



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

FAITH FORMATION

Healing Together: An Evening with Dr. Hillary McBride

**Next 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. 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

HMPC Spring Concert

Next Sunday, May 15th | 4:30pm

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.



Congrats to our 2022 Confirmands!

This past Sunday, May 1, nine dedicated, bright, talented and energetic young people became the newest members of our faith community here at HMPC. We had one confirmand, Hudson Carlisle, who had TWO big events that morning. Hudson was not only confirmed into the church as a new member, but he was also baptized (along with his three brothers) by his grandfather, the Reverend Chris Carlisle.

Thanks goes out to the confirmation mentors and our three committed teachers, Wilson Cheeley, Sean Cole and Becca Fisher. Thanks also goes out to the Presbyterian Women, who provided the Bibles the youth received at the beginning of this class's confirmation journey.

The next time you see one of these confirmands, give them a warm HMPC "official member" welcome.



Youth Schedule- Sunday, May 8th

SUNDAY MORNING: Explorers' Class - 9:30am in the Explorers' Room | No Confirmation Class

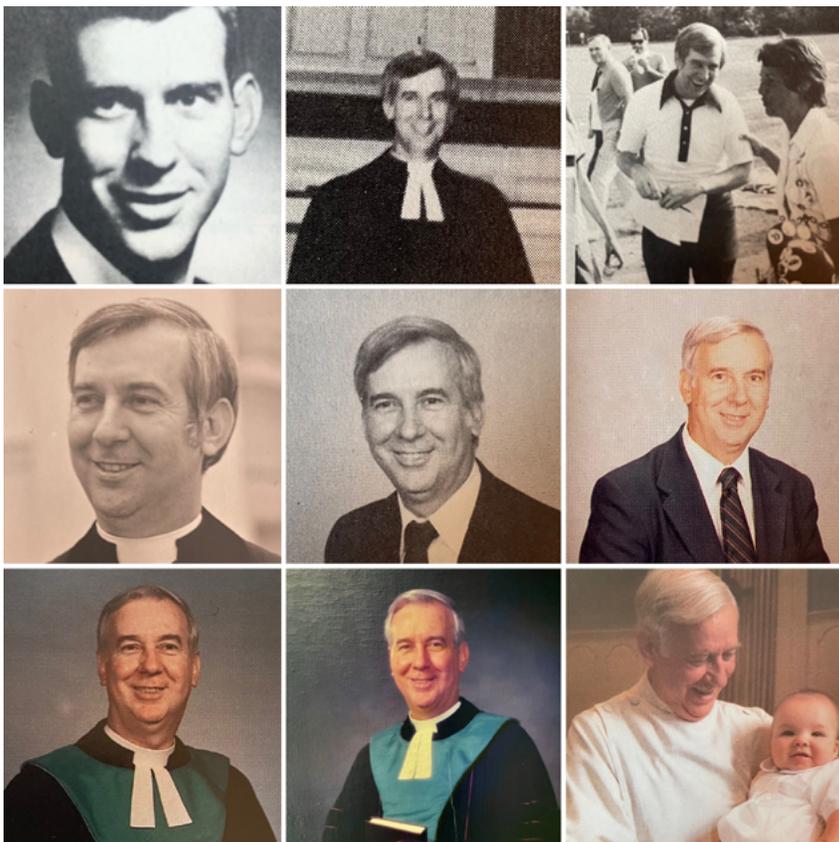
SUNDAY AFTERNOON: No Youth Activities due to Mother's Day!

LOOKING AHEAD: June 5 - 10:00am - Bagels in the Balcony

MEMORIALS

To The Church Triumphant

The Reverend Dr. Robert E. Fields, Jr.



The Reverend Dr. Robert E. Fields, Jr. entered God's everlasting Kingdom on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Bob served as Pastor & Head of Staff at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church for over 26 years, from September 1972 to January 1999.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection is planned for **Monday, May 9, 2022 at 2:00pm** in HMPC Sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Please keep Bob's wife Charlene and the extended Fields family in your prayers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be given to:

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church
(Capital Towers support & The Foundation)
4921 Six Forks Road
Raleigh, NC 27609

Or

Curamericas
318 W. Millbrook Rd #9
Raleigh, NC 27699
919-510-8787

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

John Whisler & Carolyn Scott Pilgrimage on the Camino

HMPC members John Whisler & Carolyn Scott began their pilgrimage on the Camino Frances last week and they shared this photo with us. Please pray for them on their journey!



SESSION

Session Update

- Approved the designation of \$120,891 as a church reserve fund to cover fixed expenses in the event of a catastrophic reduction in income.
- Approved Pastor Mac Schafer's plan for a professional sabbatical from mid-July 2022 through mid-October 2022. The sabbatical potentially includes a tour of Reformation sites in Germany & Switzerland and a pilgrimage on the Chemin de Le Puy (France), Camino del Norte (Spain) and Camino Primitivo (Spain).
- Session voted to sustain the nomination of Jay Cummins as ruling Elder class of 2025, to be installed and ordained on Sunday, June 5.
- Session voted to approve a proposal from the Mission committee to use the \$25,000 surplus from the 2021 operating budget. The funds will be directed to three specific hunger programs sponsored by the Interfaith Food Shuttle.

HMPC EVENTS

Memorial Day Weekend Fellowship Friday

Cookout & A Movie - Friday, May 27th

Fellowship is hosting a cookout!

We will have hamburger sliders, grilled chicken, potato salad, broccoli slaw, garden salad, chips, fruit, and dessert.



We will begin serving at 6:00pm, The movie will follow at 6:45pm. The movie is *Waking Ned Devine*, rated PG. About the movie: A heartwarming comedy with a delightfully light touch, *Waking Ned Devine* finds feel-good humor in some unexpected -- and unexpectedly effective -- places. When a lottery winner dies of shock, his fellow townsfolk attempt to claim the money.

Please make reservations by Wednesday, May 25th!

A donation of \$5 per adult would be appreciated.

Children (age 10 and under) - \$3.

Register by calling the church office or sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea5a729a6f5c34-memorial>

VAN MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed

Van Ministry

The HMPC Van Ministry has been a part of our church for decades now. One of the things we do is drive seniors from the Capital Towers apartments to the Food Lion at Six Forks and Millbrook each Tuesday, and return them home after their shopping is done. As we now regroup, coming out of the Covid "hiatus," the ministry is looking for new volunteers to replace some of our merry drivers who have retired from service. The commitment is from 10am - 11:30am one Tuesday out of each month.

The church will run an MVR and requires that you have not had an infraction or DUI in the past 3 years to be considered. (You do not have to be a church member to participate!) If interested, please contact Dave Smart at dsmart1972@icloud.com.



This is an extremely rewarding service, so please consider being a volunteer with us!

TO THE HMPC COMMUNITY

A Note From Debbie

Dear Hudson Friends,

In the two months since Mom died, your expressions of sympathy have meant so very much to me and my family. We had a wonderful memorial service for her last Saturday at my home church, and our house was filled with extended family from across the country all weekend. She and Dad would have loved us making one more set of memories there.



I appreciate your patience as I have taken time away to plan the weekend, and as I will be doing in the next few weeks completing the sale of our family home at the end of June. I am grateful for the support of Mac and all the staff, and to the

Personnel Committee for providing sick days that we can use as personal time when necessary. It helps that we can meet on Zoom too!

I know many of you have seen the memorial service on Facebook Live, for those who would like to see it on YouTube, it can be found on website of First Presbyterian Church Ocala, FL.

Link: <https://youtu.be/jKI1qQp-ZBQ>

Nancy and Roger Howard attended in person, as did Susan and Tripp Bradshaw. What a treat to have some of my HMPC family there!

I know that many of you are also in seasons of grief right now, what a blessing we can support one another on these journeys.

Grace and Peace,
Debbie

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Stick Heart & Prayers

On the Sunday after Earth Day, the children of the congregation created a stick heart prayer center up near the Hudson outdoor labyrinth. If you would like to pray for our earth and continue to build on what they have created, please stop by!



Children & Family Volunteer 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 May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, September 10th, and October 23rd from 2-4 pm.

Registration link can be found [here](#).

PRESCHOOL

Spring at the Preschool

Spring is in full bloom at HMP! The children have been busy learning all about the earth, bugs and creating special Mother's Day gifts. We held our annual Trike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Hospital, raising a record amount of contributions to benefit pediatric cancer research. The children loved biking and scootering in the back lot, as well as having a special treat!



Trike-A-Thon was a huge success! The children had a ton of fun, and we collected \$7,900 in donations for St. Jude's...An all-time high since HMP started doing Trike-A-Thon in 1997!

WORSHIP & CELEBRATIONS

Baptism

Congratulations to the Carlisle Family!

We celebrate with Matt & Melissa Carlisle upon the baptism of their four children. The Reverend Dr. Chris Carlisle (Matt's dad) baptized his grandchildren during worship on Sunday, May 1, 2022.



GARDEN & GLASS

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE MEMORIAL GARDEN & SANCTUARY WINDOWS

When you stand on the new patio of the Memorial Garden and face south, not only do you look upon the niches of the saints who built this church, you also look upon the glass windows that bring light to our worship in the sanctuary. Through June 2022, the Session would like to raise \$85,000 to cover the cost of sanctuary windows, as well as Phase III of the Memorial Garden upgrade.

GARDEN



In 2021, upon the conclusion of the Capital Campaign Ramp Project, the Memorial Garden Committee began planning for a major upgrade of the Memorial Garden that

would truly honor the saints who are remembered there. Phase I and II were completed in the fall of 2021. The funds used for these phases had been collected over the years when niches were purchased or individuals made donations to the maintenance of the garden.

The Memorial Garden Committee now needs funds to pay for Phase III, which includes: The installation of a pergola around the patio; new seating options; garden sculpture installation; reserve funds for future maintenance and repairs that may emerge with niches, the memorial wall, and garden upkeep.

GLASS

In 2019, the Session approved a plan to replace the windows in the sanctuary that were in disrepair. Six new windows were paid for and have been installed. We need to install four more windows, for a total cost of \$35,000.

If you feel led to give, please make your financial gift by June 2022. Gifts can be made in the following ways: Online at www.hmpc.org under the *Donate* tab, mail or deliver a check to the church made out to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, with "Garden & Glass" written on the memo line.

On Sunday, May 1st, we kicked off this campaign in worship. Lizzie Graybill (one of the campaign co-chairs) concluded her remarks with the following poem:

"Garden & Glass" by Lizzie Graybill

*One window, two window
three window, four*

*Looking out
Seeing out
Viewing saints more,*

*Sitting with them
Talking with them
Missing them still*

Knowing them, loving them, All in God's will

*Putting in windows to help us see
The ones who came before us,
Who helped us believe*

*The gardens of green,
The names of the past,
The saints of our families
Stone etched to last*

*Pane one, pane two, pane three four and five
Collectively view our garden so alive*

*With tree leaves a 'budding,
With bees all a 'buzzing,
With birds freely singing
With church chimes a 'ringing*

*Our memorial garden gets a friendlier face
Welcoming to all – a holy space*

*Give what you can,
Give what you could,
Give what you have,
Give what you would*

*A happy place
A solemn place
A place for you
A place for them*

*The view to a garden who hosts those who've passed
To connect us all though a pane of glass.*

The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am



WH South

What Happened To The Disciples After Easter Morning?

Facilitated by Susan Grigg | May 8, 15, 22, 29

Using the Gospels, Acts, and various commentaries, the class will discover the responses of the disciples who

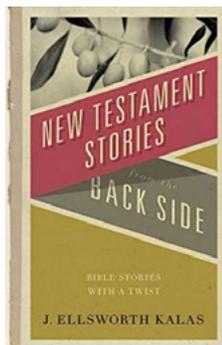


encountered the empty tomb and the risen Christ. Our discussions will center on our responses as the 'Easter People' today.

WH North

"New Testament Stories from the Back Side" Led by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward | Through June 5

"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're currently discussing the book *New Testament Stories from the Back Side*, in which J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into selected New Testament stories by entering them through the "back side" -- through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens", or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.



Labyrinth Carpet

Installed in Chapel

The transformation of the parlor to a chapel and multi-use space continues. Last week, new carpet was installed, which includes a labyrinth design. Labyrinths have been used for centuries within the Christian tradition as prayer and meditation tools. While Hudson has had an outside labyrinth for years (on the north end of our campus), this smaller labyrinth will allow for quest meditation inside of our church building. The carpet was funded primarily through memorial gifts. The transformation of the parlor into a chapel comes out of a vision in the 2017 Session-approved Task Force Report. In recent months, the chapel has been used for silent prayer and Wednesday evening Lenten Prayer



services run by our Board of Deacons.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, May 10 | 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.](#)

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, May 8

9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation - WH
9:30 am - Explorers Class - Explorers Room
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH
11:45 am - Coffee & Conversation - Parlor/Chapel
4:30 pm - Youth Music - WH
5:00 pm - MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, May 9

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226
2:00 pm - Bob Fields Memorial Service
7:00 pm - Personnel - Karl Hudson Rm

Tuesday, May 10

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
10:00 am - Esther Circle
11:00 am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle
11:45 am - Hannah Circle
7:00 pm - Adult Education Committee
7:30 pm - Miriam Circle
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH, Rm 234

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

6:00 pm - Women at the Well - La Rancherita
7:00 pm - Mission Committee

Saturday, May 13

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200



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GRADUATIONS

College Graduations

If you are or have a member of your family graduating from college this spring, please send the below information to [Lesley Ash-Jacobsen](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org).

Let us know the...

- Name
- Degree
- Institution
- Honors
- Anything else you think might be helpful.

