



# the weekly Window

April 22, 2022

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

## A WONDERFUL EASTER SUNDAY!



# Important News About the HMPC Staff

The winds of change continue to blow at Hudson as we move into Eastertide:



Pat Cash, Church Business Administrator, has faithfully served Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in that position since 2009, and has worked in the church office since 2001. She will be changing careers and will become a full-time Nanny for her newest grandson.

Pat has been a tremendously dedicated administrator here at Hudson and we thank God for her service to the church. While we know that there is no “replacing” Pat, please know that the Personnel Committee will be prayerfully discerning how to move forward with the Church Business Administrator position, as it has been a hub of congregational support and stability.

Pat's last day at Hudson will be Tuesday, June 14th.



*Pat with her grandchildren*



The Personnel Committee would also like to inform the congregation that after a period of discernment, it has unanimously affirmed dropping “Interim” from Rich Richard’s title to make him our Director of Youth Ministries. As we continue to come through the pandemic, we are excited that Rich will go on summer trips with our youth and use his creative gifts to build a program that values discipleship, relationships, joy, and care for students, parents and leaders.

We ask that the congregation would continue to pray for the Session as we move forward with our calling to boldly worship, educate, fellowship, care, and reach out to a world in need of spiritual grounding and nurture in Jesus Christ.

We are thankful for Pat Cash and Rich Richards and their part in propelling HMPC’s ministry forward!

# My Faith Journey and Bequest to the HMP Foundation

By Marsha Flueckinger



I was baptized and raised in a small Presbyterian church. Bill and I were married in my church, he joined and became involved soon after. Bill served on the Session and I served on the Diaconate. From there we moved to Merrimack, NH and joined the only Presbyterian church in three towns! We enjoyed

the company of several young families who had children at about the same time as our son, Greg, was born. We became involved in several committees and social groups within the church.

In 1989, we moved from New Hampshire to Raleigh, NC. It was surprising how many Presbyterian churches there were for us to visit and make a choice for our family to join. We only visited one church that was closer to our home before coming to HMPC. We were warmly welcomed by members of HMPC during that visit and we were soon after visited by the Associate Pastor. We knew that this was the church we wanted to join.

Our faith is sustained by the love and support of our church family at HMPC. We are both involved in several areas of ministry and have developed strong relationships. Daily reflection and prayers are at the core of our faith. Finally, worshipping in this loving place always lifts us up.

More than 40 years ago at our church in Pennsylvania, there was a brief Minute for Mission explaining the benefits of members making bequests in their will for the future of the Church. We have been so blessed in our life by our gracious and loving God and this seemed a natural way to show our support. It will be the one last time that we are able to offer support. Our hope is that this article will encourage others to give this prayerful thought. We do not know what the needs of the church will be at that time, but we trust that our Session will make the best decision on how to use our gift.

A passage that speaks to us about the importance of giving to the Church is 2 Corinthians 9:7: *“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

During my years serving on Session, I have learned more about what the Foundation at HMPC does and how it supports the work of the church. HMPC has been so blessed to receive bequests that have made a significant difference in the past few years. It will be a gift for us to be able to share the bounty from God that we have at the end of our lives. It is important to us to remember our church and help to support it years into the future.

If you'd like more information on the Foundation and its work, please contact [Pastor Mac](#) or the Foundation Chair, Don Haydon. If you have left a bequest to the church in your will, please let the church know. You can communicate this to Bookkeeper [Cheri Thomas](#).

## WORSHIP & CELEBRATIONS

### Congratulations to the Christenbury Family, whose two children were baptized on Easter morning!



# Spring Concert Next Month!

Sunday, May 15th | 4:30pm | Sanctuary

Presented By The Musical Ensembles Of  
Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church:

Wee Worshipers

Joyful Noise

Youth Music

Hudson Handbell Ringers

Chancel Men's Chorus

Chancel Women's Chorus

Chancel Choir

And Other Vocal & Instrumental Musicians  
From The Congregation

Reception to follow hosted by Presbyterian Women.

*When in Our Music  
God is Glorified!*  
SPRING CONCERT

## Spring Concert Reception Volunteers Needed!

Presbyterian Women hosts a light fellowship reception following the Concert. Please sign up for a volunteer position and/or to contribute a food item for this Celebration in Song. You can also sign-up by emailing your selected volunteer post to Sharon Cole at [sharoncole@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sharoncole@carolina.rr.com).

**PW THANKS YOU!**

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BAFAF2BA6F94-2022>

# Presbyterian Pint



Thursday, April 28th  
7:00pm  
Mordecai Beverage  
Company

## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, April 26 | 6:30am | Zoom

All men are invited to join this group on the WH Patio for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina. We look at the passage that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday.

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 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 Pastor Mac.](#)



## Women at the Well

April/May Meeting



The Women at the Well monthly group's next meeting will be on **May 12 at 6:00pm** at **La Rancherita**. If you have questions or would like to be added to the distribution list, let Debbie Kirk know at [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org).

**Please Note!** Next Week's (4/27) Wednesday 9:15am Women at the Well will be via Zoom.

# The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am



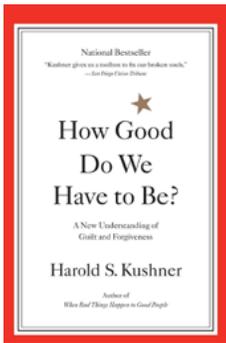
## WH South

### "How Good Do We Have To Be?"

Facilitated by Ron Ash

April 24 and May 1

This class will be based on the book by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Topics include guilt, forgiveness, and imperfections we sense in parents, spouses, friends, and ourselves. The class will try to put our feelings of inadequacy and guilt into perspective - and learn to accept ourselves and others even when we and they are less than perfect. The story of Adam and Eve will be woven into our discussion.



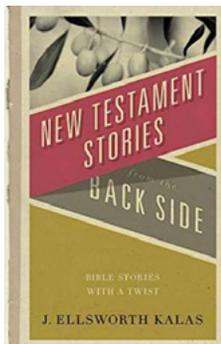
## WH North

### "New Testament Stories from the Back Side"

Led by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward

Through June 5

"Ponderings" is a conversation all are welcome to join any Sunday, no preparation needed. We use scripture, commentaries, and current events to frame our discussions. Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward facilitate the group. We're currently discussing the book *New Testament Stories from the Back Side*, in which J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into selected New Testament stories by entering them through the "back side" -- through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens", or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.



# Healing Together:

An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride

Wednesday, May 11 | 7:00-9:00pm

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

HMPC Deacons invite you to "Healing Together: An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride". Almost a year ago, White Memorial staff invited several congregations to partner with them in sponsoring an event to assist us in dealing with some of the issues that Covid-19 was causing and/or making more acute. HMPC agreed that this kind of resource is much needed, and on behalf of our church made the financial commitment to participate, and Debbie Kirk agreed to serve on the planning team. We are pleased that after months of Covid-related changes in scheduling we now have a firm date for the event! Our Deacons will be attending and invite all members of our church to attend as well. For questions, contact [Debbie Kirk](#) or an HMPC Deacon.

Registration link is on [White Memorial's homepage](#).

*"More than ever before we are coming into cultural awareness about the reality of trauma and the need to understand it and address it, both individually and collectively. But what is trauma? How does it impact us? How do we heal from it? And what, if anything, do our spirituality and our communities of faith have to do with our ability to mend our wounds? In this talk, psychologist Dr. Hillary McBride will share neuroscience and research-based psychological insights in accessible, meaningful, and practical ways so we can better understand and live into how we heal, in our own journeys and alongside one another."*



Registration is required but there is no cost for participants, thanks to the generosity of the sponsoring churches. This event is Hosted and Sponsored by White Memorial Presbyterian Church and Co-Sponsored by Christ Church, Edenton Street Methodist

Church, First Presbyterian Church, Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Hayes Barton United Methodist Church and Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

## Habitat Interfaith Build

### April 30, May 1, June 4

There are still dates left to volunteer with the 2022 Interfaith Build!

For those who may not be familiar, Habitat for Humanity was founded on a commitment to racial equity, reconciliation, and justice. It is a Christian-based organization that seeks to put God's love into action, working with and serving people of all different faiths and walks of life to fulfill its vision of a world in which all God's children have a safe place to live.

Hudson Memorial has a long history with Habitat of Wake County since 1998, when we were the first church to individually sponsor a home. In all these years, we have participated in countless builds, and a decade ago participated in an Abraham Build with members of the Jewish, Islamic and Christian communities. Out of that shared experience was born the Interfaith Coalition which includes more faith communities and groups who share the core belief that loving our neighbor requires commitment to people who are in most need.

HMPC members have found the Interfaith Build a wonderful opportunity to establish relationships with our coalition members as we work alongside one another. This year's coalition participants are: Islamic Association of Raleigh, Sikh Community, Beth Meyer Synagogue, St. Paul's Christian Church, Raleigh Mennonite Church, Highland United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, Jewish Family Services, Temple Beth Or, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Unity of the Triangle, Triangle Interfaith Alliance, First Church of Christ Scientist, Hindu Society, Kadampa Center and Sai Center.

Registration for volunteers is still open! Each workday will be staffed by three faith communities. For more information, contact Cary Dickerson [cdickerson@hmhc.org](mailto:cdickerson@hmhc.org) or Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmhc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmhc.org)

**TO REGISTER, please sign up using BOTH links:**

**HMPC link here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445ada82ca46-habitat>

**Habitat link here:** <http://vhub.at/interfaithbuild>

## Tend My Sheep for April

### Collecting This Sunday!



The April Tend My Sheep collection will be for our long-time mission partner North Raleigh Ministries. We will be collecting cleaning products to be distributed through their food pantry.

Please bring items such as paper towels, all purpose spray cleaner, sponges, and cleaning wipes to church on **Sunday, April 24.**

## Volunteer at the Food Bank



HMPC has dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. These dates are:

**Saturday, May 7 and Wednesday, June 8.**

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of [hmhc.org](http://hmhc.org).

After following the link, click the "Sign Up" button next to the shift you'd like to attend, then follow the website's prompts to either create a new account and register, or login to an existing account. Please note that registration through the website is required before volunteering.

Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent, over 16 do not need a parent in attendance. Youth may be able to count these as service hours.

[Please contact Beth Billman](#) with any questions.

## Special Offering for April

### Final Week for One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing donations support three PCUSA programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. These funds allow an immediate response from PDA when emergencies happen around the world. PDA has recently provided urgent funding for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Please consider making a generous donation. You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. Text donation amount with the letters "OGH" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 OGH).

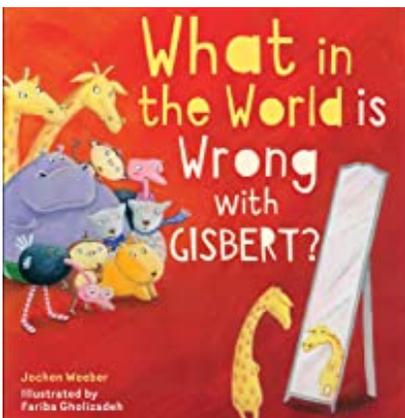
## Children's Faith Formation Library



We are excited to announce new additions to our Children's Faith Formation Library! This library is located in the lobby by the Westminster Hall church entrance and contains wonderful stories for families to borrow to read at home. There are a wide variety of stories from the Bible and

books about who God is. We have also added beautiful books about Kindness, Inclusion, Diversity, Friendship, and Self-Expression. These books can serve as great conversation starters with our children about these important values at the center of our faith.

### New Book of the Week



This book tells the story of Gisbert, a tall, young giraffe. Gisbert is tall enough to do everything a giraffe might want to do, and his life is good. But one day, something happens. Gisbert's friends start making fun of him, and with each negative

comment they say, he begins to shrink! What in the world is wrong with Gisbert? This insightful book helps teach children about the consequences of bullying and the power of friendship. It is an excellent read for children to understand how words have an effect on others.

Whether you have small children at home or just have few minutes to spare after worship, we hope you will stop by the library and take a look!

## VBS Volunteers Needed



VBS will take place August 8th- August 12th and our theme this year is *Discovery on Adventure Island*. We need volunteers in order to make this week a success! You may sign up to volunteer in the registration link. Per church policy, all volunteers working with children 12 and under must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the Director of Children and Family Ministries.

Sign-up: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/hmpcvbs>

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### April 23 & April 24

#### SATURDAY:

HS Youth will gather at the church at 12:00pm to travel to Willow Springs to watch our very own Tiya Komono run the Men's 1600 race in Wake County's Track Championship. We should return sometime around 3pm.

#### SUNDAY MORNING:

##### **Explorers' Class**

9:30am in the Explorers' Classroom

##### **Confirmation Class**

9:30am in the Confirmation Classroom

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

**4:30pm - Youth Music - WH**

#### **Middle School Youth Group - BOWLING!**

Please meet at the church at 5:00pm and bring \$10 for bowling and dinner. You must RSVP for this trip. Please email [hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.



**High School Youth Group** will not meet this Sunday due to our Saturday activity.

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Sunday, May 1 - Confirmation Sunday (8th grade)**

## CALENDAR

# This Week...

### Sunday, April 24

9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation  
9:30 am - Explorers Class - Explorers Room  
9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Confirmation Room  
10:30 am - Worship  
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden  
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH  
11:45 am - Coffee & Conversation - Parlor/Chapel  
4:30 pm - Youth Music  
5:00 pm - MS Youth Group

### Monday, April 25

6:00 pm - Session Dinner w/ Confirmands - WH Patio  
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

### Tuesday, April 26

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom  
9:30 am - Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm - Property Committee- Zoom  
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, Rm 234

### Wednesday, April 27

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

### Saturday, May 1

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

## SOCIAL MEDIA

## Join Our Social Media Community!

Hudson Memorial is active on Twitter (HudsonMemPC) & Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), as well as Facebook (HudsonMPC). Follow us & like us! Our Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts have daily quotes, photos, info about upcoming events, poetry, prayer or scripture.



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## INQUIRER'S CLASS

## Interested in Joining?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on **Sunday, May 15th**.

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.

