



the weekly Window

January 13, 2023

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

Mark Your Calendars

Hudson's Vacation Bible School will take place August 7th-11th!
Registration begins in March.



Arts Camp is Back!

Registration is open for our summer children's Arts Camp! Last summer we had over 30 children registered. We learned more about God's awesome power and the life and ministry of Jesus. The art room buzzed with creativity and the halls were filled with music, drama, and laughter!



WHEN: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
June 14, 15, 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

WHAT: A camp in 3 different nights to explore our faith through the arts--music, drama, and visual arts!

WHO: Children who have just completed Kindergarten - Grade 5

COST: \$30 for first child; \$25 for siblings

SCHEDULE:

5:30-6:00pm - Dinner - Child-friendly meals.
Final night: pizza party & ice cream sundae bar!

6:00-7:30pm - Rotation Through 3 Arts Areas

MUSIC/RHYTHM

Experimenting with instruments & singing songs.

DRAMA/MOVEMENT

Experiencing drama & movement, including acting out Bible stories with costumes.

ARTS/CRAFTS

Exploring the gift of visual art.

Registration link [here](#) or on the homepage of hmpc.org

Star Words



Last Sunday we celebrated Epiphany and handed out Star Words. If you missed getting a word, pick one up this week in the sanctuary. You are invited to ponder what the significance of this word might be in your life and what God might be saying to you through this

simple message of a word. The magi brought gifts to Jesus after they received the gift of a star to follow. The star symbolizes God's generosity in our lives.

FELLOWSHIP

FIRST FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY OF 2023!

JANUARY 27 | 6:00PM | WESTMINSTER HALL

DINNER & A MOVIE



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND A FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOVIE!



**Soup, grilled cheese, salad,
cornbread and dessert!**

**We will be showing the movie
"RACING STRIPES"**

Doors open at 6:00pm for dinner

Movie will begin at 6:45pm

A donation of \$5 per person is appreciated.

**RSVP by Wednesday Jan. 25 by 5:00pm using this [link](#)
or by contacting the church office.**

You can email info@hmpc.org or call 919-787-1086 and leave a message.

HMPC STAFF

Staff Email Addresses



Once again, scam emails are going out in the names of some of our staff. When you receive an email from a Hudson staff member, please verify that the "from" email address on your email matches the email address listed in the staff directory or on the last page of the Weekly Window. If it does not, the email is a scam; do not reply to it or click on any links. If you are unsure, instead of replying to the email, send a new email to the address you normally use for that staff member.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, January 17 | 6:30am

WH Patio

All men are invited to join this group (in person this week) for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina.

The study revolves around 3 questions:



What is a word or phrase that stands out to you?

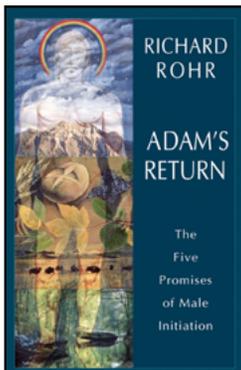
Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. What is Christ calling you to through the passage?

No previous Bible study experience is needed. It is a great group of guys who are welcoming and wise in their comments. For our in-person meetings, coffee and Bibles are provided. [If you have questions or would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Mac Schafer.](#)

Presbyterian Pint

NEXT MEETING: January 26

The Presbyterian Pint group will be reading *Adam's Return: The Five Promises of Male Initiation* by Richard Rohr. We will be meeting every two weeks over 4 sessions for this study: **The dates are: January 26, February 9, February 23 & March 9.** It will be held at Mordecai Beverage Co. at 7:00pm.

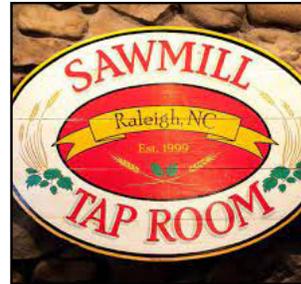


This book deals with five challenging concepts: Life is hard, you are not important, your life is not about you, you are not in control and you are going to die. Please purchase the book on your own and read through p.34 before our first meeting. All men of the church are welcome to join us! Contact [Pastor Mac](#) to be added to the distribution list.

Amazing Grays

Thursday, January 19 | 11:30am

Sawmill Tap Room



All are welcome to join Amazing Grays for lunch at Sawmill Tap Room next Thursday! It is a wonderful time of fellowship, food and conversation. Please let Sandy Cole (276-708-5010) know if you are attending so we can get an accurate headcount.

Seeing the Word

Monday, January 23 | Noon | Chapel



This is a monthly small group that comes together for lunch, Bible study and discussion on the third Monday of every month. This group uses the St. John's Illuminated Bible to discuss a scripture text with a visual image. **On January 23 we will discuss John 7 & 8.** Contact [Pastor Mac](#) for questions.

The Saint John's Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine abbey since the invention of the printing press. Beginning in 1970, master calligrapher Donald Jackson expressed in media interviews his lifelong dream of creating an illuminated Bible. Following a Saint John's University-sponsored calligraphy presentation at the Newberry Library in Chicago in 1995, Jackson discussed a handwritten Bible with Fr. Eric Hollas, former executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Between 1996 and 1997, Saint John's explored the feasibility of the Bible project, Jackson created first samples, and theologians developed the illumination schema. The Saint John's Bible was officially commissioned in 1998 and funding opportunities were launched. The Saint John's Bible is divided into seven volumes and is two feet tall by three feet wide when open. The Bible is made of vellum, with 160 illuminations.

SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION - STARTING JANUARY 22

9:00-10:00am | Room 200
"The Nine O'Clock Class"

This earlier class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and fellowship.

"Lessons from the Blue Zones Life: Why, What, Who, Where, How?"

January 22 - February 12

Facilitated by

Susan Bradshaw, Linda Meeks, Dottie Burch



What began as a *National Geographic* expedition, led by Dan Buettner, to uncover the secrets of longevity, evolved into the discovery of the 5 places around the world where people consistently live to be over

100 years old, dubbed the "Blue Zones".

There are 5 areas that were designated the original Blue Zones after a worldwide study found these areas to contain the highest number of centenarians (People who have lived to be 100 and over).

In the **Blue Zones**, the longest living people in the world are still moving, still have their minds, and are in good health. There are nine characteristics that all Blue Zones designations have in common. (Sneak peek: Faith and community are two of them!)



Come to the 9:00 class on **The Power Nine** to hear about these areas and the stories of some of the fascinating elders who still walk fields, cobblestone roads, hundreds of steps up and down daily,

they garden, they cook, one 95 year old still assists in surgery. They go to happy hour, church, family dinners, community events, they nap, meditate, pray. They are enjoying life.

Now, The Blue Zones Project has extended to many cities in the United States as many communities have the desire to be designated as a Blue Zone area. Brevard, in our very own state of NC, is one of these areas!

9:30-10:20am | WH South
"The Seekers"

The Seekers Class explores Biblical and Christian themes with a view to something fresh. We may go deep, but hopefully not dry! We have fun with the topics and with one another. We value community and a sense of belonging, and we are open to and welcoming of new participants. Join us!

JOIN US FOR CHAOS!
(Christ. Hope. And Other Stuff.)

January 22- February 12

Facilitated by Roger Howard

January 22 - CHRIST

Answering Jesus' question: Who Do You Say That I Am?

January 29 - HOPE

Discussion: Where Do You Experience Hope?

February 5 - AND OTHER STUFF

Hunger: Around the Corner, Around the World

Guest, Steve Hickle

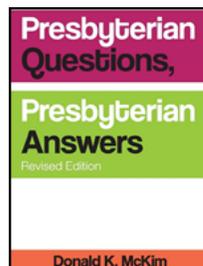
February 12 - AND OTHER STUFF

Gun Violence: Shots Fired & Public Safety

Guest, Shannon Hardy

9:30-10:20am | WH North
"Presbyterian Ponderings"

Facilitated by Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg, John James, Gil Graybill



From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and Salvation. Each week's discussion is stand-alone, with no advance prep or reading required. Come join us for fellowship and good conversation!

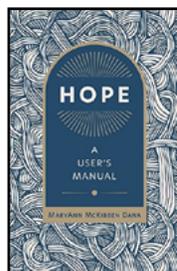
Women's Connection Conference at Montreat

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

Many HMPC women enjoy participating in the Women's Connection Conference each August at Montreat. If you are interested, please note that registration opens on **February 1**, and last year most of the conference housing filled by the end of the first day! With the popular Kate Bowler as the keynote speaker, the same scenario is likely to happen again. Everyone will receive a reminder from Debbie in January. For more information about attending with our group, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Women at the Well Kicking Off 2023

Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to participate, and the new year is a great time to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and explore different content. The weekly group meets Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. The book selection for the winter semester is *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. **The weekly group began the winter semester on January 11**, but you can still join!



The monthly group meets on the third or fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest over dinner at a local restaurant. **We begin the new year meeting this Thursday, January 19 at 6:00pm.** We'll meet at Vivo Ristorante for dinner and discussion of the second part of *Songs of Surrender and Carrying the Weight of our Contradictions*, a conversation with Brene Brown and Bono. Current participants will receive a reminder of the location and podcast link.



Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss the intersection of culture and faith and our own spiritual journeys. For more information or to participate in either group contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Women's Connection

with Kate Bowler

AUGUST 11-13, 2023
MONTREAT.ORG/WC2023

We are very pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for Women's Connection 2023 will be *New York Times* bestselling author and Duke University professor, Kate Bowler!

Kate Bowler is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)*, which tells the story of her unexpected diagnosis with Stage IV cancer at age 35. She is also the author of *Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel*, and *The Preacher's Wife: The Precarious Power of Evangelical Women Celebrities*. Her latest book, *No Cure For Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear)*, grapples with her diagnosis, her ambition, and her faith as she tries to come to terms with limitations in a culture that promises anything is possible.

Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held at 1:00pm **Sunday, January 22**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [New Member Information Forms are available here](#). Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THIS SUNDAY

Mac's Sabbatical Forum

Continues January 15 at 9:00am
WH North

This Sunday, Mac will focus on his time on the Via Francigena pilgrims' path. This path goes from Canterbury, England to Rome, Italy. Mac hiked 1200 kms of this path from Geneva, Switzerland to Rome, Italy. He will share photos, stories and insights from this long walk.



Pictured: Mac's Sabbatical talk last Sunday. It was wonderful to hear about his trip, the purpose of a sabbatical, pilgrimages, and bits of church history.

GREETERS

Calling all Greeters!

INVITING NEW GREETERS INTO OUR ROTATION

If you are interested in getting more involved and helping Sunday mornings at Hudson, we invite you to consider becoming a greeter this year. We are looking for 5 new people to join our rotation. It's a wonderful way to welcome visitors and say hello to new and old members.

Please join us in being a Hudson Greeter!

If you are interested, contact the [church office](#) or [Sarah Edge](#).



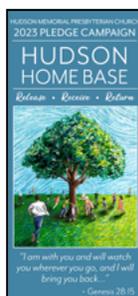
GIVING MINISTRY

2023 Pledge Update

Sunday, November 6th was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent and financial resources to Christ through HMPC. Thank you to all of you who pledged in person, mailed your pledge in or made your commitment online.

Currently there are 170 households that have pledged for a total of \$711,206 This time last year we had collected 183 pledges for a total of \$748,478.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE!



You may pledge online [here](#), email your pledge to Amy Claprod, HMPC Business Administrator, or call Amy at 919-787-1086 to request a pledge form be mailed to you. Thank you for your commitment to Christ through the church during these challenging times. Thanks be to God!

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

Changes in the Office

The Personnel Committee continues to search for a new bookkeeper/financial coordinator. John James is chairing the search, and Bill Flueckinger (Finance Chair), Amy Claprod (Business Administrator), and Mac Schafer (Pastor) are serving on the search team. If you know of people who may be interested in the position, details about the job can be [here](#).



In the interim, we are pleased to welcome Susan Gressel to the administrative staff. Some of you may remember Susan from her time in the

bookkeeper's office several years ago. She has agreed to step in to fill the gap on a temporary basis while we continue our search. Susan will be available in the office 9:00 am - 2:00 pm on Mondays. You can also reach her via email at sgressel@hmpc.org, or leave a message for her at 919-787-1086 ext 25.

MISSION

Tend My Sheep for January

FOOD BANK OF NC

This month the Mission Committee and the Hunger Action Team are collecting goods for the Food Bank. We are collecting the below items:

**PEANUT BUTTER
PASTA AND SAUCES
PAPER PRODUCTS**

(PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER, AND TISSUES)

Please drop off these items to the church by January 29th.



Special Offering CAPITAL TOWERS



A few years ago, Presbyterian Homes and DHIC in Raleigh partnered to take over operations at Capital Towers. As a result, wonderful physical improvements to the property have taken place.

The other great addition they have spearheaded is a Service Coordinator who helps Capital Towers residents with things like veteran affairs, healthcare and therapy, medication management, transportation, and other needs. Our special offering helps keep this program running.

WAYS TO GIVE

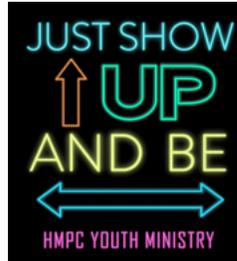
You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Capital Towers") during the month of January. You can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word "Cap" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Cap) If you have not done this before, you will be prompted to enter your information. Once it has been entered, you will not have to enter it again.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth News

NO Youth activities this week

LOOKING AHEAD:



Youth Sunday is February 12! Youth Sunday planning will be for the next couple Sundays so if you plan on participating in Youth Sunday, please be sure to attend Youth Group!

Our Next Youth Group is Sunday, Jan. 22

YOUTH TRIPS FOR 2023

**Middle School Spring Mission Weekend
March 2-5, 2023. Charlotte, NC**

Registration Fee is \$125
(Registration Deadline is 1/22)

**High School Presbytery Retreat
March 17-19, 2023. Camp Don Lee
(Grade 9-12)**

Registration Fee is \$125
(Registration Deadline is 1/22)

**Massanetta Middle School Conference
June 27-30, 2023. Massanetta Springs, VA**
Deposit \$100 (Deadline for Deposit is February 1)

Registration Fee is \$450
(Deadline for full deposit is March 1)

**Montreat Youth Conference
July 16-22, 2023. Montreat, NC
(Rising 9th to graduating seniors)**
Deposit \$100 (Deadline for Deposit is February 1)

Registration Fee is \$540
(Deadline for full deposit is March 1)

**High School Mission Trip
July 31-August 4, 2023. Asheville
(Rising 9th to graduating seniors)**
Deposit \$100 (Deadline for deposit is February 1)

Registration Fee is \$250
(Deadline for full deposit is March 1)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Chancel Flowers

January/February Slots Available!



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up for a 2023 date, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Amy Claprood](mailto:amy.claprood@hmpc.org) in the church office.

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This Week...

Sunday, January 15

8:45 am - Nursery opens
 9:00 am - Mac's Sabbatical Forum - WH
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden
 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH
 11:45 am - Budget Committee Meeting
 12:15 pm - Nursery closes

Monday, January 16 - MLK Day

OFFICE CLOSED/PRESCHOOL CLOSED

6:30 pm - PEO - Room 200
 7:00 pm - Diaconate - WH South
 7:00 pm - Finance - Zoom
 7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North
 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH

Tuesday, January 17

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - WH Patio
 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
 9:45 am - Sewing Guild - WH South
 10:30 am - Esther Circle - Chapel
 7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom
 7:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - GH

Wednesday, January 18

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel
 6:00 pm - Handbells - WH South
 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 19

11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Sawmill Tap Room
 6:00 pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Ristorante

Friday, January 20

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

