



the weekly Window

October 14, 2022

COMMUNITY

Fall Festival

October 23 | 4:00-6:00pm



Our Fall Festival is **next Sunday!** We host this annual event with St. Mark's United Methodist, and it will be held on their campus this year.

TRUNKS, CANDY & DESSERT NEEDED!

We need a few things to help make this event a success!

- **20 decorated trunks** for Trunk or Treat. There will be a trophy for best trunk that will live in the recipient's home church for the year! We have 10 slots left, so we invite you to think of a theme, and join the fun!
- **Donations of Halloween candy** and bottles of 2 liter soda (unopened). Donations can be left in the designated basket in the Karl Hudson room.
- **Desserts** for entry in the Best Dessert contest. Categories are Cakes, Pies, and Cookies. Entries can be delivered to Hudson's kitchen on the morning of the 23rd or brought directly to St. Mark's no later than 3:45pm.

Please sign up for trunks & desserts [here!](#)

We will also need volunteers to staff games and activities. Sign up [here](#) or contact [Cary Dickerson](#) if interested.

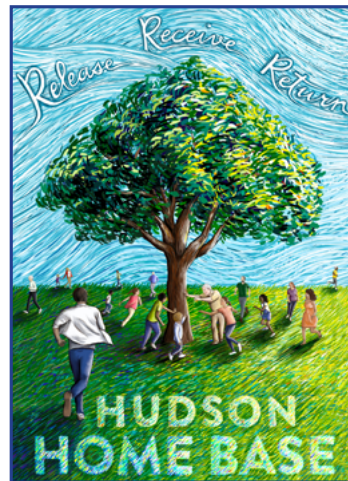


GIVING MINISTRY

"Release"

Giving Ministry Minute for Mission

By Jeffrey Coonse, October 9



Who came to church this morning feeling light? You had a nice coffee. You enjoyed breakfast with someone you love on this beautiful fall morning.

Without showing hands, who came here with a few things on their mind? Maybe you have concerns about a friend or something worrying on the news?

Some of us came to church this morning with a heavy load. Your spouse isn't doing well. You're waiting on test results. Your child is struggling with something difficult. I've cried in these pews before God; knowing that I'm at the limit of what I can do - at the limit of what I can control.

You can release that worry this morning. Or maybe you're going to have to deal with things after you leave here. You must make a tough decision or take action. Even if you can't release that burden for good, can you set it down for a few moments and rest?

Hudson is our home base. God invites us to release our worry, receive love and mercy, and return to life a bit lighter. Amen.

Hunger Action Event

JOIN US OCTOBER 20!



The NC State Fair is finally here, and the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC has partnered with Smithfield Food for the Annual Hunger Relief Day, **Thursday, October 20**. Since 1993, this has become one of the largest one-day canned-food drives in the state.

Come volunteer at one of the gates – register at Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day at the NC State Fair - Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (foodbankcenc.org) or simply come with 6 cans to donate, and enjoy the fair! This volunteer opportunity also gives community service hours for students.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

New Communion Class Date!



We will have a Communion Education class for children and their parents immediately following Worship on **November 20**. Debbie will walk the children through the meaning of communion in an age appropriate way.

A light lunch will be served, so **please RSVP [here](#)** to help us know how many to expect.

Children's Opportunity at the Food Bank

OCTOBER 22



Please join us for a family-friendly volunteer day at the Food Bank! This event is for children from 5 to 11 years old and guardians are required to attend. Projects include labeling donations and sorting produce.

The next date is **October 22** from 2:00-4:00 pm. Registration link can be found [here](#).

October Tend My Sheep BREAKFAST FOR NRM



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and sadly, not everyone is fortunate enough to regularly have access to it. Please consider bringing breakfast items to donate to

North Raleigh Ministries. They are looking for boxed cereal, shelf sustainable milk, packaged oatmeal, jelly, and apple juice. **Please bring items to the church by October 28**. The mission committee thanks you for not only your offerings, but also your prayers and support. We are a hunger-centered congregation and strive to feed those who are in need.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth News for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Sunday Morning

Join us in the balcony for worship!

MS/HS Sunday School This Week

Explorers' Class: 5th-7th grade youth
Sundays, 11:40am - Room 226

Growing Disciples Class: 8th-12th grade youth
Sundays, 11:40am - High School Room

Sunday Evening

Youth Music

4:15-5:00pm - Youth Bells with Barbara - WH South

MS Youth Group (+ 5th graders this week!)

At 5:00pm, 5th graders will have the opportunity to join the Middle School Youth Group to participate in their annual **WALK TO NORTH HILLS!** Please bring \$10-12 for dinner at Five Guys.

HS Youth Group

ANNUAL "AMC BOWLING NIGHT"

From 5:00-7:30pm this Sunday, 9th-12th graders are invited to come bowling! Because of transportation, PLEASE RSVP to [Rich Richards](#).

Sunday Adult Education

THE GATHERING

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

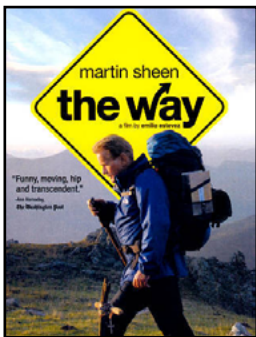
Hosted by
Susan Bradshaw and Linda Meeks

"The Nine O'Clock Class"

Pilgrimage - The journey begins.

Join us as we explore the different facets of pilgrimages.

October 16, 23, and 30: "The Way"



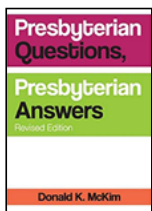
This week we will begin the movie *The Way*. Synopsis: A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El Camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself.

This class is not just for backpackers, but for all those with an adventurous spirit!

9:30-10:20am | WH North

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

"Presbyterian Ponderings"



From a Presbyterian perspective, we will look deeply at big concepts of our faith such as the Bible, Humanity, the Church, and Salvation. We use *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* by Donald McKim as a primary resource.

9:30-10:20am | WH South

Facilitated by Susan Grigg, Jimmy Hulsey, Ron Ash

"The Church and Social Issues"

Discussion class based on various Scripture selections each week as we think about how we as Christians should act in our public lives. How do we deal with the world that we live in today? Each session is a separate study and you are welcome to attend any Sunday.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, October 18 | 6:30am | Patio



All men are invited to join this group (in person this week) 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 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 is made up of are two groups, each with different format, time and content. 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.

The Monthly Group

"JEFF CHU: FULL CIRCLE FAITH" - KATE BOWLER

The monthly Women at the Well group will meet for dinner and conversation on **Thursday, October 20 at Vivo Ristorante at 6:00pm**. The podcast for our discussion is Kate Bowler and Jeff Chu considering how we live with authenticity and grace with family and friends who have different versions of what it means to be faithful.

Current participants will receive a reminder. To be added to the list, contact [Debbie Kirk](#).

Women of all ages and stages are welcome to join us!

Remaining 2022 Dates: November 17 and December 15

Sabbatical Update: Some Lists

I was thrilled to return home to Raleigh on October 3rd. While I enjoyed the Via Francigena immensely, I missed Katy and the kids a lot. It has been good to have some time to transition home and be with my family before jumping back into ministry.

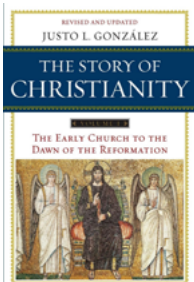
This past Sunday I worshiped at First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro where the Reverend Dr. Jill Duffield is the pastor. Duffield previously served as editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Her sermon was on 2 Corinthians 7:2-13. She gave a wonderful sermon on communication, honesty, forgiveness and having conflict with integrity. So timely for our present cultural context.

For this Sabbatical article, I created some lists of people, places and things I experienced that helped bring meaning to my vocational calling and time away from HMPC. It was helpful for me to compile this list in one place.

Most of the things on these lists have been talked about in previous articles, but in case you missed some of those, this gives you some insight into how I used my time away.

Things I've read/listened to during sabbatical:

- *Ariadne* by Jennifer Saint
- *Katherina von Bora: Luther's Wife* by Martin Treu
- *Catherine Of Siena* by Vittorio Peri
- *Protestants: The Faith That Made The Modern World* by Adam Rylie
- *Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome* by Timothy Egan
- *The Story of Christianity Volume 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation* by Justo L. Gonzalez (Photo to left)
- *Discover Martin Luther: Sites and Memorials in Germany*, Travel Guide by Wolfgang Hoffmann
- *Walking the Via Francigena - Part 2: Lausanne and the Great St Bernard Pass to Lucca* by Sandy Brown
- *Walking the Via Francigena - Part 3: Lucca to Rome* by Sandy Brown



Important Church History locations I visited (by century):



- Apostle Paul's burial location at the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome, Italy (1st century) (Photo to left)
- Disciple Peter's burial location at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy (1st century)



St. Peter's in Rome from the Tiber River

- Disciples Philip and James "the lesser" burial location at The Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome, Italy (1st century)
- Disciple Bartholomew's burial location at Basilica of St. Bartholomew, Tiber Island in Rome, Italy (1st century)
- Catacombs of Priscilla in Rome, Italy. Burial location of early Christians and site of early Christian art (2nd century)
- St. Ambrose of Milan burial location in Basilica of Saint Ambrogio in Milan, Italy (4th century)
- Constantine's Arch commemorating his victory over Maximillian and Christianity becoming official religion of the Roman Empire in Rome, Italy (4th century)
- Augustine of Hippo burial location at San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro in Pavia, Italy (4th century)
- St. Bernard of Menthon, founder of hospice and monastery at St. Bernard's Pass, Switzerland (11th century)
- Saint Anselm of Canterbury's birth city, Aosta, Italy (11th and 12th century)
- Basilica di Sant' Antonino in Piacenza, Italy where the first crusade to the Holy Land was declared in 1095 (11th century)
- The Shroud of Turin holder and museum at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Turin, Italy (sadly, probably 13-14th century)
- Dante Alighieri's home neighborhood in Florence, Italy (13-14th century)
- Meister Eckhart Doors at Predigerkirche in Eurfurt, Germany. Eckhart was a theologian, philosopher, and mystic. (14th century)
- Catherine of Siena's home and relic location in Siena, Italy (14th century)
- Sistine Chapel, home of Michelangelo's ceiling and *Last Judgement*, Rome, Italy (15th century)

Sabbatical Update: Some Lists (Continued)

- *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci in refectory at Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy (15th century)

- Martin Luther birthplace, baptismal site & death location in Eisleben, Germany (15th-16th century)

- Martin Luther's Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt, Germany (16th century)



- Reformation Monument in Worms at site of Diet of Worms (16th century) *(Photo to left)*

- Black Cloister in Wittenberg, Germany. Home to Martin Luther and spouse Katharina von Bora (16th century)

- Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany where Luther supposedly nailed his *95 Thesis*, and location of Luther's grave (16th Century)

- Wartburg Castle, outside of Eisenach, Germany - location of Martin Luther translating the New Testament from original Greek to German. Exhibit about 500th anniversary of this translation (16th century)

- Katharina von Bora burial location in Torgau, Germany (16th century)

- Philip Melancthon's home and burial location in Wittenberg, Germany. Reformer Melancthon was the primary author of the Augsburg Confession (16th century)

- John Calvin's home, lecture hall and grave in Geneva, Switzerland (16th century)

- St. Pierre Cathedral, the pulpit of reformer John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland (16th century)

- Museo Galileo, Institute and Museum of the History of Science in Florence, Italy (18th century)

- Reformation Wall, a monument to the international reformation in Geneva, Switzerland (20th century)

Worship Services:

- Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany

- St. Pierre Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland

- Abbey of St. Maurice d'Agaunum in St. Maurice, Switzerland (vesper and prayer service)

- Great St. Bernard Hospice (two prayer services)

- Chiesa San Pietro in Chatillon, Italy

- Basilica of San Domenico in Siena, Italy

- Santo Spirito in Sassia in Rome, Italy

- The Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Rome, Italy

- First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina



*Pictured:
Mac walking
in Tuscany*

By the numbers:

- 1078 km walked on the Via Francigena

- 52 days on the Via Francigena Pilgrims' Path

- 10 days in Germany

- 9 euro regional rail ticket in Germany

- 4 days in Rome, Italy

- 3 days in Florence, Italy

- 2 days in Milan, Italy

- 2 days in Lucca, Italy

- 2 pairs of Brooks Cascadia trail runners *(Photo to right)*

- 1 day in Pisa, Italy

- 1 day in Turin, Italy



I am looking forward to returning to Hudson after this amazing adventure. I missed you and look forward to our continued discipleship together! Thank you again for this opportunity to refresh my body, mind and spirit!

With Care,

Welcome New Members!

15 New Members Joined Hudson on Sunday, October 2nd

Eric & Katie Dunlap



Eric and Katie have 3 children: Anna (3rd grade), Nick (Kindergarten), and Reagan (Pre-K at HMP). Eric is originally from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and enjoys music,

cooking, and cheering for the Detroit Lions. Katie is from Kentucky and enjoys running, reading, spending lots of time outside (with her kids, doing yard work, going on walks, just being in nature). Eric is Vice President of Treasury at Corning Credit Union. Katie works as an art therapist at Bowman Family Services working with children and adolescents. She is passionate about her work and helping others!

Barbara Loehr-Fox & Winter Fox



Barbara Loehr-Fox is Director of Music Ministries at HMPC, originally from Gainesville, Florida. Winter Fox is a freelance photographer originally from Charleston, South Carolina. They have two little dogs (chihuahua/rat terrier mix) – Venus and Serena. Barbara enjoys pottery, hiking, reading, working out, and music. Winter also

enjoys music, and sings in the Chancel Choir and rings with Hudson Handbells (both of which Barbara directs!). Winter also enjoys Bible study, photography, pottery, hiking, wood working, cooking/baking, computer science, astronomy, reading, and having good conversations with people.

Natascha Genova



Natascha Genova works for Wake County Public Schools, and is married to Thomas. She is originally from Virginia, and she enjoys reading, travel, and walking. They have a son named Joseph (and he turns one year old on October 21st!).

Angus & Sallie Hinson



Angus and Sallie have 3 children - Walt (6th grade), Frances Gray (3rd grade), and Rebecca (Kindergarten). They also have a dog named Rosie.

Angus is originally from Quincy, Florida, and enjoys golf, sports, hunting, and fishing. Sallie grew up in Eden and Gastonia, NC, and has also lived in Martinsville, Virginia. She enjoys working, family, travel, friends, yoga, and walking. Angus and Sallie both work in Marketing.

Patricia Mack



Pat Mack was born in Ohio and spent her youth growing up in Pennsylvania. She grew up on a farm with horses, chickens, and dogs. She participates in water aerobics, listens to all types of music (she says music is her therapy!), and attends her grandchildren's school/

sporting events. She moved to Raleigh one year ago to be closer to her daughter and her family.

Lindsey Richards



Lindsey was born in Northern California but grew up in Michigan. She is a General Contractor for GreyHouse Inc, and is also a realtor. She enjoys playing tennis, and is a musician (and has played flute and Irish whistle at several services and concerts at Hudson over the past year!). Lindsey is married to Hudson's

Director of Youth Ministries, Rich Richards, and she is the "Bonus Mom" to Olsen (7th grade). She has a spirited rescue kitty named Blue.

Bob & Iva Stowe



Bob and Iva Stowe recently relocated to Raleigh from Wadesboro to be closer to family. Iva was a minister of music and organist for over 40 years prior to her retirement. Iva loves to travel, read historical novels, watch sports and movies, walk, and attend concerts and theatrical productions. They have a

cat named Gracie. Bob was born in Hamlet, NC, and has also lived in Atlanta, GA. He has lived all over North Carolina, including Wadesboro, Monroe, Statesville, and Hendersonville. Bob enjoys travel, hiking, and reading. Bob especially enjoys fishing and other water activities, and he enjoys playing pool, going to the gym, cooking and grilling. Bob has served his community in faith-based organizations as a charter board member of the Anson Crisis Ministry (food pantry) and Anson Prison Ministry. At retirement, he volunteered in the food distribution programs at the Crisis Ministry and the utility assistance program at First Presbyterian.

Bryan & Holli Swenson



Bryan is originally from Kansas City and works as a pilot for American Airlines. He loves working with his hands and playing golf. Holli grew up in Ahoskie, NC. She loves history and

reading, and she plays tennis. She is currently a stay-at-home mom, and she is also a lawyer. They have 2 children, Elliette (3rd grade) and Adeline (3 years old), as well as a miniature poodle named Laddie. They were a military family and lived in Japan before they moved to Raleigh.

Libbie & Steve Toth



Libbie was a member of HMPC from 1983-1996, and has returned! She is originally from Wilson, NC and is retired from working as an insurance agent. She enjoys working in her yard (she said "digging in the dirt is my mental therapy"), spending time with girlfriends from childhood and St. Giles. She also enjoys being with Steve and her

son when he visits. They have a rescue dog named Jake (and he's a mama's boy!). Steve is a retired Entomologist at NCSU. Steve is from Greensboro and he enjoys reading. Libbie said, "Steve and I met when we were youth advisors, he at St. Giles and me at Hudson. We did not date until after we were no longer in these positions. But when we attended joint youth group activities, we made arrangements to sit together and chat. We kept the flirting under wraps until we started dating." Steve and Libbie were married at Hudson by Bob Fields in 1995.

Welcome to Hudson!

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, October 16

9:00 am - Adult Ed "Nine O'Clock Class" - Room 200
9:30 am - Adult Ed Classes - WH South and WH North
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - GH/Playgarden
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Children's Music - GH
11:40 am - Youth Sunday School - GH
4:15 pm - Youth Music - WH South
5:00 pm - MS Youth Group (+ 5th graders) - North Hills
5:00 pm - HS Youth Group - Bowling
5:00 pm - Book Study with Debbie - Room 200

Monday, October 17

6:15 pm - Youth Committee - Zoom
7:00 pm - Finance - Zoom
7:00 pm - Diaconate - WH South
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH 227, 236

Tuesday, October 18

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
9:45 am - Sewing Guild - WH South
7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH 234

Wednesday, October 19

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

Thursday, October 20

6:00 pm - Women at the Well - Vivo Restaurante

Friday, October 21

6:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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