

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MARCH 7, 2025



## Fat Tuesday

We had a great time and an excellent turnout at the Fat Tuesday celebration this week, hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Thanks to our volunteers and chefs!



## Ash Wednesday



Hudson Memorial Church members and Preschool families began their Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday by being marked by the sign of the cross. Rev. Aleta Ash, Rev. Nancy Howard and Rev. Jimmy Hulsey participated in the Imposition of Ashes at various locations around the HMPC campus.





# THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

Lent is the season of prayer, fasting, and self-examination which prepares us for the celebration of Easter. It is a period of 40 days - like the flood in Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mt. Sinai, Jonah's call to Ninveveh to repent, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (Sundays are not counted during this period because every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.) In the early church, this season was a time of preparation for baptism for new Christians at the Easter vigil. It continues for us to be a time of repentance and a time to grow in our faith. Lent is also a time to reflect and see what we can change about our lives for the better. It can be used as a time to understand our own weaknesses and shortcomings, as painful as that can be. It is a time when we recall that we are mortal, we may be insignificant in the eyes of the world, but we are significant enough for God to care about us and love us.

## Lent Simple Suppers & Evening Prayer Services

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 12, 19, 26 & APRIL 2, 9

Supper: 6:00pm in WH North | Service: 6:30 in the Chapel



HMPC Deacons invite you to join them on Wednesdays throughout Lent for supper and worship: 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 delicious, simple suppers and a time of fellowship around the tables in Westminster North. **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.

### Upcoming Worship Details

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

**10:30 Worship - Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will preach**  
Assisting in worship leadership: Joanna Hulsey

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

**10:30 Worship - Rev. John Kidd will preach**  
Assisting in worship leadership:  
Melinda Dickinson

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

**10:30 Worship - Rev. Aleta Ash will preach**  
Assisting in worship leadership: Jay Cummins

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

**10:30 Worship - Rev. Molly Smerko will preach**  
Assisting in worship leadership: Fred Woodward

### Lenten Service at FPC

**SUNDAY MARCH 16 AT 6:00-7:00**

First Presbyterian Church in downtown Raleigh invites you to join them for *Lenten Reflections: A Service of Hymns and Readings*, **Sunday March 16 at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary led by FPC Music Ministry. The service will explore the Lenten theme of journey (journey through the wilderness, journey to the cross, etc.), with emphasis on our united voices in song and praise. A variety of readings and poems will reflect the messages of the hymns. All ages are welcome.



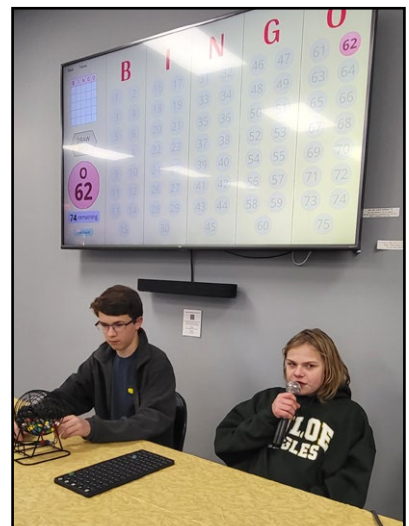
### Adult Lenten Series IN THE SEEKERS CLASS

More information on page 4.



# Lots of Fun at the Children & Youth Bingo Night!

*Our youth and children had a blast last Sunday at Bingo night!*





## YOUTH MINISTRY

# Upcoming Youth Activities

**THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

**5:00-7:00pm - Westminster Hall**

**Bring \$5 for dinner!**



Both the Middle School and High School (grades 6-12) will team up for a fun Hawaiian theme night and SPEED GAMING!

*If you have a Hawaiian shirt or a tropical-inspired outfit, we invite you to wear it!*

**Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30pm**

Chipotle Check-In (High School )  
Captain Cookie (Middle School+)

**Looking ahead:**

**March 16:** Sabbath Sunday

**March 23:** MS Youth Group (grades 6-8) @ HMPC

**Don't forget!** While Rich is out on Parental Leave, please check Instagram account [@hmpcyouth](#) for all updates for Middle School and High School!

## FAITH FORMATION

# Waking Up With The Word

**Tuesday, March 11 | 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

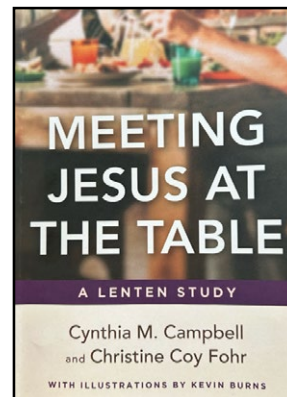
**9:30am Sundays During Lent**

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

Facilitated by Roger Howard & 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!

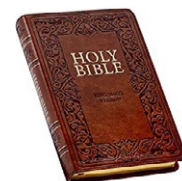
# Presbyterian Ponderings "Imperfect Messengers"

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

**WESTMINSTER HALL NORTH**

For the month of March, Sundays at 9:30, we will revisit our fall study of God's "Imperfect Messengers". Reluctance, doubt, fear, and anger are all emotions we can relate to. Join us as we explore the flaws and accomplishments of familiar Biblical characters, and consider how God may be working through each of us in spite of our own imperfections.

March 9 - Peter  
March 16 - Saul/Paul  
March 23 - Abraham  
March 30 - Thomas



## FAITH FORMATION BOOKS

### Books Available WELCOME LOUNGE

Pastor Debbie is giving away some books from her collection. You can find these on a table in the Welcome Lounge. Feel free to take what you'd like. The table will be out for the next 2 weeks.



## MISSION

### March Special Offerings



This month our March Special Offering goes to the **Presbyterian General Mission Fund**, a pool of donated funds within the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. used to support a wide range of missions, both domestically and internationally. The funds are allocated to various mission programs based on priorities set by the General Assembly, which include disaster relief, global health initiatives, community development projects, and more.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, designated to General Mission Fund, or you can give online by going to [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org) or scanning the QR code to the left.

### MARCH TEND MY SHEEP

The Tend My Sheep offering for this month goes to **Presbyterian Campus Ministries**. We are collecting snack foods and gift cards for groceries and gas. **Ideal donations include: pretzels, goldfish, granola bars, fruit snacks, pudding snacks, and applesauce packs.**



You can drop off donations in the bins by Sanctuary entrances during the month of March.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### VBS Registration



Join us as we go on a Road Trip to learn that God is with us wherever we go!

**WHEN:** August 4th-8th, 9:00am-12:00pm

**WHO:** Rising Fours (must be 4 by 8/31/25) through rising 4th grade

**COST:** HMPC Members: \$35 for first child, \$30 for each sibling, Non-Members: \$45 for first child, \$40 for each sibling

#### REGISTRATION DATES:

**HMPC Members:** OPEN NOW

**Currently enrolled Preschool families/staff:** March 12

**Open to public:** March 15

*Spots fill quickly!*

**We also need volunteers** to help make this week a success! Please sign up using the registration link below!

[Register Here](#)

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

### 4th Annual Arts Camp June 18, 19, 20 | 5:30 to 7:30

Join us for Arts Camp as we explore our faith through the arts! We will use music, drama, and visual arts to learn more about God!

This camp is open to children currently in kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. This event is open to the public so invite a friend to join you! Dinner will be served each evening before we begin our art rotations. Please be sure to note any food allergies we should be aware of when registering your child.



[Register HERE](#)

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## March Birthdays

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

## CALENDAR

### This Week at HMPC

#### Sunday, March 9

*DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS - Spring Forward!*

- 9:30 am - Ponderings - WH North
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
- 11:30 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
- 11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva
- 11:30 am - Youth Sunday School - Rm 236
- 12:00 pm - Youth Bells - WH South
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group (Hawaiian Shirt Night, Speed Gaming) - Westminster, Geneva, Chapel

#### Monday, March 10

- 9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva
- 6:00 pm - Welcome Team - Off-site
- 7:00pm - Finance Committee - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

#### Tuesday, March 11

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - WH Patio
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 11:00 am - Elizabeth/Esther/Rachel Circle - Chapel
- 11:30 am - Hannah Circle - Rm 200
- 6:00 pm - ACA Meeting - Rm 200
- 6:45 pm - Preschool Board - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
- 7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Miriam Circle - Off Campus

#### Wednesday, March 12

*VBS Registration Opens for Preschool Families*

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:00 pm - Lenten Supper and Prayer Service - Chapel, Westminster North
- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 6:30 pm - HS Chipotle Check in - Chipotle North Hills
- 6:30 pm - Middle School @ Captain Cookie
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

#### Thursday, March 13

- 5:30 pm - Worship Committee - Karl Hudson Room
- 7:00 pm - Mission Committee - WH South

#### Friday, March 14

Teacher Workday, Parent/Teacher Conferences

#### Saturday, March 15

*VBS Registration Opens to the Public*