

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



APRIL 4, 2025

## THIS SUNDAY AT HUDSON *Special Happenings on Sunday, April 6...*

### *Worship*

#### **TRANSITIONAL PASTOR MARGUERITE SIRRINE'S FIRST SUNDAY AT HMPC**

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we welcome Rev. Marguerite Sirrine! She will be preaching a sermon entitled "Water in the Wilderness" using the scriptures Isaiah 43:16-21 and Philippians 3:4b-14.

### *After Worship*

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

This Session has called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, April 6. We ask that all members please attend. The purpose of the meeting, as set by Session, is: The election of the next class of Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members. The Nominating Committee (elected by the congregation) puts forth the following individuals for election:

**Elders** - Barry Cobb, Jay Cummins, John James, and Elizabeth Peeler

**Deacons** - Jenn Autry, Nancy Eyre, Joanna Hulsey, Hope Parangi, and Iva Stowe

**Nominating Committee** - Marsha Flueckinger and Roger Howard



#### **FELLOWSHIP TIME - MEET PASTOR MARGUERITE!**

Please join us for a time of fellowship as we welcome our new Transitional Pastor to Hudson! Our Fellowship Committee is putting together a special spread of goodies and even a cupcake bar! Come to Westminster Hall after the Congregational Meeting to enjoy some tasty treats, a time with friends, and a chance to chat with Marguerite.

#### **There will be other opportunities to meet Pastor Marguerite in the coming weeks:**

**Wednesday, April 9** - 6:00pm - Simple Supper (WH North) & Lenten Prayer Service (Chapel)

**Wednesday, April 9** - 7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, April 13** - 9:30am - The Seekers Sunday School Class (WH South)

**Sunday, April 13** - 11:30am - Coffee & Conversation for Young-ish Adults (Chapel)

# Learn About the Class of 2028 Officer Nominees

## Elder Nominees

### BARRY COBB



Barry has been a member of Hudson for 27 years. He currently serves on the Property Committee. Past committee service includes a term as an Elder, chairing Personnel, service on the Stewardship Team, the Preschool Board, and the Nominating Committee. Barry is married to Emily and is the proud

father of two grown children, Maggie and James, who grew up in Hudson's preschool, church school and youth programs.

Barry works as a lawyer with Walker Allen, LLP.

### JAY CUMMINS



My wife, Lynn, and I have lived in Raleigh for about 20 years, and our daughter, Reed, is a sophomore at Ravenscroft. Lynn grew up in the Texas Rio Grande Valley, and I was raised in Northeast Ohio. Reed was born in Raleigh, and we have lived in the same house in the North Raleigh neighborhood of Bedford

since moving here. I have an older daughter, Elizabeth, who is a research chemist and lives in the Seattle, Washington area.

Waterloo Container is a family-owned distributor of packaging materials for the wine, spirits, and beer industries. I recently joined the company to develop strategies and growth in the Carolinas and Georgia. Previously, I spent 40 years in national and international executive roles at various family-owned and private equity-backed beverage alcohol companies, including E&J Gallo, Sazerac, and Nomacorc.

In my free time, I play tennis with Reed, walk our dog Bam Bam in local parks, and spend time with Lynn.

We joined Hudson in 2009 shortly after Reed was born. I participate in several groups at Hudson, including the Youth and Adult Education committees, the Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals team, and the Session as an

Elder. At the New Hope Presbytery, I serve on the Finance and Property committee and have been involved with the Matthew 25, Strategy, and Financial Stability task forces.

### JOHN JAMES



John James has been a member of Hudson since 2002. Currently he serves on the Personnel Committee, sings in the Chancel Choir, and co-leads the Presbyterian Ponderings Sunday school class. He has previously served on the Session and on the Diaconate, as well as the Giving Ministry Team, the Mission

Committee, and the Adult Education Committee. John is active in men's ministries at Hudson and has been a confirmation teacher/mentor in past years. He recently served on the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee.

During the week John works at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill as a research administrator. In his free time he enjoys reading, watching sports, listening to music, running, and hiking. (More and more often, what starts out as running ends up as hiking!) John is married to Angela Baker-James, also a member of HMPC, and has three adult daughters (Hannah, Lily, Molly).

### ELIZABETH PEELER



Tim and I have been married since 1993. We joined Hudson in 1996 and raised both of our boys, Michael (23) and Benjamin (21), in the church.

I am a conference and event planner. After 17 years running D-P Planning Meetings & Events, I have been at IQVIA on their Global Events team for four years. I'm a detail and risk management person, always looking for the "what if's" and potential problems that can arise.

This will be my 3rd time serving as an Elder. I was ordained as an Elder in 1992 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC.

Currently I am Co-Chair Sacristy Guild. I have been Chair of Wedding Guild, Chair Weaving Webb Supper

## Class of 2028 Officers - Continued

Club, Circle Leader, Sunday School teacher, Chair WHAM!, Variety Show Chair, 50th Anniversary and 60th Anniversary Planning Committees, member of the Worship, Welcome, Stewardship and Youth Committees, and much more.

I delight in driving Tim crazy. We love to take daily walks. I'm in two book clubs. And our house is run by cats Russell, Wilson, and Huckleberry.

many of our youth (young adults now). I've had lots of laughs and it's just pure joy and fun to walk alongside the brilliant and talented Hudson youth.

Currently, I'm a member of the Property and Fellowship Committees.

I work full-time as a Senior Property Coordinator with Kimco Realty, Property Management team. I also enjoy volunteering with Saving Grace, Animals for Adoption, NC.

### Deacon Nominees

#### JENN AUTRY



My family and I began attending Hudson in the summer of 2022 and joined as members a few months later, and we dove into serving. I currently chair the Youth Committee, and my husband, Ryan, serves on the Welcome and Property Committees. Ryan works at Syneos Health, and is in the North Carolina

National Guard. We have two children - Jackson (15) and Darcy (12). Jackson is a Freshman at Millbrook High School and Darcy is in 7th grade at Endeavor Charter School. They enjoy the youth program here at HMPC. We also have a 160lb Saint Bernard named Lily!

#### NANCY EYRE



I have been a member of Hudson Memorial since moving to Raleigh in the mid-90s to be closer to my parents during their retirement, Carvel & Myrna Eyre. I joined the church on July 23rd, 1995, to be exact!

I have one daughter, Tatum, who resides in Hoboken, NJ, and is a graduate of UNCSA.

Among the many things I have done at Hudson, one of my greatest joys has been my service to Hudson as a youth advisor. I cherish the memories I have made with

#### JOANNA HULSEY



Jimmy and I have been married a very long time (!). Our children are Robert and Emily. Our granddaughter, Melody, is five and is anticipating the arrival of a sibling this summer. We are pretty excited about that.

After completing an M.S.W. at Rutgers, I worked in several outpatient mental health clinics

on Long Island, NY, starting as a family therapist and eventually working my way into the position of the Clinic Director. The work was fast-paced and intense, and at the end of the day, I felt that we had been able to extend a hand to someone in need.

I enjoy reading, especially good mysteries, and still regularly Zoom with my LI book group. I enjoy trying out new recipes, having friends over, baking blueberry muffins and cupcakes with Melody, mowing the yard (seriously!), working out at the Rex Center, playing card games, going on trips which are fabulously planned by Jimmy. I also am a member of P.E.O., a women's organization whose purpose is to provide scholarships and low-interest loans to assist women who are pursuing their education.

Anyone who knows me knows I LOVE playing handbells; I play at Hudson and also at Edenton Street UMC. For years I taught Sunday School. At Hudson, I have been involved with Hudson Connects, been a Deacon for three years, currently serve on the Personnel Committee, have just joined the Adult Education Committee, and am a member of a PW Circle. I look forward to the Women's Retreat at Montreat each August.

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## Class of 2028 Officers (Continued)

### IVA STOWE



Iva Shumate Stowe is a native of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. She graduated from Wilkes Central High School, Mars Hill College (University) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education, majoring in organ and minoring in piano, and Southeastern

Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Religious Education degree. She took additional courses at Westminster Choir College (choral conducting) and Southwestern Theological Seminary (handbells). She is a member of the American Guild of Organists.

She served for 7 years at Fellowship Baptist Church, Raleigh, as minister of music and education and First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, for 34 years as minister of music and organist. She retired in 2015.

Iva was ordained as a deacon (2020) and to the work of The Gospel Ministry (2022) at FBC Wadesboro.

Iva and her husband, Bob, moved to Raleigh in 2022 and soon thereafter became members of Hudson. They have one child, Rachel McHenry, who lives in Raleigh with her husband, John, and son, Micah.

Iva is a member of the Chancel Choir, assistant music librarian, member of the Handbell Choir, member of the Seekers Sunday School Class, and attends the weekly meetings of Women at the Well.

Iva enjoys traveling with Bob and family, walking the Crabtree Valley Trail, reading, practicing at the organ and piano, watching ACC basketball and football games, solving crossword puzzles, playing Mahjong, and paying attention to her cat, Gracie.

Iva's favorite and daily mantra is from Psalm 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (NRSV). One of her favorite hymns, "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" (text by Fred Pratt Green) states: "Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to always sing Alleluia! Alleluia!" May it be so.

### HOPE PARANGI



I grew up in New Jersey and there is where I met and married my husband, Max. We lived in California and Florida before moving to Raleigh. All of these places gave me insight and helped make me the person that I have become.

We have 3 grown children. 2 daughters, Nedda and Nadine, and our son, Bijan.

I was a preschool teacher here at Hudson for 8 years, before this I worked at The Montessori School of Raleigh. I am now employed at Highland Children's Center and have been there for the past 12 years. My husband and I also work together at our small coffee shop on the weekends.

I enjoy my Church Hosting position. Bridging people and their friendships while sharing a simple treat and a cup of coffee. This position includes me at times making purchases for a committee that they might need for an event or to help prepare a simple soup/dinner as in the Deacon Lenten Worship Services.

I have worked on the Chancel Guild, I've been a Deacon, and I continue seeing joy in sharing moments with our youth bringing the Children's Message in Worship on Sundays. I am looking forward to all that comes with my new experiences while here at HMPC.

### WORSHIP & THE ARTS

## Pastor Marguerite's Email Sermon Discussion Group

Join Pastor Marguerite's email sermon discussion group! Send our Transitional Pastor Marguerite Serrine an email ([mserrine@hmhc.org](mailto:mserrine@hmhc.org)) if you would like to receive sermon outlines via email on Wednesdays prior to the Sundays she preaches. You are encouraged to share your



comments and responses with all subscribers on the group, or just use the outline as preparation for Sunday's service.

## Final Lent Supper & Evening Prayer Service

**FINAL SERVICE: APRIL 9**

**Supper: 6:00pm in WH North**

**Prayer Service: 6:30 in the Chapel**

HMPC Deacons invite you to join them for this final Lenten supper and worship service. **Our new Transitional Pastor, Marguerite Sirrinc, will join us!** We look forward to meeting and eating with folks in Westminster Hall.



There is no cost for these meals and reservations are not required. Following the meal, a short service of evening prayer takes place in the Chapel.

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Next Saturday, April 12 - 10am-12pm**

**Volunteers & candy donations needed!**



Join us on April 12th for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Enjoy crafts, games, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Children of all ages are invited to participate. If you are able to contribute peanut-free candy or trinkets (stickers, temporary tattoos) to fill the eggs please drop them in the

basket near the Karl Hudson room. There are also empty plastic eggs in the Karl Hudson Room if you would like to take some to fill up and return to us. **We would love help on the day of the event to ensure everything goes smoothly!** We need Egg Hiders, Craft Helpers, Story Readers, and Setup/Cleanup Crews. Great opportunity for Youth to serve as well! Sign up [HERE](#).

## 2025 Holy Week

### PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13

10:30am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

### MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 17

7:00pm - Worship Service - Sanctuary

### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18

12:00pm - Worship Service - Sanctuary

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20



9:00am Worship

11:00am Worship

(Sanctuary)

Nursery for children in Kindergarten and under will be available from 8:45am-12:15pm. Please note there will be **NO** Adult Education, Children's Sunday School, Children's Music or Youth activities on Easter.

**Our Six Forks church neighbors will be holding the annual Ecumenical Service on the playground at St. Timothy's at 7:00am on Easter. (Please note, this is an outdoor service so dress accordingly!)**

### **Stop by between 8:00 and 10:30am for the EASTER "CANCAKE" BREAKFAST**

Come to Westminster Hall to eat pancakes, bacon, coffee and juice, and enjoy fellowship with your HMPC friends!

**Suggested donation:** You may make a monetary donation or bring some non-perishable food items which will be donated to the North Raleigh Ministries Food Pantry.

## Easter Lilies - 10 Days Left to Order!



Lilies may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant is \$15. Fill out a form **by April 14** (found on the Flower Calendar in the main hallway or Sanctuary entrances) 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 order online**, you can use this [link](#) and when paying online, please make a note in the memo line that the payment is for Easter lilies.

## Upcoming Youth Activities

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 6**



No Sunday School



On Sunday at 5:00pm, we'll have a **PICNIC IN THE PARK!** Let's usher in the last quarter of the school year with a family picnic at Cedar Hills Park! Bring dinner for your family and any outdoor games you like to play. We'll also have some frisbees and balls for games. We have reserved the picnic shelter.

Address: 5600 Sweetbriar Dr, Raleigh, NC, 27609

This event is for all youth (grades 5-12) and their families. See you there!

### LOOKING AHEAD:

#### 4/13 - High School Youth Event: "Phones and Pizza"

We have a guest speaker coming to discuss with HS youth and parents the impact of phones, devices and social media on our youth today! This will be a very informative time together, so please make every effort to attend.

★ *Special Bonus...* ★

*Rich will be back from parental leave! Woohoo!*

### HMPC STAFF

**Marguerite Sirrine**, 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 Specialist

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

**Hope Parangi**, Church Hostess

**Rich Richards**, Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music (*Currently on parental leave*)

**Dorothy Roche**, Preschool Director

**Hannah Woodcock**, Administrative Coordinator

*Email [info@hmpc.org](mailto:info@hmpc.org) to contact the church office*

## Join the Habitat Build!

**April 26 & May 31**



We are excited to be part of another Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build this Spring. The build dates for our congregation are Saturday, April 26th, and Saturday, May 31st. We have 5 reserved spots for Hudson members for each build day. If you would like to register to participate, please do so for Old Poole Place on one of our designated days at [THIS LINK](#). Link can also be found on the homepage of [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org). If you have any questions, please email Lauren Parikh at [lauren.parikh@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.parikh@gmail.com).

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## April Tend My Sheep

**NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES**



During the Month of April, the Mission Committee is collecting **oatmeal, breakfast cereals, peanut butter and jelly** for North Raleigh Ministries. Donations can be left in the bins at Sanctuary entrances.

With the drop in funding for all food banks, the Eastern and Central Food Bank of North Carolina - the **LARGEST FOOD BANK IN THE US** - will lose \$2,000,000 alone in funds which go to purchasing produce directly from local farmers. This hurts our farmers and those in need of food.



Thus, the need to support those who are food insecure is even more urgent. Please contribute as you are able.

## April Special Offering

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

**Our Special Offering** for April is to support PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or [donate online](#).

## WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

# Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, April 8 | 6:30am | WH Patio



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

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on for 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 - is there 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. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships



within the church! New participants are always welcome. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) to be added to the mailing list for this group. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions.

## SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION



# The Seekers

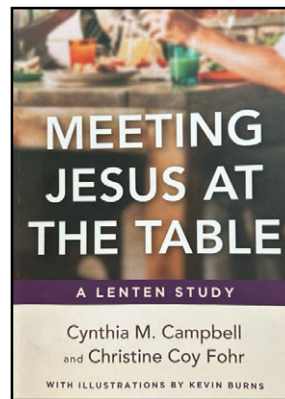
9:30am Sundays During Lent

**Lenten Series: Meeting Jesus at the Table**

Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey

**WESTMINSTER HALL SOUTH**

Lent is a season for deepened reflection on the meaning of Jesus' life and ministry, death and resurrection. It is also a time for us to reflect on what it means to be called to follow Jesus in our own lives individually and as



communities of faith. We hope that these table stories draw you closer to Christ and to one another as the body of Christ and that you will always be able to recognize him in the breaking and sharing of bread.

Please join the Seekers as we seek to *Meet Jesus At The Table* this Lent!

## BOOMERS

**Save the Date!**

# BOOMERS DERBY PARTY

May 3 at 5:00pm

Hosted by  
**Heather & Bob Monroe**  
at their home



Look for the email invitation in your inbox or in the *Weekly Window*.



For those new to the church or do not know about this group, Boomers is a fellowship group for those born between 1946 and 1964, although all are welcome.

# Presbyterian Ponderings

**"Lectio Divina: Philippians 3:4b-14"**

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

**WESTMINSTER HALL NORTH**

This is a discussion-based class with 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. Here's the plan for this month:

4/6 - Fred Woodward will facilitate a Lectio Divina session using the passage Philippians 3:4b-14.

4/13 - Joint Meet & Greet with Pastor Marguerite and the The Seekers class.

4/20 - Easter Sunday - No class.

## April Birthdays



- 1 - Eric Dunlap
- 2 - Pam Glaub, Kate Dickerson, Gail Brenner
- 3 - Connie Atkinson
- 4 - Rowan Capps
- 5 - Eric Fertin, Ann Oldenburg, Davis Keen,  
Zack Nduka
- 6 - Martie Surasky
- 7 - Bruce Morgen, Ric Clemens
- 8 - Alexander Magee, Johannes van Die
- 10 - Ken Ross, Hannah Schafer, Gary Alexander,  
Anna Dewar
- 12 - Russell Allen, Linda Mathis
- 13 - Andrew Roberson, Cary Krueger, Sarah Duncan
- 14 - Curt Plyler
- 15 - Sallie Hinson
- 16 - Lynda Kennedy
- 17 - Carson Rogers, Piper Phillips, Nadine Parangi
- 18 - Paulette Morrison
- 19 - Glenn Schindo
- 20 - Liam Playford, Matthew Williams
- 21 - Jackson Dilger
- 22 - John Whisler
- 23 - Abbie Schindo, Adeline Cesareo
- 24 - Riley Allen, Trevor Boone
- 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, Mike Coffey

## This Week at HMPC

### Sunday, April 6

- 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Room 200
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
- 11:30 am - Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 11:45ish - Fellowship (+ Meet and Greet) - WH North
- 11:45 am - Youth Bells - Chapel
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group - Cedar Hills Park

### Monday, April 7

- 5:30 pm - HMPC Foundation - Westminster South
- 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

### Tuesday, April 8

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 11:30 am - Hannah Circle - Rm 200
- 6:00 pm - ACA Meeting - Rm 200
- 6:30 pm - Children's Committee - WH North (TBD)
- 6:45 pm - Preschool Board - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

### Wednesday, April 9

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:00 pm - Lenten Supper (+ Meet & Greet) - WH North
- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 6:30 pm - Lenten Prayer Service - Chapel
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (+ Meet & Greet) - Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 10

- 7:00 pm - Mission Committee - Westminster South

### Saturday, April 12

- 10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt