September 22



Tend My Sheep takes up a collection on the fourth Sunday of every month. Each month we come together as a congregation to collect one pre-selected item to benefit a local group in need. This month we are collecting hats and gloves for Raleigh Rescue Mission. When combined our individual contributions can make a huge impact!

Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a



floral arrangement for Sunday worship service.

To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103.

Calendar



September 1

Nursery Wing Opens	10:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am

Monday, September 2

Labor Day Weekend

Office closed

Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH) 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 3

Waking Up With the Word (KH)	6:30 am
ROMEO's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
Single Way (Milton's Pizza & Pasta)	1:00 pm
Presbyterian Women Team (JK)	7:00 pm
Bonhoeffer Babes (The Crafty Beer Shop)	7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, September 4

Hudson Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, September 5

Amazing Grays Lunch (Red, Hot & Blue) 11:30 am

Friday, September 6

No activities scheduled

Saturday, September 7

No activities scheduled

Sunday, September 8

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Pre-Elementary Extended Care (218)	9:30 am
Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
Explorers/Confirmation/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
Bagels in the Balcony	10:30 am
Fall Kick-off Luncheon (WH)	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
Youth Kick-off (JK)	12:30 pm

Deacon

Congregational Workshop

Saturday, November 9

The Deacons will host a congregational workshop from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. It will include resources for the transitions that occur in every stage of our lives and will be facilitated by Liisa Ogburn, Elder Consultant with AgingAdvisorsNC. Watch for details coming this fall!



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Memorials

Gifts Given

August

Gifts given to Foundation in honor of:

- Mac Schafer, Debbie Kirk, Carol Yeargen, and Phil Hayden by Mitchell and Sonja Puryear.

Gifts given in memory of:

- Kay Byrd by Malcolm & Elaine Williams and Barry and Emily Cobb
- Edythe Smith Yates and Jean Honeycutt Yates by J. Louis Yates
- Jack and Alma Andrews by Robert & Jackie Andrews Gooch
- Maxine Mundell by John Whisler and Carolyn Scott

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