



THE MESSENGER

HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

• MAY 2024 •

COMMEMORATION OF
THE HMPC
DEDICATION 1909
MAY 5



Arts in the Garden on April 27 - continued the 150th Anniversary Celebration. Many thanks to the artists and everyone who made this extraordinary event possible. See more photos inside.

"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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 9a - 5p

Friday: 9a - 1p

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



TUNE INTO OUR
YOUTUBE PAGE
@HOWARD MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Our YouTube page is where you can
find Worship Services & 150th
Anniversary videos!*



A WORD FROM YOUR CLERK

What a busy spring! We've hosted 150th Anniversary Celebration Events — Arts in the Garden and the upcoming May 5th Commemoration of the Howard Memorial Dedication in 1909. Rebekah and Derek have renewed our spirits by worshiping with us, teaching us and leading us during our transition year. And we just finished one big part of our Mission Study work by participating in the Focus Group exercise on Wednesday night, April 10.

One friend asked me, "What do the focus groups have to do with finding a new minister?" Good question! Here's the answer. It's all about the PCUSA process of discerning whom God is already calling to be our next installed minister. It goes like this:

1. Focus Groups, as part of the Mission Study Process, help us put down on paper who we are as a congregation. We examine our strengths, ways we can improve and dreams for the future as we serve the Lord.
2. The Mission Study Committee takes all the information from the focus groups, the survey results, interviews with community members and demographic reports and puts them into a Mission Study Report. The report will be approved by the Session at our meeting in May and then submitted to the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of New Hope and approved.
3. As soon as the Mission Study Report is approved, we are ready for our Nominating Committee to appoint a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC), who will conduct the search for our next installed pastor. The PNC will probably begin their work in June.
4. The PNC will use the Mission Study Report to write up an MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile), which will tell potential candidates about HMPC. It's very important that this is an accurate representation of our church and shows ministers that we are an inviting, exciting place to be here in Tarboro — all points that we uncovered in the Focus Groups that you participated in.

So, you see, those focus groups have a lot to do with finding our next pastor! We are "ahead of the game" this year in comparison to the last transition. This Mission Study Committee was appointed in January and their work will be completed in May. That's amazing! Many thanks to Co-Chairs, Diane LeFiles and Beth Brinson, Bonnie Whitehurst, Martha Creech, Jonathan Cobb, Michael Peters, and Ex-Officio Member, Rev. Rebekah Maul for their hard work in accomplishing this task!

And thank you, Members of HMPC, for caring enough to participate in all of the work of the church!
Cindy Brittain, Clerk of Session, HMPC



HMPC HAPPENINGS

A CELEBRATION OF HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEDICATION, 1909

On Sunday morning, October 1, 1905, Mr. George Howard announced that the Howard family would like to erect a new church building to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Judge George Howard and his wife, Anna Ragland Stamps Howard.

And that's how Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church began a new chapter. The brick sanctuary, in which we worship today, was dedicated on May 23, 1909, nearly 35 years after Tarboro Presbyterian Church was founded. The wooden Carpenter Gothic Church was moved and became Eastern Star Baptist Church.

On **Sunday, May 5**, we will commemorate the dedication of Howard Memorial Presbyterian during morning worship. It will be a time of Thanksgiving and Remembrance as we dedicate the Cordle Carillon in memory of Carol and Tom. Join us for this special service and afterward on the lawn for a fun celebration – part of our 150th Anniversary!

THE THOMAS CREECH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FUND UPDATE

My mom and I were sitting at dinner with some friends and family a few weeks ago and one of the women looked across the table and said, "Lindy, what was Thomas like?"

The conversation became tear-filled as we shared memories both hard and joyful. His bubbly personality, his sense of humor, silly things he said... And then my mom turned the conversation slightly and said, "You know, the outpouring of kindness from people around us was just astounding." Of the many takeaways from the almost decade of sickness and disability my brother faced, and us, alongside him – that one stands out: the kindness from the people around us. And I remember it well. The way others gave and prayed and served and grieved with us. When God's people suffer, God's people around them step in to help heal. One of the many ways He shows up in our lives, through each other.

I'm grateful the kindness continues — \$15,000 of the Thomas Creech Youth Fellowship Fund was voted to go to Children's Hope Alliance this year. This organization works to keep troubled families together in various ways – through counseling, school, lessons, tutoring, health care, and other ways of healing from trauma. If you go to the website for the Children's Hope Alliance, on the "Who We Are" page, you will see the headline: "Hope, Health, and Healing for Generations." What better way to carry on the memory of Thomas than to offer other children hope, health and healing? - Anna Vaughn Kincheloe

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

First Wednesday Potluck Supper & Bill Goode taking Pictorial Directory photos

May 1
5:30-6:30 Photos
6:00 Supper

Celebration of Howard Memorial Church Dedication 1909 & Dedication of the Cordle Carillon

May 5, 11a worship

Youth & Senior Sunday

May 12, 11a worship

There will be no Youth Coffee House during May.

Summer Hours:

Starting May 26 until Rally Day
Worship begins at 10am.

Church Office will be closed on Fridays, beginning on May 24.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Will start after worship on Sunday, May 26 and go throughout the summer, through September 1.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

The Nursery is for children age 4 and under only.

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.

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ARTS IN THE GARDEN RECAP

Saturday was a wonderful day in the life of Howard Memorial! As promised, "Arts in the Garden" was a meaningful mix of celebration, arts, charity and fellowship! What happened Saturday was a testimony to the Holy Spirit at work. As Derek pointed out in his blog, the event was several things:

- A celebration of creativity bubbling up from within this wonderfully talented congregation
- A celebration of God's spirit, which is loose amongst us, prompting imagination and beauty
- A fundraiser for Project 150, our yearlong effort to raise money to support 4 agencies that help at risk children and families
- A connecting point with the Tarboro community
- A profound witness to beauty and light
- A resounding success

At the end of the day, we almost met the \$8000 goal! By the time you read this article, we may have reached it. One of *The 6 Great Ends of the Church* is *The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World*. On April 27, 2024, we saw that happen. Additional photos on the following page.





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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photography sessions are underway in preparation for our updated Pictorial Directory. In addition to sessions on April 21st and 28th, we have scheduled an extra session on Wednesday, May 1st, 5:30-6:30 pm, at the beginning of our May Potluck Supper. No appointment is required.

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS : The Great Jungle Journey
August 5 – August 8 from 9-12
Sign up will be available on
our website!



TELL ME MORE: On Sunday morning, April 14th, our Membership Development Committee hosted TELL ME MORE: Exploring HMPC. Committee members, along with ten guests, enjoyed a delicious breakfast followed by engaging presentations by Rebekah Maul and Edward Roberson. It was the nicest gathering of friends, old and new, as we explored Presbyterianism and Howard Memorial — Past, Present & Future.



MAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Bill Goode Photos 6p First Wednesday Potluck 7p Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship: Commemoration of the Church Dedication 1909 & Cordle Carillon	6	7 7:30a Men's Bible Study	8 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6p Wondrous Wednesdays 7p Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship: Youth & Senior Sunday	13	14 7:30a Men's Bible Study	15 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6p Wondrous Wednesdays 7p Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 9:00a Sunday School 11a Worship	20	21 7:30a Men's Bible Study	22 9:00a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	23	24 Church Office is closed, begins summer hours	25
26 9:00a Sunday School 11a Worship, Lemonade on the Lawn 5:30p Youth Group	27	28 7:30a Men's Bible Study	29	30	31 Church Office is closed	

GREETERS

May 5 Linda & Charles Jenkins
May 12 Youth
May 19 Hazel & Rob Pennington
May 26 Bonnie & George Whitehurst

WORSHIP LEADER

May 5 Cindy Brittain
May 12 Youth
May 19 Jonathan Cobb
May 26 Ellen Clark

THE JANE TRANSPORTATION

May 5 Ellen Clark
May 12 David Anderson
May 19 Chauncey Leggett
May 26 John Keck Moore

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

May 26 Betsy & William Davis

ACOLYTES

May 5 Usher
May 12 Youth
May 19 Davis Cobb
May 26 Duncan McFadyen

CRUCIFER

May 5 Usher
May 12 Youth
May 19 Turner Cobb
May 26 Colin McFadyen

USHERS

Head Ushers, Lillie Anderson & Debbie Gammons
David Anderson
David Gammons
Claire & John McFadyen
Denise & Bennett Bradley

COMMUNION SERVERS

May 5: Class of 2025: Lillie Anderson, Cindy Brittain, Chauncey Leggett, John McFadyen, Katie Schultz

TIME WITH CHILDREN: Andrea Drake

NURSERY: Kate Allen

(for children age 4 and under only)

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.

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Birthdays IN MAY



Arts in the Garden on April 27!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

ONGOING CONCERNS

Mary Eleanor Daniel
Motsie Brooks
Mary Alice Fountain
Michelle Keen Eudy
Eloise Clark
Linda Goines
Jim Marrow
Rabbit Summerlin
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

CAROLTON 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
Celia Bulluck Allsbrook, April 10

Cecilia Batchelor 1
Annah Fecho 1
Elizabeth Mayo 3
Laura DeHart 3
Andrea Drake 3
Betsy Davis 5
Kyle Alligood 7
Diane LeFiles 8
Turner Cobb 8
Rob Burns 10
Margaret Burlew 11
Kevin Anderson 11
Tate Mayo 14
Jennifer Johnson 17
Conner Schultz 18
Eloise Clark 19
David Gammons 21
Gwen Leggett 21
Almond Drake 21
Cooper Schultz 22
Wyatt Whitehurst 22
Katelyn Whitehurst 23
Linda Jenkins 24
Faye Price 25
Carissa Spruill 25
Clark Minton 28
Ben C. Mayo 29

BUDGET REPORT

HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS				
Three Months Ending March 2024				
RECEIPTS	March	YEAR-TO-DATE	BUDGET	%
Pledges -(includes prepayments of \$91,401)	22,710	159,453	365,397	44%
Unpledged	2,675	7,860	25,000	31%
Plate Loose	679	1,994	3,000	66%
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	150	4,000	4%
Session Funds-Youth Camp Supplement				
TOTAL	26,114	169,457	433,129	39%
EXPENDITURES:				
Presbytery & Mission Program	1,705	5,115	20,058	26%
Assembly per Capita(300 x \$9.85)	246	738	2,685	27%
Synod per Capita(300 x \$1.15)	29	87	255	34%
SUB-TOTAL	1,980	5,940	22,998	26%
OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS				
Worship Committee	(418)	2,749	7,410	37%
Christian Education Committee	287	(2,398)	14,000	-17%
Congregational Life Committee	307	484	4,600	11%
Membership Development Committee	- 0	- 0	1,500	0%
Mission and Christian Service Committee	1,923	(1,033)	23,850	-4%
Finance and Stewardship Committee	20,927	73,451	316,321	23%
Facilities Committee	10,364	24,721	43,950	56%
Contingencies				
SUB-TOTAL	33,390	97,974	411,631	24%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	35,370	103,914	434,629	24%
TOTAL				
REVENUE:(OVER/UNDER) EXPENDITURES:	(9,256)	65,543	(1,500)	
Other Revenue		3,424	1,500	
Other Expenses	(1,422)	(2,143)		
TOTAL	(10,678)	66,824		
CASH IN BANK BEGINNING	30,102	184,002		
Prepaid Pledges 2024		(91,401)		
Accrued Expenses				
Certificate of Deposits		(140,000)		
CASH IN BANK ENDING	19,424	19,425		
<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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