

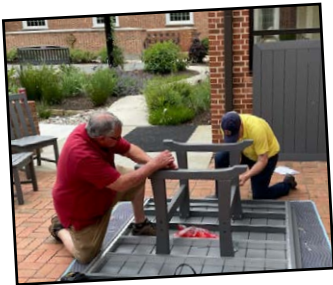


the weekly Window

May 19, 2023

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

SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT!



Friends,

Below is a list of our Time & Talent opportunities. I once met with Alban Institute founder Loren Mead who talked about the “Stages of Joining” a church community. He said the flow goes something like this:

Gathering & Sharing Information



Committing



Engaging in Productive Ministry

Mead suggested that the hope is having members repeat this cycle over and over. Spring is always a time when we hope you will discern what God is calling you to through the church. In the spirit of this, please explore the list below and submit your areas of interest to Lesley Ash-Jacobsen in the church office. You may provide a physical copy or you can [email](#) your interests. The Time & Talent form is also on the back of the worship bulletin and you can place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

We are excited about how you might get more committed and engaged in service to Christ!



**What are you interested in getting involved with?
Where can you help support & enrich our community?**

Adult Education	Finance	Mission Activities	Technology
Children's Events	Food preparation	Music	Usher
Children's Message	Gardening	Nursery	Vacation Bible School
Children's Sunday School	Greeter	Office Volunteer	Van Driver
Chancel Choir	Handy Work	Photography	Women's Groups
Communion Prep	Human Resources	Preschool	Worship Preparation
Confirmation Mentor	Liturgist	Property Maintenance	Writing/Proofreading
Elder Care	Live-streaming	Soundboard	Youth Leadership
Fellowship Events	Men's Groups	Teaching	Youth Sunday School

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30am Sunday | WH North

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

Keeping with our recent theme of Presbyterian perspectives, we will finish out the spring discussing a variety of social issues and the positions that the PCUSA has taken on those issues. We hope you will join us with your own thoughts and perspectives.

This week's topic of conversation:
Gender and Sexuality

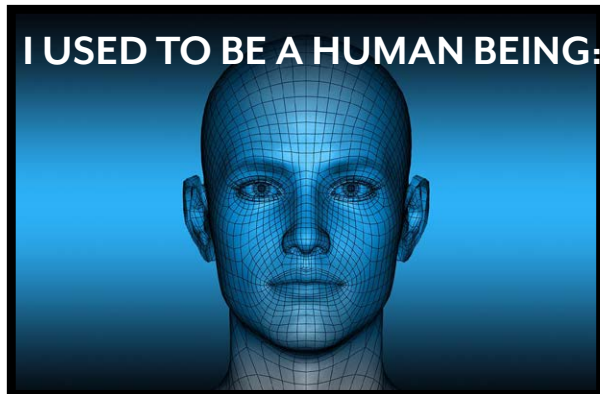


The Seekers

9:30am Sunday | WH South

May 21 (Continued from last week)

Facilitated by Roger Howard



A DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW TECHNOLOGY IMPACTS OUR LIVES AND OUR FAITH

Note: Your personal cell phone is your class admission ticket. Cell phone must be on and in working order.



Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, May 23 | 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

Thursday, May 25 | 6:00pm

Vivo Ristorante

Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to participate. We use a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest over dinner at a local restaurant. Our next meeting will be May 25. **This summer we will meet at 6:00pm at Vivo Ristorante on June 22, July 20 and August 17.**



This is a great opportunity 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, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpe.



Presbyterian Pint

7:00pm | Thursday, May 25 | Mordecai Beverage Co.

Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment! We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. All men of any age and stage of life are welcome! Contact [Pastor Mac](#) to be added to the distribution list.

Deacons' Annual Dinner

The Deacons enjoyed their annual dinner where they welcomed the Deacons-Elect and expressed their appreciation to the class of 2023: Judie Greenawalt, Moderator; Pat Balletta, Wilson Cheeley, Denise Crosson, and Keto Komono. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Hudson!



FAITH FORMATION

Member Charlotte Burch on Camino de Santiago



On Sunday, May 7th, we did a blessing ceremony in worship for Charlotte Burch as she went on Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago, specifically the Camino Frances, the oldest, most historical pilgrims' path across Northern Spain.



As of your reading of this, Charlotte will be on day 7 of her adventure. Pray for Charlotte as she experiences this amazing journey with other pilgrims from around the world.



New Pulpit Dedicated Last Sunday

EXCERPTS FROM PASTOR MAC'S SERMON



On Sunday, May 14th, during worship, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church dedicated a new pulpit for the sanctuary. In 2008, the Session voted to remove the original 1964 stationary pulpit for a “new, less prominent, and movable pulpit.” What was purchased was more of a reading lectern than an actual pulpit.

So why a new pulpit today?

Well, from a very practical standpoint, this pulpit can fit all shapes and sizes. It's more flexible in terms of the height of the preaching pastor. The top section, where the manuscript or Bible sits, can be raised and lowered. The pulpit is also on wheels, making it easy to move.

The Latin word for "pulpit" is *pulpitum* and means platform or staging. Before Christianity, synagogues had a bema which raised the reader of the Torah up to be better heard. This bema crossed over to Christianity and over time developed into a raised chancel space, called an "ambo" (meaning *elevated*), then eventually developed into what we know of as a pulpit.

The original pulpit at HMPC was on the south side of the chancel. I imagine it was placed there in 1964 when the sanctuary was built. I'm sure church leadership at the time envisioned the original communion table always being up on the chancel steps and centrally located, thus the pulpit needed to be on the north or south end.



Rev. Frank Lemmon at the original Sanctuary pulpit in 1964.

In recent years, flexibility has

become more important. Indeed, that's probably why in 2008 the Session voted to get a smaller more-moveable

reading lectern. Interim minister, Bill Ennes, at that time, preached off an iPad and wandered as he preached. Director of Music, Phil Hayden, wanted more flexibility for instrumentalists, hand bells, and other types of musical worship.

In my tenure here, we have had the communion table on the floor on many Sundays, this has allowed the pulpit to take a more central place and made the table more accessible for servers and worshipers. In many ways, this matches our historic Reformed and Calvinistic tradition. *The Book of Order* guides us in this way: "To center worship on preparing to hear the Word, hearing the Word, and responding to the Word." So, having the pulpit more centrally-located symbolically represents this focus. Having a larger pulpit physically highlights the important place of scripture, and the living Word, Jesus!

In recent years, there has been a revival within the Reformed tradition to move the pulpit back to a central location because of our theology and liturgy. Two examples of this are First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, and at Princeton Theological Seminary chapel in Princeton, NJ.

We owe HMPC and Property Committee member Mary Schindo a great deal of gratitude for helping Hudson complete this project. Mary did research, consulted Debbie and I, made presentations to Property Committee, and finally, the Hudson Foundation Board approved funding for the project.

It feels right to end this article with words from the *Directory for Worship*:

"Space for Christian worship should include a place for the reading and proclamation of the Word, a font or pool for Baptism, and a table for the Lord's Supper. The arrangement of these symbols of Word and Sacrament conveys their relationship to one another and their centrality in Christian worship.

The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who 'became flesh and lived among us' (John 1:14). Where the Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ, the living Word, is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day."

**FIRST
FELLOWSHIP
FRIDAY
OF THE
SUMMER!**

JOIN US AT CAFE CAPISTRANO

AND

ALTERED STATE BREWERY

FOR OUTDOOR SEATING AND FELLOWSHIP!

JUNE 2 | 5:30PM



These are side-by-side venues. Altered State is a local brewery and Cafe Capistrano is a low-key eatery serving California-style Mexican fare.

8471 Garvey Dr. Unit 113 (off of Durant Road)

Food and drink available for purchase.



**THIS IS A
FAMILY-FRIENDLY
GATHERING!
DOGS ARE
WELCOME TOO!**

MISSION

May Special Offering Shelter Ministries



Our Special Offering for May is for Shelter Ministries and your donations this year will go to Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build. Without additional sources of funding for the Interfaith Build, we rely on Special Offerings to support our primary mission partners, of which Habitat is one, as well as other outreach ministries. The committee has committed \$6,500 as our portion of the Interfaith Build and we are confident that the congregation can make this happen.

You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate, or by online giving specifically to Shelter Ministries through the church's website by visiting hmpe.org. You can text the donation amount with the word "Shelter" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Shelter) You can also mail a check with "Shelter Ministries" in the memo line to the church office: 4921 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, 27609.

May Tend My Sheep Green Chair Project

This month's Tend My Sheep offering benefits The Green Chair Project, a nonprofit organization that reuses donated furnishings for people facing the challenges of homelessness, crisis, or disaster. The Green Chair Project has partnered with other nonprofit agencies to provide essential furnishings and services to families and individuals who are moving from temporary to stable housing. Through the generosity of community partners and businesses, one thing they do is provide every child in Wake County a bed with the Sweeter Dreams Program, because over 6,000 children would sleep on the floor otherwise. Our Tend My Sheep Offering will help to outfit these beds with:

- **NEW twin-size gender-neutral sheet sets**
- **NEW twin-size gender neutral comforters**
- **NEW pillows**

All bedding must be new and in its original packaging and can be placed in the TMS bins at the sanctuary doors and in the narthex. To find out more about this wonderful organization check out thegreenchair.org



THE
GREEN CHAIR
PROJECT



Adult Summer Series

June 4 - August 20

9:30-10:20am | Sundays | Westminster Hall North

We all enjoy a change of pace in the summer! Our Adult Summer Sunday School Series, coordinated by the Adult Committee, gives our teachers and leaders a break, encourages fellowship among folks from the different classes, and provides the opportunity to hear from a variety of individuals from our congregation and community on various topics of interest. Highlights this year include: Three sessions hosted by our Mission Committee on behalf of Hunger Action; conversations on care for the earth, including a visit with Andy the Beekeeper; engaging the scriptures with Rev. Jimmy Hulsey; a dramatic presentation by some of our most creative women; and a presentation from our Avery County Mission Team. Whether you are a regular Sunday School participant, teach elsewhere during the year, or don't usually attend an adult class, we encourage you to come any time you can. Bring a friend along!



On the holiday weekends of May 28 (Memorial Day) and September 3 (Labor Day) adult classes are not meeting.

We encourage you to use the time before worship to begin your Sabbath with personal reflection in the Memorial Garden or walking one of the labyrinths, outside on the north end of our campus, or indoors in the Chapel.



June 4 - HMPC Trivia



How much do you know about HMPC? Whether you have been a member a long time, recently joined, or somewhere in between, you will enjoy this time

of learning more about our campus, congregation, and church family with a fun game of trivia! Winners receive tickets to the Wednesday Summer Suppers! Facilitated by Susan Bradshaw and Debbie Kirk.

June 11 - Caring for the Earth



During the summer season we are especially aware of the beauty of God's creation. Ron Ash will lead a conversation about the theological and practical reasons Christians are called to be good stewards of the earth. Participants are invited to bring a picture of something from nature to share with the group.

June 18 - Mission Event



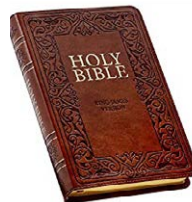
The Mission Committee will host a hands-on packing event as part of our Hunger Action commitment. We will enjoy fellowship around the tables while learning about one of our ministry partners working to address food insecurity. We will make breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels. All the supplies will be provided.

June 25 - Part 1

Sin, Guilt & Responsibility in the Bible & Today

Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will lead Part one of our conversation on "Sin, Guilt and Responsibility in the Bible and Today".

July 9 - Part 2



Jimmy Hulsey will lead part two of the discussion on "Sin, Guilt and Responsibility in the Bible and Today".

July 16 - Food Bank Update

The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina* will bring us an update on the complicated issues that contribute to the rise in hunger in our area and the ways the Food Bank is expanding its work to meet those needs. **Our primary mission partner as a Hunger Action Congregation*



Adult Summer Series (Continued)

July 23 - Focus on Hunger Action

Maggie Kane, Executive Director of A Place at the Table, will share the latest about this amazing ministry that grew from an idea she had while in college to the thriving nonprofit it is today, where people from all walks of life share meals around tables together. She has wonderful stories of how many individuals benefit from



this pay-what-you-can cafe, including how the staff met the challenges of Covid restrictions that required them to close in person dining, yet continue to provide meals to those who needed them. HMPC supports APATT as part of our Hunger Action commitment.

July 30 - Characters of the Bible (Dramatized!)

Joanna Hulsey, Lizzie Graybill and Grace Hutchison will provide us a new lens through which to look at scripture through a dramatic (and humorous) interpretation of some famous and infamous biblical characters.

August 6 - All About Bees



Our friend “Andy the Beekeeper” gave us a wonderful presentation last year about the importance of honeybees to the ecosystem, and will once again be our guest and will tell us all

we need to know about one of the smallest and most vital of God’s creatures. Honey and treats made with honey will be available for sampling!

August 13 - Preview of Fall Program

An overview of fall faith formation opportunities will be presented by the Adult Committee and class leadership.

August 20- Mission Trip Report

For the final Summer Series session, the Avery County Mission Team will report on this year’s trip, which serves as a mission opportunity as well as a wonderful time of fellowship for HMPC members and friends.

Children's Ministry Summer Series "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT"

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23

This summer, our children's ministry will be exploring the Fruit of the Spirit, as described in Galatians 5:22-23. Each week will have a different theme and will be paired with a relevant activities, videos, and a special book. Here are the themes for each week:

May 28th	LOVE
June 4th	JOY
June 11th	PEACE
June 18th	PATIENCE
June 25th	KINDNESS
July 2nd	GENEROSITY
July 9th	GENTLENESS
July 16th	FAITHFULNESS
July 23rd	SELF-CONTROL
July 30th	LOVE
August 6th	JOY
August 13th	PEACE
August 20th	PATIENCE
August 27th	KINDNESS
September 4th	GENEROSITY



We hope your children will join us this summer!

Summer Sing!

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am
June 11 - August 13

If you’ve wanted to experience the wonderful small group atmosphere of our friendly Chancel Choir with easier songs, no choir robes, and only a Sunday morning rehearsal, this Summer Sing program is perfect for you. In the summer we sing more familiar songs and only rehearse Sunday mornings – no Wednesday commitment! Come join the fun! Contact [Barbara Loehr-Fox](#) for questions.

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CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 21

9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South

9:30 am - Ponderings - WH North

10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North

1:00 pm - Inquirers' Class - Zoom

Monday, May 22

7:00 pm - Session - WH South

8:00 pm - How It Works (Al-Anon) - GH Rooms

Tuesday, May 23

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, May 24

8:00 am - Confirmation Ministry Team - Off-site

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 25

4:00 pm - Memorial Garden Committee - WH South

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

7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev. Co.

Friday, May 26

6:30 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Please note: Office Closed Monday, May 29!

SOCIAL MEDIA

**Get the latest Hudson news
on our Social Media pages!**



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CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up for a 2023 date, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Amy Clapgood](#) in the church office.