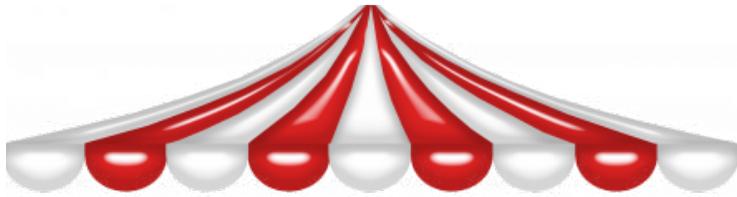




the weekly Window

October 6, 2019

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



FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20



Pumpkins, falling leaves, and an inflatable obstacle course can mean only one thing, Fall Festival is almost here. This year we will be holding this annual event jointly **with St. Mark's United Methodist Church**. One of the most fun, family friendly activities of the year will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 4-6 p.m. on the front lawn of Hudson. We can promise fun for all ages with our Trunk or Treat, crafts, games, cake walk, food trucks, S'mores and the popular obstacle course.

Volunteers and Donations Needed!

In order to make this fun fall event happen your help is needed. We need:

- **Volunteers** – plenty of volunteers!
- **Donations** – baskets are located for treats to be used for the festival.
- **Trunk Display** – get creative and sign up to provide a themed trunk display.
- **Fun Activities** – assist with face painting, craft or game.
- **Cake walk** – provide a cake walk prize.
- **Behind the scenes work** assist in set up or take down.

Sign Up!

Make plans now to be a part of this event and take advantage of this opportunity to share in service to the community with our neighbors from St. Marks. Sharing together to make this event happen with our faith partners from St. Marks will truly be a blessing for all.

To volunteer for this event go to <https://bit.ly/2mGd3vy>.

NC Presbyterian Historical Society

Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 12

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its fall meeting Saturday morning, October 12th, at Davie Street Presbyterian Church,

Raleigh, NC. We will be celebrating the very interesting 151-year history of Davie Street and the early history of African-American Presbyterian congregations in North Carolina.

Registration is \$16,

including morning coffee and lunch. The schedule, registration form, and address are available at www.ncphsociety.org or contact Flo Durway at 919-977-8897 or floanddan74@g-mail.com.

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Brown Bag Lunch

Monday, October 7

Brown Bag meets on the first Monday of each month at noon in Westminster Hall. This month we will be watching and discussing the second half of the movie, *Mary Magdalene*. Bring a bag lunch, we provide paper goods and drinks. For more information contact Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.



St. John's Illuminated Bible. The study lasts 45 minutes and concludes with the Lord's Supper. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m in the Springmoor chapel. For more information contact Mac Schafer at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Inquirers Class

Sunday, October 20

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 Memorial. Childcare is available if you register ahead of time. 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, October 16.**



Seeing the Word at Springmoor

Thursday, October 10

HMPC has many members and friends who live at Springmoor Life Care Retirement Center. Pastor Mac Schafer has begun a monthly study of passages and illuminations in the



New Members

Welcome



Joe & Ginger Lindsey

Joe was born in LaFayette, AL and grew up in a rural town. He is interested in

helping the homeless and hungry.

Ginger grew up in Jacksonville, FL. She is involved in a philanthropic educational organization that provides educational scholarships, grants and loans to women.

The Lindseys enjoy showing dogs and riding bikes. They have two Skye Terriers.

She is currently enrolled in drawing and painting classes and is relearning how to play the piano. Linda has an interest

in helping individuals with special needs and serves as a substitute in special

education and belongs to the North Raleigh Civitan Club, an organization dedicated to helping people with developmental disabilities.



Linda Burton

Linda was born in Pinehurst and grew up in Raleigh.



Faith Formation

Fall Devotional

Thirty Hudson members have written devotions for a fall devotional booklet. The writers reflected on a doxology written by Eric H. F. Law in his book *Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries*. We will be singing this doxology every Sunday in church for the next six weeks.

Eric Law suggests that there are five currencies beyond money. They are: time and place, gracious leadership, relationships, trust and wellness. We will be thinking about all these currencies in worship in October and November.

The devotional is available in booklet form and will also come out in daily e-mails. We hope you will commit to reading these reflections by your fellow church goers. We have intentionally put a photo of each writer next to their devotion so you can put a face with a reflection. This is yet another way we can deepen our faith and get to know each other through community.

Missions

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

By Jimmy Hulsey

Back in August our congregation took an offering of \$675 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Way to Go! PDA is our PCUSA arm, extending to needs such as the hurricanes we experienced last September in North Carolina and more recently Dorian which virtually destroyed the Bahamas on Labor Day Weekend and did more damage to the coast of the Carolinas.

If you were away in August or have been moved by the destruction done by Dorian since then, you can still contribute to PDA. Go to pda.pcusa.org and follow the cues to how to contribute to Hurricane and Typhoon Relief. The code for these particular needs is CDR000194.

There are three ways to contribute:

- online as directed;
- by phone: 800-872-3283; or
- by check to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. While you are on their website, browse around to see what a range of wonderful work they do.

There are a number of ways to give to relief in the Bahamas and elsewhere, but PDA represents well trained workers with an organization that is responsive to both the church and the world and accountable with all dollars they receive.

I am proud to be part of a church with such a compassionate and competent arm of caring as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Again, well done to those of Hudson who gave! Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry

Thank you for donating \$1,532 to Presbyterian Campus Ministry. What a wonderful way to say we support college students in their faith journey.

Tend My Sheep

Sunday, October 27

Each month we come together as a congregation to collect items to benefit a local group in need. When combined our individual contributions can make a huge impact!

This month we are collecting sugar (2 lbs), flour (2 lbs), and vegetable oil for North Raleigh Ministry thanksgiving baskets.

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.



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.



October 13

- **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: Book Study 2 "The Jesus Priorities"** by Christopher Maricle. Each week we will explore the priorities Jesus modeled in his life and ministry as told in the gospels and we will discuss how to emulate them: healing, love, prayer, and confidence in the treasures in heaven, oneness with God, spreading the Word, innocence, and humility. Participants do not have to read the book and may attend any sessions. Facilitated by Andrea Mouw
- **Parlor: "Violence and Faith" 2** How Christians should understand the violence in the Bible and what it means to act like a non-violent Christian in our society today. The many forms of violence will be discussed. Led by Ron Ash

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- **John Knox: The book of Psalms** is the bible study for the fall led by Nancy Law. We will learn about the various categories of Psalms in their original context, where and how they were used through the centuries, and how they have been adapted to contemporary settings as we consider how we might apply them to our lives.

The Session

A Bequest from Eleanor Ragan

Eleanor Gertrude Ragan entered God's everlasting kingdom on December 14, 2018. She was born in Sampson County in 1931. She served as Executive Secretary of the American Cancer Society and was a longtime member of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Eleanor was quiet, caring and a good friend. She was a tremendous caregiver to her mother and brother who lived in Southport, NC. Eleanor had a green thumb and loved to garden at her home on Yadkin Drive. At Hudson she helped plant the Crape Myrtles on the south side of the preschool Playgarden. Eleanor was a regular worshiper on Sunday mornings and attended the women's Sunday School class that met in old Room 100. For almost ten years she and Hudson member, Shirley Bennett, would deliver for Meals on Wheels in the east side of Raleigh. Eleanor was the Monday volunteer in the church office.



Eleanor Ragan

Earlier this year the church was informed that Eleanor had named the church in her will and only a few weeks ago did we learn the full extent of her gift. The estate gift came in two parts: An undesignated gift of almost \$97,000 and another designated gift for more than \$628,000 that, "shall be used and applied for the maintenance of the church building to preserve the structure, operation, and beauty of such building." The session of the church is presently discerning how to best manage, invest and use these resources for the benefit of Christ's ministry through Hudson. This act of generosity will help provide new avenues of ministry for years to come.

In light of this gift, we encourage the congregation to remember the church in their estate planning. Undesignated gifts of any size can make a difference for years to come. We remind the congregation that it is your financial gifts that allow ministry at Hudson to happen. We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to the church through its annual pledge drive and to the HMPC Foundation.

Thanks be to God for Eleanor Gertrude Ragan. May we be faithful stewards of God's good gifts through the church.

Update

- Laura McHenry presented the plans for the 2020 Stewardship campaign and asked for early pledges from the Session members
- Ken Krause, leader of the Property team, presented the plan for major improvements to the building and the estimated costs. The Session was supportive of the plan and will approve funding as the plans for the projects are finalized.
- Approved the recommendation presented by Elder Bond to transfer \$250 K from the Ragan estate gift to the Foundation for investment.
- Elected Lizzie Graybill as commissioner to the next stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope scheduled for October 26.
- Elder Harry Bond reported on the status of the finances. Revenue is on budget and the current surplus is \$12 K better than budget.
- Approved Kelly Capps, Harry Bowles and Sean Cole as board members for the Hudson Preschool.

Outreach

Blood Drive

Thank you all who participated in our blood drive on Sunday, September 29th.

Like a badge of courage, our colorful arm bandages were a great sign of caring and giving of our treasures. This will be the only time you will not hear me say – “give 100%!”

We were very successful in meeting our modest goal of 15 donors. We also met another modest goal of including at least two



non-members by having three of our neighbors participate. With this being the first time in a while of hosting a blood drive, and partnering with a local service, the Evangelical and Outreach committee would love to hear from you:

- If you donated – was this convenient, simple process? Would you do this again?
- Realizing many work places sponsor blood drives, is this a project we should continue?

- And how could we as a church better serve our community / neighborhood?

Thought this was an awesome project? Join our team and help plan other great projects to help our community develop and nurture that fantastic love we feel in Jesus Christ! AMEN! Evangelical and Outreach team go-getters: Jonathan Hughes, Sonja Puryear, Tony Bedini, Dickens Sanchez, Tripp Bradshaw, Patricia Richardson and Lizzie Graybill.

Youth

The middle and high school youth groups are away this weekend on separate retreats and will not meet.

- **The high school youth** are at Lake Gaston for a two-day retreat, and will return to the church by 5 p.m. today.
- **The middle school group** is at Camp Kanata for New Hope Presbytery’s Middle School Retreat with 240 other middle schoolers, and should be back at 11:45 a.m. today.

Bagels in the Balcony is next week, October 13th.

Next Week, October 13th, the high school youth, and the confirmation class, are celebrating their annual fellowship dinner with the Amazing Grays at 5 p.m.

Please join us for this a wonderful meals and life discussion with our wise and wonderful elders. All youth should let Frank Boyd so we can get a head count for the chef. Thank you.

The middle school youth are headed to the State Fair, Sunday, October 27th, from 11:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*note the change of date to October 27th*). Everyone who plans to go should sign up with Frank Boyd.

Fall Festival on October 20th - The high school and middle school youth groups are invited to participate in the Fall Festival activities from 4-6 p.m. Watch for details.

Calendar



Sunday, October 6

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Pre-Elementary Extended Care (218)	9:30 am
Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
Explorers/MS (227)	9:30 am
The Gathering	9:30 am
Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am

Monday, October 7

Brown Bag Lunch (WH)	12:00 pm
Election Set Up (WH)	12:00 pm
Boys & Girls Homes of NC (200)	5:00 pm
Personnel (KH)	6:00 pm
PW Coordinating Team (JK)	7:00 pm
Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 8

Wake County Board of Elections (WH)	6:30 am
ROMEO's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
Staff Meeting (Library)	9:30 am
Single Way (Bahama Breeze)	1:00 pm
Daisy/Brownie Troop 1968 (215)	4:00 pm
Foundation (KH)	5:50 pm
HMP Board Meeting (Library)	6:30 pm
Adult Education Committee (JK)	7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 9

Women at the Well (Parlor)	9:15 am
Hudson Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:15 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, October 10

Seeing the Word at Springmoor	10:30 am
Boys & Girls Homes NC (200)	5:00 pm
Mission Committee (KH)	7:00 pm

Friday, October 11

No activities scheduled

Saturday, October 12

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