

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 17, 2026



THIS WEEKEND AT HUDSON

Property Work Day



THIS SATURDAY,
APRIL 18, 8-11AM

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Preschool Recognition Sunday



THIS SUNDAY,
APRIL 19, 10:30AM
WORSHIP IN THE
SANCTUARY

Congregational Meeting to Elect PNC



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The Extraordinary Caterpillar



SCREENING AFTER
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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARGUERITE

On Sunday April 19, we celebrate so many good things at HMPC. We will celebrate a vital Preschool ministry that truly welcomes our community with the love of Christ. We will celebrate Earth Day following the congregational meeting with special "green" snacks and a chance to learn about our creation, at a time when our record-breaking drought makes this seem more important than ever.

I also hope all of you know by now that we will be presenting and electing the slate of nominees for our Pastor Nominating Committee. I hope you have been reading their bios the past two weeks. Once elected, their orientation meeting with the Presbytery's vacancy counselor is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, so they will get right to work.

Meanwhile, my job going forward will focus on helping the congregation live into the vision you discerned from God during our mission study. The Mission Study Report, which is being released via [this electronic link](#) today, provides the goals and objectives identified in our Brunch Church meetings. The PNC will also use information in the Mission Study Report to develop the job posting for the pastor position at HMPC. Our goal is to make sure the church is living into the same description posted on the job board. Many churches "market" themselves in these job postings instead of trying to realistically describe the congregation and their sense of call. Pastors joke about this all the time. My goal as your Transitional Pastor is to do all I can to help narrow the gap

between what we want candidates to think about us and what we are really doing in our congregational life.

But this is not my work alone. The entire congregation will be asked to support the PNC by making sure as we both referring to the Mission Study Report as we move toward our vision of seeking to welcome with the love of Christ, trust in the grace of Christ, and grow with the help of Christ. The work of the church to do this, in my experience, is at least as exciting as the search itself.

In worship, we will also recognize the Mission Study Team to thank them for their getting us off to such a great start. It is not easy to capture the essence of a community of diverse, gifted individuals as we have at HMPC. The time, effort, and angst they put into it shows. When you receive the nearly 50-page report and want "the bottom line," you can skip to the Take-Away section at the end of the report and see guidance for the Session, congregation, and other groups at the church.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday for Preschool love, congregational meeting, and learning about our amazing ecosystems on Sunday. Your support of God's call at HMPC during this transition continues to inspire, amaze, and humble me.

Thanks be to God for each of you.

Marguerite

Click
HERE to read
the Mission Study
Report

The Session Sub-committee to form the Pastor Nominating Committee presents this slate of nominees:

Emily Cobb



Emily is a 28 year member who lives with her husband Barry, in Raleigh. They have two children who grew up at Hudson, participating in church activities from Preschool through Confirmation and Youth Group.

Emily has been involved in many committees and groups over the years at HMPC, including being an Elder and a Deacon, Preschool Board, Youth Group leader, and Memorial Gardens Board. She has also served on the New Hope Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry and been on the board of Presbyterian Campus Ministry. Currently she serves on the HMPC Finance and Fellowship Committees. For 20 years, she was a Wake County Substitute Teacher and frequent volunteer for several organizations in Raleigh.

Sarah Edge



Sarah Edge is a 13 year member of HMPC and grew up in the Presbyterian faith. At HMPC she has served as an Adult Education Committee member, Children's Education Committee member, Welcoming Team Committee member, Sunday school volunteer, VBS volunteer, Arts Camp Volunteer,

Habitat Interfaith build volunteer, front office volunteer, Preschool Board Member, and long time Usher. Sarah and her husband, Paul, have a consulting business where Sarah works part-time. They have two children, Zoë (14) and Nathan (8).

Joanna Hulsey



Having been a member at Hudson for seven years, I have had opportunities to serve on various committees (Hudson Connects, Deacons, Personnel, Adult Education), to belong to a PW Circle, and to play with the Hudson Handbells. Seven years ago Hudson was an unfamiliar place; now it is home.

Before retiring in 2018 and moving to NC from Long

Island where we had lived for 40 years, I spent my career working in outpatient mental health clinics, first as a Family Therapist, and in the last several years as the Clinic Director of two of the clinics. Jimmy (a retired Presbyterian pastor) and I have two children and two grandchildren.

Monica Maxwell



Monica is a 14-year member who lives with her husband, Wes. They have three children. She has served on the Nominating Committee, as a Confirmation teacher, Youth Advisor, Greeter, and has delivered Children's Messages. She also served as Chair of the Youth Committee and has been involved with Hudson Connects.

Professionally, Monica is a Human Resources Business Partner at Syneos Health, with 15+ years of experience in HR. She brings a strong background in supporting employees and leaders, with a focus on building effective teams and fostering positive workplace environments.

Tim Peeler



Tim Peeler, an ordained ruling Elder and longtime volunteer with Hudson Memorial's youth programs, has been an HMPC member with his wife, Elizabeth, since 1995. Both of their sons, Michael and Benjamin, were baptized in the church and now have begun their professional careers.

A native of North Carolina and a graduate of NC State, Peeler has been a newspaper reporter, writer, author and content strategist for more than 40 years. He has worked at NC State in athletics and news services for 21 years, and also serves as an unofficial historian of his alma mater, particularly in athletics.

A resident of Cary, Peeler is the author of three books and a contributor to several others. While at NC State, he's profiled students, staff, faculty and alumni of the state's largest university.

He's a member of the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, the NC State Athletic Hall of Fame election committee, the Society for American Baseball Research, and other organizations that recognize athletic achievement.

As a member of Hudson, he has served two terms on Session, spent 10 years as a Confirmation and high school Sunday school teacher, led youth mission trips; participated in multiple pastoral searches; and served on Nominating, Mission, and Giving Committees. He also served as chair of the board of Presbyterian Campus Ministries of Raleigh during a 10-year affiliation with the organization.

Mary Schindo

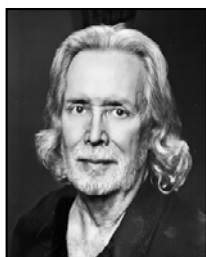


I have been a member of Hudson since 2000, when my husband, Glenn, our two daughters, Abbie and Jenna, and I transferred our membership from North Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Over the years, Hudson has become a place where I have built lifelong friendships while serving in many different capacities.

I have served as PW Moderator, Stewardship Chair, and on search committees for youth pastors and office staff. I have also co-chaired a New Hope Presbytery meeting and, years ago, volunteered in the children's Praise program and at several VBS sessions. In addition, I have delivered Meals on Wheels for many years, served on Session, and currently serve as a Deacon.

Professionally, I am a retired paralegal and now enjoy working part-time at Dix Park, where I am a Senior Park Ambassador at Gipson Play Plaza. In my free time, I enjoy being outdoors, spending time in the yoga studio, in the swimming pool, and riding my e-bike along Raleigh's greenways. Rounding out our family is our sweet Berne doodle, Phoebe, who brings us great joy.

Don Slater



Don is a 9-year member who lives in Raleigh. He is currently on the HMPC Foundation Board and the Adult Education Committee. He sings in the Chancel Choir and teaches Sunday School. He was an Elder and Deacon at his previous church in Pittsburgh, PA, chairing the Christian Ed and

Technology committees. He also served on a PNC for a youth pastor and another for a head pastor. He retired as a computer science teacher after 45 years teaching high school and college.

HMPC Shirt Orders Due Soon!

You asked, so the Welcome Team is back with another opportunity to purchase HMPC T-shirts and hoodies! All orders will be placed directly with the vendor and will be delivered to HMPC for pickup.

The deadline for ordering is April 21st.

Email Cary Dickerson at cdickerson@hmpc.org with questions!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)



FELLOWSHIP

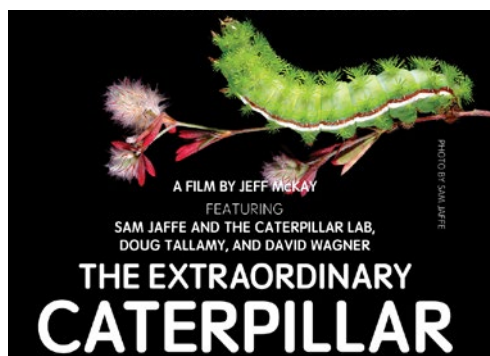
The Extraordinary Caterpillar: Earth Day Screening

WESTMINSTER HALL FOLLOWING THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 19

This Earth Day, peek into the world of nature's tiniest superheroes. HMPC is hosting a special screening of *The Extraordinary Caterpillar*, a beautifully shot 60-minute documentary that reveals the vital—and often overlooked—role caterpillars play in our ecosystems. **Watch the trailer [HERE!](#)**

Join us Sunday, April 19, in Westminster Hall after the Congregational Meeting for this complimentary

screening for HMPC members, visitors, and guests. Snacks will be provided.



Confirmation Retreat at Montreat



This past weekend, a group of twelve 8th and 9th grade youth from HMPC traveled to Montreat alongside the Confirmation Leadership Team for a meaningful and joy-filled retreat. Throughout the weekend, they shared in fellowship and community building, spent time getting to know Montreat, and created space for reflection and conversation about their faith journeys. Together, they explored how confirmation is not an endpoint, but

an important step along the way - an opportunity to thoughtfully consider, claim, and affirm their faith and

beliefs as their own.
(Merritt Liebman)



MUSIC MINISTRY

Hudson Memorial Spring Recital

Sunday, April 26

3:00-4:00pm

Westminster Hall



Join us for an intimate recital featuring a variety of musicians from the Hudson community.

Join the Habitat Build!

Next Saturday, April 25 | 8:15-3:30

We are excited to be part of another Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build this spring. We have 10 reserved spots for Hudson members for April 25. If you would like to register to participate, please do so for Old Poole Place on our designated date (4/25) using [THIS LINK](#).

The link can also be found on the mission page on hmpc.org.



If you have any questions, please email Lauren Parikh at lauren.parikh@gmail.com.

April Special Offerings

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

For April, our Special Offering and Tend My Sheep collection will support Presbyterian Campus Ministries (PCM). HMPC is a partner congregation of PCM, and we are proud to help sustain their vital outreach to students at NC State.



PCM provides a welcoming community where students gather for weekly meals, fellowship, and meaningful connection - offering both spiritual support and a safe place to belong. You can make a monetary donation by scanning the QR code, or clicking [HERE](#).



For Tend My Sheep, we will be collecting gas cards and snacks for the PCM student lounge. Their most requested items include peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, Gatorade, fruit snacks,

pretzels, Capri Sun pouches, and individual iced coffees. You can place items in bins throughout the month of April.

Offering of Letters

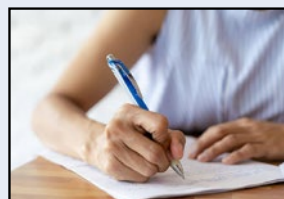
SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AFTER WORSHIP

We write and send handwritten letters to Congress because Senators and Representatives listen to the words we put on the page. We're told that 10 letters in 1 week on a single topic gets the attention of members of Congress!



Corporate and Public Policy Witness, one of 6 activities our PCUSA Hunger Action Congregation certification requires annually, means that HMPC has answered the call to advocacy.

After worship on April 26 join others in Westminster to use sample letters and all the necessary writing materials to prepare letters to our Senators and your Representative. Our goal is 50 letter writers. Everything necessary will be provided for you. Many hands make light work. See you there.



Can't make it in person or want to get a head start?

Learn more and find sample letters on our website [HERE](#).

MEMBERSHIP

Interested in Membership?

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY

Inquirers' Class after Worship May 3

HMPC will hold its next Inquirers' Class after worship in the Karl Hudson Room on May 3. Please consider attending the class and joining HMPC for your spiritual life! Questions – please contact Cary Dickerson at cdickerson@hmpc.org. RSVP [HERE](#).



PROPERTY

Property Work Day - We Need Your Help This Saturday!

Help us beautify and maintain the HMPC campus! We need volunteers to come out on Saturday, April 18 (8-11am) to help with a variety of tasks. Bring tools if you have them (based on the list of needs below). High school youth are welcome to join and can get their papers signed for community service hours. Contact Allie Maples with any questions you might have.

TOOLS WE NEED



- Need truck, chains, or straps to pull out old bushes.
- Shovels, clippers, garden gloves, leaf blowers, garden rakes
- We need at least four power washers and one additional 75–100 ft hose.

TO-DO LIST

- Remove the bushes underneath office windows
- Replant new bushes
- Light trimming and light weeding
- Blow leaves and tidy grounds
- Paint the labyrinth steps
- Wash campus signs
- Fluff up mulch in beds
- Power wash benches - Memorial Garden, arcade, and preschool entrance



Construction Update: Temporary Access Changes

Construction has begun on Hudson's new wheelchair-accessible family restroom! However, construction can be unpredictable. Our contractor recently discovered that the drain tie-in point is farther back than expected. This means that our construction zone has expanded. Because of this, **the 1st floor men's restroom and elevator will be inaccessible for approximately two weeks.**



Getting Around: If you need to travel through the 1st floor, please plan to use the indoor ramp and Welcome Lounge to bypass the construction area.

Restroom Options: The 1st floor women's restroom will remain open as normal. For men, please use the upstairs restrooms, the restroom in the narthex, or the restroom in the infant classroom on the preschool hallway.

The restrooms in the infant classroom and narthex are also stair-free alternatives to the women's restroom for those coming from the sanctuary.

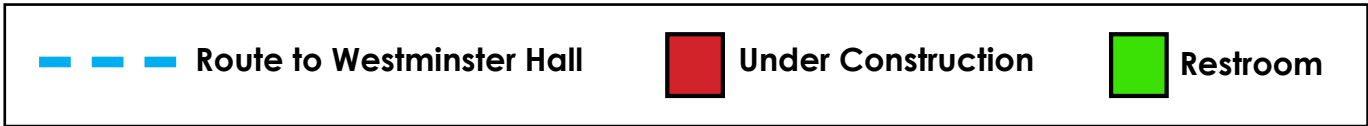
Also, due to construction-related challenges, you may notice a few small changes in worship in the coming weeks—the choir will not be wearing robes as usual, and the handbells will remain in the Sanctuary for an extended length of time.

Watch for signage and don't hesitate to ask a volunteer for directions. We'll have folks around to help direct traffic during services. Please keep friends and family with mobility needs in mind, and let's all look out for one another during this time.

We apologize for the inconvenience and are grateful for your patience. When the dust settles, we'll have a brand-new ADA/family restroom, making Hudson a more welcoming place for everyone. We can't wait!

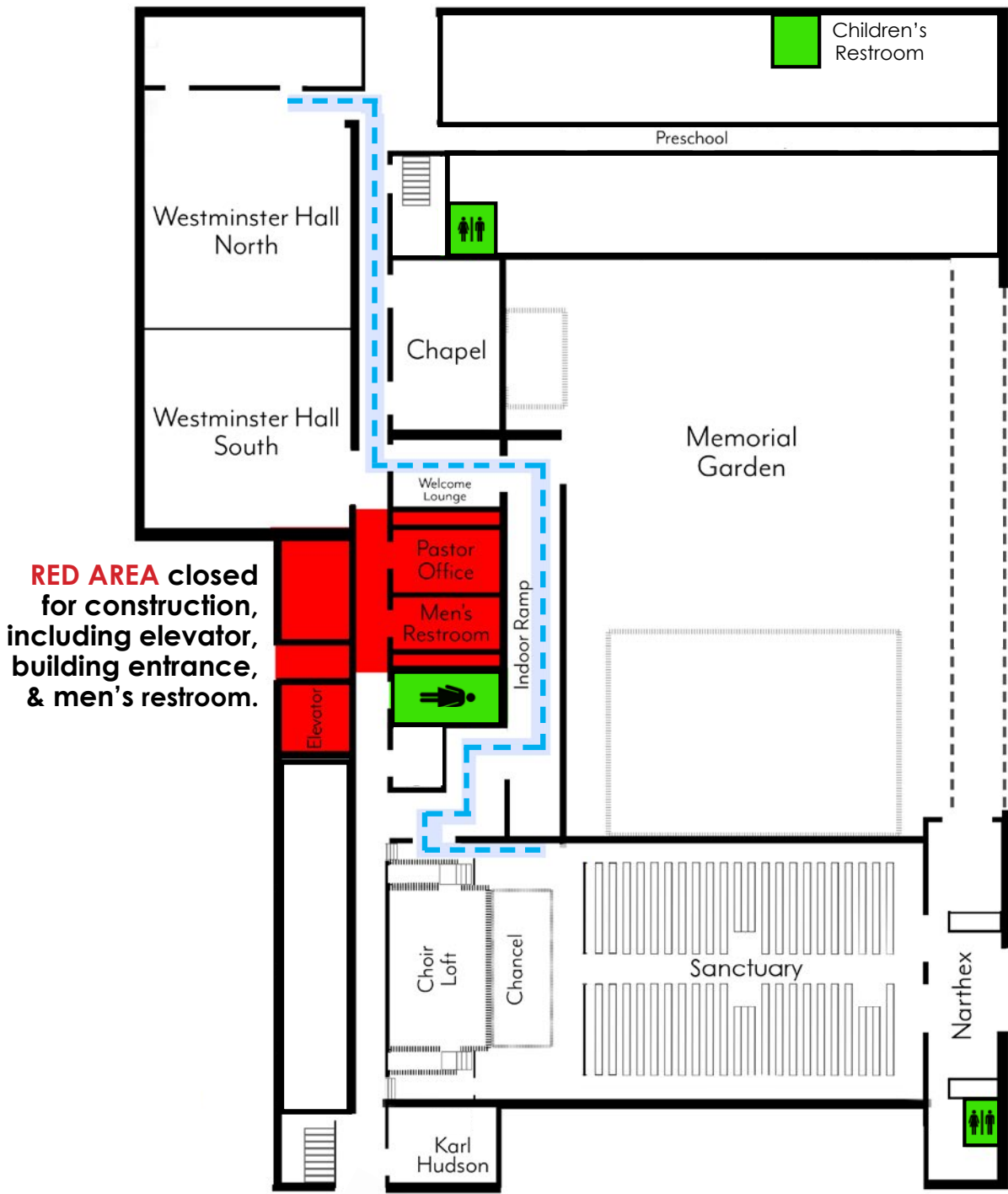
SEE DIAGRAM ON NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Construction Detour Information



PRESCHOOL/NORTH ENTRANCE

For those able to climb stairs, there are restrooms across from the staff offices on the 2nd floor.



RED AREA closed for construction, including elevator, building entrance, & men's restroom.

Cranbrook entrance requires some stairs. Front or North entrances recommended for those with mobility issues.

PROPERTY



Hello, Hudson Memorial!

The Property Committee is glad to share another Monthly Property Summary to help keep the congregation connected with the upkeep of our facilities. As the staff liaison, I am here to answer two questions each month:

- *What did we accomplish in the past month?*
- *How much did it cost to maintain our church property?*

Here's your March Property Summary!

– Hannah, Administrative Coordinator



March Property Summary

What did we accomplish in March?

Downspout Drain Clearing: Millridge cleared clogged drains near the playgrounds. In the process, they discovered some small treasures left behind by our preschoolers including chalk and small balls.

Served as a Polling Location: Hudson Memorial served Wake County as a polling place. Thank you to all who helped make this community service possible!

Spring Preventive Maintenance: TriSouth completed our spring preventive maintenance, helping ensure our HVAC systems are in good shape heading into the warmer months.

Fire Alarm Follow-Up: As noted in February, we experienced an auxiliary relay fault in our fire protection system. After the error message reappeared, BFPE returned and addressed the issue. It has not reappeared since. Please let Hannah know if the system starts beeping again!

Shed Steps Painted: Ken Krause painted the shed steps. John Oldenburg provided the paint. Thank you, Ken and John!

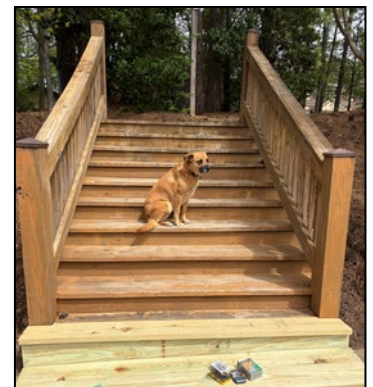
Backflow Testing & Plumbing: Bizzy Bee completed our annual backflow assembly testing (required annually). During the inspection, they found cracks in the Y strainer, which required replacement. While on site, they also repaired a toilet.

Exterior Paint Assessment: CertaPro came out to provide quotes for addressing chipping paint on our building exterior. The Property Committee will review. Please note: because lead paint was historically used on our building, we will need to take extra precautions when removing the old paint. More updates to come!

March Property Expenses

Bathroom Renovation: \$5,825	Monthly Lawn Fee: \$1,014
HVAC Bi-Annual Contract: \$5,150	Plumbing Repairs: \$878
Utilities (water, electricity, garbage, and gas): \$4,128	Door Sweeps: \$825
Monthly Cleaning Fee: \$3,200	HVAC: \$788
Insurance: \$3,085	Fire Panel Repair: \$600
Annual Fees (swale inspection, backflow inspection, fire alarm monitoring, etc.): \$1,295	Cleaning Supplies: \$371
	Labyrinth Repair: \$26

Total: \$27,159



Jenny the dog helping Ken Krause with the stair-staining project.

Evening Women At The Well Meeting This Thursday, April 23



This monthly women's faith formation and fellowship group meets over dinner on the third or fourth Thursday of each month. This group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and lively discussion!

NEXT MEETING:

[Dos Taquitos](#) - 6101 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh 27612
PLEASE RSVP to Kay at ckemanuel@gmail.com

We will be discussing *What Finally Matters as You Get Older* | Anne Lamott video. Link [HERE](#).

New people always welcome!

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*. 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, April 21, 6:30am - WH Patio

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30am - Zoom



ADULT ED THIS SUNDAY

Nine O'Clock Class

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 | Room 200

Book of Revelation

Facilitated by Don Slater



Presbyterian Ponderings

Judah, from Isaiah to Exile

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 | WH North

Presbyterian Ponderings is 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: Should you do what pleases God? Of course. What if 200 years ago your ancestors said that to honor God you should not sow seeds or live in a permanent dwelling, and you must abstain from alcohol? We do a deep dive into into Jeremiah 35 and see if we can learn anything from the Rechabites.

As always, the Ponderings class welcomes visitors. Come ponder with us!

The Seekers

9:30am | **CHAPEL**

Sundays, April 19 and April 26

Biblical Villains

Facilitated by Ron Ash

There are many fascinating stories of evil men and women in the Bible. Some of these persons are described in a few sentences but their legacy has persisted for thousands of years. The effects of the greed, power, and jealousy of these malevolent individuals served as a warning to Jews, Christians, and Muslims about the importance of a relationship with God. The impact of Biblical villains on modern culture has also been felt.

Look out for Earth Week posts on our social media this week! You can also find an Earth Week guide with simple activities and meditations on our website [HERE](#).



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh Spring Soiree Fundraiser

May 16, 2026 | 6:00-8:30pm

Limited admission - \$15 tickets



50/50 Raffle Fundraiser

Heavy hors d'oeuvres & Mocktails

Venue: A Place at the Table

300 W. Hargett Street #50, Raleigh

Purchase soiree or raffle tickets [HERE](#).

Hudson member Beth Billman, who serves on the board of Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh, invites you to support PCM through an upcoming fundraising event.

PCM will host a social gathering in May, and we would love for you to join us! A limited number of event tickets are available, so be sure to reserve your spot soon. In addition, a 50/50 raffle is underway—tickets are \$50 each, and the winning ticket will be drawn on May 16 (you do not need to be present to win).

Details:

- 50/50 Raffle Tickets: \$50 each
- Event Tickets: \$15 each (limited to 75)

In recent years, PCM's funding from the Presbytery has declined significantly. As we look ahead, PCM has set a

fundraising goal of \$50,000 for 2026. Your support—through attending, participating in the raffle, or making a donation—makes a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



Sunday, April 19

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

9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Westminster North

9:30 am - The Seekers - Chapel

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva

11:30 am - Earth Day Fellowship - Westminster North

11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall

11:45 am - Youth Bells - Sanctuary

3:30 pm - Officer Training - WH North, Welcome Lounge

5:00 pm - Youth Group - HMPC

5:30 pm - Book Study "The Best of Enemies" - Room 200

Monday, April 20

9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary

3:00 pm - Interview - Welcome Lounge

6:00 pm - Property Committee - Room 200

7:00 pm - Diaconate - Mem Garden, Welcome Lounge

6:00 pm - Session - Westminster Hall

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, April 21

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - WH Patio

10:00 am - Sewing Guild Association

11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther Circle - Chapel

6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee - Zoom

7:00 pm - PNC Orientation - Room 200

Wednesday, April 22

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Room 200/Zoom

6:00 pm - Senior Dinner - Geneva Hall, Youth Room

6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Sanctuary

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 23

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

6:00 pm - Women at the Well (Monthly) - Dos Taquitos

6:45 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Manchester's Grill

Friday, April 24

4:00 pm - HMP Spring Festival / Family Fun Night - Exterior, Westminster Hall

Saturday, April 25

Interfaith Habitat for Humanity

6:00 pm - Young(ish) Adult Gathering - The Bond's House