



the weekly Window

August 19th, 2022

FALL PREVIEW

Fall Sunday Schedule

Kicks Off Sunday, September 11

9:00-10:00am

The Gathering 9:00 Class - Room 200

9:30-10:20am

The Gathering 9:30 classes - WH North & WH South

10:30-11:30am

Worship - Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall

11:30am-12:15pm

Children's Music - Geneva Hall
- Wee Worshipers (3-5 year olds)
- Joyful Noise (K-4th grade)

Coffee and Conversation for Parents - Chapel

Youth Sunday School

-Explorers Class (5th-7th) - Explorers Room
-Growing Disciples Class (8th-12th) - HS Room

4:15-5:00pm

Youth Music - Westminster Hall South

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Youth Group

5:00pm and 7:00pm

Evening Adult Book Study with Debbie
(see page 3 for details)

Mark Your Calendar!

-  September 11 - Kick-off!
-  September 18 - Inquirers' Class
-  October 9 - Children's Communion Class
-  October 16 - Children's Sabbath
-  October 23 - Fall Festival
-  November 6 - Homecoming
-  November 27 - Hanging of the Greens
-  December 11 - Christmas Pageant
-  December 18 - Christmas Joy Concert

Music Ministry This Fall Kicks Off the week of September 11

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals - Wednesdays - 7:30-9:00pm - Sanctuary
Singers always welcome!

Hudson Handbells

Rehearsals - Wednesdays - 6:15-7:15pm
Westminster Hall South

Handbell Workshops

Sept. 6 and 13 at 6:30pm in Westminster Hall South
If you have ever wanted to learn more about bells or want to try your hand at it (or have experience but you are feeling a little rusty), then these workshops are for you! You will have some hands-on ringing experiences and grow in your appreciation for this fun and meaningful music ministry. For more information, reach out to [Barbara](#).

Youth Music

(Grades 5th-12th)

Sundays, 4:15-5:00pm in Westminster Hall South

Children's Music

(3 years old - 4th grade)

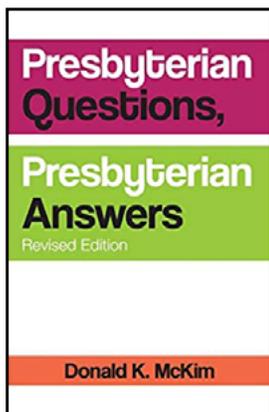
Sundays, 11:30am-12:15pm Sundays in Geneva Hall

Sunday Morning Offerings: Fall 2022

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About The Gathering

Everyone is invited to join us each Sunday morning for a variety of offerings as part of your sabbath practice through opportunities that nurture our bodies, minds and spirits through different formats. Some are more physically active, others are through hands-on experiences, some are inside, and some are outside. The Adult Committee provides offerings designed to equip adults living out their faith in the world in the areas of current issues and culture; Bible study; peacemaking, justice and mission; spiritual formation and practice; and reformed theology. A variety of resources including classic theological literature, current books, music, and media are used to engage us in sharing faith with one another. All are designed for adults of any age and stage in life and faith to encourage our thoughtful engagement with scripture, vigorous discussion of challenging issues, and reflective consideration of spiritual practices.



NEW THIS FALL!

"The 9:00am Class"

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Facilitated by

Susan Bradshaw, Dottie Burch and Linda Meeks

This earlier class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and fellowship. We begin the fall semester with a movie and discussion of *Same Kind of Different as Me* starring Renee Zellweger, Greg Kinnear, and John Voight. This true story is about three people from dramatically different backgrounds, who develop a surprising bond and friendship through a local soup kitchen where two are volunteering and one is experiencing homelessness. Each of them learns about themselves and each other, and finds their lives changed in ways they never expected. Please join us!

September 11th: Part 1 and discussion

September 18th: Part 2 and discussion

September 25th: Part 3 and discussion

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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

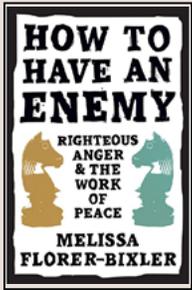
“Presbyterian Ponderings” is a discussion-based class that welcomes visitors and does not require any advance reading or preparation. From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as the Bible, Humanity, the Church, and Salvation. **The fall session we will be using *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* by Donald McKim as a primary resource. Participants do not need the book.**

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

Facilitated by **Susan Grigg, Jimmy Hulsey, Ron Ash**

In this group are members of the “John Knox” and “Mixed Adults” classes along with newer members and guests who enjoy a presentation and discussion format. **The fall semester begins with consideration of “The Church and Social Issues.”** The class will review how our faith tradition guides us as we approach the many complex issues of the 21st century and how we are called to respond to the challenges and opportunities before us.

Fall Book Study



These are troubled times, and the news each day is filled with atrocities that the human community is dealing with, from the Russian invasion of Ukraine to the epidemic of mass shootings across our country. However we respond, systemic change is necessary in order to stop the cycles that cause these and other destructive behaviors to flourish. As people of a particular faith tradition, we have tools that enable us to be prayerful and thoughtful as followers of Jesus. The Adult Education Committee is offering a book study this fall for those who would like to explore biblical and theological guidance that will assist us in identifying what it means to get into "good trouble" in the words of the late John Lewis. We will be using *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace* by Melissa Florer-Bixler, Pastor of the Raleigh Mennonite Church, as the foundation for our conversations.

She says: "In the teaching to 'turn the other cheek' Jesus does not call us to passive reception of violence but instead to dismantle the power of the old order in creative, life-giving ways."

The book study will be offered in two sessions each Sunday evening. **Study begins on September 18 and concludes on November 20.**

Section A - In person from 5:00-6:30pm

Section B - On Zoom from 7:00-8:30 pm

To register or for more information, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

You may purchase the book on your own or we will order it for you (cost is \$12.00). To pay: click [here](#) or pay by check (write "Sunday night book study" on the memo line) or cash no later than September 8. You can put the payment in the bookkeeper's box in Room 100.



Presbyterian Pint

August 25, September 22, October 27

Men of the church are welcome to join us at 7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact [John James](#) to be added to the distribution list.

Women at the Well

Fall Semester



Women at the Well begins the fall schedule in September and welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! There are two groups, each with different format, time and content. 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.

The Weekly Group

Begins Wednesday, September 14

The weekly group meets Wednesday morning from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. This group offers a hybrid format and will be using the book *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans for the fall semester. Conversations will cover our longing for spiritual wholeness found in the church and in other places as we experience the grace and love of God. You may purchase your own book or we will purchase it for you (\$14.00). To register, email dkirk@hmpc.org or call the church office no later than September 5. To pay online for a book, click [here](#). Pay by check (write "WATW book" on the memo line) or cash by September 8. You can put the payment in the bookkeeper's box in Room 100.

The Monthly Group

Begins Thursday, September 22

The monthly group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm (sometimes the third Thursday to avoid holidays) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. Participants will receive podcast information a week before each meeting. To be added to the distribution list, email dkirk@hmpc.org

Fall Dates: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15

Adult Summer Series

Sundays | 9:30-10:20am
Westminster Hall

This Week...

Sunday, August 21:

Hunger Action Event for Meals on Wheels

The Mission Committee will host a “hands on” Hunger Action Event! We will be packing breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels and hearing an update about this organization from the Mission Committee. The breakfast bags are added to the daily deliveries and are an additional source of nutrition delivered daily to clients.



Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, Aug. 23 | 6:30am | Patio



All men are invited to join this group (in person this week) 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 a 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 [Don Slater](#) (while Mac is on sabbatical).**

END-OF-SUMMER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

AUGUST 28
AFTER WORSHIP

LUNCH FROM

Jason's deli

August 28 | Westminster Hall

We will kick off fall with a fun, festive lunch! The lunches will be ordered from Jason's Deli and **we need your order by August 24th**. All lunch boxes come with chips, pickle spear and chocolate chip cookie. Drinks will be provided by Fellowship.

SANDWICH OPTIONS:

- **Roast Turkey Breast** with lettuce & tomato on a croissant.
- **Chicken Salad** with almonds & pineapple, lettuce & tomato on a croissant.
- **1/2 Veggie Wrap** (Organic spinach, cucumbers, zucchini and our homemade veggie cream cheese mix) with red pepper and green onions in an organic wheat wrap.

To RSVP online:

Please RSVP and select sandwich options on [this form](#).

To RSVP through the church office:

Please call 919-787-1086 and leave a message letting us know your name, how many will be attending, and what your sandwich choice(s) are.

Boxes are \$5 each. Please pay by check (made out to the church) or cash. You can place the payment in an envelope marked "Fellowship Lunch" into the bookkeeper's box in Room 100. Another option is to bring your payment to the event and drop it into the collection basket there.

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 24th!

Sabbatical Update From Mac

I finished up my time in Germany on July 30th --My final two stops were in Dauborn, Germany (a farming town where the Schafer side of my family comes from), and Heidelberg. I'm so thankful Germany had a 9€ rail pass for July, because it allowed me to travel so many places on regional trains for virtually nothing at all. Due to gas prices (related to the war in Ukraine), the government offered this rail pass. With that pass I visited: Berlin, Wittenberg, Torgau, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Dauborn, Worms, Heidelberg and Basal for 9 Euro! Absolutely incredible!



The walking portion of my pilgrimage began on the Swiss National Day (August 1st). I walked out of Geneva and made my way along Lac Lemman (Lake Geneva), on the Swiss side. I spent the night in Nyon where they had

fireworks and celebrations for their National Day. *(Photo above)*

Just before Lausanne, Switzerland, I got on the traditional route of the Via Francigena (meaning "Way of the Frankish people"). The Via Francigena begins in Canterbury, England and goes to Rome, Italy. Foot traffic between the British Isles and Rome (on versions of this route) go back to the 1st century BCE. In 43 CE, the Roman Empire built its own road over the Great Saint Bernard's Pass. We are fortunate to know particulars of the ancient route of the Via Francigena because of an 11th century manuscript (discovered in the 19th century) that documents Sigeric the Serious' (what a name!) route and the towns he stopped in returning to England from Rome.

My first four days of walking were along Lac Lemman and THANK GOODNESS because the temperatures



were in the 90s! Over those first four days, I swam in the Lac Lemman six times to stay cool (along with a ton of vacationers trying to escape the heat). *(Photo on left)*

Since Switzerland can be kind of expensive, I kept my lodging cost down by camping along Lac Lemman and as I headed up towards St. Bernard's Pass.



The Via Francigena is well marked in Switzerland. The path is indicated (most of the time) by a little yellow pilgrim figure with a staff and a backpack along with the number 70 or a diamond shape that is yellow with a black outline. *(Photo on left)*

While I did meet two other pilgrims from France on my second day of walking, unlike the Spanish Camino routes, this route has far less pilgrims so far.



I am enjoying the walking and my body is doing pretty well. Only one blister so far! I usually walk from about 8:00am until 2:00pm, carrying my things in my trusty Osprey backpack (that's been with me

on three Caminos in Spanish and the Appalachian Trail).

Please know I am grateful to the congregation for this time of learning and re-balancing of mind, body and spirit. Thank you!

With Care,



Children's Opportunities at The Food Bank

Please join us for a family-friendly volunteer day at the Food Bank! This event is for children from 5 to 11 years old and guardians are required to attend. Projects include labeling donations and sorting produce.

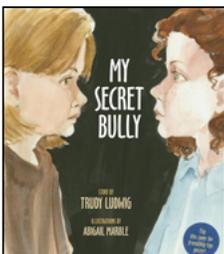
Our volunteer dates are rapidly approaching! The dates are **September 10th** and **October 23rd** from 2:00-4:00 pm. Registration link can be found [here](#).

Children's Sunday School Summer Book Series

This week...

Sunday, August 21

THEME: Bullying and friendship



BOOK: *My Secret Bully* by Trudy Ludwig

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34: 13-14
Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Youth News

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 21:

No scheduled youth activities in the morning or afternoon
(but please join us for worship!)

LOOKING AHEAD:

September 11

Kick Off Sunday (all youth activities begin)

September 30-October 1

Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Camp Kanata
(Registration for this will be posted next week!)

January 2-5, 2023

Montreat College Conference in Montreat, NC

March 17-19, 2023

Presbytery High School Retreat, Camp Don Lee

June 27-30, 2023

Massanetta Middle School Conference

July 16-22, 2023

Montreat Youth Conference

CHANGES FOR THE FALL:

We have some exciting changes in youth ministry for the upcoming year. The biggest news is that we will offer two different Sunday morning classes for youth at a different time than before. These classes will be at **11:35am** immediately following worship.

1. Explorers Class: 5th-7th grade youth

Sundays, 11:35 in Explorers Room

2. Growing Disciples Class: 8th-12th grade youth

Sundays, 11:35 in High School Room

Note: Confirmation Class has been postponed until next year when both rising 8th and 9th grades will combine to form a large class.



HOME COMING

Hudson Homecoming

Sunday, November 6, 2022



Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 6th for a good ol' Church Homecoming Celebration! Invite your family members who grew up in the church, former members and others who might be interested in coming home for a Sunday.

Guests are invited to join 10:30am worship, as well as the Homecoming celebration that will follow. We will have a big lunch, fellowship, entertainment, and more!

For questions, please contact Shawn Jackson at shawn_jackson2004@yahoo.com

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouts at HMPC

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church has sponsored Troop 376 "Building Boys into Men" since 1961.



Boy Scouts of America Troop 376 is recruiting young men ages 11-17 to join the Scouting program. Scouting emphasizes duty to God and country, helping others, and self-improvement by learning first aid, leadership, honesty, self-reliance, respect, outdoor skills of camping and hiking, and personal fitness. Scouting has more than 135 merit badges to learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers.

"Let's get outdoors and let the adventure begin. Let's do it!"

For information, attend a scout meeting on Tuesdays 7:15-8:45pm at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Geneva Hall (2nd floor) or contact Scoutmaster Ray Kelling at 919-630-8933 rkelling1@nc.rr.com or Asst. Scoutmaster Richard Rogers at rrogersjr85@gmail.com.

MISSION

August Special Offering

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This month's Special Offering is for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Your gifts to this offering provide core funding for the work of PDA, enabling immediate response to national and international disasters, and strengthening ongoing work such as training and development, refugee ministry, and response to disasters that do not receive media attention.



You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate, or giving online by clicking the QR code to the left or visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, you can text the donation amount with the letters "PDA" to 888-906-0744.

Example text: 25 PDA



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Adult & Youth(12+) Food Bank Volunteers Needed



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

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of the church's website, 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; those 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.

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, August 21

9:30 am - Adult Education - Summer Series - WH
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH

Monday, August 22

7:00 pm - Session - WH South
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - Chapel

Tuesday, August 23

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Outdoor worship area

Wednesday, August 24

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 25

6:00 pm - Women at the Well - La Rancherita
6:00 pm - Ensemble - Sanctuary

Friday, August 26

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Chapel

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Join Our Social Media Community!

Hudson Memorial is active on Twitter (HudsonMemPC) & Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), as well as Facebook (HudsonMPC). Follow us & like us! Our Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts have daily quotes, photos, info about upcoming events, poetry, prayer or scripture.



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INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in Joining?



The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held early afternoon on **Sunday, September 18th**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [New Member Information Forms are available here](#). Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.