

THIS WEEK  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

NEXT WEEK AT HMPC  
Acolyte – Dakota Sorie  
Crucifer – Avery Sorie  
Children's Church – Katie Schultz

BIBLE STUDIES  
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Men's Morning Bible Study  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study  
Tuesday 2:30 p.m. Women's Afternoon Bible Study  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)  
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. Women's Small Group

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS  
TODAY 2:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Consecration Sunday & Luncheon  
5:00 p.m. Organ Committee Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Youth Pumpkin Carving Contest  
*(Correction to previous posting)*

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Praying the Congregation Through the Year"  
We are a community of faith that seeks to share each other's joys and concerns. To that end, the worship committee and Rev. Kane decided to "Pray the Congregation Through the Year." During the Prayers of the People Ben will pray for five to seven members. We invite you to continue to pray for those individuals throughout the week. If you desire to be bold in your faith, ask those five to seven people if there are specific prayers you could offer during the week. As the Apostle Paul proclaimed, "We are to pray without ceasing."

##### BOY SCOUTS

**Troop 49** is once again selling popcorn as their annual fundraiser. This money not only helps the scouting program in eastern NC but goes directly to support the scouts. In addition to the popcorn, they will also be selling **Bojangles' coupon books**. The cost of these books are \$5 and offer over \$60 in savings. If you are interested, please see David Sessoms or a scout of Troop 49 to purchase either of these items. The money earned will be applied to reduce the annual cost of scouting in the troop or to reduce the cost of summer camp at Camp Daniel Boone in Asheville. **We need everyone's help, so please consider supporting scouting at HMPC through one of these GREAT fundraisers.**

##### DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday, October 25th is Consecration Sunday  
-Rev. Peter Bynum, Pastor of First Pres., Concord will be our preacher on Oct. 25. (He's a former summer intern at HMPC.)  
-We have six generations actively worshiping each Sunday!  
-The six generations are: GI's (1901-24), Silents (1925-41), Boomers (1942-1960), Xers (1961-84), Millennials (1982-2003), iGen (2004-present).

## HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### THE SESSION

Benjamin Kane, Moderator  
C.W. Mayo, IV, Clerk of Session (2015)

#### Committee Moderators of the Session

##### Christian Education

Lynn Taylor (2016)

##### Congregational Life

Ellen Clark (2015)

June Cherry (2015)

##### Facilities

Greg Sessoms (2017)

Harry Doughtie (2017)

##### Finance and Stewardship

Tom Cordle (2017)

Beth Brinson (2015)

Bill Clark (2017)

##### Membership Development

Betsy Davis (2016)

Ellington Smoot (2017)

##### Mission and Christian Witness

Kelly Parker (2016)

Stuart Sanderson (2016)

##### Worship

Carnell Lamm (2016)

Nancy Whitehurst (2015)

*(Elder Class in parenthesis)*

#### Staff

##### Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane, Pastor

Children's Education & Music Director.....Katie Schultz  
Director of Music/Organist.....Bill Hilderbrandt  
Finance Administrator.....Gail Hussey  
Office Administrator/Facilities.....Joy Acree  
Sexton..... Arthur Walker

#### DID YOU REMEMBER?

-Have you signed up for the Celebration Luncheon next Sunday following worship?  
-The next YouthBucks coffeehouse is Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (which is also Daylight Savings Day, so you may need extra coffee because of the time change!).



## HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"We are united in the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and in the transforming power of God's love and grace. We seek to follow the Word of God and remain committed to service and mission both locally and beyond."*

**October 18, 2015**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Season of Ordinary Time**  
**Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane**

#### GATHERING

*As we gather together to worship God, we invite you to please sign the maroon friendship pad.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

PRELUDE Chorale Improvisation on Nettleton P. Manz

CHORAL INTRODUCTION *This Little Light of Mine* Cherub Choir  
(3years- kindergarten)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord offered himself—  
once and for all—  
**so that our conscience can be free  
from all things that lead to death.**  
Let us freely go  
**and worship the living God!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**Dear Lord, you are our only hope.  
Teach us to put our trust in you.  
God, you are our help.  
Teach us the path of righteousness  
and turn us from the ways of the wicked,  
for we know that you love those who do justice.  
We will forever praise you for the glory of your  
righteous reign, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #4** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins to God,  
**from whom our help comes.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you have been faithful,  
yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts.  
You showed how to love our fellow human beings,  
yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Turn us back to you, O God,  
that we may follow your commandments;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #288 *Spirit of the Living God*  
*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*  
*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

**DECLARATION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved,  
The Lord is loving, merciful, and just.  
**Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another,  
that we might walk in peace and love.**

**\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS** Hymn #581

***Glory Be to the Father  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.***

TIME WITH CHILDREN Katie Schultz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ellen Clark

THE FIRST READING Mark 3: 33-35 (p. #37)

ANTHEM *Entreat Me Not To Leave Thee* C. Gounod

THE SECOND READING Ruth 1: 1-17 (p. #241)

HOMILY "Making a Choice" Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane

**Questions for the Road:**

How is God a part of your decisions? What keeps you from making a decision?  
How do you measure commitment? How do you think God measures  
commitment?

**\*HYMN #324** For All the Faithful Women

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confession of 1967*

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work  
or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study  
are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their  
witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is  
the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with  
other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is  
the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of  
ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in  
particular situations. Believers are entitled to the guidance and  
support of the Christian community and are subject to its advice and  
correction. Believers in turn, in their own competence, help to guide  
the church.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**THE EUCHARIST**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Our God is ever faithful  
and provides everything that we need.  
**Let us praise the Lord through our giving,  
that our offerings may be acceptable to God.**

**OFFERING**

OFFERTORY *I Will Follow* Alleluia Singers  
(1st grade-5th grade)

**\*DOXOLOGY** Hymn #606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Mary Louise Batchelor

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**Dear God,  
we offer you these gifts  
that they might build up the work of your Kingdom.  
Make us living witnesses to the way of your  
righteous reign.  
For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Te Deum* P. Manz

*A warm and sincere welcome to one and all!  
It is a genuine pleasure to gather as God's people, to open  
ourselves to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts.*

**THE USHERS FOR OCTOBER ARE:**  
C.W. Mayo, IV, Head Usher  
Farrar & Maureen Martin, Rusty & Mary Ann Holderness,  
Diane & Lenny LeFiles and Bill Becker

**MORNING WORSHIP**

The Acolyte this morning – Hunter Becker  
The Crucifer this morning – Myrna Truscott  
Children's Church – Dana Alexander & Hope Whitehurst