



the weekly Window

March 3, 2023

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12

The Session has called for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 12 following worship. The agenda set by the Session will include the following: Presentation of the Pastor and Associate Pastor's Terms of Call, the 2023 Budget, a report from the HMPC Foundation and handing out the 2022 Annual Written Report of the congregation.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR MEMBERS!

VBS registration is officially underway! Join us August 7th-11th for a week of Superhero fun as we learn how we are all called to **Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace!** Registration for members of Hudson has already begun and will open to the public March 15th.



We also need volunteers to make this week a success! Please consider signing up to help using this [link](#). (It is the same link as for participant registration.)

YOUTH MINISTRY

*HMPC Parents &
8th Grade - High School Youth
are invited to attend*

**An Evening with Liza Coonse,
Licensed Social Worker**



**This Sunday, March 5th
5:00-7:00pm**

**This is a youth and parent event!
Dinner included.**

**Email or text Rich to reserve your spot!
hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com
336-324-0497**

FINANCE

2022 Giving Statements



Giving Statements have been sent out via email. If you did not receive yours, contact Amy Clapood, aclapood@hmpc.org or 919-787-1086 ext. 11.



Lent Sermon Series

"WE ARE ALL ON PILGRIMAGE"

During Lent, Pastor Mac will be doing a sermon series on the idea that we are all pilgrims on our Christian journey. Each sermon over the six weeks of Lent will hit on the different postures of a pilgrim. He will be using "The Spirit of the Camino" as a guide:

Live in the moment.

Welcome each day - its pleasures and its challenges.

Make others feel welcome.

Share.

Feel the spirit of those who have gone before you.

Imagine those who will follow you.

Appreciate those who walk with you.

Devotionals

Many of us find the use of daily devotionals a helpful guide in preparation for Easter as we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. We are providing you a choice of two devotionals:



Return to Me by Vibrant Church Communications, and *Tread Lightly for Lent* by the Presbyterian Hunger Program. These will be available at Sanctuary and church entrances. You can find a digital version of *Return to Me* [here](#) and the digital version of *Tread Lightly for Lent* [here](#). Both devotionals can be found on the homepage of the church website.

You will find the themes of Sunday worship reflected in each one, though they are different in content and format. Select what works better for you, or pick and choose pieces from both! They are adaptable for all ages and for households/groups of any size and configuration.

Lent Simple Suppers & Evening Prayer Services

WEDNESDAYS | MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29

Simple Supper: 6:00pm in WH North

Service: 6:30pm in the Chapel



HMPC Deacons invite you to join them on Wednesdays for supper and worship during Lent-practices that began with the

early Christians who gathered to share a meal and fellowship, then worshiped together where the rites of anointing with oil and communion were offered. Your participation may be a regular part of your Lent commitment or you can attend as you are able. Each week we provide healthy, delicious, simple suppers and a time of fellowship around the tables in Westminster North. There is no cost for these meals. Following the meal, the services of evening prayer take place in the Chapel. These are contemplative, reflective times that include scripture, liturgy, several forms of prayer, music, and the opportunity to be anointed with oil for yourself or on behalf of someone else. The services conclude with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Easter Morning

7:00am - Ecumenical Sunrise Service - Location TBD

8:00-10:30am - "Cancake" Breakfast

9:00am - Easter Worship - Sanctuary

11:00am - Easter Worship - Sanctuary



Adult Education

The Seekers

9:15am | WH South

Please note the earlier time!

LENT SERIES : THROUGH APRIL 2

Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey



Following the journey of Jesus to his death on the cross and what following Jesus means for us are the themes of Lent. No question, this is a journey of sacrifice.

Arguably, no theme resounds throughout the Bible more than sacrifice. Who is this God who

demands sacrifice? Is there more than one way to think of sacrifice? Was the cross about divine love or the payment of a debt? Why did Jesus have to die? Is there a difference for us in thinking that God demands sacrifice of our lives and thinking that God offers God's own life for us?

I invite you to join me for the six Sundays that occur within Lent for a class on the journey of sacrifice. My intent is that it will follow Scripture, explore our faith and rock with lively discussion. Even during Lent, I am not one for giving up on a bit of fun. - Jimmy Hulsey

The Order of Worship During the Season of Lent

Lent is a journey. Our 2023 Lenten theme is "We Are All on Pilgrimage." Christine V. Painter, author of *The Soul of a Pilgrim* writes, "A pilgrimage is an intentional journey into this experience of unknowing and discomfort for the sake of stripping away preconceived expectations." She says, "We grow closer to God beyond our own imagination and ideas." To live into this idea and theme we have divided the Order of Worship into the rhythm of a daily pilgrimage: Wake, Walk, Eat, Walk, Eat, Walk, Journal, Wash, Fellowship, Eat, Rest (Repeat). Pastor Mac and other worship leaders will give brief explanations throughout Lent on why the liturgy is designed this way, but also consider for yourself what this rhythm means to you and your faith journey.



Easter Egg Hunt

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Easter Egg hunt is this month! We would love to have some volunteers (all ages welcome!) to help set up tables and prepare snacks, supervise crafts, and clean up.

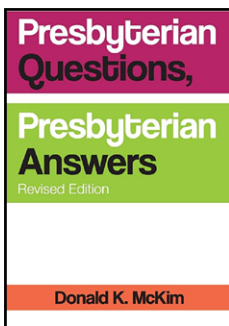


HMPC CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES
EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, MARCH 25
10:00AM-12:00PM

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30am | WH North

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



During Lent, the Ponderers class will take up "Presbyterian Questions and Answers" about the Christian Life and the coming Reign of God. We will reflect on topics such as prayer, healing, personal holiness, Jesus's resurrection, and His return. No special background or preparation is needed. Join us in Westminster Hall North for warm hospitality and a meaningful conversation!

Advocating to End Hunger Through an Offering of Letters

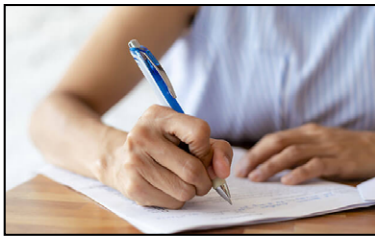
JOIN US MARCH 26!

The HMPC Mission Committee is dedicated to the covenant that we took when we became a certified Hunger Action Congregation. This certification through the Presbyterian Mission Agency shows our commitment to “the faithful work of Presbyterians around the country who are responding to the biblical call to help alleviate hunger and end its causes.”

There are six areas of action required to be a certified congregation. One of these areas is Advocacy. *“Corporate and Public Policy Witness: advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation.”*



On March 26th, as part of the Bread for the World program, we will be leading members of the congregation in the writing of letters to our US Senators and Representatives. We will be advocating on behalf of the Farm Bill. We will provide all necessary



letter writing supplies, addresses, and information regarding this legislation. We will also provide sample letters.

WHAT IS THE FARM BILL?

Building a Healthy, Equitable, and Sustainable Food System

OVERVIEW:

Nutrition

- Strengthen nutrition security in the United States by increasing access to healthy food
- Enhance global maternal and child nutrition through U.S. food aid initiatives

Equity

- Expand access to SNAP among marginalized populations
- Support equitable opportunities for all food producers
- Support self-governance and food sovereignty for Tribal Nations
- Ensure that food aid reaches people in crisis as quickly and efficiently as possible
- Reauthorize and ensure robust funding for priority international accounts in the Farm Bill

Sustainability

- Address the threat to food security posed by the climate crisis
- Increase support for post-harvest food recovery

Hudson's Spectacle Collection

COLLECTING USED GLASSES THROUGH MARCH 19



Did you know that since 2016, Raleigh alone has collected over 30,000 glasses and donated to people all over the world? No “optical” illusion, the local Lions Club in Raleigh takes used glasses and rehabs them for people who cannot afford them.

Do you have the groovy big frames, the sophisticated small pair, the business thick black or the (*whisper*) trifocals? Promise: no judging! Time to put those perhaps poor choices behind you! Bring those glasses in this Sunday to the Karl Hudson room (#100) and place them in the Sight Box (*image on the left*) for those who would love the opportunity to see.

If you have any questions – please “see” Lizzie Graybill – 919-800-7520.

MISSION

2023 Interfaith Habitat Build



Our congregation has a long history working with Habitat for Humanity, and for many years has been a part of an interfaith community who builds a home every spring. We value the rich relationships we have with people of many traditions who share a commitment that our faith calls us to advocacy and action for the betterment of our community. Working with Habitat is a tangible expression of that.

The 2023 Interfaith Habitat Build is in Southeast Raleigh at Old Poole Place. Members of the Interfaith Coalition (of which our congregation is a member) will be working alongside the homeowner to construct one of the 105 new houses and 45 townhomes that will make up this new neighborhood.

We have two days needing five volunteers:

Saturday, April 1 (8:15am-3:30pm)

Saturday, May 6 (8:15am-3:30pm)

Our Mission Committee will also be providing lunch to the volunteers working on our house each of these days.

Use this link to volunteer:

<https://www.habitatwake.org/faith/interfaith>

There are many builds going on at Poole Place at the same time, in order to sign up for HMPC work days use the link, scroll down to find our assigned dates where you will see the Interfaith Build in the list, and use the tab on the right to sign up.

If you have any questions about the build, contact Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmpc.org or Beth Billman bethbillman@gmail.com



PRESBYTERY

Presbytery of New Hope New Executive Presbyter Elected

The 118th Stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope met at First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, NC this past Saturday, February 25th. There are 116 Presbyterian Churches represented in the Presbytery from the Outer Banks to Efland, NC. Hudson Session sent two Elder Commissioners to the meeting: Tripp Bradshaw and his father, Tom. Also there from Hudson was member Derek Maul who photographed the proceedings, and members at large Rev. Jimmy Hulsey and Rev. Rebekah Maul. It was a wonderful meeting where several items of note occurred: The Presbytery called and elected the Reverend Dr. Bruce Grady to be the next installed Executive Presbyter. Dr. Grady will serve as chief executive to the Presbytery, Head of Staff, pastor to and on behalf of the Presbytery. He will begin his duties on March 13th.

Also of note and connected to HMPC, the Reverend Sydne Allen was called to Peace Presbyterian Church in Winterville, NC. Rev. Allen is the granddaughter of long time HMPC member Charles Welby.



Rev. Allen & Rev. Schafer at Presbytery



Reverend Dr. Bruce Grady, Next Executive Presbyter to Presbytery of New Hope.



Mac, Jimmy, Tom and Tripp at Presbytery (photo by Derek Maul)

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, March 7 | 6:30am
Zoom



All men are invited to join this group (via Zoom this week) for scripture reflection, discussion, fellowship and coffee. The group uses an ancient Bible study process called Lectio Divina.

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 a 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 Mac Schafer.](#)

Women at the Well



Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to participate, and the new year is a great time to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and explore different content.

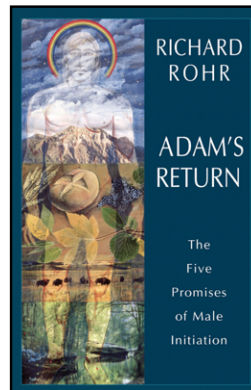
The weekly group meets Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30am and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. The book selection for the winter semester is *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana.

The monthly group meets on the third or fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest over dinner at a local restaurant. **Our next meeting will be March 16.** Additional dates are: April 27, and May 25.

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. For more information or to participate in either group contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Presbyterian Pint

Thursday, March 9 at 7:00pm



The Presbyterian Pint group is reading *Adam's Return: The Five Promises of Male Initiation* by Richard Rohr. **The series began in January, and will have its next session on March 9.**

Meetings are held at Mordecai Beverage Co. at 7:00pm. Read to page 134 for the next session.

Amazing Grays

Thursday, March 16 | 11:30am



Join the Amazing Grays for fellowship and lunch on March 16 at Manchester's Grill! 9101 Leesville Rd #153, Raleigh, NC 27613. Let Sandy Cole know if you plan to attend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Communion Education Class

Pastor Debbie will lead a Communion Education class for our children immediately following worship on **March 19th**. Parents are invited to enjoy Coffee & Conversation while their children participate. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP [here](#). Link also available on the front page of hmpc.org.



Last year's Communion Education class

BIRTHDAYS



March Birthdays

- 1: Ellen Bradshaw, Hope Parangi, Suzanne Schneider, Bob Stowe
- 2: Mary Ellen Heathcote, Troy Barkley
- 3: Reed Cummins, Matt Carlisle, Linda Campbell-Feingold, Jonathan Hughes
- 4: Clare Stull, Margaret Sharpe
- 5: Mike Law, Margaret Alexander, B. Fertin, Lydia Gabbard, Megan Christenbury
- 6: Becky Priester, Mia Komono, Eric Brewer, Kinnley Hague, Vicki Holt, Tatum Eyre, Peg Simone
- 7: Ford Sanchez, Debbie Dewar, Emilie Tice, Dirk Phillips, Ron Sharpe, Ginger Lindsey
- 8: Cal Madden, Polly Bryant
- 9: Mary Mac Bradshaw, Katy Waugh, Lynn Cummins, Dana Stull, Mandy Peedin, Karin Sandlin, Mary Cates Bevier, Fiona Bartow
- 11: Joe Lindsey
- 10: Edith Horne, Stuart James
- 12: Angie Bell-Morris, Julie Webb, Banks Allard
- 13: Cameron Perry, Benjamin Peeler, Steve Guy
- 14: Frances Massey
- 15: Glenn Kever
- 16: Jennifer Dudeck, Gavin Waugh, Nancy Crane, Margie Hanks
- 17: David Smart, Lizzie Graybill, Erin Perry
- 19: J.D. Rogers
- 20: Nora Cook, Maggie McIntire, Steve Toth
- 21: Paul Phillips, Yana Soler
- 22: Holly Krueger, Elliette Swenson
- 23: Schuyler Coonse, Trey Krueger, Hollie Cole, Nate Richardson, Sonia Parikh
- 24: Jenna Pierotti
- 26: Hank Madden, Amanda Wolf, Justin Sykes, Evelyn Elderkin, Derek Maul
- 27: Bill Bigger, Sean Crosson
- 29: Alan Mitchell, Julie Cook
- 30: Elizabeth Peeler, Carolyn Holzinger, Abby Crawford, Cooper Glover-Hurd
- 31: Jason Bond

CELEBRATIONS

*Congratulations
to
McNeill and Pat Kelley
on the birth of their child
Charlie William Kelley!*

*Congrats to Charlie's grandparents,
Caroline & Dave Smart!*



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Chili Cook-Off & Variety Show!

Mark your calendars for a
fun lunch & entertainment experience!
(to raise funds for Youth Retreats & Mission Trips)

Sunday, April 16
Immediately Following Worship
Westminster Hall



Lunch will consist of two
competitions:
Chili entries & dessert entries.
Along with these crock-pot
extravaganza meals and award-
winning desserts, we will also have

Entertainment!

More to come later about how to sign up
for both food and entertainment entries!



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CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, March 5

9:15 am - The Seekers - WH South
9:30 am - Ponderings - WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH
11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - GH SS Room
12:00 pm - Youth Handbells - WH South
5:00 pm - HS Youth Group

Monday, March 6

9:45 am - Preschool Chapel
5:00 pm - Personnel - Zoom
6:30 pm - Children's Committee - WH North
7:00 pm - PW Leadership - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH

Tuesday, March 7

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
7:00 pm - Property Committee - WH North
7:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - GH

Wednesday, March 8

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel
6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South
6:30 pm - Lenten Prayer Service (Dinner at 6:00)
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 9

6:00 pm - Worship Committee - KH Room
7:00 pm - Mission Committee - WH South
7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev Co

Friday, March 10

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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