

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2, 2024



Join Us for Fat Tuesday on February 13th! 6:00PM | WESTMINSTER HALL

FAT
TUES
DAY

The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to join in a “Fat Tuesday” celebration! Fat Tuesday is a time to indulge in a scrumptious meal and enjoy a festive atmosphere before beginning the contemplative season of Lent. Music and crafts too! Cost is \$5 per person.

Traditionally, many of the ingredients that are used for the meal are ones that are avoided during Lent. Our Menu: gumbo, red beans and rice, pasta with Parmesan, salad, fruit, cornbread, biscuits, and yummy desserts. (Vegetarian and gluten-free options available!)

RSVP by February 11 [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmhc.org, or you can contact Susan Bradshaw.

2024 Lent: A Table in the Wilderness



Natasha Vedder, a pastor in British Columbia writes, “Lent is a time to become more open to God through the vulnerabilities of life. It comes with an especially poignant invitation to join with others in bringing our doubts, fear, sorrow, loneliness, and dryness before God, hoping to taste God’s promised provision in the deserts of life.”

During the season of Lent, in worship we will be looking at scriptures where God faithfully provides nourishment for people in need. In the spirit of this, our theme is **A Table in the Wilderness**: An image of a place of welcome, rest and sustenance in the desert of life. When so much in life sucks us dry, how can we experience the quenching work of God to give us the strength, perseverance and hope to carry on? We encourage you to commit or re-commit to the rhythms of worship throughout Lent.

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 14



The Book of Common Worship reminds us, “Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession...Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, sorrow, and

sacrifice.” At Hudson we make the ashes from last year’s dried Palm Sunday branches. On Wednesday, February 14th, we will have “drop in” opportunities throughout the day to receive ashes on your head or your hand. Pastors will also be available to say a prayer with you.

Times and places you can receive ashes:

7:00am - 8:00am in the Sanctuary

8:30am - 9:15am at the various entrances to the preschool

12:00 noon - 1:00pm in the Sanctuary

5:00pm-6:00pm in the Chapel

7:00pm-8:00pm at the Thomas Sayre Cross in the Memorial Garden

PERSONNEL

Office Transitions



Tuesday, February 6th, is the last work day for our wonderful Accounting Coordinator, Lisa Flint-Morris. The office staff will enter an interim period where Business Administrator Erica Hairston will take on accounting responsibilities. Erica

has five years of bookkeeping experience in a previous church position and Lisa has trained her in Hudson finance procedures.

Lesley Ash Jacobsen will take on added administrative tasks, such as calendaring and membership management. Until Hudson hires someone to fill the third office position, please direct all financial emails to Erica, and all calendaring/membership update emails to Erica and Lesley at ehairston@hmpc.org and lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Service of Witness to the Resurrection Dot Medlin



On January 24, long-time Hudson member Dot Medlin entered God's everlasting kingdom. **Her memorial service will be held Monday, February 12, at 2:00pm in the Hudson Sanctuary.** If you are unable to attend in person, you can livestream the service [HERE](#) (or the link can be found on the homepage of hmpc.org)

Please keep Dot's family in your prayers. Thanks be to God for Dot.

FOUNDATION

Foundation Birthday Gifts

Thanks to the members and friends who have recently donated to the Foundation Birthday Fund:

- Shirley Bennett
- Nancy Brenner
- Emily Cobb
- Lauren Llewellyn
- Lauren Parikh
- Jennie Spell
- John & Lisa Williams



WELCOMING

Join the Greeter Team!

INFO SESSION & TRAINING THIS SUNDAY

The Welcome Committee is seeking volunteers willing to serve as "Greeters" on Sunday Mornings before Worship! This is an easy and meaningful way to serve our community, and interact with other HMPC Members and Guests. The commitment is minimal: approximately 30 minutes once a quarter, and the impact is limitless!



Interested parties should contact Lindsey Richards at LindseyM919@gmail.com for information, and/or attend a **brief informational and training session following worship on Sunday, February 4th.**

SPECIAL EVENT

AN EVENING OF STORIES & SONGS *with* DAVID LAMOTTE

musician

speaker

author

Sunday, March 17
5:00pm

**HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

4921 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC, 27609

Fellowship & Refreshments Afterwards

**REGISTRATION FOR
HMPC MEMBERS OPENS
FEBRUARY 11**



"David LaMotte has created a powerful antidote to the helplessness we often feel in a world that is overwhelming, in both its pain and its beauty. With seriously good cheer, he helps us think about how to engage this world with courage, grace, and hope, in the ways that are distinctly ours to do...his wisdom reminds us that as we do this, we are not alone." -Jan Richardson, Minister, Artist, and Poet

Along with our members, we are inviting others to attend, and are issuing invitations to our primary mission partner organizations, interfaith coalitions, New Hope Presbytery, and the Six Forks Road churches. There is no cost to attendees.

We are excited about welcoming the larger community to our campus and will need lots of our members to assist with various aspects of hospitality including greeting and assisting with the concert reception. This event requires advance registration which will open to the congregation February 11, and the greater community will be able to register beginning February 26. As soon as we have an idea of the number we are expecting, we will have sign-up opportunities available for all volunteer tasks.

**Learn more about David LaMotte
and listen to his music at DavidLaMotte.com**

MISSION

February Special Offering FOOD BANK OF EASTERN & CENTRAL NC

Our Special Offering for February is for the Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC. Hunger has grown into an epidemic, and is more prevalent than ever, affecting more than just the families living at or below the poverty line. Join us in helping our neighbors in need.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. Here is how to text to give: Text donation amount with the word "food" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 food).

foodbank
NOURISH. BUILD. EMPOWER.

Avery County Mission Trip SAVE THE DATES - JULY 21-26



This summer, a group of Hudson members will once again travel to Banner Elk, NC, to work on a home for

Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The group will go to Banner Elk on Sunday afternoon, July 21, and, after a week of work, will return on Friday afternoon, July 26. Banner Elk is close enough that part-week participation is easily possible. Participants will stay at Holston Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center where they will room and board for the week at its Guenther Lodge. Guenther offers nine rooms with two double beds and a private bath, plus additional bedrooms with twin beds accessible to ample bathroom facilities if our group needs more accommodation.

With these opportunities and facilities, a large group of men and women can be usefully engaged and fully accommodated each day. Our evenings will offer fulfilling togetherness and pleasant camaraderie. Please consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains. No specific skills are necessary, and inexperience is not a barrier. Teens and friends are welcome too!

An informational meeting will be held on **April 14 shortly after service**. If you desire more detailed information in the meantime, please contact John Oldenburg, 901-210-3701, oldygolden@aol.com.

ARTS CAMP



HMPC Arts Camp

June 19 - June 21 | 5:30pm-7:30pm

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Cost: \$30 for first child and \$25 for each additional sibling. Includes dinner each night.

Our theme hymn for this year is, "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale." Join us as we explore and celebrate God's creation through drama, music, and visual art.

This camp is open to children currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. This event is open to the public so invite a friend to join you! Dinner will be served each evening before we begin our art rotations.

We look forward to a time of faith and fun with your children! Use [this link](#) to register your child.

PRESCHOOL

Preschool News



We have been busy at HMP these past few weeks! Registration for the 2024-25 school year was a huge success, we are excited to welcome several HMPC families into the program next year! Our preschoolers have been learning about Arctic animals and winter weather. Fingers crossed we get a little snow this year!



Please contact Dorothy Roche at droche@hmpc.org for more information about HMP.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2024 Vacation Bible School

Camp Firelight will be August 5-9 from 9:00-12:00 daily. Registration opens March 1st for church

members, March 13th for current preschool families, and March 15th to the general public.

Please contact Cary Dickerson with any questions - cdickerson@hmpc.org.



CALL FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS!

Sign Up to Help this Year!

Vacation Bible School will take place August 5th-9th! We need lots of volunteers to make this week a success for our families! Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmpc.org. Please contact Cary Dickerson with any questions - cdickerson@hmpc.org

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Easter Egg Hunt



SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - 10AM-12PM

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 9th, from 10:00-12:00. Join us for crafts, egg hunts, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! We are in need of volunteers to help during the event and donations of peanut-free candy and trinkets to stuff the eggs.

Please sign up to volunteer or donate [here](#).

Waking Up With The Word Tuesday, February 6 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person and on Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday four times, with interspersed questions:

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

No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles, and, in winter months, we do the study around a fire. New participants are always welcome. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmpe.org

Women at the Well



Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us!

WEEKLY GROUP

The winter session of the weekly

Women at the Well began January 10 in the season of Epiphany. Our book for the winter semester is *Enchantment: Awakening Wonder in an Anxious Age* by author Katherine May. She lifts up enchantment and wonder as an antidote to this age of fear and anxiety, a fitting lens through which to see the New Year with all of its possibilities. And when many of us may experience a letdown after the holiday season, Epiphany reminds us that our journeys are always unfolding as we retell the ancient story of the first visitors to find Christ.

MONTHLY GROUP

Monthly Women at the Well typically meets the third Thursday of the month **at 6:00pm**. Contact Debbie Kirk to be added to the mailing list.

Women's Conference Registration Now Open!

Registration for the Women's Connection Conference (August 9-11) at the Montreat Conference Center is open February 1 for everyone staying in a Montreat property, and February 15 for commuters staying off site.

This will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself; a time for space and Sabbath. The weekend includes powerful and authentic worship, space for honest and faithful conversation, and time for discernment and renewing rest. The Keynote Speaker is Becca Stevens, founder and President of Thistle Farms. Learn more about her [here](#).



Registration Info: HMPC women attend as a group and register individually.

It works well for us to stay at the Assembly Inn which is centrally located to all activities and accommodates our

group eating and sharing the weekend together. To register, click on the [conference registration link](#) and follow the steps. If you are staying at the Inn, confirm you are registering for the Comprehensive Package. Under *Property*, click Assembly Inn and choose your room preference. There will be a place to note if you have a roommate. Each person registers separately, so be sure you list the other(s) in your room on the form. Full payment is required at registration, \$400-\$500 depending on the room and roommate(s). The Inn typically fills quickly and I encourage you to register as soon as you can. There is a generous refund policy, a full refund less a \$25 service charge through June 25th, and refunds prorated after that, so if you are considering going we suggest you proceed with a reservation and adjust later if necessary. In the comment section, you can note that you are with the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church Raleigh group. If the Inn is full when you are registering, the site will direct you to another Montreat property or you can stay elsewhere. You can also be put on a waitlist for the Inn and typically almost everyone on the list gets in. Reach out to Debbie Kirk with questions or for more information as well.

Read more about the conference [HERE](#).

THE GATHERING - ADULT EDUCATION

Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Sunday, February 4

"Yoo Part 3: The Matthew 25 Church That Never Was, & The One We Have Today"



This week, the 9 O'clock Class, after having shared the Reverend Dr. William Yoo's plenary address the past two weeks, plans on having a Matthew 25 Movement discussion. We may delve in to the origins of the movement, HMPC's commitment, the recent Summit meeting, and the

congregational document that was shared in the Window last week. If you would like to watch Rev. Yoo's address, it can be found in [this video](#) at the 1 hour 18 minute mark.

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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



This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic *Faith that Pleases God*. No advance preparation required; only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share with others.

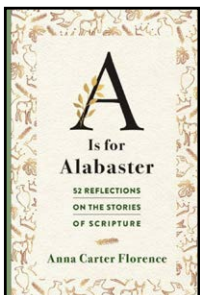
February 4 - The Faith of the Wise Men

February 11 - Faith and Righteousness

The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

Sunday, February 4 & 11



We will be using *A Is for Alabaster* by noted preacher and writer, Anna Carter Florence. Each week we'll explore a new character or story from the Old or New Testament, some familiar ones and some usually overlooked. From an alabaster jar of ointment, to Zacchaeus in the Sycamore tree, we'll learn how these ancient stories and characters can

touch our lives in new ways today. Each class will be facilitated by Susan Grigg. All are welcome!

February 4 - "C is for Caleb and for Cana"

February 11 - "K is for King and for King Cake"

February 18 and February 24 - Pastor Debbie Kirk will lead our Lenten study, "Illuminating Lent" by Donald K. McKim.

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

Brown Bag Lunch

with Pastor Mac is Back in 2024

THE GOSPEL OF MARK - FEBRUARY 5



We will meet for the first time in 2024 on Monday, February 5th at noon in Westminster Hall South. In preparation for the meeting in February, **Pastor Mac would like all of you to read the Gospel of Mark in January.** As you read it, write down any questions it prompts. Please send Pastor Mac (mschafer@hmpc.org) any

questions from your reading prompts by Friday, January 26th, and he will attempt to answer those questions in the February 5th session. All are welcome to bring a bag lunch to the class. The church will provide cups, plates, napkins, and water. No RSVP necessary!

In **March**, we will look at the Gospel of Matthew; in **April** we will study the Gospel of Luke; and in **May** we will look at the Gospel of John.

HMPC OFFICE

Volunteer in the Office!

Our wonderful team of morning volunteers has done such a fantastic job answering the phones, greeting visitors, and assisting with tasks that Hudson would like to have volunteers cover the front desk in the afternoons as well. The Office Staff is searching for members who are available for a shift from 12-4pm, on one afternoon Mondays-Thursdays. If you cannot do afternoons, we still are glad to have some new morning volunteers as well! This can be on a weekly basis or less frequently if you have limited time.

The mission of HMPC office volunteers is to facilitate administration activities necessary for effective church operation, which enables church staff to focus on the spiritual needs of the church members we serve.

If your heart is stirred to serve in this capacity, please contact Teri Morris at mouseymorris@aol.com so she



can get you on the schedule. The staff is eternally grateful for all that the volunteers do.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Children's Music

This Sunday, February 4, the children will sing during worship! There will be no Children's Music after worship this week.



From February 11 - March 10, we will have children's music every week after worship.



BIRTHDAYS



February Birthdays

- 2/1 - Bobby Conder, Dennis Anderson
- 2/2 - Tim Peeler
- 2/4 - Mike Sandlin, Taylor Allard
- 2/5 - Ann Neisz, Lillian James, Adeline Swenson
- 2/6 - Tripp Bradshaw, Amanda Saleeby, Rebekah Surasky
- 2/8 - Susan Sheahan, Paul Johnson, Noah Ya, Reid Melling, Lizzie Rohs
- 2/10 - Luke Bentlage, Anna Duggins, Libby Wendt, Mary Glenn Krause, Amanda Layton, Ford Harris, Max Perry
- 2/11 - Jason Cook, Nancy Law
- 2/12 - Carl Rohs, Scott Baker, Sharon Cole, Chris Simson
- 2/13 - Michael Peeler, Jamilynne Pierotti
- 2/14 - Harry Bond, Todd Wadford
- 2/15 - Freddie Woodward, Megan Rahn, Emma Sanchez
- 2/16 - Paul Linton
- 2/17 - Davis Boone, Amy Tennant, Will Crone
- 2/18 - Gregg Perry, Walt Hinson
- 2/20 - Emma Sykes, Bruce Cox, Cary Dickerson, Jordan Krueger, James Tweedie, Al Hyde, William Potter
- 2/21 - Leigh Forehand, Sandy Buchanan
- 2/22 - Sanders Rohs
- 2/23 - Charlie Kelley
- 2/25 - Sarah Dawkins
- 2/26 - Grant Barkley, Polly Haydon, Kelly Hurd
- 2/27 - Ivy Mercer
- 2/28 - Travis Hanks

SESSION & FINANCE

Notice of Annual Meeting Sunday, February 11

The Session has approved the Annual Meeting of the congregation to be Sunday, February 11th, following worship in the Sanctuary. The agenda as set by Session is as follows:

- Voting on the 2024 Terms of Call of the Pastors
- Presentation of the 2023 Financials
- Presentation of the 2024 Church Budget
- Meeting of the Corporation

We will also be handing out hard copies of the 2023 Annual Report. If you are a member, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings/Seekers - WH
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - Palm burning
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
12:00 pm - Youth Bells - WH South
5:00 pm - MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, February 5

6:00 pm - Al-Anon Teen Event - WH North
6:30 pm - Children's Committee- Zoom
7:00 pm - Personnel - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, February 6

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word- Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, February 7

9:15 am - HMP Parent Meeting - WH North
9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
6:30 pm - Youth Chipotle Check-in
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 8

5:30pm - Worship Committee - Karl Hudson Rm
7:00 pm - Mission - WH South

Friday, February 9

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Schedule SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Youth Morning:

10:30am - Worship
11:30am - Youth Sunday school - "Burning of the palms" with Pastor Mac
12:00pm - Youth Handbells



Youth Afternoon:

5:00-7:00pm - MS/HS Youth Group. We will be preparing for next week's

Youth Sunday service! Please bring \$5 for dinner.

Confirmation Class:

Listen to and work on [Confirmation Podcast #1](#)

SINGLE WAY

Single Way



Join this group of never-married, widowed, or divorced adults for fun, food, and fellowship. We typically meet the first Tuesday of every month. New people are always welcome to join!

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, February 6 | 11:30am | Vivo Ristorante
7400 Six Forks Road, Raleigh**

Let Dee Blackerby (919-523-3153) know if you plan to attend by February 3.

GIVING MINISTRY

Pledge Update

As of January 25, 2024, our received pledges total **\$814,071**. We currently have **181** households who have submitted pledges.

It's not too late to pledge! You may pledge online [here](#), or email your pledge to Erica Hairston, HMPC Business Administrator. You can call Erica at 919-390-2630 if you would like to request that a pledge form be mailed to you.