

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

Worship & Arts

Outdoor Worship!

On Sunday, November 8th we had our first outdoor worship service. 73 people attended safely. The Class of 2023 Elders and Deacons were installed. Rick Melling was ordained as Elder and Glenn Schindo was installed as Clerk of Session.



Waking Up with the Word

Tuesday, November 17th

A men's bible study group that meets every Tuesday morning at 6:30am. **This coming Tuesday, we will meet by 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) for more information.



Presbyterian Pint

November 19

The men's group will meet on Thursday, November 19th at 7 pm via Zoom. 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. Our theme for this month is North Carolina Presbyterian History. Pastor Mac will share about three different road trips he took to visit some of the oldest Presbyterian Churches in the state. There will be some pre-reading that Pastor Mac will email out to the group on some of the early missionaries to the state of North Carolina.. Contact Mac Schafer (mschafer@hmpc.org) to receive the Zoom invitation.



Monthly Women at the Well

November 19

The evening version of Women at the Well normally meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6pm via Zoom, but will meet on the 3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving. 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. All are welcome to join anytime, if you would like to be added to the group list and receive the Zoom link contact [Debbie Kirk](#).



Seeing the Word

Monday, November 16th

This group uses the art work from the Saint 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.



Worship & the Arts

2020 Virtual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service



As you prepare to making your plans for thanksgiving week please include a time to worship. Due to COVID, the annual ecumenical thanksgiving service is virtual this year. This service includes clergy from seven Six Forks Road churches (The Fountain, North Haven, St. Marks, St. Timothy, Grace, Trinity and Hudson) and a number of our churches music ministries. Thanks be to God for the good relationships between our churches. A special offering will be collected for North Raleigh Ministries.

Special Offering

Good Samaritan Fund

Sunday, November 15

Our monthly special offering in November is for the Good Samaritan Fund, a discretionary account outside of the annual operating budget that is used to assist HMPC members and others who are experiencing financial challenges. We expect these needs to continue to increase due to the long term effects of COVID 19 and we appreciate any amount you give so we have the funds available as needed. [You may donate online](#), mail your donation or text to give. Text amount Samaritan to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 Samaritan). If you have not done this before, you will be prompted to enter your information. Once it has been entered, you will not have to enter it again.

Social Media

Hudson Memorial is on:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)

Our Twitter and Instagram accounts have quotes, poetry, prayer, scripture, and images. Follow us and like us!



Youth

Youth Group News

Youth Programs This Week

- **The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School**
Class will meet this Sunday, November 15, at 9:30 A.M. with teacher Sharon Cole. Weather permitting, the class will meet outside at the Twin Oaks, but please watch your email and text messages to see if the class will be moved to Zoom due to the weather.
- **November 15 – The Middle School Youth (grades 5-8)** will be doing Shopping Adventures at Target this Sunday evening to purchase Thanksgiving Supplies for families at North Raleigh Ministries. We will gather at 5:00 just outside the Target doors on the lower level backside of North Hills. Along with a mask & money for supper, please bring \$5 or more to help purchase the Thanksgiving Food for families in need. Parent pickup will be at 6:30 just outside the Target doors where drop-off was. Friends welcome.

Looking Ahead

- **Flyers for Montreat 2021, Massanetta 2021, and 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.

Giving Ministry

2021 Pledge Campaign Update

Last Sunday, November 8th was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent and financial resources to Christ through HMPC. Thank you to all of you who pledged in person, mailed your pledge in or made your commitment online.

Currently there are 119 households that have pledged out of 374 member households for a total of \$529,957.96. This time last year we had collected 139 pledges for a total of \$570,735.96.

It is not too late to pledge. You may [pledge online here](#), email your pledge to [Susan Gressel](#), HMPC Bookkeeper or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086 to request a pledge form be mailed to you. Thank you if your commitment to Christ through the church during these challenging times.

Thanks be to God!





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. Deacon on Call for November is PJ Conger.

Prayer Households for week of November 15th.
Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Phyllis Cheeley*
- *Wilson Cheeley*
- *Carol, Ric & Jason Clemens*
- *Emily, Barry & James Cobb*
- *Mike Coffey*
- *Ron and Sandy Cole*
- *Sharon, Sean & Hollie Cole*

Tend My Sheep

Christmas Gift Cards for Hurting Children



For many a past Christmas, Hudson has supported children from Grandfather Children's Home, operated by the Children's Hope Alliance. Partly due to the pandemic, the children are now at Children Hope Alliance's facility in Statesville.

We are asking people who wish to support the 22 children this Christmas to sign up [here to provide a gift card for a child](#). The cost is \$28, which includes the fee to purchase the gift card. We are also asking that you [pay for the gift card online](#), the link is provided in the SignUp Genius.

For those who do not have internet access and wish to participate, please contact Pat Cash at 919-787-1086. The Mission Committee will make sure the children receive them in plenty of time before Christmas. This method spares participants the exposure of securing a card and getting it to the church, while accomplishing the same personal, seasonal good as before.

Please help us bring some joy to some of God's hurting children.

The Mission Committee

Calendar

Sunday, November 15

- 9:30 am Explorers 5-6-7 - Twin Oaks
- 10:30 am - Outdoor Worship
- 10:30 am - Joyful Noise - Labyrinth Gathering Space
- 5 pm MS Youth Shopping Event

Monday, November 16

- 12 pm - Seeing the Word
- 7 pm - Finance
- 7 pm - Diaconate

Tuesday, November 17

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 7 pm - Boy Scouts - West Lawn

Wednesday, November 18

- 9:15 am – Women at the Well

Sunday, November 22

- 9:30 am Explorers 5-6-7
- 10:30 am - Children's Sunday School Labyrinth Gathering Space
- 10:30 am - Outdoor Worship

Meetings are by Zoom unless noted otherwise.

Staff Directory

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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:

Additional comments:

Your name: _____



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Chancel Guild

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 28

It is that time again to prepare our hearts and our church for the coming of Christ . You are invited to participate in the annual “Hanging of the Greens” at Hudson, but it will be a little different this year. On Saturday, November 28th from 10 am to 12 noon we are asking for volunteers to help decorate the outside of our church. Decorations, instructions and supplies will be placed around the church property for volunteers to hang.

[Volunteers are asked to sign up for a location using this link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4aaca722a3f94-outdoor) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4aaca722a3f94-outdoor>. All volunteers

are asked to wear masks and observe our church safety precautions.

In this way, we prepare our hearts. We make room again for the

Messiah. In “hanging the greens” we share with Christians throughout the ages the memory and anticipation of Christ’s coming. We decorate our church with these symbols of the season, so then even our decorations proclaim: Jesus is born! God is with us!

Plan now to help as we prepare again to celebrate the coming of Christ.

