

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 10, 2025

POSSIBLE INCLEMENT WEATHER THIS WEEKEND

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DEBBIE

Dear Hudson Friends,

For some of you, this may be a first experience with what is forecast to be a "wintry mix", which can include snow, freezing rain, and the dreaded ice, combined with below freezing temperatures after dark for a number of days. Staff has discussed plans; our decisions on how to manage church activities are made using the best weather information available and out of an abundance of caution for our members.

I will make the decision about Sunday activities by 8:00am Sunday or on Saturday night if conditions are bad and we are advised to do so. We will get a message out on our website, social media, and local ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL) television stations with this information. We follow Wake County inclement weather openings/closings when they are in session, and will update you if the weather affects scheduled Hudson activities into next week.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Check any of the below for updates on Sunday morning!
The first source to be updated will be our website.*



A VISIT FROM REV. JO NYGARD OWENS SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19



We welcome Rev. Jo Nygard Owens back to HMPC! Hudson was her first ordained call as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, and she has had a varied ministry ever since, leading her to her present call as Pastor for Digital Ministry at Washington National Cathedral,

which she began in October 2023. In this newly created position, she serves those who worship online at Washington National Cathedral by extending the mission and ministry of the Cathedral into the digital space.

During her visit on the 19th, she will be leading an adult forum at 9:30 in Westminster North where she will share about her particular ministry, as well as the role of the Washington National Cathedral, which holds a unique place at the intersection of sacred and civic life. As the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, the Cathedral serves God and our neighbors as agents of reconciliation, a trusted voice of moral leadership and a sacred space where the country gathers during moments of national significance.

Jo will preach during worship on January 19 with a word of blessing for Pastor Debbie and for HMPC as we complete this first part of the pastoral transition.

**Prayers for our High School Youth
traveling to Wintergreen
Ski Resort this weekend!
We hope you have a
wonderful time!**



IPNC

Update from the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee

We have narrowed the applicant pool down to a half dozen standouts and have begun our initial interviews. We expect to finish up the first round of interviews early next week. With each conversation, we are learning a lot about the candidates, our understanding of God's call for Hudson, and the type of interim pastor that can best lead us into our next chapter. We are encouraged by these conversations and moving forward with confidence and faith in God's plan for HMPC.



MISSION

Special Offerings

JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING

A Place at the Table is Raleigh's first pay-what-you-can cafe. Its mission is to give a dignified dining experience where anyone is welcome to dine regardless of means. Patrons from all walks of life come together to share a meal at their table and over 80 people volunteer for their meal every day. They gain skills and connect each shift, along with being provided a delicious and nutritious meal.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Place at the Table"), or you can give online by clicking [HERE](#).

TEND MY SHEEP

This month we are collecting canned fruits, vegetables, and beans for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Among the largest anti-hunger organizations in the United States, the Food Bank works every day to provide food to people in need while advancing long-term solutions to end hunger in our communities.

You can drop off donations in the bins by Sanctuary entrances during the month of January.



DEACONS

Save the Date!



Winter Warm Up to Wellness Event
Saturday, February 8
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Westminster Hall

Join us for a refreshing morning of wellness and connection at our Winter Warm Up to Wellness event! We invite you to come together for a time of inspiration, relaxation, and support. This special event is hosted by the HMPC Deacons. More details coming soon!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

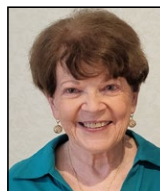
Welcome, Hunter Cox!



We are pleased to welcome a new musician to our Music Ministry family, who will serve as our new organist/pianist. Hunter Cox has returned to the Raleigh area recently to be closer to family and to begin the school year at Enloe Magnet High School. He teaches piano and music theory. From Appalachian State University, he

holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance and Music Education (graduated Summa Cum Laude) and a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance (he also studied organ and harpsichord). He has over 15 years of church music experience and believes "that music is one of the most sincere and loving ways in which we can worship our God." We hope you will help us give Hunter a warm Hudson Memorial welcome!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE



An enormous **THANK YOU** is due to our Interim Organist and church member, Iva Stowe! She has been a joy to work with and a real lifesaver.

Also, we need to thank the Organist/Pianist Search Committee for their time and commitment in finding our wonderful new musician – Carol Cox, John James, Iva Stowe, and Sue Newton (audition/interview adjudicators).

Coffee & Conversation: A Time for Young-ish Adults

Sundays Following Worship



Are you in your 20s, 30s or 40s? Coffee & Conversation is a group that meets most Sundays following worship at 11:30ish in the Chapel while Joyful Noise & Youth Music are happening. It's a great group of young-ish adults that talk about life, faith and culture in a laid-back

setting. The group meets for a half hour. Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge or a snack in Westminster Hall and stop in. No preparation or homework! If you have questions please reach out to Cary Dickerson.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Upcoming Service Project

Children & Family Ministries has a service project that will launch on February 14. Families must be members of Hudson with Sunday School age children in order to participate. More details in next week's newsletter! Contact Cary Dickerson cdickerson@hmpc.org with questions.

**HUDSON
SPREADS
the LOVE**

**EVEN OUR SMALLEST DISCIPLES
CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT!**

The Seekers

Sundays | 9:30am | Westminster South

January 12 & 26, Feb 2: "Living the Bible Literally: Can It Be Done?"

Facilitated by Ron Ash

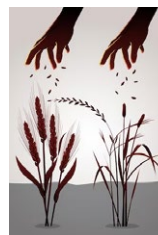
Can all of the laws, rules, commandments, and mandates found in the Old and New Testaments be followed as they are written? This series will discuss what this involves by looking at one man's attempt to live Biblically for one year. Many verses in the Bible will be examined to see what must or can be done: Can we pick and choose which rules to follow? Is the meaning of verses with a mandate really clear? Are some Biblical laws too harsh? These and other questions will be studied.

Presbyterian Ponderings

Sundays | 9:30am | Westminster North
"Imperfect Messengers"

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

The first third of the Presbyterian Ponderings "semester" will take us again to the Parables. The next third will examine once more God's use of imperfect messengers -- there just are so many -- to inform and lead us. The last third will be a study course TBD (to be determined) to finish this part of the year before the Summer Series begins. As before, we expect to do some Lectio Divina sessions when we finish one mini-course but before we move onto the next portion of study.



This coming Sunday, we'll be studying the Parable of the weeds. Are you the seed that nourishes or the one that gets in the way? Are you the enemy who ruins the crop? "Sow" what are we going to do about it? Gil Graybill will facilitate this week and help see what we can get to sprout.

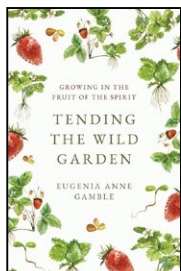
Sunday, January 19, 9:30am

Adult Sunday School will be combined and led by Jo Nygard Owens, Pastor for Digital Ministry at the National Cathedral

WOMEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Women at the Well WEEKLY GROUP

The weekly meeting of Women at the Well began the winter/spring session last week. The group meets Wednesdays at 9:15am in the Chapel and on Zoom. Our book for the semester is *Tending the Wild Garden: Tending the Fruit of the Spirit* by Eugenia Gamble.



If you are not already on the contact list and would like to participate contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmhc.org.

MONTHLY GROUP

The monthly Women at the Well begins the next session on **January 30 at 6:00pm**. We will meet in a local restaurant for a time of fellowship and saying goodbye to Debbie. Going forward, Linda Meeks linda.meeks@pobox.com and Kay Emanuel ckemanuel@gmail.com will coordinate the gatherings and send the details the week prior to each meeting. If you are not already on the contact list and would like to be added, contact Linda or Kay.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Interesting in Being a Greeter? JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Welcome Committee is seeking volunteers willing to serve as "Greeters" on Sunday mornings before Worship! This is an easy and meaningful way to serve our community, and interact with other HMPC members and guests. The commitment is minimal: approximately



30 minutes once a quarter, and the impact is limitless! Interested parties should contact Lindsey Richards at LindseyM919@gmail.com

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30am | 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 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, 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth News

February 2 is YOUTH MUSIC-LED SUNDAY



Next High School Chipotle Check-in
6:30- 7:30pm on Wednesday, January 15

**Next Middle School
Captain Cookie Gathering**
6:30-7:15pm on Wednesday, January 22



This Week at HMPC

Sunday, Jan 12 (Weather permitting)

- 9:30 am - Ponderings - WH North
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
- 11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
- 11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - Room 236
- 11:45 am - Inquirer's Class - Rm 200
- 6:00 pm - Session/Diaconate - Offsite

Monday, Jan 13

- 9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva or Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Ala-teen - Geneva Rms

Tuesday, Jan 14

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther/Rachel Circle - Chapel
- 11:30 am - Hannah Circle - WH South
- 6:00 pm - ACA Meeting - Rm 200
- 6:00 pm - Youth Committee - WMH South
- 6:45 pm - Preschool Board - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
- 7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off Campus

Wednesday, Jan 15

- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 6:30 pm - Chipotle Check In - NH Chipotle
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, Jan 16

- 11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Off Site
- 12:00 pm - HMP Parent Committee - WMH South

Join Our Social Media Community!



@HudsonMPC



@HudsonMemorialPC

Upcoming at Hudson

JANUARY 19th

Rev. Jo Nygard Owens will be our guest preacher!

Before worship, she will lead Adult Sunday School at 9:30 in WH North.

JANUARY 26th

Pastor Debbie's Last Sunday in the Pulpit!

10:30am Worship followed by a reception

FEBRUARY 2nd

Youth Music-led Sunday - 10:30 Worship

FEBRUARY 8th

"Winter Warm-up to Wellness"

Deacon Event (10:00-12:00)

FEBRUARY 14th

"Spread the Love" Service Project begins!

MARCH 5th

Ash Wednesday

APRIL 12th

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00-12:00 at HMPC

APRIL 13th

Palm Sunday - 10:30 Worship

APRIL 17th

Maundy Thursday

APRIL 19th

Good Friday

APRIL 20th

Easter Sunday

MAY 18th

Spring Music Sunday - 10:30am Worship