

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2, 2026



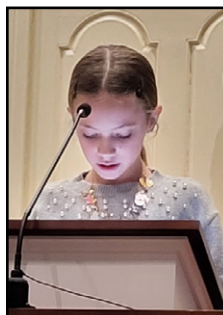
January 4, Epiphany Sunday, celebrates the journey of the Magi from the Far East to the manger in Bethlehem. They followed the light of a star to see the light of Christ in a dark and dismissed place. "Epiphany" is a word that means a sudden insight into the presence of God or the truth of a situation. It's the kind of truth that sets us free from being misguided or wrong or just being in the dark about the situation we're in.

And how fitting that on Epiphany Sunday, the Session will be meeting to discuss the Mission Study Report that was submitted to them by the Mission Study Team on December 18! According to our CAT cultural profile, HMPC is a "Magi church" – a church of seekers, a church of thinkers, and once convinced, a church of persistent doers. The Mission Study Report should provide all of us with epiphanies to work with throughout 2026: the number of people still missing Mac, the number of people at HMPC desiring change, the yearning of the congregation for a little more flexibility even as changes introduce discomfort. The truth sets us free, true, but it often brings some loss with that freedom – we lose a familiar road, safe habits, a sense of direction we'd thought was right but now plainly see needs to change. The wise men lost valuable assets when they deposited their gifts with the Christ child. That's a reminder that no matter what our epiphany leads us to change, Christ will take our hopes and dreams and redeem them into something that glorifies God and lifts up the world. That's a vision worth working toward!

In worship this Sunday, you will receive your Star Word for the year, and we will continue to look at the many prisms we find in the light of the world coming to us at Christmas. Happy New Year, and may you have all the epiphanies you need for abundant life in 2026.



Marguerite



*We were blessed to share two beautiful candlelight "Lessons & Carols" Christmas Eve services at Hudson this year. It was especially meaningful to hear the story of Christ's birth read by liturgists of all ages.*



# MISSION

## January & February Special Offerings THE FOOD BANK

This month's Special Offering and Tend My Sheep physical offering will both support the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**. One of the largest anti-hunger organizations in the United States, the Food Bank works daily to provide food to those in need while also pursuing long-term solutions to end hunger in our communities.



You may give a monetary donation by placing it in the offering plate (designated "Food"), or by giving online [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code to the left. **For our**

**Tend My Sheep physical collection, you are invited to bring oatmeal or cereal** and place it in the bins located by the Sanctuary doors during the months of January & February.



**Collecting  
oatmeal &  
cereal  
for the  
Food Bank!**



**foodbank**  
NOURISH. BUILD. EMPOWER.

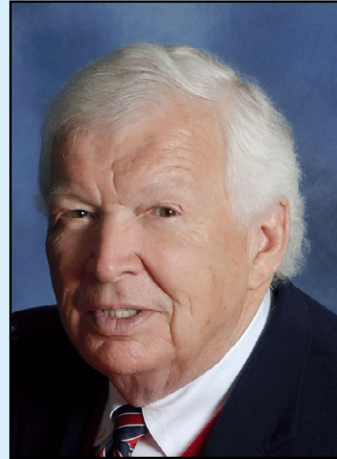
## December's Collection for Healing Transitions

For last month's Tend My Sheep we collected: 92 pairs of socks, 53 pairs of underwear, 13 sets of gloves, 25 winter hats, 127 toothbrushes, 127 tubes of toothpaste, 131 toothbrush covers, and 30 personal hygiene products. Thanks to all those who donated to this important organization! Learn more about them [HERE](#).



**HEALING  
TRANSITIONS**  
A Place for Recovery

## *To The Church Triumphant* **TOM BRADSHAW**



Longtime Hudson member, Tom Bradshaw, entered God's everlasting kingdom on December 30, 2025. Details about his memorial service will be announced at a later time.

Please keep the Bradshaw family in your prayers. Thanks be to God for the life of Tom Bradshaw.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 4

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200  
9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Westminster North  
9:30 am - The Seekers - Westminster South  
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary  
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall  
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North  
11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel

### Monday, January 5

9:30 am - HMP Chapel  
6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom  
7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom  
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva

### Tuesday, January 6

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom  
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

### Wednesday, January 7

6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - Westminster North  
6:00 pm - Youth Director Search Committee - Rm 200  
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster South  
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 8

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge  
6:30 pm - Mission Committee - Westminster South

### Saturday, January 10

2:30 - American Pilgrims on the Camino - Rm 200



# FAITH FORMATION

## This Sunday, January 4 Join Us for The Gathering Classes !

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

Facilitated by Don Slater

### 9:30 - The Seekers - WH South

Kick off the New Year with us in The Seekers!

*"... the old has passed away—behold, the new has come!"*

This is one of the Scriptures that reference new beginnings in the New and Old Testaments to be discussed this week. No homework, but you may be called upon to read a verse or two aloud in class.

### 9:30 - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North

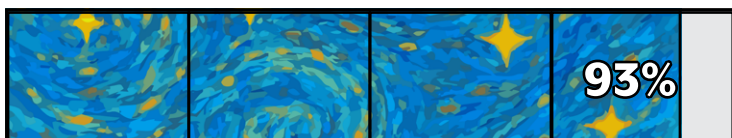
For the first five weeks of 2026, Presbyterian Ponderings will follow PCUSA's The Present Word series titled "Judah, From Isaiah to Exile." We will dip into the Old Testament and consider how God, through prophets and other leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah so that we may come to see the hand of God in our own lives and all human affairs.

On January 4th, John James will lead a discussion drawn from the Book of Isaiah, starting at chapters 6 & 7. As always, the Ponderings class welcomes visitors – no advance reading or other requirements. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Westminster Hall North (near the kitchen). Come ponder with us!

## GIVING MINISTRY

### 2026 Pledge Campaign Progress As of 12/31/2025

\$776,810 towards our goal of \$835,630



You can still pledge [HERE!](#)

## Waking Up With The Word Tuesday, January 6 | 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.

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 you have.



## GET INVOLVED!

### Answering the Call to Serve: Ushers Needed

Our church is blessed by those who serve faithfully as ushers, offering a warm welcome, guidance, and support to everyone who enters our sanctuary. Their ministry helps set the tone for worship and reflects God's love through simple acts of kindness and service.

As we look ahead, we invite members of our congregation to prayerfully consider becoming an usher. This role is a meaningful way to serve God and our church family, meet new people, and be part of creating a welcoming and worshipful environment for all.

If you feel called to serve or would like more information about what being an usher involves, please reach out to Carol Clemens or Kelly Boone. Your willingness to serve can make a lasting difference.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."*

- 1 PETER 4:10

## Worship Themes for the New Year

Each January, the Christian liturgical calendar begins with Epiphany Sunday to celebrate those "God moments" when we feel we've seen God or evidence of God that transforms how we see things (the story of the Magi in Matthew's gospel), followed by the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, when Scripture tells the story of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus in the Jordan. The sermon title for Jan. 4 is "The Seekers" and Jan. 11 is "The Messes." The human relationship with the divine takes us on a journey; it also acquaints us with the messes we make along the way.

January 18, we'll start a sermon series that takes a closer Scriptural look at our new vision statement and how we can start living into it right away. That Sunday, the sermon "First of All," will examine the role of "Christ" in the statement and in human life. January 25, the sermon "One of Many" will take on division in the church - the variety of belief and perspective that we can either welcome or not. On February 1, the focus will turn to what makes diversity of belief and perspective become the great unifying force - nothing less than Jesus Christ our Lord.

I'm so looking forward to diving into study and mission next year that move this congregation closer to its vision of bringing God's kingdom to North Hills.

*(Pastor Marguerite)*

## Interested in Joining Hudson in 2026?

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church welcomes all who are seeking grace, connection, and a place to grow in faith. Membership is a journey—get to know us by worshiping, joining a group or mission, engaging in faith formation, and participating in what sparks your interest.

### Learn more about us!

Explore [our website](#), read the weekly newsletter, or grab info from the hallway brochure racks. If you'd like to be added to any of our mailing lists (general, children, or youth), just let Lesley Ash Jacobsen know ([lash-jacobsen@hmpe.org](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpe.org)).

### Inquirers' Class

Curious to go deeper? Talk with Pastor Marguerite Sirrine or Inquirers' Class coordinator Cary Dickerson (at [cdickerson@hmpe.org](mailto:cdickerson@hmpe.org)). Our next class is **January 25, 2026**, immediately following worship. You can RSVP [here](#). These classes are a great way to learn about our mission and ministry. When you're ready, you'll be welcomed into membership during worship and supported by Hudson Connects as you find your place.

# FELLOWSHIP



***Our Single Way group had fun at their annual potluck on New Year's Eve!***

