

# the weekly Window

March 24, 2023

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

## HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

10:30am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:00pm - Worship Service - Sanctuary

### GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

12:00pm - Worship Service - Sanctuary

### EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

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

This special service brings together St. Mark's United Methodist, St. Timothy's Episcopal, North Haven Church, The Fountain, Grace Lutheran, Trinity Baptist, and Hudson Memorial. Ministers from each of these congregations will be participating in the liturgy, and Pastor Mac will be preaching the sermon.

8:00-10:30am - Easter Breakfast - WH

9:00am - Easter Worship - Sanctuary

11:00am - Easter Worship - Sanctuary

*Nursery for infants, toddlers and twos  
will be available from 8:45am-12:15pm.*



## HMPC Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9 | 8:00-10:30am

Westminster Hall

The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to our annual Easter Breakfast in Westminster Hall from 8:00-10:30am. The menu includes sausage and egg biscuits; biscuits with honey and butter; fresh fruit, yogurt and drinks.

### HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

As we enjoy this wonderful meal, we want to remember our neighbors who use the **North Raleigh Food Pantry** and we ask you to bring breakfast items to support the Pantry: shelf stable milk; individual juice boxes; individually packaged fruit cups, oatmeal and grits; and family-sized boxes of cereal.

## Offering of Letters

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP  
WESTMINSTER HALL



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.

Learn about the Farm Bill [HERE](#)  
or on the homepage of [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org)



## PROPERTY

# HMPC Campus Work Day



**Saturday, April 15 | 9:00am-1:00pm**

The Book of Genesis tells us that God created the earth and seas and all that is in it for our benefit. Likewise, the founding members of HMPC bought the land, built and furnished the church over the years, and entrusted its care to future generations. Those future generations are now *us*.

On Saturday, April 15 from 9:00am-1:00pm, the Property Committee will hold a Campus Work Day to make minor repairs throughout the church; clean mildew from four exterior areas (windows/doors/playground shade); trim bushes, weed, and do general cleanup of our landscaping. We will also do some touch-up painting on a few doors and entrance ways, plus paint a couple of benches in Geneva Hall. As we have a very tight budget this year we must rely upon the good graces of our members - *you* - to volunteer a few hours of your time to help maintain our beautiful campus for our collective benefit now and into the future. More details will be in next week's *Weekly Window*. Thank you in advance for lending your time and talents to the church!

## ANNUAL REPORTS

# Annual Reports

Our 2022 Annual Reports are available! The booklet gives an overview of our ministries during 2022, reports from staff and committees, statistics, as well as our 2023 Budget.



If you would like to be emailed a digital copy, email Lesley Ash Jacobsen at [lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org](mailto:lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org) or download it [HERE](#). If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, email Lesley or call 919-787-1086 and leave a message at extension #13. Hard copies are

also available in the brochure rack next to the Karl Hudson room.

## MISSION

# see WHAT WE DID!



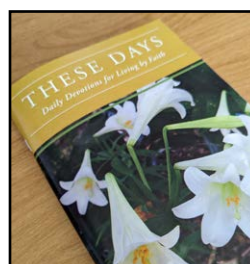
Hudson collected 104 pairs of glasses, cases, and additional lenses for the Lions Club International. By cleaning out our drawers of unused glasses, we have provided at least 104 people the ability to see God's beautiful world! The ability to go to school, read a book, see a true sunrise or even a family member's face is a true blessing. Thank you for not only donating your spectacles, but also embracing this time of sharing.

Consider running your own collection at work, at school or in your neighborhood. You can use my Spectacle Receptacle and then pass it on. Contact Byrum Diggins at the local Lion's club at (919) 971-8716 for donation pick up.

- Lizzie Graybill & The Mission Committee

## DEVOTIONALS

# These Days April - June Issues Are Here!



The spring issue of *These Days* has arrived! Copies are available at Sanctuary entrances.

Please contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](mailto:Lesley.Ash@hmpc.org) 919-787-1086 ext. 13, if you would like one mailed to you.

# SPICE IT UP SPECTACULAR!



## Youth Chili Cook-Off & Variety Show

Do you sing, dance, or play an instrument?  
Are you a magician, storyteller or comedian?  
Or are your talents more in the culinary arena?

There is a spot for everyone at the

### *Spice It Up Spectacular!*

Sunday, April 16 - Following worship

We are pooling everyone's talents for a GREAT cause – to raise funds for our summer youth trips. So, we need you!

- 10 acts to entertain – All ages welcome
- 10 chefs to supply crock pots of chili or soup
- 10 pastry chefs to supply desserts from cakes to cookies

Sign up at the [Spice It Up Sign-Up here](#) or at [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org).

It's a one stop sign-up for any part(s) you want to play: 1) Performer, 2) Soup or Chili Chef, 3) Dessert Creator, and 4) Enthusiastic Attendee.

During the show we'll collect contributions to help our youth with costs for the summer Youth Retreats & Mission Trips. Show your support for our youth and sign up to share your talents today!

#### Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Autry at [jennifer.autry@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.autry@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Peeler at [elizabeth.peeler@mindspring.com](mailto:elizabeth.peeler@mindspring.com)

## March 26th Youth Schedule

### THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Youth Sunday School - 5th-12th grade  
11:30am to 12:00pm

Youth Handbells - 5th-12th grade  
12:00-12:30pm

### THIS SUNDAY EVENING

March 26 is Sabbath Sunday!

### LOOKING AHEAD...

Sunday Afternoon, April 23

We will be taking the HS youth to Chapel Hill to serve dinner for the Ronald McDonald House.

This will be an RSVP trip because they need MINIMUM of 8 people to serve.

More to come on this, but mark your calendar and consider joining the group!

## BOY SCOUTS

### Join the Boy Scouts!

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church has sponsored Troop 376 "Building Boys into Men" since 1961.



Scouting emphasizes duty to God and country, helping others, and self-improvement by developing leadership, honesty, self-reliance, respect and personal fitness. Scouting has more than 135 merit badges to learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers.

**Joining Requirements:** Boys between 11 - 17 years old or have completed the 5th grade.

**Meetings:** Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Geneva Hall

**For questions:** Contact Scoutmaster Ray Kelling at 919-630-8933 [rkelling1@nc.rr.com](mailto:rkelling1@nc.rr.com)

## 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)**

**Use this link to volunteer:**

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



If you have any questions about the build, contact Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org) or Beth Billman [bethbillman@gmail.com](mailto:bethbillman@gmail.com)

## March Tend My Sheep PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

This month we are collecting snack foods for the NC State Presbyterian Campus Ministries. PCM is an inclusive and welcoming place for all students to enjoy fellowship with one another, find resources to assist them as needed, and have a safe place to process things

happening on campus, in the community and across the world. Currently there is much grief for the recent deaths of several classmates. You may place items in the baskets at sanctuary entrances.



## Avery County Mission Trip JOIN US THIS YEAR!

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON APRIL 30 AFTER WORSHIP

Members of our congregation will once again journey to Banner Elk, NC to help build homes for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The trip will run from **July 23-28**, but folks are welcome to join for a day or partial week.



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 and ample bathroom facilities if our band needs more accommodation.

With these opportunities and facilities, a large group of 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 receive instruction and learn by participation. Teens and friends are welcome too!

An informational meeting will occur on **April 30** shortly after the worship service. If you desire more detailed information in the meantime, please contact John Oldenburg, 901-210-3701, [oldygolden@aol.com](mailto:oldygolden@aol.com)

## Special Offering for March GENERAL MISSION FUND

This is an opportunity for the congregation to contribute directly to the Hudson Mission Fund. These funds help us put on events that serve our community and donate to causes and organizations that align with Hudson's mission and values.

Donate online at [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org) or place donation in the offering plate (specify "General Mission").

# Arts Camp Registration

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!



**WHEN:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
June 14, 15, 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

**WHAT:** A camp in 3 different nights to explore our faith through the arts--music, drama, and visual arts!

**WHO:** Children who have just completed K-Grade 5

**COST:** \$30 for first child; \$25 for siblings

## SCHEDULE:

**5:30-6:00pm - Dinner** - Child-friendly meals.  
Final night: pizza party & ice cream sundae bar!

**6:00-7:30pm - Rotation Through 3 Arts Areas**  
MUSIC/RHYTHM

*Experimenting with instruments & singing songs.*

DRAMA/MOVEMENT

*Experiencing drama & movement, including acting out Bible stories with costumes.*

ARTS/CRAFTS

*Exploring the gift of visual art.*

Registration link [here](#)  
or on the homepage of [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org)

# Volunteer Opportunity FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, April 22nd | 1:00-3:00pm



Children ages 5-11 are invited to join us for an afternoon of service at the Food Bank! Please register for both yourself AND for your child [here](#).

Link also available on the front page of [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org).

# VBS

## WAITLIST & CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

VBS registration is higher than ever! We filled all available slots before 11:00am on the first day it was open to the public (and have a long waitlist). Now we need volunteers to enjoy this week with our children! We need volunteers for Recreation, in the Nursery, and especially to work directly with the children and lead them from activity to activity. Please sign up to help for even a portion of the week if you are able.

If you have not yet signed up your child, please **add them to our [waitlist](#)**. We hope to be able to accommodate as many children as we can once our volunteers are in place.



## CHECK OUT THE VBS VIDEO!

Did you see the awesome VBS Volunteer video? If not, check it out below, or on the church's Facebook and YouTube page! You can hear about what the children and previous volunteers love about VBS. Special thanks to Kessler Dickerson for putting the video together!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKa\\_dh1vO3E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKa_dh1vO3E)

## Easter Lilies: It's Time to Order and Dedicate!



Lilies may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant will be \$15. Fill out a form by April 3rd (found on the Flower Calendar in the main hallway) and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office with a check designated for the *Chancel Guild Easter Lilies*. The

lilies may be picked up after the worship service on Easter Sunday.

If you wish to pay online, you can use this [link](#) and make a note in the memo line that the payment is for Easter lilies, and please specify who the donation is in honor or memory of.

## Lent Simple Supper & Evening Prayer Service

**FINAL SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY 3/29**

**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. Each week we provide healthy, delicious, simple suppers and a time of fellowship around the tables in WH North. There is no cost for these meals. Following the meal, the services of 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.



## April Birthdays



- 1 - Eric Dunlap
- 2 - Pam Glaub, Kate Dickerson, Gail Brenner
- 3 - Scott Brewer, Connie Atkinson
- 4 - Rowan Capps
- 5 - Eric Fertin, Ann Oldenburg, Davis Keen, Ella James Bever, Zack Nduka
- 6 - Martie Surasky
- 7 - Bruce Morgen, Ric Clemens
- 8 - Alexander Magee, Johannes van Die
- 9 - Alan Frelich
- 10 - Ken Ross, Hannah Schafer, Gary Alexander, Anna Dewar
- 12 - Linda Mathis, Russell Allen
- 13 - Andrew Roberson, Cary Krueger, Sarah Duncan
- 14 - Curt Plyler
- 15 - Sallie Hinson
- 16 - Lynda Kennedy, Alison Page
- 17 - Carson Rogers, Piper Phillips, Nadine Parangi, Anne Mushow
- 18 - Paulette Morrison
- 19 - Glenn Schindo, Belinda Keever, Justin Long
- 20 - Liam Playford, Matthew Williams
- 22 - John Whisler
- 23 - Abbie Schindo, Adeline Cesareo
- 24 - Riley Allen, Trevor Boone, Georgia Towns
- 25 - Cooper Plentl, George Conger, Alex Matthews
- 26 - Maria Ya, Drew McDuffie, Quinten Roberson, John Oldenburg
- 27 - Carole Larsen, Roger Morris, Erin Bartow, Garrett Dawkins
- 28 - Katherine Schneider, Emily Dawkins, Barry Cobb
- 29 - Sean Cole, Katie Dunlap
- 30 - McLean Bradshaw, Brian Bentlage, Mike Coffey

# Sunday Morning 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?

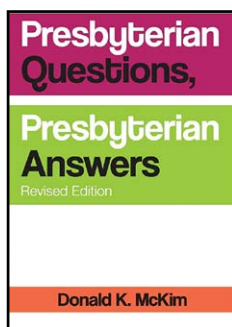
I invite you to join me for the six Sundays that occur within Lent for a class on the journey of sacrifice. My intent is that it will follow Scripture, explore our faith and rock with lively discussion. Even during Lent, I am not one for giving up on a bit of fun. - Jimmy Hulsey

## PRESBYTERIAN PONDERINGS

9:30am | WH North

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

THIS WEEK - MARCH 26



The world is coming to an end! (Or maybe not) Will the Second Coming of Jesus interfere with the NCAA Tournament? Don't just sit there waiting for it, come to Presbyterian Ponderings this Sunday where we'll figure it all out! (Or maybe not, but we'll have fun trying!)

## Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, March 28 | 6:30am | Patio



All men are invited to join this group 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*.

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 meetings: 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](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org).

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## GREETERS

# Interested in Greeting?

## INVITING NEW GREETERS INTO OUR ROTATION

If you are interested in getting more involved and helping Sunday mornings at Hudson, we invite you to consider becoming a greeter this year. We are looking for 5 new people to join our rotation. It's a wonderful way to welcome visitors and say hello to new and old members. Please join us in being a Hudson Greeter! If you are interested, contact the [church office](#) or [Sarah Edge](#).

## THIS WEEK

# This Week...

## Sunday, March 26

- 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 North
- 11:30 am - Children's Music - GH
- 11:30 am - Offering of Letters - WH North
- 11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - GH SS Room
- 12:00 pm - Youth Handbells - WH South
- 5:00 pm - MS/HS Youth Sabbath Sunday - At home

## Monday, March 27

- 9:45 am - Preschool Chapel
- 7:00 pm - Session - WH South
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH

## Tuesday, March 28

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop 376 - GH

## Wednesday, March 29

- 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

## Friday, March 31

- 6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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