



the weekly Window

April 8, 2022

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday - April 10 10:30am – Hudson Sanctuary



This is the day we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children are invited to meet in the Narthex and process in during the opening hymn. All worshipers will receive a palm branch.

Maundy Thursday - April 14 Tenebrae & Communion Service 7:00pm - Hudson Sanctuary *Nursery available 6:30-8:30pm*



Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, Latin for "commandment") proclaims Jesus' new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ's example of humble service and self-offering, represented by the washing of feet and the sharing of communion. The liturgy includes the Lord's Supper and readings. The service utilizes candle light, song and silence.

Good Friday - April 15 Noon - Hudson Sanctuary

On Good Friday, the horror of Jesus' death cannot be denied, and as the story unfolds each year we hear the text in fresh ways depending on where life finds us. Good Friday marks the crucifixion and dying of Christ when we reflect upon Christ's sacrifice for our sins and worship in community as we consider what Jesus' death means. This is a contemplative service with simple liturgy and reflective music when we are invited to consider what hope looks like in our darkest hours.

Easter - April 17 Ecumenical Sunrise Service - 7:00 am Diab Amphitheater at St. Timothy's School

The Six Forks Churches that came together for the Community Thanksgiving Service are coming together again for a joint, informal, outdoor Easter service. This special service brings together St. Mark's United Methodist, St. Timothy's Episcopal, North Haven Church, The Fountain, Grace Lutheran, Trinity Baptist, and Hudson Memorial Presbyterian. Ministers from each of these congregations will be participating in the



liturgy. If you plan on attending, you can enter the amphitheater area at the corner of Rowan and Gates Streets. You can park in North Hills shopping area or on the street where appropriate.

Cancake breakfast in Westminster Hall 8:00 – 10:30am

Join the Hudson community for pancakes and fellowship! We invite you to bring a canned food item for North Raleigh Ministries to help make this another successful "Cancake" breakfast!

Easter Worship Services 9:00am & 11:00am - Hudson Sanctuary

Nursery available for both services.

"Easter" comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter, we stand in light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church, proclaiming his good news through Word and Sacrament. At the 9:00am service we will celebrate a baptism and at 11:00am our children will be singing.



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday was filled with faith, fellowship, and fun for the families of Hudson. Children searched for eggs, made crafts, and even had a special visit from the Easter Bunny! Thank you so much to all who donated materials or time to make this event happen!



Easter Lilies: It's Time to Order & Dedicate!

Lilies may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant will be \$15. Fill out a form **by April 11th** (found on the Flower Calendar in the main hallway) and place it in the offering plate or turn it into 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.

Volunteers needed! Easter "Cancake" Breakfast

HMPC will once again be holding our Cancake Breakfast in Westminster Hall from 8:00-10:30am on Easter morning. We are in need of volunteers to help with this event. Please consider helping with one of the available shifts.



Use the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044eaaa92d6-easter>

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Spring Concert Next Month!

Sunday, May 15th | 4:30pm | Sanctuary

**Presented By The Musical Ensembles Of
Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church:**

Wee Worshipers

Joyful Noise

Youth Music

Hudson Handbell Ringers

Chancel Men's Chorus

Chancel Women's Chorus

Chancel Choir

And Other Vocal & Instrumental Musicians
From The Congregation

Reception to follow hosted by Presbyterian Women.



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Loaves and Fishes Barbecue Chicken Sale!

Loaves and Fishes is pleased to hold their first Barbeque Chicken Sale! This alternative to the annual chili sale features an outdoor barbeque with two delicious options: Buy a delicious whole barbequed chicken or select a big half-chicken with sides of green beans, potatoes, and a fresh roll.

- **Date:** Saturday, April 23 – “Grab and Go” pickup at 11:30 or 1:30.
- **Location:** Parking lot behind Westminster Presbyterian Church, 301 E. Whitaker Mill Rd.
- **Price:** \$15 for either option – order more and mix them if you’d like!
- **Order and pay in advance at their website:** www.LAFChildren.org or use the QR code to place your order!



The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am

WH South

Conversations for Lent

Final Sunday - April 10

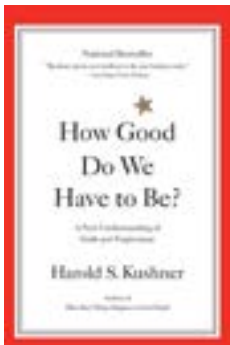
Susan Grigg will lead our conversation on April 10th as we consider how we prepare to be present at the cross when we know how the story ends.

"How Good Do We Have To Be?"

Facilitated by Ron Ash

April 24 and May 1

This class will be based on the book by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Topics include guilt, forgiveness, and imperfections we sense in parents, spouses, friends, and ourselves. The class will try to put our feelings of inadequacy and guilt into perspective - and learn to accept ourselves and others even when we and they are less than perfect. The story of Adam and Eve will be woven into our discussion.

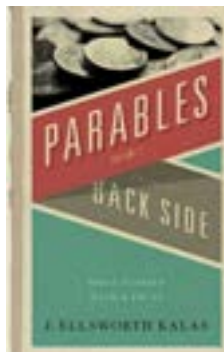


WH North

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 Graybill, 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.



Healing Together:

An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride

Wednesday, May 11 | 7:00-9:00pm

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

HMPC Deacons invite you to "Healing Together: An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride". Almost a year ago, White Memorial staff invited several congregations to partner with them in sponsoring an event to assist us in dealing with some of the issues that Covid-19 was causing and/or making more acute. HMPC agreed that this kind of resource is much needed, and on behalf of our church made the financial commitment to participate and Debbie Kirk agreed to serve on the planning team. We are pleased that after months of Covid-related changes in scheduling we now have a firm date for the event! Our Deacons will be attending and invite all members of our church to attend as well. For questions, contact [Debbie Kirk](#) or an HMPC Deacon.

Registration link is on [White Memorial's homepage](#).

"More than ever before we are coming into cultural awareness about the reality of trauma and the need to understand it and address it, both individually and collectively. But what is trauma? How does it impact us? How do we heal from it? And what, if anything, do our spirituality and our communities of faith have to do with our ability to mend our wounds? In this talk, psychologist Dr. Hillary McBride will share neuroscience and research-based psychological insights in accessible, meaningful, and practical ways so we can better understand and live into how we heal, in our own journeys and alongside one another."



Registration is required but there is no cost for participants, thanks to the generosity of the sponsoring churches. This event is Hosted and Sponsored by White Memorial Presbyterian Church and Co-Sponsored by Christ Church, Edenton Street Methodist

Church, First Presbyterian Church, Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Hayes Barton United Methodist Church and Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, April 12 | 6:30am | Zoom

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

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. Please contact 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.

MISSION

Habitat Interfaith Build

April 30, May 1, June 4

There are still dates left to volunteer with the 2022 Interfaith Build!

For those who may not be familiar, Habitat for Humanity was founded on a commitment to racial equity, reconciliation, and justice. It is a Christian-based organization that seeks to put God's love into action, working with and serving people of all different faiths and walks of life to fulfill its vision of a world in which all God's children have a safe place to live.

Hudson Memorial has a long history with Habitat of Wake County since 1998, when we were the first church to individually sponsor a home. In all these years, we have participated in countless builds, and a decade ago participated in an Abraham Build with members of the Jewish, Islamic and Christian communities. Out of that shared experience was born the Interfaith Coalition which includes more faith communities and groups who share the core belief that loving our neighbor requires commitment to people who are in most need.

HMPC members have found the Interfaith Build a wonderful opportunity to establish relationships with our coalition members as we work alongside one another. This year's coalition participants are: Islamic Association of Raleigh, Sikh Community, Beth Meyer Synagogue, St. Paul's Christian Church, Raleigh Mennonite Church, Highland United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, Jewish Family Services, Temple Beth Or, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Unity of the Triangle, Triangle Interfaith Alliance, First Church of Christ Scientist, Hindu Society, Kadampa Center and Sai Center.

Registration for volunteers is still open! Each workday will be staffed by three faith communities. For more information, contact Cary Dickerson cdickerson@hmpc.org or Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmpc.org

TO REGISTER, please sign up using BOTH links:

HMPC link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445ada82ca46-habitat>

Habitat link here: <http://vhub.at/interfaithbuild>

Responding to the Crisis in Ukraine

Hudson's Mission Committee has discussed the crisis in Ukraine and how we can respond. Our denomination is already active in this crisis through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and long-time partner agencies in Europe.

"Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work."

-Susan Krehbiel, PDA Associate for Refugees & Asylum

There are ways you can get involved in supporting this effort:

GIVE to PDA's designated refugee relief fund [here](#).

Another way to give is through White Memorial Presbyterian Church, which has ministry partners in Poland who will be working directly with Ukrainian refugees flooding into their country. They have easy access for getting funds to Poland. If you would like to help in this effort, go to www.whitememorial.org and click on "Give." It will be listed as Disaster Relief. If you would like to send a check, please make it out to White Memorial with Disaster Relief in the subject line. If you have questions, contact gjohnson@whitememorial.org.

READ how PDA and Presbyterian Mission Agency are already working to provide relief with financial assistance and with advocacy in Washington and at the United Nations: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

[An article from Presbyterian Mission can be found here.](#)



PRAY for the people of Ukraine and for those who are receiving refugees. Here is a [prayer](#) written by the Rev. Laurie Kraus, director of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Volunteer at the Food Bank New Dates



HMPC has three dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. These dates are:

Wednesday, April 13, Saturday, May 7 and Wednesday, June 8.

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of hmpc.org. After following the link, click the "Sign Up" button next to the shift you'd like to attend, then follow the website's prompts to either create a new account and register, or login to an existing account. Please note that registration through the website is required before volunteering.

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.

Special Offering for April One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing donations support three PCUSA programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. These funds allow an immediate response from PDA when emergencies happen around the world. PDA has recently provided urgent funding for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Please consider making a generous donation. You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. Text donation amount with the letters "OGH" to 888-906-0744 (*Example: 25 OGH*).

Tend My Sheep for April



The April Tend My Sheep collection will be for our long-time mission partner North Raleigh Ministries. We will be collecting cleaning products to be distributed through their food pantry. Please bring items such as paper towels, all purpose spray cleaner, sponges, and cleaning wipes to church on **Sunday, April 24.**

VBS Volunteers Needed



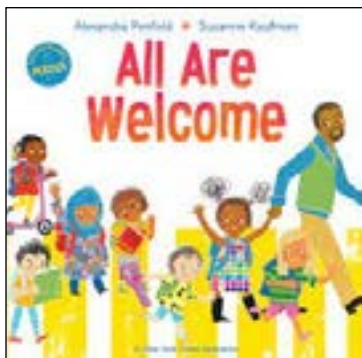
VBS will take place August 8th-August 12th and our theme this year is *Discovery on Adventure Island*. We need volunteers in order to make this week a success! You may sign up to volunteer in the registration link. Per church policy, all volunteers working with children 12 and under must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the Director of Children and Family Ministries.

Sign-up: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/hmpcvbs>

Children's Faith Formation Library

We are excited to announce new additions to our Children's Faith Formation Library! This library is located in the lobby by the Westminster Hall church entrance and contains wonderful stories for families to borrow to read at home. There are a wide variety of stories from the Bible and books about who God is. We have also added beautiful books about Kindness, Inclusion, Diversity, Friendship, and Self-Expression. These books can serve as great conversation starters with our children about these important values at the center of our faith.

New Book of the Week



All Are Welcome follows a group of children through their day at school. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions. A school where all young children have a place, have a space, and are loved and appreciated.

This is an important book that celebrates diversity and inclusion in a beautiful, age-appropriate way.

Whether you have small children at home or just have few minutes to spare after Worship, we hope you will stop by the library and take a look!

Sunday, April 10

SUNDAY MORNING:

Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet at 9:30am in the Explorers' Classroom.

Confirmation Class (8th grade+) will meet at 9:30am in the Confirmation Classroom.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Youth Music at 4:30pm - Westminster Hall

MS/HS Youth Group - 5:00 - 7:00pm
Please bring \$5 for dinner

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, April 17 - Easter
No morning or afternoon activities.

Sunday, May 1 - Confirmation Sunday (8th grade)



Middle School Youth Group walked to North Hills and had dinner together last Sunday.



CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, April 10

9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation - WH
9:30 am - Explorers Class - Explorers Room
9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Confirmation Room
10:30 am - Worship - Palm Sunday
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH
11:45 am - Coffee & Conversation for Parents - Parlor
4:30 pm - Youth Music
5:00 pm - HS/MS Youth Group
5:00 pm - Holy Envy Book Study - Room 200

Monday, April 11

5:00 pm - Personnel - KH Room
7:00 pm - Mission Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Grandparents of Children with Autism (WH South)
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
11:00 am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle - WH North
11:45 am - Hannah Circle - WH South
1:00 pm - Esther Circle - WH North
5:30 pm - Foundation Board - WH South
7:30 pm - Miriam Circle
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH Rm 234

Wednesday, April 13

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor/Zoom
6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 15

12:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 16

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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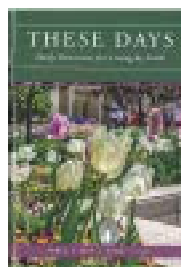
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DEVOTIONALS

These Days



The spring edition of *These Days* has arrived! Copies are available at the entrances. [Please contact Pat Cash](#), 919-787-1086, if you would like one mailed to you.



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