

the weekly Window

January 20, 2023

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

Fellowship Friday

JANUARY 27 | 6:00PM
WESTMINSTER HALL

Dinner & A Movie



Soup, grilled cheese,
salad, cornbread
and dessert!

We will be showing the
family-friendly 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 January 25 at
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.



Avery County Mission Trip SAVE THE DATES!



Members of our congregation will once again journey to Banner Elk, NC to help build homes for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The trip will run from July 23-28, but folks are welcome to join for a day or partial week.

As before, the participants will be staying 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 and ample bathroom facilities if our band needs more accommodation.

With these opportunities and facilities, a large group of men and women can be usefully engaged and fully accommodated each day. Please seriously consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains. No specific skills are necessary; the inexperienced will receive instruction and learn by participation. Teens and friends are welcome too!

An informational meeting will occur on **April 16** shortly after the worship service. If you desire more detailed information in the meantime, please contact John Oldenburg, 901-210-3701, oldygolden@aol.com

Adult Education This Sunday

Adult Ed kicked off the year with Pastor Mac presenting on his sabbatical trip and we had such a great time hearing about his journey!

On January 22, our three regularly-scheduled Adult Sunday school classes begin their 2023 series. Join us at 9:00 or 9:30. Check out page 4-5 for topics and details!

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 K-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



Volunteer Opportunity FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, April 22nd
1:00-3:00pm



Children ages 5-11 are invited to join us for an afternoon of service at the Food Bank! Please register here for both yourself AND for your child [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars

Hudson's Vacation Bible School will take place August 7th-11th!

Registration begins in March.



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](#).

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, January 24 | 6:30am

Zoom

All men are invited to join this group (over Zoom 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?

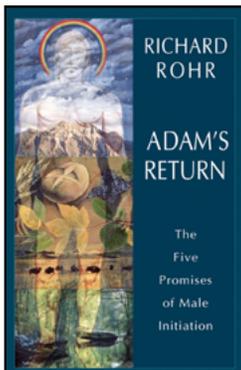
Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. What is Christ calling you to through the passage?

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

Series Begins Thursday, 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.

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.

FINANCE

Giving Statements

Last month we mailed/mailed preview contribution statements. These did not include all of December. We will be mailing the completed 2022 contribution statements to all church members soon. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



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



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"

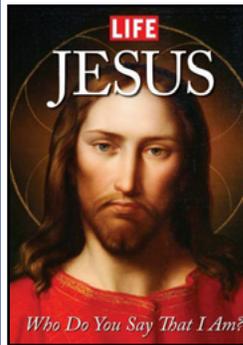
The Seekers Class explores Biblical and Christian themes with a view to something fresh. We may go deep, but hopefully not dry! We have fun with the topics and with one another. We value community and a sense of belonging, and we welcome new participants. Join us!

CHAOS
(Christ. Hope. And Other Stuff.)

January 22- February 12

Facilitated by Roger Howard

THIS WEEK: CHRIST



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

Participants will share their answers to the question Jesus posed to his disciples in Matthew 16:15. It's an important question for people of faith that oft-times we let others answer for us.

UPCOMING

January 29 - HOPE

Discussion: Where Do You Experience Hope?

February 5 - AND OTHER STUFF

Hunger: Around the Corner, Around the World

Guest: Steve Hickle, local hunger activist and retired Methodist minister, whose ministry and faith has stood with hungry folks for 50+ years!

February 12 - AND OTHER STUFF

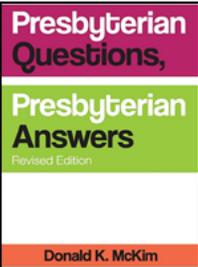
Gun Violence: Shots Fired & Public Safety

Guest: Shannon Hardy, public junior high school teacher. Shannon will bring us the real life story of how a small group of citizens made a remarkable difference throughout Wake County.

SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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!

Coffee & Conversation A Time for Parents During Children's Music



Hey Parents! While your children are enjoying music from 11:30-12:15pm, we invite you to join us in the Chapel for Coffee and Conversation! We hope this can be a weekly time of community which will allow you to deepen relationships with other families in the church.

Adult Ed Promo Video

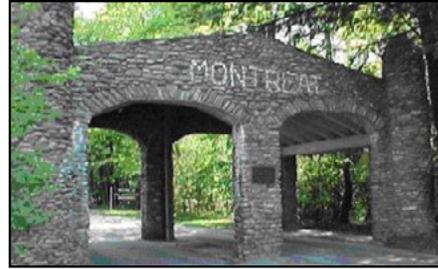
Last Sunday, Adult Education showed 4-minute video about Winter 2023 Sunday morning offerings.

In case you missed it, you can watch [here!](#) The video can also be found on our Facebook page or website.



HMPC WOMEN

Women's Connection Conference at Montreat REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

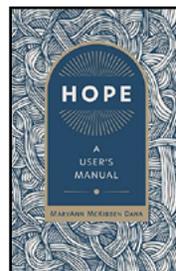


Many HMPC women enjoy participating in the Women's Connection Conference each August at Montreat. If

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. **Details can be found on our website [here](#).**

For more information about attending with our group, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Women at the Well



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. **Our next meeting will be February 16.** Additional dates are: March 16, April 29, and May 18.

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.

BOY SCOUTS

Join the Boy Scouts!

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church has sponsored Troop 376 "Building Boys into Men" since 1961.



Scouting emphasizes duty to God and country, helping others, and self-improvement by developing leadership, honesty, self-reliance, respect and personal fitness. Scouting has more than 135 merit badges to learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers.

Joining Requirements: Boys between 11 - 17 years old or have completed the 5th grade.

Meetings: Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Geneva Hall

For questions: Contact Scoutmaster Ray Kelling at 919-630-8933 rkelling1@nc.rr.com

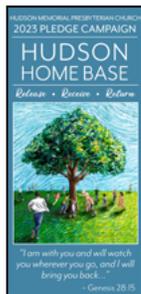
GIVING MINISTRY

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 174 households that have pledged for a total of \$718,786. This time last year we had collected 188 pledges for a total of \$759,481.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE!



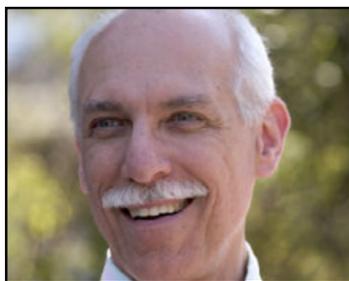
You may pledge online [here](#), email your pledge to Amy Claprood, HMPC Business Administrator, or call Amy at 919-787-1086 to request a pledge form be mailed to you. Thank you for your commitment to Christ through the church during these challenging times. Thanks be to God!

COMMUNITY

January Raleigh Chapter Meeting of American Pilgrims on the Camino: *Secrets of Santiago with Dr. George Greenia*

Saturday, Jan. 28 | 7:00pm | WH North

Too often pilgrims arrive in Santiago after their pilgrimage and have to return home because of time constraints. At our January 2023 Raleigh chapter meeting we will give you reasons to linger a bit longer in Santiago next time you are there.



We welcome a very special guest speaker to this month's chapter meeting: Dr. George Greenia, Professor Emeritus from William & Mary. Dr. Greenia's areas of specialization are the languages, literatures and

cultural history of Medieval Iberia from the 6th through the 15th centuries, Pilgrimage Studies, medieval book culture and the archeology of the manuscript book, manuscript illuminations, and linguistics. In the spring of 2016, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from American Pilgrims on the Camino for the significant role he had in building the pilgrim community within the United States.

All are welcome to attend this gathering!

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Star Words



On January 8 we celebrated Epiphany and handed out Star Words. If you missed getting a word, you can pick one up 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.

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

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

11:30-12:00 - Youth Sunday School (5th-12th grade)

12:00-12:30 - Youth Bells - WH South

5:00-7:00pm - MS/HS Youth Group

*Come join us for dinner (\$5), games,
and Youth Sunday brainstorming!!!*

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!

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

Deposit \$100 (Deadline for deposit is February 1)

Registration Fee is \$250

(Deadline for full deposit is March 1)

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

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 Claprod](mailto:amy.claprod@hmpc.org) in the church office.



CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, January 22

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden

11:30 am - Fellowship - WH

11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel

11:30 am - Youth Sunday School

11:30 am - Children's Music - GH

12:00 pm - Youth Bells - WH South

5:00 pm - MS/HS Youth Group - GH

Monday, January 23

9:45am - Preschool Chapel

12:00 pm - Seeing the Word - Chapel

7:00 pm - Session - WH South

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH

Tuesday, January 24

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom

9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

7:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - GH

Wednesday, January 25

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel

6:00 pm - Handbells - WH South

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 26

7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Beverage Co.

Friday, January 27

6:00 pm - Fellowship Friday - WH

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, January 28

7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North