

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MARCH 13, 2026

## SEE YOU THIS SATURDAY!



Families, join us this weekend for Easter fun! We invite children to bring their Easter baskets for the egg hunt. Egg Hunts will take place at 10:30, 10:45, 11:00, and 11:15.

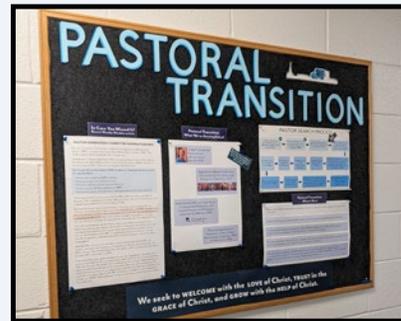
**HMPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**COME ENJOY CRAFTS,  
SNACKS, A VISIT FROM THE  
EASTER BUNNY, AND MORE!**

## Introducing The Pastoral Transition Bulletin Board



As HMPC moves through our transition process, it's important for all of you to know what this next stage of the process is and where we are in it. Lesley has created a bulletin board to help all of us see what steps

are involved in the pastoral search phase of the transition and which step we are on as we move through them. Additional information about what's been done so far, what leadership will concentrate on during the search, and what the PNC must accomplish to get to the point of presenting a candidate, are all posted on the bulletin board.

So if you ever hear someone say, or even say to yourself, "I wonder what is going on with the search for a new pastor?" please check out the bulletin board in the hallway between Westminster South and Westminster

North doorways. You will likely find all the information you'll need to answer that question! - *Pastor Marguerite*



Read about our Youth Ministry mission project on page 3!

**A MESSAGE FROM  
YOUTH MINISTRY:  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY  
FOR YOUTH ARTS WORSHIP!  
PASTOR MARGUERITE WILL  
PREACH, AND YOUTH WILL HELP  
WITH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP  
THROUGH MUSIC AND  
LITURGY.**

# LENT & EASTER

## LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES & SIMPLE SUPPERS

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 18 and 25

6:00pm Supper, 6:30 Service

Jimmy Hulseley joining the Deacons on March 18

The HMPC Deacons invite you to join them on Wednesdays during Lent for supper and worship. This tradition reflects the practices of early Christians who gathered for fellowship and a shared meal before worship. You are welcome to attend weekly or as your schedule allows.

A simple supper and fellowship will begin in Westminster North, followed by a contemplative service of evening



prayer in the Chapel, including scripture, music, prayer, anointing with oil, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Supper is provided at no cost.

## MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY

10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary

## APRIL 2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm - Communion & Tenebrae Service

## APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00am - Ecumenical Service - St. Timothy's Episcopal

9:00 & 11:00 am- Worship in the Sanctuary

### NOTE ABOUT COMMUNION:



If you would like to partake in the Lord's Supper in April, we are offering communion at the Maundy Thursday service & on Sunday, April 12.

## Easter Lilies Available to Order



Lilies may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant is \$15. Order forms are available [HERE](#) or at Sanctuary entrances. The lilies may be picked up after the worship service on Easter Sunday.

## A NOTE FROM WORSHIP TEAM

### Looking for the Good Friday Service?

...Then put the April 2nd, 7:00pm, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service on your calendars. Because we are being supported by one pastor instead of two, Worship Team has decided to pause the Good Friday service this year so that our Transitional Pastor will only be asked to provide leadership for four services in four days, not five. We appreciate your support of our staff!

But that doesn't mean you have to miss the powerful Passion readings that tell the story of Good Friday. The Tenebrae portion of the Thursday evening service will feature those readings while the sanctuary is gradually darkened. The service will end with darkness and



silence to remind us of the tomb, and prepare us for the true meaning of the "Hallelujahs" on Easter morning.

The service will begin with a commemoration of the Last Supper with communion served by groups of 12 around the communion table with Pastor Marguerite.

This is one of the most powerful services in the Christian liturgical year and one you won't want to miss. Remember, it is Daylight Savings Time so it won't be totally dark when it's over! See you there. - *Worship Team*

## JOIN US FOR THE "CANCAKE" BREAKFAST ON EASTER MORNING!



Breakfast will be served in Westminster Hall from **8:00-10:30am**. Come eat pancakes, coffee and juice, and enjoy fellowship with your HMPC friends!



**Suggested donation:** You may bring a canned food item which will be donated to North Raleigh Ministries. (That's why we call it the "cancake" breakfast!)



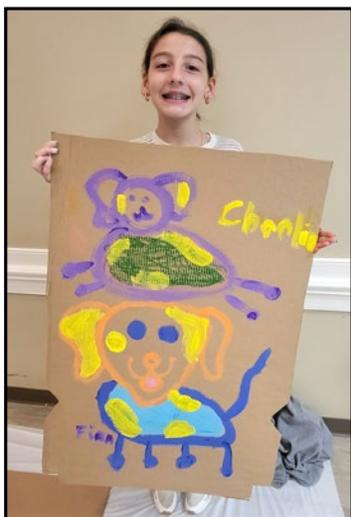
Please contact Morgan Dickinson if you have any questions or **if you would like to help.** [morgantdickinson@gmail.com](mailto:morgantdickinson@gmail.com) or 919-633-5798.

## Youth Group Serves Habitat for Humanity

Recently, our youth group traveled to Trinity Baptist Church to take part in a Habitat for Humanity mission project. The students helped paint baffles—ventilation components that will be installed in Habitat homes.

While our youth are not yet old enough to work on Habitat construction sites, this project gave them a meaningful way to contribute to the important work of providing safe, affordable housing in our community. By preparing these materials in advance, they were able to support the building process and play a small but important role in future Habitat homes.

The afternoon was filled with teamwork, laughter, and a shared sense of purpose. We are grateful for opportunities like this that allow our young people to live out their faith through service.



### How is a baffle used?

Here is an example in the photo to the right. Habitat needs 50 baffles per house, and the youth almost made enough for a house on Sunday! The paintings become a permanent blessing in the home with messages of positivity, peace, and love.





# DEACONS' BENCH

By Linda Meeks, Deacon Moderator & March Deacon-on-Call



*“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” - James 4:14 (NIV)*

As I ponder on the scripture from James, I am drawn to reflect on my three-year term as Deacon. It is hard to believe that the term is almost complete. Time did seem to vanish! The first year of the term began with a total of 15 Deacons. The second and third year saw 5 incoming Deacons, and 5 outgoing Deacons. During the course of three years, the lives of a total of 25 Deacons intersected. It is the intersection of our faith that I will take with me when I leave this post. I witnessed the ministry of care and compassion up close, was encouraged, and learned so much about love from each and every Deacon. Most especially, I am grateful for the Deacon Class of 2026: Winter Fox, Judie Greenawalt, Jill Hovis and Mary Schindo (and myself). We were called together precisely for this time. For three years, we have shared our faith stories. We have had the opportunity to spend time together in 33 stated meetings, 15 Lenten services, 3 Blue Christmas services, 3 retreats, a couple of congregational events and Christmas parties. And we broke together too many Pepperidge Farms cookies to count. We did not



know when we began that we would become a church in transition. God was with us in the uncertainty, the waiting, the plans, the details, and the journey. The transitory nature of the



Board of Deacons means our time as the the Class of 2026 will come to an end, but our moments together are etched in time.

## Join the Habitat Build! April 25 | 8:15-3:30



We are excited to be part of another Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build this spring. We have 10 reserved spots for Hudson members for April 25. If you would like to register to participate, please do so for Old Poole Place on our designated date (4/25) [THIS LINK](#). The link can also be found on the mission page on hmhc.org.



If you have any questions, please email Lauren Parikh at [lauren.parikh@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.parikh@gmail.com)

## March Special Offerings PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

For March and April, our Special Offering and Tend My Sheep collection will support Presbyterian Campus Ministries (PCM). HMPC is a partner congregation of PCM, and we are proud to help sustain their vital outreach to students at NC State.



PCM provides a welcoming community where students gather for weekly meals, fellowship, and meaningful connection - offering both spiritual support and a safe place to belong. You can make a monetary donation by scanning the QR code, or clicking [HERE](#).



For Tend My Sheep, we will be collecting gas cards and snacks for the PCM student lounge. Their most requested items include peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers,

Gatorade, fruit snacks, pretzels, Capri Sun pouches, and individual iced coffees. You can place items in bins throughout the months of March and April.

# Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, March 22

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The purpose of this meeting is to elect Deacons, Elders, & Nominating Committee members for the Class of 2029.



## FELLOWSHIP

### Amazing Grays

Thursday, March 19, at 11:30am  
Winston's Grille - 6401 Falls of Neuse

Amazing Grays is a group for seniors who get together for fun, food and fellowship. Lunches are typically scheduled the third Thursday each month at some of the group's favorite restaurants. New people always welcome! Contact Mike Law or Sandy Cole if you are interested in attending March 19's gathering at Winston's.



## PASTORAL TRANSITION

### Final Week to Submit Nominations for PNC

Now that Presbytery's Commission on Ministry has approved our Mission Study Report, HMPC can work on forming a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

On February 2, Session appointed a PNC nominating subcommittee of Harry Bowles, Ken Krause, Elizabeth Peeler and Dan Vig to nominate a slate of HMPC members to the seven-person PNC. Their first meeting was held February 18.

The Session has set the number of PNC members at seven and specified these criteria for representation:

- \* Active and contributing HMPC members
- \* Diversity of age and membership tenure
- \* Diversity of gender and theological perspective
- \* At least some leadership experience at HMPC
- \* At least one person with experience in hiring processes and/or personnel work

These representation criteria ensure that the PNC reflects as much as possible the diversity of the congregation as well as skills particular to the task of searching for and nominating a candidate for the next Head of Staff.

Because the Session has set representation criteria and a seven-person limit, not everyone nominated will be able to serve. But **if you feel you or an HMPC member you know would help meet the criteria and aid the work of the PNC, you should submit a nomination by March 15. Paper forms will be available in the bulletin on Sunday, or you can nominate someone via online form by clicking [HERE](#).**

## FAITH FORMATION

### Evening Women At The Well - Next meeting: Thursday, March 26

This monthly women's faith formation and fellowship group meets over dinner on the third or fourth Thursday of each month. This group uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and lively discussion! If interested, contact Linda Meeks at [linda.meeks@gmail.com](mailto:linda.meeks@gmail.com) or Kay Emanuel at [ckemanuel@gmail.com](mailto:ckemanuel@gmail.com).

- March 26 - Home of Beth Billman
- April 23 - TBD
- May 28 - Home of Grace Hutchinson



## **Nine O'Clock Class**

**Sunday, March 15 | 9:00 | Room 200**

**"Reexamining the Book of Jonah"**

**Facilitated by Don Slater**

A five-week series that recognizes the book of Jonah is much more than a children's story—it's a picture of all the beauty, potential, and challenges the Bible presents to its readers. See how this sophisticated literature fits into the larger Biblical story and what it means for us today. Join us for a full hour of learning and discussion!

## **Making Peace:**

**Adult Sunday School Series**

**9:30 | WH North | Final Week**



What do you do when it seems impossible to have a free exchange of opinions with your neighbors, your coworkers or even the person in the pew next to you? When it feels like outrage is the new national

pastime, how do you find peace? When everyone is divided and everything is divisive, what can we do? Join us for this class focusing on navigating the negativity, finding common ground and disagreeing better.

**Week 6: Moving Forward with Love and Faith -**  
Concluding thoughts on navigating differences with courage and grace.

This series is open to the whole Hudson community. Join us on Sunday, March 15, at the 9:30 hour in Westminster Hall North.

## **The Seekers**

**9:30am | WH South**

**Sundays through March 29**

**"Seeking God's Presence"**

**Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey**

This past fall when we filled out surveys about our congregation, most observations were quite positive. There was, however, a need identified for greater "spiritual vitality." The class I offer this Lent is to help us understand that term.

I have chosen a highly respected Presbyterian educator to guide us. Years ago, Craig Dykstra was chosen to draft a study of Presbyterian/Reformed spirituality. He later wrote a book based on that report to the 201st General Assembly, entitled *Growing in the Life of Faith*. We will be following its topics and allowing it to inform our discussions.

What is the basis for our life in the Spirit? What does it mean to grow in faith or to mature spiritually? Is spirituality different from faith? Is it more emotional than intellectual? Does it entail a different style of worship? Is it more or less churchy? Is it focused more on the individual and less on the community or society? How can Presbyterians be more spiritual? What guidelines from our Presbyterian/Reformed faith are there? Can spirituality even be taught?

I offer these classes for our hearts and minds to prepare again to receive new life at Easter. We will gather in the Seekers location: Westminster South at 9:30am, Sundays through March 29. Since the class was inspired by a congregational survey, all are especially welcome.

## **Waking Up With The Word**

**Morning Men's Bible Study - Tuesday, March 17, 6:30am - Zoom**



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly. This week we will meet over Zoom.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Lesley at [lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org). Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.

# JOBS AT HUDSON

## Part-time Sexton

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is seeking a dependable, hands-on individual to serve as our Part-Time Sexton. This role includes event/service setup (tables and chairs), light maintenance and basic repairs, grounds care, and helping ensure our church and preschool facilities are safe, clean, and welcoming. The role requires 10-12 hours per week. Ideal candidates are comfortable with basic tools, able to lift up to 50 lbs., and able to work both independently and collaboratively with staff and outside vendors. Full job description can be found [HERE](#) or on [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org).

## Children's Music Director

As many of you know, our Children's Music Director, Rich Richards, concluded his 4.5 years of joyful leadership in December. We are deeply grateful for the creativity, energy, and care he shared with our children during his time at Hudson. In the interim, we have been blessed by the leadership of Sarah Bedini.

We are now searching for a permanent Joyful Noise Children's Music Director. We are looking for someone who can provide a fun, faith-filled, and musically rich experience for children ages 5-10. We are seeking a person who loves working with children, encourages joyful participation, and helps young voices grow in confidence while discovering music as an expression of worship. The role involves leading weekly rehearsals, preparing children to sing in worship throughout the year, collaborating closely with staff and families, and nurturing a welcoming, life-giving musical community.

**If you know someone who might be a great fit, please pass along the job description or contact Barbara Loehr-Fox.** We would love your help in spreading the word as we look for the next leader of this joyful and meaningful ministry.

**Job description can be found [HERE](#).**

**Applications can be sent to:** [musicjobs@hmpc.org](mailto:musicjobs@hmpc.org) or [bloehr-fox@hmpc.org](mailto:bloehr-fox@hmpc.org)

## VBS Volunteers Needed



**Vacation Bible School is coming, and we can't do it without YOU!** Whether you love leading games, helping with crafts, serving snacks, or helping with science, there is a place for all ages, abilities, and talents to serve! Whether you can serve 2, 3, or all 5 days, we would love to have you join us for a week of Snowball Mountain Challenge fun! **Sign up by scanning the QR code on the left or clicking [HERE](#).**



### VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO CHURCH MEMBER FAMILIES!

You can find the link in the Children's Ministry weekly e-blast. **Members, please register ASAP** to ensure you get a spot! Space fills up quickly.

## ARTS CAMP

June 17, 18 & 19 | 5:30pm-7:30pm

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Join us as we explore and celebrate God's creation through drama, music and visual art. Our theme hymn for this year is *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*.

This camp is open to children currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2025-2026 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!

**REGISTER [HERE!](#)** 

**Marguerite Sirrinc**, Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff

**Aleta Ash**, Minister of Visitation

**Hunter Cox**, Organist

**Cary Dickerson**, Director of Children's Ministries

**Erica Hairston**, Business Manager

**Joyce Hawkins**, Assistant Preschool Director

**Lesley Ash Jacobsen**, Communications Manager

**Merritt Liebman** Director of Youth Ministries

*(Start date this Monday, March 16!)*

**Barbara Loehr-Fox**, Director of Music Ministries

**Hope Parangi**, Church Hostess

**Dorothy Roche**, Preschool Director

**Hannah Woodcock**, Administrative Coordinator

*Email [info@hmpc.org](mailto:info@hmpc.org) or  
call 919-787-1086 to contact the church office*

## Sunday, March 15

9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200

9:30 am - Making Peace - Westminster North

9:30 am - The Seekers - Westminster South

10:30 am - Worship (Youth Arts) - Sanctuary

10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall

11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North

11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva Hall

11:45 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel

11:45 am - Youth Bells - Sanctuary

5:00 pm - Youth Group/Bible Exploration

5:30 pm - Book Study "The Best of Enemies" - Room 200

## Monday, March 16

VBS Registration Opens to the Public

9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Property Committee - WH South

7:00 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North

7:00 pm - Diaconate - Room 200

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

## Tuesday, March 17

6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom

10:00 am - Sewing Guild Association - WH South

5:00 pm - (Tentative) Property Sub-Committee for ADA Restroom - WH South

6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

7:00 pm - Fellowship Committee - Zoom

## Wednesday, March 18

Preschool Staff Birthday Celebration

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom

6:00 pm - Lenten Supper and Service - WH North, Chapel

6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

## Thursday, March 19

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

11:30 am - Amazing Grays - Winston's Grille

6:00 pm - Women at the Well (Monthly Group) - Off Site

6:30 pm - Mission Committee - WH South

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### Do You Crochet?



You may have noticed the handmade pineapples adorning our visitor gift bags — a small but meaningful symbol of the warm welcome we extend to everyone who walks through our doors. The pineapple has long been a historic sign of hospitality, and this tradition has become a special part

of our church's ministry of welcome.

We're looking for a few helping hands to help us continue it! If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we would love for you to create pineapples for our gift bags. Instructions from previous makers are available.

If you're interested in being part of this creative and



welcoming ministry, please contact Lesley Ash Jacobsen in the church office or Lucille Nicholas.