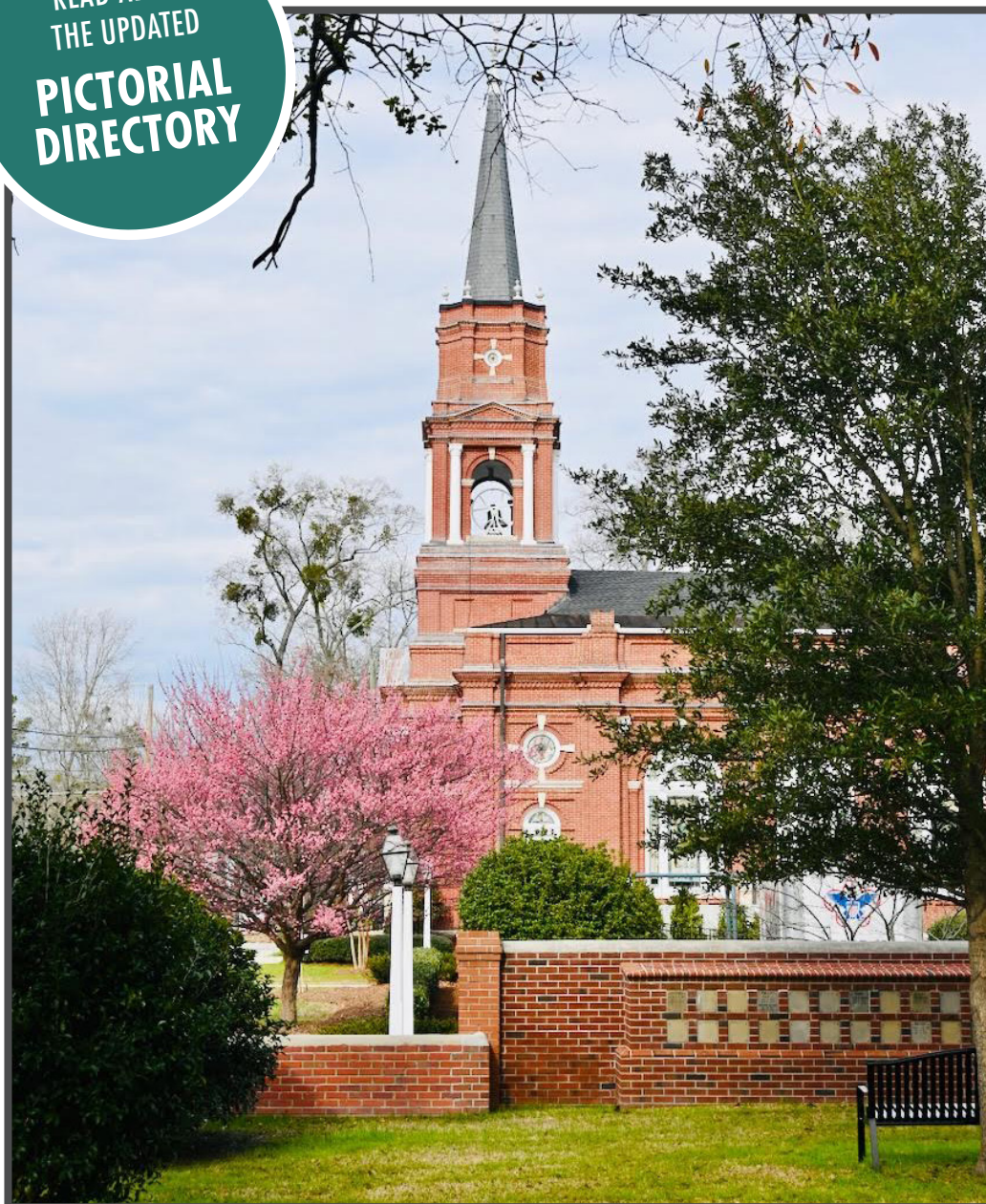


THE MESSENGER

HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

• APRIL 2024 •

READ ABOUT
THE UPDATED
**PICTORIAL
DIRECTORY**



"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."

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rebekah Maul
Interim Pastor

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Communications Coordinator

Kate Allen
Nursery Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 9a - 5p

Friday: 9a - 1p

The deadline to submit items for
The Messenger is the
15th of each month.

Spring at HMPC! Join us for "Arts in the Garden: A Workshop with HMPC" Artists on April 27 — tickets are available to purchase on our website and in the church office.



TUNE INTO OUR
YOUTUBE PAGE
@HOWARD MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Our YouTube page is where you can
find Worship Services, Lenten Lectures
& Wondrous Wednesdays videos!*



A WORD FROM YOUR CLERK

Maybe it's Spring Fever, but there's a lot of excitement around the church these days! You may not realize it, but the Facilities Committee is responsible for many upgrades and new projects around HMPC. John Keck Moore and Chauncey Leggett are the "Go To" folks on the Session as Co-chairs of the committee. Chauncey started one of his reports at a Session Meeting by saying, "We break stuff and we fix stuff." The Facilities Committee does way more than that!

Just in the last few months, here's what's happened:

- Carpet pulled up and new floors installed in the offices, with new rugs (minister's office painted)
- Carpets cleaned and spot cleaned in several downstairs rooms and the sanctuary
- Ongoing door replacement project in Burns Hall and the small hallway entrance
- Internet upgrades in the sanctuary and CE Building down to and including Burns Hall – faster, more secure wi-fi, better video quality
- Two new street lights in place in the playground and the back of the Memorial Garden
- PVC fence screening trash cans beside the kitchen
- Removeable rails for pulpit steps project in progress
- New LED lighting installed in sanctuary ceiling beside choir loft (both sides – with a TALL ladder) and sconce light bulbs replaced

And all this is in addition to the regular "Break it and Fix it" things.

One project that we're very excited about is the installation of the Cordle Carillon. Last week, the Verdin Company sent representatives to connect the speakers, which are hidden away in the steeple, to a digital control panel in the "audio room" in the back of the sanctuary. Skilled electricians got the wiring ready – crawling through a tiny hole in the ceiling and up into the steeple. Chauncey, John Keck and Steve Brittain were there to try out the carillon and I was lucky enough to hear it chiming a hymn and a bagpipe serenade. It was AMAZING! There is a catalog with a wide range of songs and chimes that we can use. The Worship Committee will meet to set guidelines for using the carillon – when it rings and sings – and all of this will be approved by the Session. But one thing we do know, it will officially play for the first time on Sunday, May 5 when the Cordle Carillon is dedicated to the memory of Carol and Tom. Their daughters and family will be in attendance for the special service commemorating the 1909 dedication of the Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church brick sanctuary. What a fitting tribute to Carol and Tom's service to the Lord, our church and our community. The chimes of the carillon will bring all three together.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5. It will be a special day in the life of HMPC.

Cindy Brittain, Clerk of Session, HMPC

PS – The carillon doesn't interfere with our bell! It can still be rung the same way. In fact, the Verdin Rep. told us it was an amazing bell – not made of steel like most post-Civil War bells.



HMPC HAPPENINGS

ARTS IN THE GARDEN: A WORKSHOP WITH HMPC ARTISTS

Have you registered?

If not, go to the church's home page (howardmemorial.org) and click on the link; we don't want anyone to miss out on this event for the entire community (and that includes YOU). It's taking place on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00a - 1:00p, outside in the beautiful Memorial Garden and Grounds as well as inside the church.*



Thirteen gifted members of the congregation will showcase their talents as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration and *Project 150: Helping Children and Families*.**

A variety of activities will be available for every member of the family. Handouts with location maps, along with activity and performance schedules will be available at registration. Many of the artists' will be selling items at their locations.

In addition to the artists' workshops and activities for the children, "Miss Mattie's Chapel" will be open for prayer and meditation, with a labyrinth opportunity offered. Come browse the artwork for sale in Burns Hall, where The Silent Art Auction and Gallery will be located. Visit the website's 150 Anniversary link to see some of the items for sale.

The Congregational Life Committee will be preparing the delicious box lunches, that are included in the price of the ticket.

Adults (18 and over) \$25, Children \$15
(Please, no unaccompanied children under age 10.)

Tickets through the link at www.howardmemorial.org
or in the church office
303 E. Saint James Street. 252-823-4136

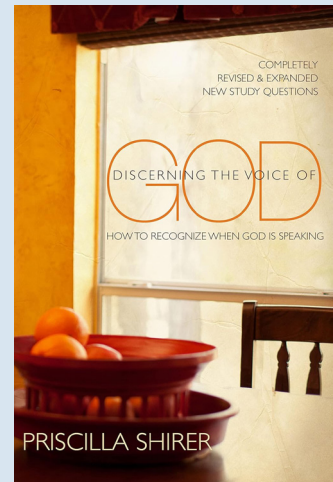
The day promises to be a time of enjoyment, renewal and it's all for a good cause!

* In case of rain, all events will be inside the church.
**Organizations are Children's Hope Alliance; The Ronald McDonald House of Greenville, NC; My Sister's House; and the Edgecombe County Department of Social Services Children's Resource Funds. All proceeds will go to support the work of these worthy groups.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL

New Women's Bible Study

Beginning on April 10 & available on zoom. Meets on Wednesdays at 8:30am. Study is on the book "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God is Speaking" by Priscilla Shirer.



Pictorial Directory

Bill Goode will be taking pictures on April 21 & April 28.

Arts in the Garden: A Workshop with HMPC Artists

April 27
Tickets available on our website.

BURNS SCHOLARSHIP

Attention graduating seniors: The Robert E. Burns, III Scholarship application is available in the church office. Applicants should be members of Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, a graduating senior from a public or private high school and be selected for admission to an accredited college or university or community college in the United States. A completed application and supporting documents must be returned to the church office by May 6, 2024.

HMPC HAPPENINGS

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

What you need to know about HMPC's UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.

There are three ways to have your photo included in HMPC's 2024 Directory:

- 1) Have your photo taken by Bill Goode at one of the designated times. * New photos will be available for purchase through Bill Goode.
- 2) Submit a photo to Anna Vaughn at av@annavaughn.com with subject line as "HMPC Directory" and your names as you would like them printed in the email.
- 3) Ask to use your photo from our most recent directory

SIGNING UP for appointments for photos by Bill Goode:

Membership Development Committee members will be available for photo scheduling on

*Sunday, April 7th and *Sunday, April 14th

in Leigh Moore's church office from 9:30 – 10:45 and in front of the church following Worship Service

*Wednesday Night Potluck on April 10th

If you wish to schedule a photo session but will not be at church at any of these scheduling times, please contact Gail Hussey at gailscotthussey@gmail.com or 252-883-4006 for call or text.

PHOTO SESSIONS with Bill Goode:

(Appointments are required.) Bill Goode will be in the church parlor for photo sessions at the following times:

*Sunday, April 21; 8-9am, 10-11am and 12:15-1:30pm and

*Sunday, April 28; 8-9am, 10-11am and 12:15-1:30pm (Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am on those days.)

SNAPSHOTS: Palm Sunday, with a baptism, and the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, both on March 24.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 5th

Commemoration of Howard Memorial Church
1909 Dedication

Sunday, May 12

Our worship service will be led by the Youth of
HMPC on this Youth & Senior Sunday!

APRIL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Church Office is closed.	2	3 7p Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 9:30a Youth Coffee House 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	8	9 7:30a Men's Bible Study	10 8:30a Women's Bible Study 6p First Wednesday Potluck 7p Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
14 9:30a Youth Coffee House 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 5:30p Youth Group	15	16 7:30a Men's Bible Study	17 8:30a Women's Bible Study 6p Wondrous Wednesdays 7p Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 9:30a Youth Coffee House 9:00a Sunday School 11a Worship *Bill Goode taking Directory Photos	22	23 7:30a Men's Bible Study	24 8:30a Women's Bible Study 6p Wondrous Wednesday 7p Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 10a Arts In The Garden: A Workshop with HMPC Artists
28 9:30a Youth Coffee House 9:00a Sunday School 11a Worship 5:30p Youth Group *Bill Goode taking Directory Photos	29	30 7:30a Men's Bible Study				

GREETERS

April 7 Beth & Ben Brinson
 April 14 Inez Holderness & Rusty Holderness
 April 21 Denise & Bennett Bradley
 April 28 Lillie & David Anderson

WORSHIP LEADER

April 7 David Anderson
 April 14 Michael Peters
 April 21 John McFadyen
 April 28 Lily Peters

THE JANE TRANSPORTATION

April 7 Wayne Creech
 April 14 Lance Cherry
 April 21 Ben C Mayo
 April 28 Steve Brittain

ACOLYTES

April 7 Usher
 April 14 Davis Peters
 April 21 Lily Peters
 April 28 Cooper Schultz

CRUCIFER

April 7 Usher
 April 14 Brookes Peters
 April 21 Conner Schultz
 April 28 Kody Fecho

USHERS

Head Ushers, Katie Schultz & Steven Spruill
 Nusara Spruill
 Michael Peters
 Meredith Peters
 Martha Creech
 Wayne Creech

COMMUNION SERVERS

April 7: Class of 2024: Bennett Bradley, Elizabeth Burns, Jerome Creech, Diane LeFiles, Steven Spruill

TIME WITH CHILDREN: Andrea Drake
NURSERY: Kate Allen

Thank you for being an active and vital participant in the worship of the Triune God. We understand that life happens, and plans change and ask that if you need to switch roles and/or dates, to please do so and let Angie or Leigh know so we can make those changes in the bulletin.

You can reach Angie in the office:
 252-823-4138 or by email:
 angie.hmpec@gmail.com



The Annual 5K for TCO, held on March 23, supporting Tarboro Community Outreach.

Birthdays IN APRIL

Bryan Mayo 3
 Jim, Jr. Hussey 3
 David Sessoms 4
 Tammy Fecho 5
 Taylor Gammons 5
 Jonathan Fecho 6
 Amy Goode 7
 TJ Shirley 8
 Stuart Anderson 9
 Miller Clark Minton 9
 Ryan Mayo 9
 Inie Ribustello 10
 Kim Roberson 10
 Sherri Alligood 11

Mary Catherine Stallings 11
 Reggie Fountain 12
 Stephanie Whitaker 12
 Araminta Burns 14
 Ellen Clark 15
 Carmen Spruill 15
 Edgar Garcia Manuel 15
 Denise Bradley 15
 Brian Weathersby 16
 Ken Miller 17
 Adam Schultz 18
 Jordan Braxton 20
 Barb Hancock 20
 Joseph Petruzzello 23
 John Gray 23
 Brookes Peters 24
 Elizabeth Sessoms 25
 Rusty Holderness 26
 Burton Holderness 30

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

ONGOING CONCERNS

Mary Eleanor Daniel
 Motsie Brooks
 Mary Alice Fountain
 Michelle Keen Eudy
 Eloise Clark
 Linda Goines
 Jim Marrow
 Rabbit Summerlin
 Lori Drake
 Trish Wilson
 C.W. Mayo
 Pat Ward
 Jamie Evans

RESIDENTS OF THE JANE

Jeri McCranie
 Marj Prescott
 Carol Hansen Blankenhorn
 Margaret Burlew
 Lea Cutler
 Jean Parker
 Gwen Moore
 Ed Jolley
 Grace Fishel
 Deliah Boyd

SOMERSET COURT ROCKY MOUNT
 Celia Allsbrook

CARROLTON OF NASH

Martha Muse

Marriages

Anna Keck Moore to Sheldon Roberts
 on December 2

Births

Minerva Wren Winslow (Minnie) was born on November 17th. She is the daughter of Jenifer & Franklin Winslow & the granddaughter of Kathy & Jim Winslow.

Lance Wayne Cherry III and Lauryn Wren Cherry, born February 27.

Son and daughter of Brittany and Lance Cherry, Jr. and grandchildren of June and Lance Cherry.

Deaths

Clarence Weeks "Buddy," December 7
 Lynn Hemingway, December 15
 Edgar Benjamin "Ben" Gammons Jr.,
 January 15
 Peggy B. Hussey, February 26
 Gerald Ward, March 14

BUDGET REPORT

HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS				
Two Months Ending February 2024				
RECEIPTS	February	YEAR-TO-DATE	BUDGET	%
Pledges -(includes prepayments of \$91,401)	20,858	136,743	365,397	37%
Unpledged	3,785	5,185	25,000	21%
Plate Loose	817	1,315	3,000	44%
Session Funds-Youth Director			10,000	0%
Marrow Music Funds-Support			2,000	0%
Undesignated Sessional Funds			13,732	0%
Habitat for Humanity Reimbursement			10,000	0%
Prior Year Pledges	50	100	4,000	3%
Session Funds-Youth Camp Supplement				
TOTAL	25,510	143,343	433,129	33%
EXPENDITURES:				
Presbytery & Mission Program	3,410	3,410	20,058	17%
Assembly per Capita(300 x \$9.85)	492	492	2,685	18%
Synod per Capita(300 x \$1.15)	58	58	255	23%
SUB-TOTAL	3,960	3,960	22,998	17%
OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS				
Worship Committee	265	3,167	7,410	43%
Christian Education Committee	(2,126)	(2,685)	14,000	-19%
Congregational Life Committee	34	177	4,600	4%
Membership Development Committee	- 0	- 0	1,500	0%
Mission and Christian Service Committee	(3,276)	(2,956)	23,850	-12%
Finance and Stewardship Committee	33,597	52,524	316,321	17%
Facilities Committee	9,759	14,357	43,950	33%
Contingencies				
SUB-TOTAL	38,253	64,584	411,631	16%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	42,213	68,544	434,629	16%
REVENUE:(OVER/UNDER) EXPENDITURES:				
Other Revenue	3,424	3,424	1,500	
Other Expenses	(505)	(721)		
TOTAL	(13,784)	77,502	- 0	
CASH IN BANK BEGINNING				
Prepaid Pledges 2024		(91,401)		
Accrued Expenses				
Certificate of Deposits		(140,000)		
CASH IN BANK ENDING	30,102	30,103		
<i>Other Funds Available</i>				
2023 Certificate's of Deposit	104,418	104,418		
2024 Certificate's of Deposit	140,000	140,000		
Total Other Funds Available	244,418	244,418		



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