

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

AUGUST UPDATE

Pastor's Letter:



As summer continues moving on, we continue to make some behind-the-scenes changes to the campus. We have almost completed our plumbing updates throughout. We have begun painting of the Children's Recreation room and hope to have it completed by the beginning of school. And we are interviewing people for the Children's Ministry Director position as I write this. All three are exciting changes!

Other changes are happening behind the scenes as well. Our Officer Nominating Committee is hard at work seeking the next class of elders and deacons to serve here at HPC.

They are faithfully reaching out to those whom have been discerned to have leadership gifts. Once we have a full slate of new officers, they will bring the list of leaders to you at a congregational meeting for your discernment as well. Please be praying now for God to bring the right leadership to HPC for 2026 and beyond.

Finally, we are continuing on in our Summer of Praise look at the Psalms, and hope that you will join us throughout August as we look at four more Psalms to see what God is teaching us about Himself as well as what praise looks like and why we should praise Him.

Please remember these things as August moves on -

- Reach Global will have less groups here in August, due to it being Hurricane season. They have two weeks where our staff will be on call to go elsewhere if a hurricane hits and causes damage within the US. Pray for our Reach Global Team and take some time to get to know them. They are amazing!
 - August 9 we will celebrate the life of Doug DiRienzo at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.
 - Coming up in September, we will be kicking off some new Small Groups. This is a great way to grow in your faith with brothers and sisters in the faith here at HPC.
- Have a Great Week, and we hope to see you Sunday!

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Fall 2025 Small Group

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Join the **Digging Deeper Adult Class** on Sundays in Rm 206 for current study of Isaiah: An Old Testament Introduction to the New Testament
- **First day of school, Henderson County:** Aug 11th
- **First day of CBCP:** Sept 2nd
- **Adult Choir Open House** all of August! More info on pg. 6
- **September Update deadline:** August 18th

I will thank the Lord
because he is just; I will
sing praise to the name
of the Lord Most High.

Psalm 7:17

AUGUST Birthdays

Jan Demirgian	August 1	Richard Johnson	August 11
Ashley Reddy	//	Metta Luttmann	//
Lynnette Stark	August 3	Clay Brelsford	August 12
Leshea Durham	August 4	Peggy Richardson	August 13
Brandeia Reed	//	Laurel Wise	//
Gretchen Tritt	August 6	Lisa Burns	August 16
Barbara Henderson	August 7	Allison Reams (Al)	August 24



O.C.C. News

For God loves
a cheerful
giver.
2 Corinthians
9:7

This month our focus is on school supplies, much of which is on sale! Pencil sharpener, crayons, eraser, small or medium note pads, spiral notebooks are just a few suggestions. Remember no soap, company/product or military-type logos and no liquids please.

The money collected July 13 during Pennies for Shoeboxes will be used for shipping costs which is still \$10/box. The \$10.00 pays not only for shipping to over 100 countries and to Native American Indian reservations, but also The Greatest Gift Gospel booklets, collection center and processing costs, training in local churches, and the Ministry Partner Guide. The amount collected was \$1249.20. Thank you for your generosity.

Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls in more than 100 countries each year. Many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas—until they open a gift-filled shoebox from a person like you. You may drop off any shoebox items you purchased in the bin outside of the church office.

Thank you for your continued support.

DISCIPLESHIP

Focus: Small Groups

The Power of a Small Group:

There were 12 of us in a Membership Class together in 1987 who signed a covenant to set aside the next six weeks to make our small group meetings our top priority. We picked out a book and then signed another 12-week covenant together. We never signed another covenant after that, but continued meeting for 32 years—through illnesses, deaths, grandbabies, weddings, graduations, etc. We consistently prayed and supported each other through the good times and the bad.

Consider these testimonials from various small groups in HPC history:

“For many years, we rotated around people’s homes, with someone bringing dessert and another teaching the lesson. When several moved into Carolina Village, we ate dinner together and retired to a meeting room at CV for our lesson. We traveled to church conferences, annually tailgated to a Furman football game, and even did a couple days at the Masters practice round. Every fifth Thursday was a purely social gathering. We stayed basically the same group of people except for one couple who joined us for about eight years during all that time.”—**Saints and Sinners**

“There were a varying and ever-changing membership in this small group—ladies coming and ladies going. We met at church twice a month for 16 years. We studied a wide array of books, but many were particularly geared toward women. We usually had a purely social summer picnic and a Christmas party.”— **Mary and Marthas**

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HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Marcie & Sam Elliot
111 Richards Dr.
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Dan Dooley
The Bridge at Lakepoint Landing
334 Thompson St, Rm 133
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Library News

By Carolyn Baker, Librarian

There is good news for avid summer readers!

There's a new author in HPC town! Our member, RN Teresa Lyle, a college professor at North Greenville University, has recommended author Rose Senehi and her series of fiction books. Senehi has written many books of fiction that are set in the Blue Ridge mountain region. The author has also received Historical Book Awards from the NC Society of Historians for *Carolina Belle*, one of the new 6 books in the church library.

Other books titles are *Falling Off a Cliff*, *In the Shadows of Chimney Rock*, *The Wind in the Woods*, *Dancing on Rocks*, and *Render Unto the Valley*. *Carolina Belle* is actually a love story about apples and apple growers of Henderson County. *Falling Off a Cliff* is the story of a public health nurse, and is a testimony to the caring skills of traveling nurses who traveled by horseback in our mountains. Ask Lorri Spangler about this book as she knows the nurse who is portrayed!

These are amazing novels and might be exactly the books you want to read this summer. Find them displayed in the library by the fireplace for easy checkout.

Local Outreach: Rescue Mission

The Hendersonville Rescue Mission was established in 1992 as a lighthouse for men, women, and children. It is a Christ-centered program to see broken lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as they share the hope of the risen Savior. The Rescue Mission is one of the mission partners supported by Hendersonville Presbyterian Church. The organization welcomes volunteers for various roles in the mission.

Services include a homeless shelter, recovery program, counseling and teaching, the serving of three meals a day, clothing distribution, and a welcome center to provide access to telephones, restrooms, and showers.

The average stay of clients is 14 days. Over 30,000 individuals have been provided shelter over the 44 years. The Rescue Mission operates solely by private donations and grants. It is certified from Citygate (formerly the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions), which is an international association which recognizes rescue missions that have demonstrated a high quality of service to their communities through well-managed programs and operations.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Open House

By Linda Boyle-Smith, Worship Director

It has been such a blessing experiencing our Summer of Praise! We have had multiple generations pouring out their praise and worship as we glorify God together in this place.

If you have a heart for worship but don't quite feel like you are ready to be a solo singer, let me encourage you to consider joining the Chancel Choir. This month, we are having an "Open House" and inviting all of you to join us in exploring some great anthems of celebration and praise. We will also be unveiling our Christmas musical and looking ahead to the holiday season!

We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm and welcome all singers from ages 15-100+!

As an added benefit, did you know that the latest research confirms that singing in a choir is great for your health?

We already know that it is refreshing to the spirit, but studies have shown that choral singing improves your mental health, as it has been shown to elevate your mood and decrease stress, depression and anxiety. These effects are believed to be attributed to the deeper breathing associated with singing, much like the kind that is used in meditation.

In addition to all of this, your physical health is also impacted for the better: lower blood pressure, increased blood oxygen saturation, elevated immunity, higher pain thresholds, stronger respiratory muscles, and it has been shown that singing can even lessen stuttering.

Have I convinced you yet?

Won't you come and make a "joyful noise" with us as we lead the congregation in worship? I hope to see you at our *Open House* on Wednesday nights in August.

Bluegrass Bash

Sunday, August 17th, 2025

7 p Fellowship Hall



Jerry
Salley



HOME COMING OF PRAISE

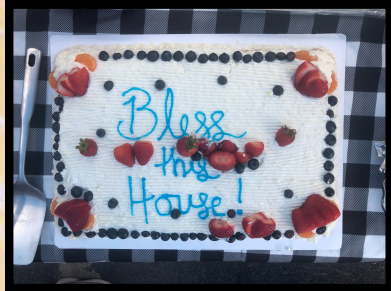


*And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him, who have been
called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28


God provides and works out His goodness in such tangible ways. For instance, nine months following hurricane Helene that flooded the Dmytryszyn's home, God provided the way for them to move back into their beautifully refinished home.

Let us praise how God used His servants through Reach Global Crisis Response to tenderly come alongside & walk this family from tragedy to celebration.




Let us also praise how God has used His servants, within His church, to come alongside and provide hearts to listen, shoulders to cry on, as well as lean on. Through each of these servants linking arms with each other to always fix their eyes on Jesus, this family has found healing, as well as community to pray with.

What a joyful celebration it was to welcome Mario, Dorota, & Victoria back into their restored home on Saturday, July 19th! We are grateful for each answered prayer and how God's goodness prevails through the powerful testimony the Dmytryszyn family has in declaring His incredible provision and restorative care.




Prayerfully consider
becoming a
Sunday Children's
Volunteer!

**THANK
YOU**




**NURSERY
SIGN UP!**



SCAN ME

**CHILDREN'S
CHURCH**



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Return Service Requested

Fall Small Group Opportunity:



*Small group will meet on these dates: September 4 & 18;
October 2, 16, 30; & end on November 13
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