

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

## Welcome Team & Children's Ministry

# Fall Festival 2020

**October 25 6-7 pm**

The annual tradition is on, with a safe socially distant twist!

Sunday, October 25th  
from 6:00-7:00pm

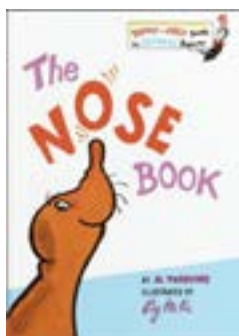
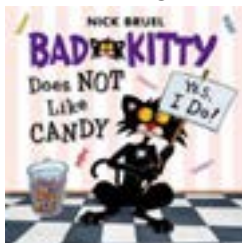
St. Mark's UMC will be hosting our partnered Fall Festival with a Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat!

We need you to bring, joy, delight, Christ's love, and normalcy to the children of our community!



Please consider hosting a Storybook themed Trunk. We are hoping to have up to 20 Trunks to greet

the children with. Pick your favorite children's storybook, dress up, and have fun introducing yourself to the families as



they drive by your trunk. [Sign up here to host a trunk.](#)



Due to our congregation's dedication to keeping everyone safe and

healthy, pre-packaged bags of candy will be passed out at the end of the drive-thru event.

If you would like to donate candy for the event, there will be bins set up for drop off in front of the church offices on Friday, October 2nd from 3-5pm and Sunday, October 4th during Drive-Thru communion 12-2pm

Please contact [Rachael McConnell](#), if you have any questions about the event. We hope to see y'all there!





# Racial Equity Training

This past month, on two occasions, the Elders (your Session), the clergy and program staff at Hudson engaged in racial equity training. The Session voted unanimously in September to take part in this training. I appreciated the Session and staff willingness to participate at a time when our nation is wrestling with its racial history and current situations that have caused pain, protest and unrest. Our Christian discipleship calls us to be engaged in issues of justice and faith.

The training was conducted by Equity Allies and called “Unpacking Racism.” The training included the following components:

- Small group conversations about situations where we have been uncomfortable and if we noticed our inner feelings of “fight, flight or freezing.”
- Looking at and discussing definitions for the following terms: Race, racism, prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination, microaggressions, internalized racism, interpersonal racism, institutional racism, equity and equality.
- Learning about and discussing unconscious bias, institutional systems change and the consequences of racism.
- Learning tools for non-violent communication and tools for disruption if we find ourselves in situations where some form of discrimination is occurring.

At our second gathering we:

- Reflected on what we learned in our first session and things we were trying to individually work on.
- We then looked at a chart called, “Beyond Diversity & Inclusion: The Spectrum from Exclusion to Transformative Collaboration.” Our facilitator asked us to think about where our church was on the continuum and why.

Your Session and staff will continue to discern where we might go next as leadership team and as a congregation with racial equity. I am presently gathering feedback from the staff and elders on their thoughts and we will continue to listen for God’s calling as leaders in the church. I am proud of your congregational leaders for having the courage to engage this subject matter in community. Please pray for your Session, your staff and for our nation during these heighten times of anxiety.

## Music

# Virtual Christmas Joy

## Upcoming Recordings For Advent Calendar Of Christmas Joy

- Monday, 10/12, 7pm : Ladies Ensemble II record/Ladies Trio records
- Tuesday, 10/13, 7pm: Ladies Ensemble I rehearses
- Wednesday, 10/14, 7pm: Tenors rehearse
- Thursday, 10/15, 7pm: Basses rehearse

## Fellowship

# Sunday Strolls

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.



**October 11th 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!

## 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!](#) ( [rmcconnell@hmpc.org](mailto:rmcconnell@hmpc.org))

Also, please record your children (or entire family) singing Jesus Loves Me. (If you need a copy of the music, please contact [Gina Hayek](#). We would like to have a video recording if at all possible. Please send the recording to [Rachael McConnell](#) by October 11. We would like to feature your family--in part--during the worship service October 18!

## Church Directory

**Our Church Directory is Online!**

**View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app**



To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

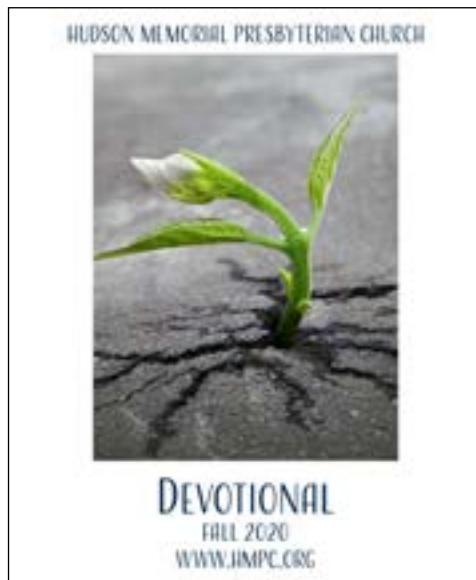
There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

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.

# 2020 Fall Devotional

Twenty members of HMPC have written a month worth of devotions to read from October 11th to November 8th. These devotions center on four scripture passages and the lives of people throughout the pandemic. These devotions will come through email on a daily basis or you can pick up copies of the devotional at the north entrance of the church. This devotional is a gift to the congregation from the Giving Ministry Team. We think you will be touched by the heartfelt reflections in this devotional.



## Sacred Conversations

### October 11

Sacred Conversations continues on Sundays October 11, 18 and 25 from 11:30-12:30 via Zoom. Using selected scripture and various resources this month we will consider how we chart a way forward when it seems like we are stuck, individually and communally. Everyone is invited to join us for this rich time of reflection, prayer and fellowship. For more information contact [Debbie Kirk](#). [All are welcome to join us at 11:30am via Zoom.](#)

## Waking Up with the Word



### Tuesday, October 13th

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@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org)) for more information.

# Youth Group News

## This Week

- The High School Youth are having a “Fellowship Hike to North Hills” for Burgers and Ice Cream this Sunday, October 11, from 5:00 – 7:00. Join us for some exercise, delicious food, and fellowship. Please bring money for your food at 5 Guys Burgers/Fries & Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream. Also, wear comfortable shoes and please bring a mask and a water bottle. We will gather at 5:00 PM under the shade of the “Twin Oaks” behind the church at the corner of Cranbrook Rd. and Langley Cir. Parent pick-up will be at 7:00. Friends welcome.
- Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class will meet Sunday, October 11. Matt Carlisle is the teacher.

## Youth Programs Looking Ahead

- Sunday, October 25th – Fall Festival. If you or your family is interested in doing a Trunk or Treat with a storybook theme at this year’s Fall Festival, please contact Frank Boyd or Rachael McConnell. Candy donations are also needed.

- 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.
- Flyers for Montreat 2021, Massanetta 2021, the Camp Don Lee High School Presbytery Retreat, as well as the Spring High School Lock-in can be found on the church website. Please contact Frank Boyd, Director of Youth Ministries, if you have any questions.



**Middle School Youth Enjoying The New Seating And Having A Cookout At The Fire Pit**

## Deacons



# 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 October 11th - Please keep these families in your prayers:

- Jay Bowles
- Matt, Cynthia, Colton & Lana Bowles
- Burns Boyce
- Sandra & Bill Boyd
- Davis, Shayla, Caroline & William Bradshaw
- McLean Bradshaw
- Tom & Mary Mac Bradshaw

## Calendar

### Sunday, October 11

- 9 am - Sunday Stroll
- 9:30 am - Pre-Elementary SS
- 9:30 am - Explorers 5-6-7 SS at Twin Oaks (corner of Cranbrook & Langley)
- 10 am - K-2nd Grade SS
- 10:30 am - 3 & 4 Grade SS
- 11:30 am - Sacred Conversations
- 5 pm - HS Youth Burgers & Ice Cream - walk to North Hills

### Tuesday, October 13

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 10 am - Esther Circle
- 11 am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle
- 11:45 am - Hannah Circle (West Lawn)
- 1 pm - Single Way
- 7 pm - Adult Ed. Comm.
- 7:15 pm - Boy Scouts (West Lawn)
- 7:30 pm - Miriam Circle

### Wednesday, October 14

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well

### Friday, October 16

- 5 pm - Cobb/Schneider Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, October 17

- 5 pm - Cobb/Schneider Wedding

### Sunday, October 18

- 9:30 am - Youth Committee (West Lawn)
- 9:30 am - Explorers 5-6-7 SS at Twin Oaks (corner of Cranbrook & Langley)
- 9:30 am - Joyful Noise - Langley Outdoor Worship Space & Sanctuary
- 11:30 am - Sacred Conversations

*Meetings are by Zoom unless noted otherwise.*

# Recommendations for Ruling Elders and Deacons And Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon consider members to begin their service in May 2021.

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us. As prescribed in the Book of Order, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee's work.

If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), and drop it off at the church office or talk with Marsha Flueckinger, Chair of the Nominating Committee. [You may also click here to fill out a recommendation form online.](#)

We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Consider for the office of:

☐ Ruling Elder

☐ Deacon

☐ Nominating Committee

Offices held at HMPC and other committee activity or mission involvement:

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Additional comments:

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_



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