

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

MISSION

155 Pounds of Food for the Food Bank

A BIG THANKS to the congregation for bringing 155 pounds of canned food on Sunday, January 30. (Picture below.) We delivered our donations to the Food Bank last Monday and it will be shared with those in need.



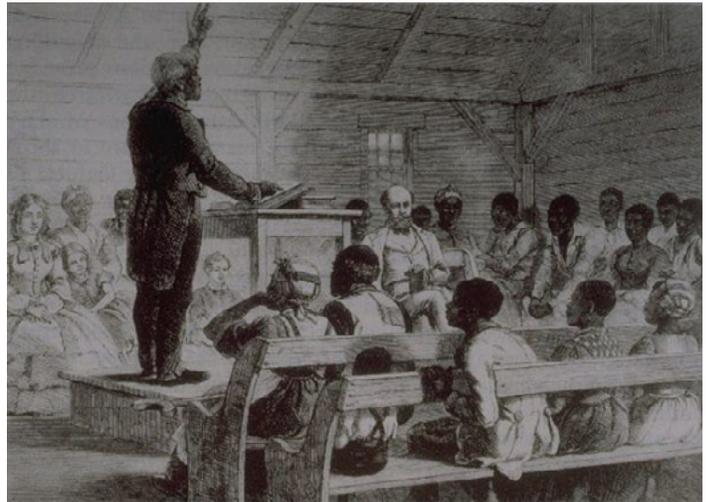
On Page 3 you can read about more opportunities to help the Food Bank, financially or by volunteering your time.

Hudson is a **Hunger Action Congregation**, which means we are responding to the biblical call to help alleviate hunger and end its causes. To learn more about what this means, you can read about it on the Presbyterian Mission website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/nationaldevelopment/hunger-action-congregations/>

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

John Chavis

During the first two weeks of February, Pastor Mac will be going local and historical in his sermons. One of his recent interests has been studying about local teacher, Presbyterian preacher and revolutionary soldier, John Chavis, who lived from 1763 to 1838. You may know the name from the park here in Southeast Raleigh, but we will look at our own discipleship through the lens of his life.



Preacher John Chavis, Illustrated London News 1863.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, February 13th Following Worship In The Sanctuary

The Hudson Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 13th following worship. The agenda for the meeting includes a presentation of the 2021 Financials, the 2022 budget, voting on the pastors' terms of call and the required meeting of the corporation. We will also provide the written 2021 Annual Report. We encourage all members to attend.

Chinese New Year at the Preschool

The celebrations never end at HMP, and this week our fours have been learning about Chinese New Year! The children have practiced writing 1-10 in Chinese, using chopsticks, making Chinese lanterns, and sampling rice crackers.

The Year of the Tiger symbolizes bravery, wisdom and strength even in times of struggle...this seems fitting for 2022!



The children had a Dragon Parade on Thursday, complete with authentic dragon heads straight from Malaysia, thanks to Ms. Doris and Ms. Joyce!



Have you heard about Hudson's Children's Arts Camp?



This summer, Hudson will offer Arts Camp led by our Director of Music, Barbara Loehr-Fox! It will take place **Wednesday, June 15th-Friday, June 17th, from 5:30-7:30pm each night**. This opportunity is open to children currently enrolled in Kindergarten-5th grade. Children will explore drama, music, and the visual arts! Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional sibling, which includes dinner being served each night. This event is open to the community, so we would love you to bring a friend. There are 50 slots available, so register early to reserve your spot!

<https://vbapro.events/p/events/hudsonartscamp>

Coffee & Conversation

A Time for Parents During Children's Music

While your children are enjoying music from 11:30-12:15pm, we invite you to join us in Westminster Hall North for Coffee and Conversation! We hope this can be a weekly time of community which will allow you to deepen relationships with other families in the church.



Special Offering for February

Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC

Our Special offering for February is for the Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC.

Hunger has grown into an epidemic, and is more prevalent than ever, affecting more than just the families living at or below the poverty line. Join us in helping our neighbors in need.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. Here is how to text to give: Text donation amount with the word "food" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 food).

You can also use this QR code to go directly to HMPC Online Giving page.



Volunteer at the Food Bank



The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment to the Food Bank. We have set up two standing monthly volunteer shifts: the second Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm and the third Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm. Use the link below to see the dates we will be working and to sign up to participate. The Food Bank does

require that volunteers be masked inside the warehouse. 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.

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2022 Avery County Mission Trip

Save The Dates - July 24-29

This summer, members of this congregation will once again journey to Banner Elk, NC to help build homes for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The group will travel to Banner Elk on Sunday afternoon, July 24. After a week of work, the group will return home on Friday afternoon, July 29. Banner Elk is near enough that those who can only spend only spend part of a week in this endeavor may easily do so. As before, the participants will be staying 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 if our band needs more accommodations.

With these opportunities and facilities, over 25 men and women can be usefully engaged and fully accommodated each day. Please seriously consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains. No specific skills are necessary; the inexperienced will learn and contribute by instruction and participation. Teens, friends and neighbors are welcome too.

An informational meeting will occur shortly after the service on **Sunday, April 3rd**. If you are thinking about joining the mission trip or desire more detailed information in the meantime, please connect with John Oldenburg at oldygolden@aol.com or 901-210-3701.



The 2021 Avery County Mission Trip Team

The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am



Info
for
2022

WH South

Exploring a Hunch Through the Lens of Faith
Here's the Deal: Led by Rev Jimmy Hulsey
 Through February 27

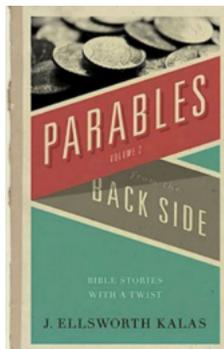
All are invited to explore a hunch: that we Christians have known God's special care throughout our lives, and we are also troubled by so much that seems wrong in the world. In short, we are curious about what God is up to. The image I have in mind for this study is a magnifying glass. Let's look through the lens of our faith to see more clearly how God cares for us and how God's heart beats with a suffering world.



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 Graybil, 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.



Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group at the **WH Patio** 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 though 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

January 2022 Information

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. The winter semester began in January using *If God is Love Don't Be A Jerk: Finding A Faith That Makes Us Better Humans* by John Pavlovitz. Please let 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.

Montreat Women's Connection Conference

August 12-14, 2022

Registration for the Women's Connection Conference 2022 at the Montreat Conference Center is open now!

This will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself; a time for space and Sabbath. The weekend includes powerful and authentic worship, space for honest and faithful conversation, and time for discernment and renewing rest. This year's keynote speaker is Sarah Bessey, the editor of the New York Times bestselling book, *A Rhythm of Prayer*. **Learn more about the conference here:** <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2022>

Registration Info: The Inn typically fills quickly so you are encouraged to register as soon as you can. To register, click on the [conference registration link](#) and follow the steps. If you are staying in the Inn, confirm you are registering for the **Comprehensive Package**. Under **Property** click **Assembly Inn** and choose your room preference. There will be a place to note if you have a roommate. Each person registers separately, so be sure you list the other(s) in your room on the form. Full payment is required at registration, last year it was \$400-\$500 depending on the room and roommate(s). In the comment section, note that you are with the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church Raleigh group. If the Inn is full when you are registering, or you prefer to stay elsewhere, contact [Debbie Kirk](#) for suggestions for an alternative. Reach out to Debbie for any other questions or information as well. Read more detailed information on our website: <https://www.hmhc.org/women-s-conference-2022>



Brown Bag Lunch



Monday, February 7th
at Noon

Westminster Hall South

This is the last session of *The Confession of Belhar*. Participants are asked to read "Session 6: Benediction and the Role of Confessions".

MEMORIALS

To The Church Triumphant

Bob Measamer

Bob Measamer entered God's everlasting kingdom on January 27th, 2022. Our condolences to the Measamer, Dickinson and Ward families. Thanks be to God for Bob Measamer.



George "Frank" Hackney, Jr



George Franklin Hackney, Jr. entered God's everlasting kingdom on January 24th, 2022. Our condolences to the Hackney family. Thanks be to God for George Hackney, Jr.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome, Yana Soler!

Yana was born in the Ukraine and moved to Israel at the age of 6. She grew up in Haifa, Israel and moved to the U.S. when she was 16. She has a passion for Hebrew (Biblical and modern), and enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 children, hiking, camping, exercising, reading and teaching. She is currently a stay-at-home mom and her husband George is an Analyst at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Call for Donations!

Old Maps and Atlases

Request goes out for any old paper road maps or paper atlas books that you have that you would like to donate. (They will not be returned!) We will be using these in a Liturgical Arts project for Youth Sunday.

Please drop them by the church to Rich Richards' office on the second floor, or put them in Rich's mailbox in the Karl Hudson Room (Rm. 100).



YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

MORNING:

Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet at our regular time, 9:30am in the HS Sunday School Room (with windows and doors open...dress warm!)

Confirmation Class (8th grade+): We will meet at 9:30am in Geneva Hall or outside (weather-permitting).

10:00am
Bagels in the Breezeway!



AFTERNOON:

Youth Music at 4:30pm - Westminster Hall
MS/HS Youth Group at 5:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

Youth Sunday Rehearsal on Saturday, Feb. 26
10:00am-2:00pm
Lunch included

Youth Sunday is February 27th
All youth, please be in the Sanctuary at 9:00am

Confirmation Sunday (8th grade youth) is May 1st

February Birthdays



- 2/1** - Bobby Conder
2/2 - Tim Peeler
2/4 - Mike Sandlin, Taylor Allard
2/5 - Ann Neisz, Lillian James
2/6 - Tripp Bradshaw, Amanda Saleeby, Rebekah Surasky
2/8 - Susan Sheahan, Paul Johnson, Noah Ya, Reid Melling, Jennifer Chang, Lizzie Rohs
2/9 - Kerry Lynn Fraser
2/10 - Luke Bentlage, Anna Duggins, Libby Wendt, Juanita Ross, Mary Glenn Krause, Amanda Layton, Ford Harris, Max Perry
2/11 - Jason Cook, Nancy Law
2/12 - Carl Rohs, Scott Baker, Sharon Cole, Chris Simson
2/13 - Michael Peeler, Jamilynne Pierotti
2/14 - Harry Bond
2/15 - Freddie Woodward, Linda Burton, Megan Rahn, Emma Sanchez
2/16 - Paul Linton
2/17 - Davis Boone, Amy Tennant, Will Crone
2/18 - Gregg Perry
2/19 - Jackson Baur
2/20 - Emma Sykes, Bruce Cox, Cary Dickerson, Jordan Krueger, James Tweedie
2/21 - Leigh Forehand, Sandy Buchanan
2/22 - Sanders Rohs
2/25 - Sarah Dawkins
2/26 - Grant Barkley, Polly Haydon
2/27 - Ivy Mercer
2/28 - Travis Hanks

Hudson's Current Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub Team, Personnel Committee or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board.



All below policies are subject to change.

- Church staff can work from the office or at home.
- For preschool drop off, no parents come inside the building.
- The preschool is following NCDHHS tool kit and guidance.
- Groups of any size can gather outside without masks. Eating outside on church property is permitted.
- Masks are required at all times inside the church building. Exceptions to this are:
 - Vaccinated speakers, soloists and small singing groups in worship who are appropriately socially distant from the congregation.
 - Staff who are working alone in their office.
- Sunday worship children's message volunteers must wear masks when giving their talk because the children are not socially distant from the speaker.
- Employees of HMPC (church and preschool) are required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisor.
- Any volunteer working with children 12 and under at HMPC will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.
- Groups are not allowed to eat together inside the church buildings. The exception to this rule is preschool children have lunch and snack time in their class bubble.

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, February 6

9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Geneva Hall
9:30 am - Explorers Class - HS Sunday School Room
9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
10:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship
11:30 am - Wee Worshipers & Joyful Noise - GH
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation with Parents
4:30 pm - Youth Music - WH
5:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, February 7

12:00 pm - Brown Bag with Mac
5:00 pm - Personnel
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid

Tuesday, February 8

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
5:30 pm - Foundation Board
6:30 pm - HMP Board
7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee

Wednesday, February 9

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

Thursday, February 10

7:00 pm - Mission Committee

Saturday, February 12

9:00 am - Preschool Board Retreat

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WINTER SEASON

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the church will notify the local ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL) television stations if church will be delayed or cancelled. Please check the closings before venturing out in bad weather. We will do our best to have the sidewalks and steps cleared, but there is no guarantee that there will not be slippery spots. It is also possible that there will not be child care on Sunday morning or youth activities in the afternoon.



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