

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 23, 2026

Interested in Going on the Avery County Mission Trip This Year?

JULY 19-24 | INFO MEETING APRIL 12

Volunteers from this congregation will once again foray this summer to Banner Elk, NC, to work on homes for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The group will go to Banner Elk on Sunday afternoon, July 19, and after a week of engagement will return on Friday afternoon, July 25. Banner Elk is approximately a 3 ½ - hour drive from Raleigh, close enough that working a part-week is easily possible as a participant's schedule may require. Our volunteers will room and board at the Guenther Lodge of the Holston Presbyterian Camp and Retreat



Center in Banner Elk. Guenther offers nine rooms with two double beds and a private bath, plus additional bedrooms with twin beds accessible to ample bathroom facilities if our company needs more accommodation.

With these opportunities and facilities, a large group of men and women can be usefully engaged and fully accommodated each day. Our nights will offer fulfilling togetherness and pleasant camaraderie including a gathering for evening Vespers. Please consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains. No specific skills are necessary, and inexperience is not a barrier. Teens and friends are welcome too.

LEARN MORE!



An informational meeting will occur on **April 12 in Room 200** shortly after the worship service. If you desire more detailed information in the meantime, please contact John Oldenburg, 901-210-3701, oldygolden@aol.com.

In Case of Inclement Weather THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

As you know, there is a possibility of inclement weather this Sunday, so we wanted to share a quick update about worship



plans. If in-person Sanctuary worship is canceled, the church will notify local **ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL)** television stations, and an announcement will be posted on the [church's website homepage](http://HMPCHMPC.ORG). Please check local closings before heading out in poor weather.

If Sanctuary worship is canceled due to inclement weather, Pastor Marguerite will share a pre-recorded video message to guide us in worship at home.

While we hope to gather together in the Sanctuary, the safety of our congregation is our highest priority. If weather conditions are uncertain, please check your email and the church website on Sunday morning for the latest updates.

FAT TUESDAY

Join us for traditional Fat Tuesday food (gumbo, cornbread, and more), crafts, and fellowship on February 17th at 6:00pm in Westminster Hall.

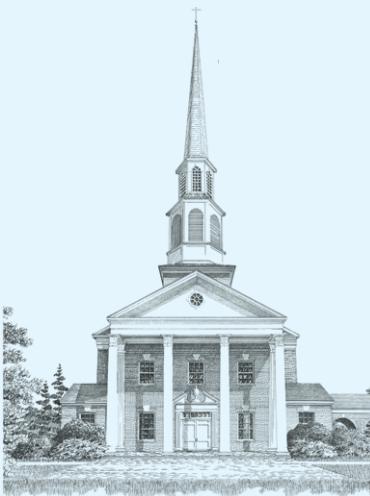


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MEMBERSHIP AT HUDSON

Interested in Joining Hudson?

INQUIRERS' CLASS THIS SUNDAY- WEATHER-PERMITTING



Interested in joining Hudson or learning more about membership? Talk with Pastor Marguerite Sirrine or Inquirers' Class coordinator Cary Dickerson (at cdickerson@hmpc.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.



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUNDAY PROGRAMMING CANCELLATION, we will move this Inquirers' class to Sunday, February 1st, after worship.

PROPERTY

Meet Property Team Member, Bob Stowe



Bob Stowe helps to ensure that our building is prepared in case an emergency ever arises - checking fire extinguishers, testing the elevator, managing the first aid kits, and more. What you may not know is that his career gave him valuable experience for this service to the church. Read our interview with Bob to learn more!

Q: How did you first get connected with HMPC?

A: My wife, Iva, and I moved to Raleigh in March of 2022 and started an internet search of churches for consideration. We visited another church along with Hudson and felt led to Hudson with no regrets.

Q: What roles do you fill at HMPC?

A: I currently serve on the Property Committee, Adult Education Committee, and Technology Team, taking my turn as a camera operator for livestreaming. I'm also in the teaching rotation for the Seekers Sunday School class.

Q: Please tell us about your career background. Has your field experience influenced the way you see the world?

A: I worked in Human Resources management in various manufacturing operations. In addition to HR management, I usually had responsibility for safety, environmental compliance, security, community relations, and legal compliance. In all these functions, I learned the best practice is to do things right - the first time - especially safety.

Q: Was there an event that drove your focus on safety?

A: Without a doubt - the 1991 fire at Imperial Foods in Hamlet, NC, that killed 25 and seriously injured 54. I was working in a manufacturing facility about 30 miles away. Although I was not associated with that event, it increased my safety awareness. Two recent news events continue to remind me that you can't neglect safety - the floods in TX last year that claimed the lives of young girls, and the New Year's fire in Europe that killed multiple people, including children.

Q: What is one safety tip you would like all people to know?

A: Situational awareness! Be aware of your surroundings - the nearest exit, changing traffic patterns, developing weather, etc.

THANK YOU, BOB, FOR ALL YOU DO AT HUDSON!

FELLOWSHIP

HMPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

10:00AM - 12:00PM

**COME ENJOY CRAFTS,
SNACKS, A VISIT FROM THE
EASTER BUNNY, AND MORE!**

MISSION

January & February Special Offerings

THE FOOD BANK

This month's Special Offering and Tend My Sheep Physical Collection 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!**



February Single Way

Tuesday, February 3 | Piper's Tavern



Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles that meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. We are meeting at Piper's Tavern (On Falls of Neuse Rd). Please contact Ruth Herpich by January 31 (919-280-0049) if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant a seating count.

If you know of anyone who would like to come enjoy fellowship with us, please extend the invitation. New



people are always welcome, so please join us!

Young-ish Adult Outing

Saturday, February 21st

5:00-7:00pm

Edit Beer Company

(1911 Sego Ct Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27616)

Food can be ordered from Scooter's Bar and Grill. As always, if you are unable to find childcare please do not let that deter you from coming. This place is family friendly with activities for kids. Contact Christine Bond (cnoldenburg@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.



Adult Ed on Sundays

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, Jan. 25 | 9:00 | Room 200

"Abraham's Journey"

Facilitated by Don Slater

We will be exploring Abraham's journey as he learned to walk with God. Join us for a full hour of learning and discussion!

Presbyterian Ponderings

"Judah, From Isaiah to Exile"

Sunday, Jan. 25 | 9:30 | WH North

**Facilitated by Gil Graybill, John James,
John Oldenburg, Fred Woodward**

This month Presbyterian Ponderings has been following 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.

THIS WEEK:

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12 tells us of the Suffering Servant.
We will explore what this means for our salvation.**

The Seekers

9:30am | WH South

Sunday, January 25

"Growing Faith" Facilitated by Bob Stowe

Waking Up With The Word

Men's Bible Study Every Tuesday at 6:30am

**Meeting Location Alternates Weekly on Zoom
& In-person on the Westminster Hall Patio**



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 is 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, 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. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. On Zoom we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Lesley at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, January 27, 6:30am - WH Patio

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30am - Zoom

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30am - WH Patio

Making Peace: A Special Adult Sunday School Series Feb. 8-March 15

What do you do when it seems impossible to have a free exchange of opinions with your neighbors, your coworkers or even the person in the pew next to you? When it feels like outrage is the new national pastime, how do you find peace? When everyone is divided and everything is divisive, what can we do? Join us for a 6-week class focusing on navigating the negativity, finding common ground and disagreeing better.

This series is open to the whole Hudson community. Our first meeting is on Sunday, February 8th at the 9:30 hour in Westminster Hall North. The class runs through March 15.

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Peeler (elizabeth.peeler@mindspring.com) or John James (james.nnva@gmail.com).

Women's Connection Conference at Montreat

August 14-16 - Register Feb 2

If you have attended this retreat in the past, you know what a special time it is to get away to the mountains for spiritual renewal in the company of fellow Christians. If you have never been, maybe this is the year to go! We always have a lively group of women from Hudson who make the journey together up to Montreat each August. Registration opens on Monday, February 2, at 10:00am



on the Montreat Conference Center [website](#). Rooms in the Assembly Inn tend to fill up rather quickly, so do try to register as close to 10:00 am as you can.

Questions? Contact either Joanna Hulsey or Grace Hutchinson.



We had a great group of 19 last year!

THE SEASON OF LENT WILL BE HERE SOON! SAVE THE DATES...

FEBRUARY 17 - Fat Tuesday Dinner - 6:00pm

FEBRUARY 18 - Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 25; MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 - Lenten suppers & services

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - Easter Egg Hunt - 10am-12pm

MARCH 29 - Palm Sunday - 10:30 Worship

APRIL 2 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm service

APRIL 5 - Easter - 9:00 and 11:00 Worship

What Did the CAT Tell Us about Readiness for Ministry?

The Congregational Assessment Tool, that over 200 of us completed in September, told us many things about the current state of our church and our hopes for the future. The Mission Study Team is continuing to share these results to increase the congregation's understanding and to encourage involvement during this time of transition.

The background for the CAT questions on readiness of congregation members for ministry was described in the full report given to the MST and Session. It reads, in part, **“... all members of a church are called to ministry, and it is the responsibility of the church to help members identify their gifts and connect to ministries that best fit those gifts.”**

Three-quarters of Hudson respondents agreed that our church helps members discern their gifts and understand that we are all called to ministry. Responses showed, in addition, that members agree that the church provides opportunities to serve and supports members in service. The score in the area of “Readiness for Ministry” is higher at Hudson than at many churches that have participated in the survey. We are proud of all our lay leaders and participants in ministry!

Are you looking for deeper involvement in the life and ministry of Hudson? Spring is the season when our church elects new officers and seeks to involve members in committee service. After reflecting on your gifts and interests, if you feel called to serve in areas such as mission, children and youth, worship and music, fellowship, property, or Christian education, please contact the pastor or current committee chairs or members. Many opportunities are frequently published in the Weekly Window.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 25 (WEATHER-PERMITTING)

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
11:30 am - Inquirers' Class - Karl Hudson Room
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall
11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
11:45 am - Youth Bells - WH South
5:00 pm - Youth Group/Bible Exploration

Monday, January 26

9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary
5:00 pm - Youth Director Search Committee - Chapel
6:30 pm - P.E.O. - Room 200
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva

Tuesday, January 27

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio
6:00 pm - Mission Study Team - WH South
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, January 28

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
6:00 pm - Youth Director Search Committee - Rm 200
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 29

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

Saturday, January 31

11:00 am - Celebration of Life for Tom Bradshaw

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

THE CHILDREN'S
MOVIE OUTING
THIS SATURDAY IS
CANCELED!

MEMORIALS

SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Tom Bradshaw



Longtime Hudson member, Tom Bradshaw, entered God's everlasting kingdom on December 30, 2025. His obituary can be found [HERE](#).

A Celebration of Life and Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, January 31st, at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4921 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609. A reception will immediately follow at North Ridge Country Club, 6612 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC.

For those unable to attend in person, the livestream can be found [HERE](#). It will also be posted on the homepage of hmpc.org the week of the service.

In lieu of flowers, to celebrate Tom's life and commitment to service, memorial gifts may be made to [Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Foundation, Inc.](#) or the [YMCA of the Triangle's Annual Campaign](#), 801 Corporate Center Dr., Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27607.

CHANCEL GUILD

Lots of Sundays Open for 2026 Chancel Flowers!



If you are interested in donating flowers for the chancel on a Sunday, please sign up on the flower bulletin board located in the main hall outside Room 103. You may also email Hannah Woodcock at hwoodcock@hmpc.org to make arrangements.

Many dates are still available this year, and donating flowers is a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one while helping to make our sanctuary especially beautiful for Sunday worship.