

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2024

FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION February 13 | 6:00pm | WH North

Fat Tuesday is a time to indulge in a sumptuous meal and enjoy a festive atmosphere before beginning the contemplative season of Lent. Music and Crafts too!

Traditionally, many of the ingredients that are used for the meal are ones that are avoided during Lent. Our Menu: gumbo, red beans and rice, pasta with parmesan, salad, fruit, cornbread, biscuits, and yummy desserts. (Vegetarian and gluten free options available!)



Registration link will be published soon! Cost is \$5 per person.

CALL FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS! Sign Up to Help this Year!

Vacation Bible School will take place August 5th-9th! We need lots of volunteers to make this week a success for our families! **Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#)** or on the homepage of hmpc.org. Please contact Cary Dickerson with any questions - cdickerson@hmpc.org



Downsize, Declutter, Donate!

This Saturday, January 20 | 10:00am-12:00pm | WH North

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 congregation, friends, and family are invited to join us this Saturday, with our guest Elizabeth Hirsh, 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 3,000 downsizing projects, senior moves, & estate liquidations, and they are the leading Triangle Downsizing Team.

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.



HMPC OFFICE

Office Volunteers Needed

Our wonderful team of morning volunteers has done such a fantastic job answering the phones, greeting visitors, and assisting with tasks that Hudson would like to have volunteers cover the front desk in the afternoons as well. The Office Staff is searching for members who are available for a shift from 12-4pm, on one afternoon Mondays-Thursdays. This can be on a weekly basis or less frequently if you have limited time.

The mission of HMPC office volunteers is to facilitate administration activities necessary for effective church operation, which enables church staff to focus on the spiritual needs of the church members we serve.

If your heart is stirred to serve in this capacity, please email Teri Morris at mouseymorris@aol.com, so she can get you on the schedule. The staff is eternally grateful for all that the volunteers do.

SINGLE WAY

Single Way



Join this group of never-married, widowed, or divorced adults for fun, food, and fellowship. We typically meet the first Tuesday of every month. New people are always welcome to join!

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 6 | 11:30am | Vivo Ristorante

Let Dee Blackerby know if you plan to attend by February 3.

WINTER SEASON

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the church will notify the local ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL) television stations if the service 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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!



Camp Firelight will be August 5-9 from 9:00-12:00 daily. **Registration opens March 1st** for church members, March 13th for current preschool families, and March 15th to the general public.

Please contact Cary Dickerson with any questions - cdickerson@hmpc.org.



HMPC Arts Camp

June 19, 2024 - June 21, 2024

5:30pm-7:30pm

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1

Join us for Arts Camp as we explore our faith through the arts! We will use music, drama, and visual arts to learn more about God!

This camp is open to children currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. This event is open to the public so invite a friend to join you!

Dinner will be served each evening before we begin our art rotations.

We look forward to a time of faith and fun with your children!

Children's Music



We will rehearse in Geneva Hall on January 21 at 11:30-12:30, and on January 28 at 11:30-12:15.

Mark your calendar that February 4 the children will sing during worship!

2024 Avery County Mission Trip

SAVE THE DATES - JULY 21-26

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. 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.

Loaves and Fishes Annual Fundraiser

If you are interested in supporting the wonderful non-profit Loaves & Fishes, they are having their annual chili sale! The price is \$20 per quart and they have both meat and veggie options. You can pick it up or the option for local delivery is available for \$10. Visit Loaves and Fishes at www.LAFChildren.org to learn more about them.

Order [Here](#) by Monday, January 22

Pick up at First Presbyterian Church on:

Friday, February 2 - 4-7pm

Saturday, February 3 - 9am-12pm



THE GATHERING - ADULT EDUCATION

Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Sunday, January 21

"The Matthew 25 Church That Never Was, and The One We Have Today"



Jay Cummins will be sharing Rev. Dr. William Yoo's plenary address at the Matthew 25 Summit he attended this week. The title is "*The Matthew 25 church that never was, and the one we have today*".

If you would like to watch Rev. Yoo's address, it can be found in [this video](#) at the 1 hour 18 minute mark.

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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



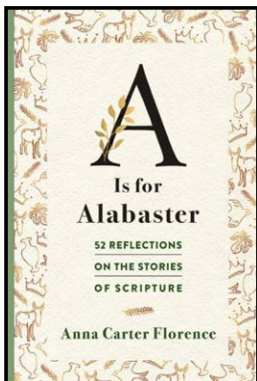
This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic *Faith that Pleases God*. No advance preparation required; only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share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

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

The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South

Continues January 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 21 - "J is for Joseph--Four of Them, & also John"

January 28 - "W is for witness and for Water"

February 4 - "C is for Caleb and for Cana"

February 11 - "K is for King and for King Cake"

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 includes not only those that are non perishable, but also 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.****

Women's Connection Conference

Registration for the Women's Connection Conference (August 9-11) at the Montreat Conference Center is open February 1 for everyone staying in a Montreat property, and February 15 for commuters staying off site.



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. The Keynote Speaker is Becca Stevens, founder and President of Thistle Farms. Learn more about her [here](#).

Registration Info: HMPC women attend as a group and register individually. It works well for us to stay at the Assembly Inn which is centrally located to all activities and accommodates our group eating and sharing the weekend together. To register, click on the conference registration link and follow the steps. If you are staying at 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, \$400-\$500 depending on the room and roommate(s). The Inn typically fills quickly and I encourage you to register as soon as you can. There is a generous refund policy, a full refund less a \$25 service charge through June 25th, and refunds prorated after that, so if you are considering going we suggest you proceed with a reservation and adjust later if necessary. In the comment section, you can note that you are with the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church Raleigh group. If the Inn is full when you are registering, the site will direct you to another Montreat property or you can stay elsewhere. You can also be put on a waitlist for the Inn and typically almost everyone on the list gets in. Reach out to Debbie Kirk with questions or for more information as well.

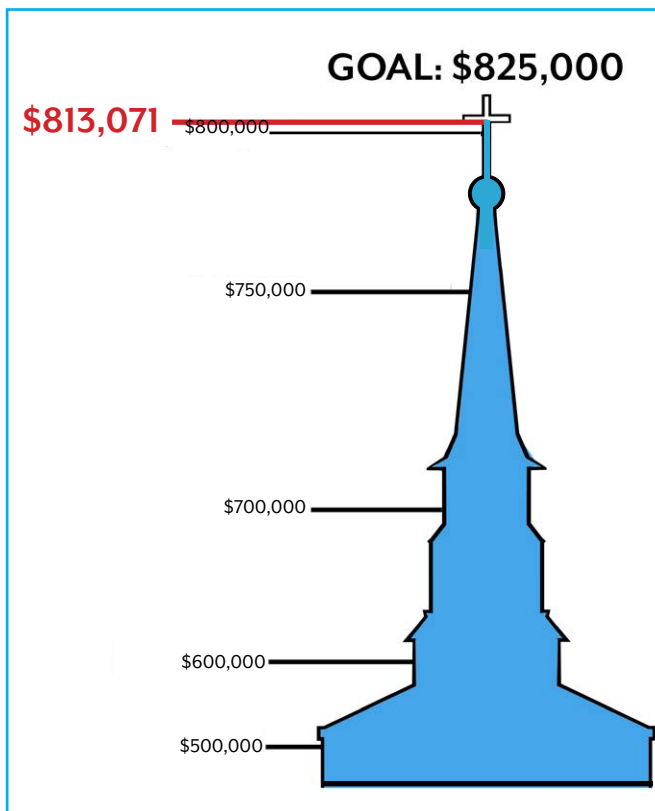
Read more about the conference [HERE](#).

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.

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 18, 2024, our received pledges total **\$813,071**. We currently have **181** households who have submitted pledges.



Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, January 23 | 6:30am | Zoom



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

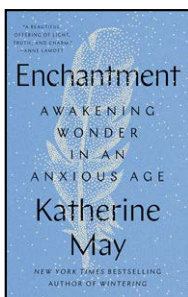
Women at the Well



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.

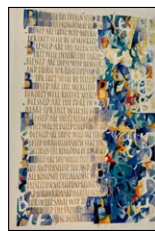
MONTHLY GROUP

Monthly Women at the Well typically meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. Contact Debbie Kirk to be added to the mailing list.

Seeing the Word

This Monday, 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!

In **March**, we will look at the Gospel of Matthew; in **April** we will study the Gospel of Luke; and in **May** we will look at the Gospel of John.

Presbyterian Pint

7:00pm | Jan 25 | Mordecai Bev Co



Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact Pastor Mac to be added to the distribution list.

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
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!

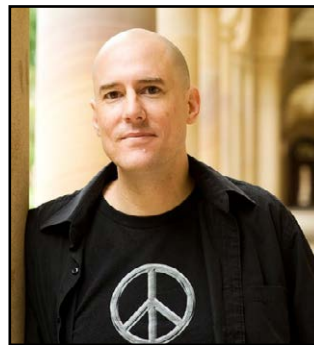
July 21-26 - Avery County Mission Trip
Informational Meeting April 14 after worship

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 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

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, January 21

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 - Children's Music - GH
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - Youth SS Room
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
11:35 am - Inquirers' Class - Room 200
12:00 pm - Youth Bells - WH South
5:00 pm - MS Youth Group

Monday, January 22

12:00 pm - Seeing the Word - Chapel
8:00 pm - How it Works - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word- Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North
7:00 pm - Session - WH South
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

7:00 om - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev Co

Friday, January 26

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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