



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARGUERITE



HMPC puts the “well” into welcome!

Thanks to all of you who gave me and my husband, Mark, such a warm welcome on our first Sunday with you. From the gracious instructions on the sound equipment to the

delicious red velvet cupcakes, all the conversations and greetings couldn’t have made us feel more at home. HMPC really does do welcome well!

My primary role right now as your transitional pastor is to continue helping everyone at HMPC learn about the process of transition and where we are on the journey. A pastoral transition combines many steps and many people who lead various steps. It begins with an installed pastor’s resignation. Presbytery’s Commission on Ministry met with the Session and then with the Interim Pastor Search Committee to help them get started on their search for a transitional pastor. So, the Session and the search committee led those steps of the process.

Now, I lead the next step: guiding a team in conducting a mission study and having their report approved by Session and Commission on Ministry. This step asks the church to make a significant investment of time and discernment. The mission study process is “of the people, by the people, and for the people” in leading the congregation’s discernment of who HMPC is now, not who it was 20 years ago, and where God is calling HMPC to go in the world as it is now, not as it was 20 years ago. The study involves congregational Bible study, discernment exercises, a deep-dive analysis of the church’s current resources (financial, physical, human!) and outside

research into the surrounding community’s current and future needs. It is led by a Session-appointed mission study team of HMPC members, with me serving as their liaison and resource. That team is in the process of scheduling their first meeting.

Many of you asked me on April 6 what you can do to help. There is something all of you can do: engage in the work of the mission study when the team asks you to. They may ask you to fill out an online survey. They will ask you to show up at congregational Bible studies. The success of their work, and its subsequent approval necessary to form a Pastor Nominating Committee, depends on your input and involvement. The best thing all of you can do right now is engage in the mission and ministry of the church, including the mission study, to hear where God is doing a new thing and where God is building on the foundation of what is already here. The result of this work should be a profile of the church that is realistic and accurate, that portrays the call you feel God has put on you for these next years ahead, and allows potential candidates to discern whether that call is the one they feel God has put on their heart to join you in answering.

Finally, know that my door is open for any and all conversations about the process as we go along. I know many of you have expectations of how long it will take before an installed pastor is called. I encourage you all to “let go and let God” of those expectations, and come talk to me about my experiences of where the process can get lengthened and how it can move along. It is a journey through the wilderness. But God provides the water and manna along the way.

Your Partner in Christ –

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marguerite".

Welcome, Pastor Marguerite!



We had a big morning last Sunday, April 6! It was the first Sunday for Hudson's new Transitional Pastor, Marguerite Serrine. She preached a wonderful sermon relevant for this season of change, and the children gave her a warm welcome during children's

A Note from Mark & Marguerite:

We want to thank all of you who wore your name tags on April 6. That was one of the most welcoming, thoughtful gestures you all could have made to help us get introduced to all of you. Please continue that effort in the coming months - it's not just a nice gesture for a new pastor and spouse, but anyone worshipping at HMPC for the first time. It really says "We're thinking about you even before you get here!" What a great feeling! Thank you again.



time. After worship, the congregation elected the Class of 2028 Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members, which was followed by great fellowship in Westminster Hall. It was a special day in the life of the church!



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for the hosting the lovely reception and providing delicious refreshments!



Holy Week Begins Sunday!

APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY

10:30am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

APRIL 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE

7:00pm - Worship Service - Sanctuary

APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00pm - Worship Service - Sanctuary

APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am Worship - Sanctuary

11:00am Worship - Sanctuary

Nursery for children in Kindergarten and under will be available from 8:45am-12:15pm. Please note there will be **NO** Adult Education, Children's Sunday School, Children's Music or Youth activities on Easter.

Our Six Forks church neighbors will be holding the annual Ecumenical Sunrise Service on the playground at St. Timothy's at 7:00am on Easter. (Please note, this is an outdoor service so dress accordingly!)

Stop by between 8:00 and 10:30am for the EASTER "CANCAKE" BREAKFAST

Come to Westminster Hall to eat pancakes, bacon, coffee and juice, and enjoy fellowship with your HMPC friends!



Suggested donation: You may make a monetary donation or bring some non-perishable food items which will be donated to the North Raleigh Ministries Food Pantry.

Please contact Morgan Dickinson if you have any questions or **if you would like to help.** morgantdickinson@gmail.com or 919-633-5798.

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus was at his most vulnerable with disciples who loved him, and the disciple who would betray him. We celebrate the Lord's Supper in a unique way: ushers will invite groups of about twelve people to gather around the communion table and pass the plate and cup to each other, reflecting on the closeness of Jesus with the Twelve. Then we begin the Tenebrae service, or "service of shadows," that invites us to meditate on the passion and death of Christ, consisting of alternating readings from the book of Mark and moments of song, in mounting darkness amidst the extinguishing of candles.



The service ends unlike any other service in the Christian liturgical year: in darkness and silence, confirming the depths of human suffering Christ shares with us.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. The Good Friday service is a quieter service some Taize music, and allows for numerous contemplative moments. Scripture readings, beginning with Jesus on the cross, invite us not to rush through to Easter morning but to understand the reality of Jesus' suffering as well as that of all humanity - and reveals the whole reason why we need Easter. The hours of noon to 3:00pm are particularly



significant on Good Friday. These commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross - this is why we hold the service at noon.

EASTER

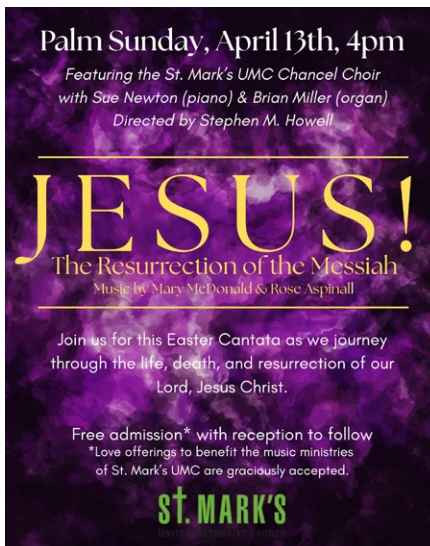
Easter Lilies - Order by Monday!



Lilies may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant is \$15. Fill out a form **by April 14** (found on the Flower Calendar in the main hallway or Sanctuary entrances) and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office with a check designated for the *Chancel Guild Easter Lilies*. The lilies may be picked up after the worship service on Easter Sunday. **If you wish to order online**, you can use this [link](#) and when paying online, please make a note in the memo line that the payment is for Easter lilies.

COMMUNITY EVENT

"Jesus! The Resurrection of the Messiah" Cantata on Palm Sunday



You are invited to an Easter Cantata at St. Mark's UMC (4801 Six Forks Rd.) this Sunday, April 13, at 4:00pm. Hudson's former accompanist, Sue Newton, will be playing piano, and the St. Mark's Chancel Choir will sing. Free admission with a reception to follow.

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Pastor Marguerite's Email Sermon Discussion Group

Join Pastor Marguerite's email sermon discussion group! Send our Transitional Pastor Marguerite Serrine an email (mserrine@hmhc.org) if you would like to receive sermon outlines via email on Wednesdays prior to the Sundays she preaches. You are encouraged to share your



comments and responses with all subscribers on the group, or just use the outline as preparation for Sunday's service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Youth Activities

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 13

11:30am Sunday School - Youth SS Room, 236

High School Youth at 5pm: "Phones and Pizza"

We have a guest speaker coming to discuss with HS youth and parents the impact of phones, devices and social media on our youth today! This will be a very informative time together, so please make every effort to attend. (Grades 9-12)

★ *Bonus: Rich will be back from parental leave!* ★

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, 4/16: Chipotle Check-in for HS (9th-12th grade) and Captain Cookie for MS+ (5th-8th grade), 6:30pm North Hills

Sunday, 4/20: No Youth Events - Happy Easter!

Sunday, 4/27: 5:00pm - Middle School Youth (6th-8th grade), Westminster Hall

AMAZING GRAYS

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Thursday, April 15 | 11:30am

Brigs Great Beginnings Restaurant

Join us for lunch and fellowship at 11:30am on Thursday, April 15 at Brigs. (8111 Creedmoor Rd Suite 169, Raleigh, NC 27613). New folks always welcome!



Please let Mike Law (717-439-0677) or Sandy Cole (276-708-5010) know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate headcount.

Mission Trip Informational Meeting Sunday, April 27 After Worship



Interested? Hesitant?
Just need to know more?
After the service on
April 27, there will be
a meeting in Room 200
shortly after the service
to introduce basic
information to those

unfamiliar with Hudson's annual mission trip, which is set this year from July 20 through July 25. Those who attend will leave with an understanding of how the trip proceeds and how easy it is to be a genuine contributor to the success of the trip for whatever time you can comfortably set aside for this mission, working on a Habitat for Humanity house in Avery County, NC. Your time investment at the meeting will be small, but the rewards for yourself and those whom the mission assists could be great. If you cannot attend but still do wish to receive information about this adventure, please contact John Oldenburg at oldygolden@aol.com.

Join the Habitat Build! Sign up for April 26 & May 31



We are excited to be part of another Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build this Spring. The build dates for our congregation are Saturday, April 26th, and Saturday, May 31st. We have 5 reserved spots for Hudson members for each build day. If you would like to register to participate, please do so for Old Poole Place on one of our designated days at [THIS LINK](#). Link can also be found on the homepage of hmpc.org. If you have any questions, please email Lauren Parikh at lauren.parikh@gmail.com.

April Tend My Sheep NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES



During the Month of April, the Mission Committee is collecting **oatmeal, breakfast cereals, peanut butter and jelly** for North Raleigh Ministries. Donations can be left in the bins at Sanctuary entrances.

With the drop in funding for all food banks, the Eastern and Central Food Bank of North Carolina - the LARGEST FOOD BANK IN THE US - will lose \$2,000,000 alone in funds which go to purchasing produce directly from local farmers. This hurts our farmers and those in need of food.



Thus, the need to support those who are food insecure is even more urgent. Please contribute as you are able.

BOOMERS

BOOMERS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 3 at 5:30pm

At Heather & Bob Monroe's Home

RSVP by April 26 to hmonroe@nc.rr.com

Bring \$10 per person

See details &
full invitation
[HERE](#).



For those new to the church or do not know about this group, Boomers is a fellowship group for fun-loving folks born during the baby boom years, 1946-1964, although all are welcome.

April Special Offering ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our Special Offering for April is to support PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or [donate online](#).

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

- 9:30 am - The Seekers & Ponderings - WH North
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall
- 11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation Young-ish Adults - Chapel
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
- 11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - Rm 236
- 12:00 pm - Youth Bells - WH South
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group (Phones & Pizza) - WH

Monday, April 14

- 9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva
- 6:30 pm - Officer Training - WH North, Chapel
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, April 15

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 10:00 am - Sewing Guild Association - WH South
- 11:30 am - Hannah Circle - WH South
- 6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
- 6:00 pm - ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) - Rm 200
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off Campus
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, April 16

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 12:00 pm - HMP Parent Committee - WH South
- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 6:30 pm - Middle School Munchies - Captain Cookie
- 6:30 pm - Chipotle Check-in - NH Chipotle
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

- 11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Brigs Restaurant
- 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

- 12:00 pm - Good Friday Service - Sanctuary

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION



Combined Class: Seekers & Presbyterian Ponderings Meet & Greet with Pastor Marguerite 9:30am - This Sunday, April 13 Westminster Hall North

This is a chance to get to know our new Transitional Pastor, Marguerite Serrine. You can hear about her experience and path to ministry, and ask any questions you might have for her. We hope you will join us for this special Adult Ed opportunity!

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, April 15 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on for 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 - is there 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. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) to be added to the mailing list for this group. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions.