

the weekly Window

January 28, 2022

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

MAC'S MEANDERINGS

The Spirit of the Camino



This year, I became one of the co-coordinators for the Raleigh Local Chapter of the American Pilgrims On the Camino. Having caught the "Camino Bug" and hiked on sections of it in 2016, 2019 and 2021, I felt like this was a way I could give back as a response for all I have received from these ancient pilgrims paths in Spain and Portugal. The group meets

monthly, alternating between doing group hikes and chapter meetings. At our chapter meetings, we always conclude the meeting by reading in unison something called "The Spirit of the Camino":

Live in the moment.

**Welcome each day -
its pleasures and its challenges.**

Make others feel welcome.

Share.

**Feel the Spirit of those
who have gone before you.**

Imagine those who will follow you.

Appreciate those who walk with you today.

I'm not sure of the history or author of this beautiful guidance, but I love it. It is written on every "credential del peregrino" that American Pilgrims On the Camino issues to people going on pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago. Along the way, you collect stamps in your credential from cafes, restaurants, hostels and other places you lodge, as evidence of your journey.

So, you handle and look at your credential each day on multiple occasions. Thus, it gives you an excuse to remind yourself of the principles of "The Spirit of the Camino."

While this was written for the pilgrims' path, I think its ideals can be applied to our every day lives, our daily pilgrimage. I also think it's in sync with the way of Jesus and our Christian faith. If I were to put "The Spirit of the Camino" in different words, it might look like this:

Be present.

**Stay open in the midst
of the beautiful and the difficult.**

Be hospitable and generous.

Remember the shoulders you stand on in the faith.

**Remember your faith responsibility
to the next generation.**

Look for the humanity in whoever you interact with.

Like the Star Words we gave you at the beginning of the month, The Spirit of the Camino wouldn't be a bad thing to have in your line of sight as you walk out the door each day.

As they say on the Camino, "Buen Camino!" ("Good Way!")



PERSONNEL

Welcome to Our Interim Pianist & Accompanist

Meet our new Interim Pianist and Accompanist - Sue Newton!

Sue graduated from Meredith College with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education. She worked at NC Farm Bureau Insurance for almost 38 years and retired as Operations Division Manager.



She started accompanying in church when she was 14 years old. From those early years in her home church in Oxford, NC, she joined Graystone Baptist Church and then Trinity Baptist Church, still playing along the way when and where she was needed. It was at Graystone she had the "great opportunity to work with Pepper Choplin as our Minister of Music until 2013, during which time we did several performances with combined church choirs at Meymandi in Raleigh. In addition, totally because of his generous spirit, Pepper offered me the awesome experience of accompanying 5 times with him in NYC - Carnegie Hall (3 times) and Lincoln Center (2 times)."

Sue has been married to her husband, Mike, for 36 years. They are looking forward to traveling now that they are both retired. Sue also likes to read, crochet/needlepoint and of course, play the piano.

Of Hudson she says, "Everyone has already been so welcoming, helpful, and friendly. I'm very appreciative of this opportunity to be a part of Hudson's worship!"

A Message From Carol

My sincere appreciation is extended to the congregation for your kindness and good wishes on the celebration of my recent retirement. The lovely staff recognition gift will be greatly enjoyed.

In gratitude for your
friendship and support,
Carol Yeargin



MISSIONS

Tend My Sheep

Collecting For The Food Bank

Last Day: January 30th

Items to be collected are soup, chili, and canned beans to benefit The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. We will collect on Sunday the 30th. Donation baskets will be at the church entrances.



WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Last Week to Pick Up Star Gifts

Since in-person worship has been canceled two weeks in a row due to inclement weather, we are going to keep the Star Words out this Sunday, January 30th in the sanctuary. These words were given out on Sunday, January 9th, the day we celebrated Epiphany in worship. Our hope is that you will put your star word somewhere where you will see it each day and that you might ask God, "What are you calling me to through this word?"



Special Offering for January Final Week for Capital Towers

Our Special offering for January is for 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.

This month, our financial offering will be to help cover the cost of the Service Coordinator position. This person supports residents in so many meaningful ways. Please consider donating to our neighbors.



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 "cap" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 cap).

Volunteer at the Food Bank



The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment to the Food Bank. We have set up two standing monthly volunteer shifts: the second Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm and the third Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm. Use the link below to see the dates we will be working and to sign up to participate. The Food Bank does

require that volunteers be masked inside the warehouse. 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.

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2022 Avery County Mission Trip

Save The Dates - July 24-29

This summer, members of this congregation will once again journey to Banner Elk, NC to help build homes for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The group will travel to Banner Elk on Sunday afternoon, July 24. After a week of work, the group will return home on Friday afternoon, July 29. Banner Elk is near enough that those who can only spend only spend part of a week in this endeavor may easily do so. 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 if our band needs more accommodations.

With these opportunities and facilities, over 25 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 learn and contribute by instruction and participation. Teens, friends and neighbors are welcome too.

An informational meeting will occur shortly after the service on **Sunday, April 3rd**. If you are thinking about joining the mission trip or desire more detailed information in the meantime, please connect with John Oldenburg at oldygolden@aol.com or 901-210-3701.



The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am



Info
for
2022

WH South

Exploring a Hunch Through the Lens of Faith
Here's the Deal: Led by Rev Jimmy Hulsey
 January 30 - February 27

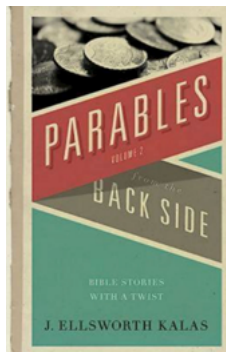
All are invited to explore a hunch: that we Christians have known God's special care throughout our lives, and we are also troubled by so much that seems wrong in the world. In short, we are curious about what God is up to. The image I have in mind for this study is a magnifying glass. Let's look through the lens of our faith to see more clearly how God cares for us and how God's heart beats with a suffering world.



WH North

Parables from the Back Side
Led by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg,
and Fred Woodward
 Through Mid-spring

"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 Graybil, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward facilitate the group. We'll begin 2022 with the book *Parables from the Back Side, Bible Stories with a Twist*, in which J. Ellsworth Kalas offers fresh insight into 12 of Jesus' parables by considering them from the perspective of a minor or unsympathetic character. We hope you will explore them with us.



Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group via ZOOM 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

January 2022 Information

Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and 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 winter semester began January 12 using *If God is Love Don't Be A Jerk: Finding A Faith That Makes Us Better Humans* by John Pavlovitz. Please let Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmpc.org for more information.

The monthly group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. This group typically meets over dinner in a local restaurant with meetings on Zoom if necessary. Recent podcasts have included those with Diana Butler Bass, Anne Lamott, Kate Bowler, and Bishop Michael Curry. 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. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, let Debbie Kirk know dkirk@hmpc.org.

Montreat Women's Connection Conference

August 12-14, 2022

Registration for the Women's Connection Conference 2022 at the Montreat Conference Center is open **February 1!**

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. This year's keynote speaker is Sarah Bessey, the editor of the New York Times bestselling book, *A Rhythm of Prayer*. **Learn more about the conference here:** <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2022>

Registration Info:

The Inn typically fills quickly so you are encouraged to register as soon as you can.

To register, click on the [conference registration link](#) and follow the steps. If

you are staying in 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, last year it was \$400-\$500 depending on the room and roommate(s). In the comment section, note that you are with the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church Raleigh group. If the Inn is full when you are registering, or you prefer to stay elsewhere, contact [Debbie Kirk](#) for suggestions for an alternative. Reach out to Debbie for any other questions or information as well. Read more detailed information on our website: <https://www.hmpc.org/women-s-conference-2022>



Paraments for the Parlor Cross

Special thanks to the Chancel Guild for providing funds for paraments for the Parlor Cross. This cross previously hung in Westminster Hall, but as we transform the Parlor into a Chapel/Multi-use flex space (as guided by the Session-approved 2017 Task Force Report), it now hangs on the south end of the room above the old communion table. We also want to thank Carol Clemens for helping to pick out the fabric and use her sewing talents on the paraments.



Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement soon. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room #103.



“Shepherds and Sheep” A Sustainable Youth Ministry System

HMPC Youth Ministry has started a new system of care, accountability, communication and sustainability. It is called "Shepherds and Sheep".

Shepherds = Youth Advisor
Sheep = Youth

HOW IT WORKS

1. Youth Advisors, the “Shepherds” are assigned a “class” (like 9th grade, 10th grade, and so on). The “Sheep” is every 5th through 12th grader that is on the youth ministry roster.
2. That Shepherd remains with that class for only a year, then the next class year, they get a whole new “flock” of sheep/youth.
3. The Shepherds receive an updated roster of their assigned class/flock. The youth/sheep on the other hand are initially contacted by that advisor that is assigned to them so they know who their Shepherd is.

WHY IT’S A GOOD SYSTEM?

1. First of all, it is Biblically rooted using language of Shepherd (Jesus) and Sheep (Children of God).
2. Youth ministry is ever-changing and some stability of having a Shepherd be the “11th grade”, “go to” person each year is healthy with adults and young people getting to know one another over a period of years.
3. Sustainability. No matter WHO is in the directorship position of Youth Ministry of a church, this system is one rooted in relationship and accountability.
4. Weekly contact through text, email or in person at church creates momentum, trust, and spreads the net a little further regarding one-to-one contact.

WHEN DOES THIS START?

1. We will start this system/program in February of 2022.

If you have any questions about this, please contact [Rich](#) in the Youth Ministry office.



This Week SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th

MORNING:

Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet at our regular time, 9:30am in the HS Sunday School Room (with windows and doors open...dress warm!)

Confirmation Class (8th grade+): We will meet at 9:30am in Geneva Hall or outside (weather-permitting).

AFTERNOON:

Youth Music at 4:30pm - Westminster Hall
MS/HS Youth Group at 5:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

NEXT WEEK, Feb. 6th at 10:00am
Bagels in the Breezeway!

Youth Sunday Rehearsal on Saturday, Feb. 26
10:00am-2:00pm
Lunch included

Youth Sunday is February 27th
All youth, please be in the Sanctuary at 9:00am

Confirmation Sunday (8th grade youth) is May 1st

New Youth Ministry Safety Guidelines for 2022:

ANY CLASS or GATHERING meeting **inside** the building will require the following guidelines.

1. Every participant must be masked.
2. Windows and doors (if possible) must be open.
3. Bodily distancing at least 10 feet apart.
4. No eating or drinking inside the building.

ANY CLASS or GATHERING meeting **outside** the building will require the following guidelines.

1. Bodily distancing at least 10 feet apart
2. Eating and drinking ARE permitted if safe distance is kept.
3. Masks are not required if safe distance is kept.

BIRTHDAYS

February Birthdays



2/1 - Bobby Conder
2/2 - Tim Peeler
2/4 - Mike Sandlin, Taylor Allard
2/5 - Ann Neisz, Lillian James
2/6 - Tripp Bradshaw, Amanda Saleeby, Rebekah Surasky
2/8 - Susan Sheahan, Paul Johnson, Noah Ya, Reid Melling, Jennifer Chang, Lizzie Rohs
2/9 - Kerry Lynn Fraser
2/10 - Luke Bentlage, Anna Duggins, Libby Wendt, Juanita Ross, 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
2/15 - Freddie Woodward, Linda Burton, Megan Rahn, Emma Sanchez
2/16 - Paul Linton
2/17 - Davis Boone, Amy Tennant, Will Crone
2/18 - Gregg Perry
2/19 - Jackson Baur
2/20 - Emma Sykes, Bruce Cox, Cary Dickerson, Jordan Krueger, James Tweedie
2/21 - Leigh Forehand, Sandy Buchanan
2/22 - Sanders Rohs
2/25 - Sarah Dawkins
2/26 - Grant Barkley, Polly Haydon
2/27 - Ivy Mercer
2/28 - Travis Hanks

COVID-19

Hudson's Current Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub Team, Personnel Committee or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board.



All below policies are subject to change.

- Church staff can work from the office or at home.
- For preschool drop off, no parents come inside the building.
- The preschool is following NCDHHS tool kit and guidance.
- Groups of any size can gather outside without masks. Eating outside on church property is permitted.
- Masks are required at all times inside the church building. Exceptions to this are:
 - Vaccinated speakers, soloists and small singing groups in worship who are appropriately socially distant from the congregation.
 - Staff who are working alone in their office.
- Sunday worship children's message volunteers must wear masks when giving their talk because the children are not socially distant from the speaker.
- Employees of HMPC (church and preschool) are required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisor.
- Any volunteer working with children 12 and under at HMPC will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.
- Groups are not allowed to eat together inside the church buildings. The exception to this rule is preschool children have lunch and snack time in their class bubble.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!



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CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, January 30

9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Geneva Hall
9:30 am - Explorers Class - HS Sunday School Room
9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship
11:30 am - Wee Worshipers & Joyful Noise - GH
11:30 am - Hudson Connects - Room 200
4:30 pm - Youth Music - WH
5:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 1

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word -Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday , February 2

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Zoom
6:15 pm - Handbells
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Saturday, February 5

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

FROM THE HMPC STAFF

Staff Email Addresses

When you receive an email from one of Hudson's staff members, please verify that the email address is their first initial then last name @hmpc.org - examples - mschafer@hmpc.org, dkirk@hmpc.org.

There have been some spam emails being sent, making them look like they are coming from the church. In those cases, the "from" email address is not correct. If you receive those, please **do not respond or click on any links**.

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WINTER SEASON

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the church will notify the local ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL) television stations if church will be delayed or cancelled. Please check the closings before venturing out in bad weather. We will do our best to have the sidewalks and steps cleared, but there is no guarantee that there will not be slippery spots. It is also possible that there will not be child care on Sunday morning or youth activities in the afternoon.

