

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 12, 2024

DOWNSIZE, DECLUTTER, DONATE!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 | 10:00am-12:00pm | WESTMINSTER HALL

Do you resolve every January that this year “I’ll get organized”? Are you or a family member downsizing or moving? Or do you just want to declutter your existing space? The Deacons of Hudson are hosting an event to help keep this resolution! Downsizing, decluttering, and donating are good for us, for our community, and for the environment because:



- As Christians we are called to be stewards of everything God has entrusted to us;
- It is important physically and psychologically to manage the things we surround ourselves with rather than allowing them to manage us;
- Recycling, repurposing, reusing, and upcycling have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of our planet and its inhabitants;
- Sharing ideas with others as we seek to “live more lightly on the earth” is exciting and fun!

THE DOWNSIZERS PLAN. SORT. PACK. SETTLE.



The congregation, friends, and family are invited to join us on **January 20, 2024, from 10:00am – Noon in WH North**, with our guest Elizabeth Hirsh (*photo on left*), owner and founder of The Downsizers, The Shuttle Movers and the Consigners. This dynamic workshop of the Top 10 Tips and Best Practices of downsizing, decluttering, and donating is for everyone—both practical and fun tips! Plus, bring your downsizing questions as there will be time for Q&A at the end of the presentation! The Downsizers have completed over 3000 downsizing projects, senior moves and estate liquidations, and are the leading Triangle Downsizing Team.

NORTH
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MINISTRIES

The event is free, but we do ask for donations of non-perishable food items for North Raleigh Ministries food pantry or an item for the NRM Thrift Shop; sales from the Thrift Shop help fund the services of NRM.



2024 Special Events & Services

January 20 - "Downsize, Declutter, Donate!" Event
Hosted by the Deacons; 10:00-12:00 in WH North

Sunday, February 11 - Youth Sunday
10:30am Worship

Tuesday, February 13 - Fat Tuesday Celebration

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday
Ashes will be available throughout the day

Wednesdays, February 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27
Lenten Simple Suppers & Prayer Services
6:00pm Supper; 6:30pm Service

Saturday, March 9 - Easter Egg Hunt
10:00-12:00 at HMPC

Sunday, March 17 - David LaMotte Event

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Worship service

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday
12:00 Worship service

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday
7:00am (Ecumenical), 9:00am, 11:00am services

Sunday, April 14 - Preschool Sunday
10:30am Worship

Sunday, May 5 - Confirmation Sunday
10:30am Worship

Sunday, May 19 - Music Sunday
10:30am Worship

June 19-21 - Arts Camp
Current K-5th graders
Arts Camp registration starts February 1st!

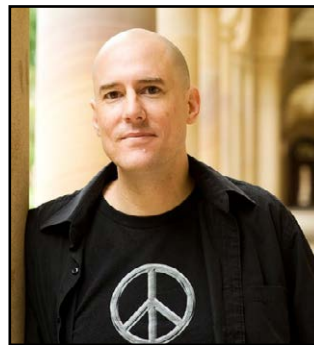
July 21-26 - Avery County Mission Trip
Informational Meeting April 14 after worship

August 5-9 - Vacation Bible School

An Evening of Stories and Songs with David LaMotte

MARCH 17 at 5:00pm

We are pleased to announce a concert that will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday evening, March 17, with special guest David LaMotte! He is an internationally recognized songwriter, speaker, and author. He was with us in 2016 for a concert when we hosted members of the Habitat Interfaith Coalition, and we are thrilled to have him return.



"David LaMotte has created a powerful antidote to the helplessness we often feel in a world that is overwhelming, in both its pain and its beauty. With seriously good cheer, he helps us think about how to engage this world with courage, grace, and hope, in the ways that are distinctly

ours to do...his wisdom reminds us that as we do this, we are not alone."

-Jan Richardson, Minister, Artist, and Poet

Along with our members, we are inviting others to attend, and are issuing invitations to our primary mission partner organizations, interfaith coalitions, New Hope Presbytery, and the Six Forks Road churches. There is no cost to attendees.

We are excited about welcoming the larger community to our campus and will need lots of our members to assist with various aspects of hospitality including greeting and assisting with the concert reception. This event requires advance registration which will open to the congregation and community in early February. As soon as we have an idea of the number we are expecting, we will have sign-up opportunities available for all volunteer tasks.

The concert is sponsored by the Adult, Fellowship, Mission, and Youth Committees.



Learn more about David LaMotte and listen to his music at DavidLaMotte.com



INQUIRERS' CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

INTERESTED IN JOINING HUDSON? JOIN US ON JAN. 21

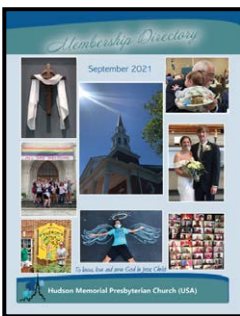


The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held on **January 21, 11:35am-12:15pm, in Room 200**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP for the class here.](#) by January 16. Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

Have You Updated Your Directory Profile Lately?

KICK OFF 2024 WITH A NEW PHOTO!



Is it time for a new photo? Have you updated your address since you moved? Help us keep the online directory up to date!

If you haven't used the online directory yet, we invite you to join!

You will use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use

the directory online AND via the mobile app. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in. To view the directory on your device: Download the free mobile app available at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download. You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](#) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." If the information listed needs to be updated, you may do that online or in the app. Feel free to add birthdays and anniversary if you wish.

If your email is not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app or updating your information, contact [Lesley Ash-Jacobsen](#) or at 919.787.1086.

We hope this photo directory will help deepen your connections to one another.

MISSION

Tend My Sheep SPICES & CONDIMENTS FOR FOOD BANK

One of the primary goals of the Food Bank is to provide the means for everyone to prepare meals that are healthy and cost-effective. To that end, they assist people with learning how to make the most of the many kinds of food they provide, that include not only those that are non perishable, but fresh vegetables and fruit, along with refrigerated dairy and meat products. Offering condiments and seasonings enables everyone to enjoy nutritious food that can be prepared in any number of ways that meet a variety of dietary requirements. **They suggest the following herbs and seasonings: pepper, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, Adobo, chicken bouillon, oregano, cinnamon, chili powder, and olive**



or canola oil. **Please ensure all donations are unexpired and unopened.**

FAITH FORMATION

Women's Connection Conference

Details coming soon for the Montreat Women's Connection Conference!
Registration will open on February 1!

Read about the conference [HERE](#).



2024 Avery County Mission Trip

SAVE THE DATES!

This summer, a group of Hudson members will once again travel to Banner Elk, NC, to work on a home for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The group will go to Banner Elk on Sunday afternoon, July 21, and after a week of work will return on Friday afternoon, July 26. Banner Elk is close enough that part-week participation is easily possible. Participants will stay at Holston Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center where they will room and board for the week at its Guenther Lodge. Guenther offers nine rooms with two double beds and a private bath, plus additional bedrooms with twin beds accessible to ample bathroom facilities if our group needs more accommodation.



With these opportunities and facilities, a large group of men and women can be usefully engaged and fully accommodated each day. And our evenings will offer fulfilling togetherness and pleasant camaraderie.

Please consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains. No specific skills are necessary, and inexperience is not a barrier. Teens and friends are welcome too!

An informational meeting will be held on April 14 shortly after service. If you desire more detailed information in the meantime, please contact John Oldenburg, 901-210-3701, oldygolden@aol.com.

- The Mission Committee



January Special Offering

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Place at the Table was started in 2015 with a mission to provide community and good food to all, regardless of means. From a start-up idea to a successful non-profit, *A Place At The Table* provides meals to individuals who are food-insecure in an affordable, inclusive, and welcoming café setting in downtown Raleigh. HMPC was one of the first congregations to support this ministry and it has become one of our primary mission partner organizations as a Hunger Action Congregation. APATT continues to seek creative and innovative ways to meet the needs of our community, and were recognized for their ability to stay open as a takeout-only site for the many months of pandemic closures. On January 9, APATT celebrated six years of service to our community and our Special Offering this month is a tangible way to support their ongoing mission.

You can donate [online](#), text, mail your donation to the church, or give in the offering plate on Sundays in January.

As part of our Hunger Action Commitment, the Mission Committee used 2023 budgeted funds to purchase 100 gift cards (*pictured below*) for meals at A Place At The Table. The cards are being distributed to organizations including



Raleigh Rescue Mission and Healing Transitions that are located downtown near APATT to share with their clients who need meals. We appreciate the generosity of the congregation providing budgeted funds and special offerings to support this ministry.



Pictured: Beth Billman & Debbie Kirk with Maggie Kane, Executive Director of A Place At The Table

THIS SUNDAY - ADULT EDUCATION

Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

January 14

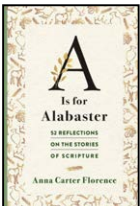
"My, That Was A Good Sermon, Wasn't It?"

Have you ever been inspired (yes!) from a sermon on a Sunday Morning at Hudson? Have you heard the words, "That sure was a meaningful sermon, wasn't it?" as members of our congregation leave the Sanctuary? The 9:00 Class will explore different sermons throughout January and have time for discussion afterwards. You'll have a chance to reflect on what the message means to you, or just listen to the discussion afterwards. The first sermon in this series is Debbie's sermon on Emmett Till.

The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

January 14, 21, 28



We will be using *A Is for Alabaster* by noted preacher and writer, Anna Carter Florence. Each week we'll explore a new character or story from the Old or New Testament, some familiar ones and some usually overlooked.

From an alabaster jar of ointment, to Zacchaeus in the Sycamore tree, we'll learn how these ancient stories and characters can touch our lives in new ways today. Each class will be facilitated by Susan Grigg. All are welcome to come for one class or for all four in January.

January 14 - "M is for Mary and for Memory"

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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

This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic *Faith that Pleases God*. No advance preparation required; only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share with others.

January 14 - *The Faith of David* - 1 Samuel 17: 1-58

January 21 - *Family of Faith* - Matthew 1:1-17; Genesis 38; Joshua 2; 6:22-25; 2 Samuel 12:24; Ruth 4:13-22

January 28 - *The Faith of Elizabeth & Mary* - Luke 1: 1-25; 39-45; 56-60

Star Words

If you were unable to be in church last week for Epiphany of our Lord, Star Words are still available outside of the Karl Hudson Room or on the Sanctuary entrance tables. We ask that you stick this star word in your house where you will see it on a daily basis. You are invited to ponder what the significance of this word might be in your life and what God might be saying to



you through this simple message of a word. The magi brought gifts to Jesus after they received the gift of a star to follow. The star symbolizes God's generosity in our lives.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HMPC Youth This Sunday, January 14

Join us for 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary! **There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, January 14.**

No regular youth group but it is a **Sabbath Sunday** for Youth Ministry. On Sabbath Sunday, we send out a "devotion" to youth families, and we will also have the devotions [HERE](#) or at the Sanctuary entrances.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, January 16 | 6:30am | Patio



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person and on Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on 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. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles and, in winter months, we do the study around a fire. New participants are always welcome. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmhc.org

Women at the Well



Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us!

WEEKLY GROUP

The winter session of the weekly Women at the Well began January 10 in the season of Epiphany. Our book for the winter semester is *Enchantment: Awakening Wonder in an Anxious Age* by author Katherine May. She lifts up enchantment and wonder as an antidote to this age of fear and anxiety, a fitting lens through which to see the New Year with all of

its possibilities. And when many of us may experience a letdown after the holiday season, Epiphany reminds us that our journeys are always unfolding as we retell the ancient story of the first visitors to find Christ.

MONTHLY GROUP STARTS THURSDAY

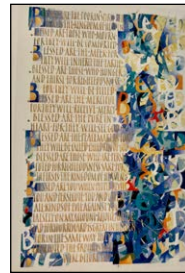
Monthly Women at the Well kicks off **January 18**.

We will meet at 6:00pm at Vivo Ristorante. Contact Debbie Kirk to be added to the mailing list.

Seeing the Word

Next Meeting: January 22 at Noon

Seeing the Word typically meets the third Monday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. Monday, January 22, is our next meeting. This group meets once a month and uses music, scripture, and illustrations from the *St. John's Illuminated Bible* for an hour-long time of study and reflection. This is led by Pastor Mac Schafer.



Participants are welcome to bring their lunch; we provide water and napkins. We use an ancient Bible study method called *visio divina*. No previous Bible study experience necessary. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmhc.org.

Brown Bag Lunch

with Pastor Mac is Back in 2024

THE GOSPEL OF MARK - FEBRUARY 5

We will meet for the first time in 2024 on Monday, February 5th at noon in Westminster Hall South. In preparation for the meeting in February, Pastor Mac would like all of you to read the Gospel of Mark in January. As you read it, write down any questions it prompts. Please send Pastor Mac (mschafer@hmhc.org) any questions from your reading prompts by Friday, January 26th, and he will attempt to answer those questions in the February 5th session. All are welcome to bring a bag lunch to the class. The church will provide cups, plates, napkins, and water. No RSVP necessary!



AMAZING GRAYS

Amazing Grays

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 | SALT & LIME

Join the Amazing Grays group for our monthly Lunch-out event at Salt & Lime (6006 Falls of Neuse Rd) at 11:30am on January 18. Please let Mike Law or Sandy Cole know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate headcount.

WELCOMING

Name Badges

Reminder to Wear Them on Sundays!

Members of HMPC should all have name tags, but we noticed many of these name tags are not used. We wanted to remind you to wear them on Sundays as a way to get to know one another. They can be found on the alphabetized name tag ribbons in the main hall near the offices (pictured below).



If you do not have a name tag or are in need of a new one, email Lesley Ash Jacobsen at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org or visit hmpc.org.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Officer Recommendations

FINAL DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Recommendations for Elders and Deacons from the congregation will take place through January 12. If you have a recommendation of a Hudson member (including yourself) who you feel "possess the necessary gifts and abilities, and who are persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord" (Book of Order G-2.0104), please submit his or her name by either clicking [HERE](#), or by using the provided QR code shown below.

If you prefer, you may complete a recommendation form that will be available at each of the three Sanctuary entrances through January 12. The Nominating Committee will compile the forms and begin their consideration of the candidate names received. The newly elected officers (elected by the congregation) will begin their service in May 2024. Please contact Carol Cox of the Nominating Committee if you have questions. Thank you for your prayerful considerations, and for the opportunity to see the Spirit of God at work as we identify the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve.



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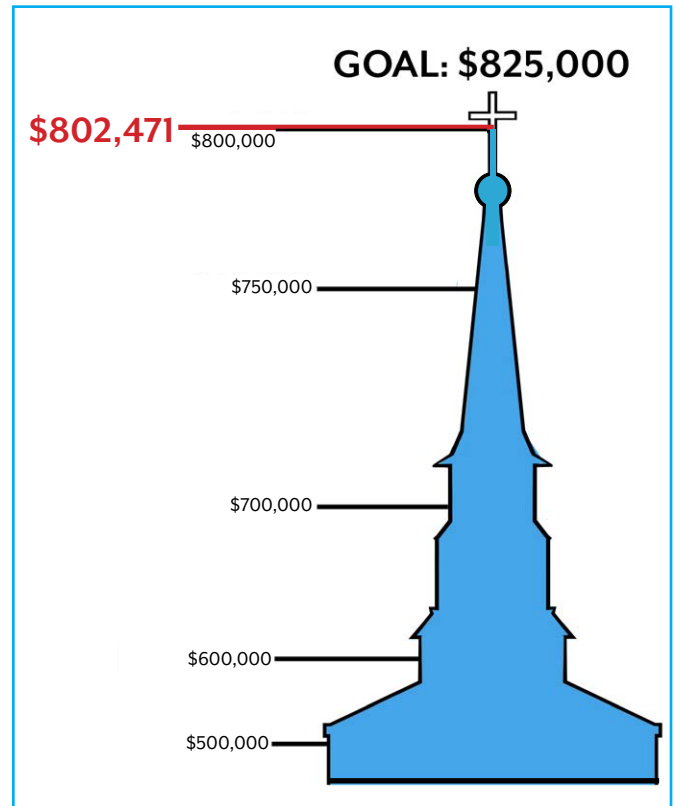
GIVING MINISTRY

THANK YOU!

We are very thankful to all of you who have pledged your time, talent, and financial resources to Christ's ministry through HMPC in 2024. If you have not pledged but wish to do so, please keep in mind that the budgeting committee is working very hard this week and next week to make a recommendation to Finance Committee by Monday, January 15th. Session will finalize the 2024 budget at the end of January.

You may pledge online [here](#), or email your pledge to Erica Hairston, HMPC Business Administrator, or Lisa Flint-Morris, Accounting Coordinator. You can call Erica at 919-390-2630 if you would like to request that a pledge form be mailed to you.

2024 Pledge Campaign



As of January 11, 2024, our received pledges total **\$802,471**. We currently have **179** households who have submitted pledges--Last year we had a total of 185 pledging households.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:45 am - EAP Meeting - Karl Hudson Rm

Monday, January 15

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 pm - Property Committee- WH South
7:00 pm - Diaconate - Room 200
7:00 pm - Finance - Zoom
8:00 pm - How it Works - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word- Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
10:00 am - Sewing Guild - WH South
10:30 am - Esther Circle - Chapel
6:30 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Salt & Lime
6:00 pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Ristorante

Friday, January 19

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, January 20

10:00 am - Downsize, Declutter, Donate - WH North

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