



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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

# Annual Meeting of the Congregation

## This Sunday, February 13th, Following Worship In The Sanctuary

The Hudson Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation this Sunday, February 13th, following worship. The agenda for the meeting includes a presentation of the 2021 Financials, the 2022 budget, voting on the pastors' terms of call and the required meeting of the corporation. We will also provide the written 2021 Annual Report. We encourage all members to attend.



**WORSHIP & THE ARTS**

## The Reverend Vanessa Hawkins to Preach at Hudson

On Sunday, February 20th, Interim Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Hope, Vanessa Hawkins, will be preaching. Reverend Hawkins became interim Presbytery



Executive last Spring when Ted Churn retired. She is originally from Durham and most recently serviced Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery in St. Louis. We look forward to welcoming her to Hudson.

## John Chavis

For the first two weeks of February, Pastor Mac is going local and historical in his sermons. One of his recent interests has been studying about local teacher, Presbyterian preacher and revolutionary soldier, John Chavis, who lived from 1763 to 1838. You may know the name from the park here in Southeast Raleigh. We will look at our own discipleship through the lens of his life. On Sunday, February 13, Pastor Mac will conclude the 2-week series he began last week.



*Preacher John Chavis, Illustrated London News, 1863.*

## Habitat Interfaith Build 2022

We are pleased to announce that the dates have been set for the 2022 Interfaith Build, and volunteers will be able to be on site with Covid protocols in place. For those who may not be familiar, Habitat for Humanity was founded on a commitment to racial equity, reconciliation, and justice. It is a Christian-based organization that seeks to put God's love into action, working with and serving people of all different faiths and walks of life to fulfill its vision of a world in which all God's children have a safe place to live. Habitat Wake is one of the largest affiliates in the country and its mission is to address the tremendous need for affordable housing in our community. To help meet this need, Habitat Wake provides homeownership opportunities for families making less than 80% AMI and preserves existing affordable homes. Habitat also advocates for policy change that will increase access to housing for everyone. Hudson Memorial has a long history with Habitat of Wake County since 1998, when we were the first church to individually sponsor a home. In all these years, we have participated in countless builds, and a decade ago participated in an Abraham Build with members of the Jewish, Islamic and Christian communities. Out of that

shared experience was born the Interfaith Coalition which includes more faith communities and groups who share the core belief that loving our neighbor requires commitment to people who are in most need.

HMPC members have found the Interfaith Build a wonderful opportunity to establish relationships with our coalition members as we work alongside one another. In 2016, we hosted a concert and gathering for members of the Interfaith Coalition and many of us attend various events at the different communities. After a two year hiatus due to Covid, Habitat is able to welcome a full complement of volunteers! This year's coalition participants are: Islamic Association of Raleigh, Sikh Community, Beth Meyer Synagogue, St. Paul's Christian Church, Raleigh Mennonite Church, Highland United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, Jewish Family Services, Temple Beth Or, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Unity of the Triangle, Triangle Interfaith Alliance, First Church of Christ Scientist, Hindu Society, Kadampa Center and Sai Center.



Registration for volunteers is open now, and each workday will be staffed by three faith communities. For more information, contact Cary Dickerson [cdickerson@hmhc.org](mailto:cdickerson@hmhc.org) or Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmhc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmhc.org)

**TO REGISTER, please sign up using BOTH links** (Habitat's link and Hudson's SignUp Genius Link):

**HMPC link here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445ada82ca46-habitat>

**Habitat link here:** <http://vhub.at/interfaithbuild>

## Tend My Sheep

### Collecting Pants Donations - Sunday, February 27

This month the Mission Committee is collecting pants for Note in the Pocket. They are in need of jeans and athletic pants for boys and girls. All sizes are welcomed but their current specific needs are sizes 5, 8 and 16 for girls and sizes 6 and 8 for boys. **Please consider donating new or very gently used items on February 27th.**



## Special Offering for February

### Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC

Our Special offering for February is for the Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC.

Hunger has grown into an epidemic, and is more prevalent than ever, affecting more than just the families living at or below the poverty line. Join us in helping our neighbors in need.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#) or text to give. Here is how to text to give: Text donation amount with the word "food" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 food).

You can also use this QR code to go directly to HMPC Online Giving page.



## Volunteer at the Food Bank



The Mission Committee has scheduled designated times for HMPC as part of our commitment to the Food Bank. We have set up two standing monthly volunteer shifts: the second Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm and the third Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm. Use the link below to see the dates we will be working and to sign up to participate. The Food Bank does

require that volunteers be masked inside the warehouse. Youth ages 12-16 may volunteer with a parent, over 16 do not need a parent in attendance. Youth may be able to count these as service hours.

Please contact [Beth Billman](#), with any questions.

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## 2022 Avery County Mission Trip

### Save The Dates - July 24-29

This summer, members of this congregation will once again journey to Banner Elk, NC to help build homes for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The group will travel to Banner Elk on Sunday afternoon, July 24. After a week of work, the group will return home on Friday afternoon, July 29. Banner Elk is near enough that those who can only spend part of a week in this endeavor may easily do so. 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 if our band needs more accommodations.

With these opportunities and facilities, over 25 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 learn and contribute by instruction and participation. Teens, friends and neighbors are welcome too.

An informational meeting will occur shortly after the service on **Sunday, April 3rd**. If you are thinking about joining the mission trip or desire more detailed information in the meantime, please connect with John Oldenburg at [oldygolden@aol.com](mailto:oldygolden@aol.com) or 901-210-3701.



*The 2021 Avery County Mission Trip Team hard at work.*

# The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am



## WH South

**Exploring a Hunch Through the Lens of Faith  
Here's the Deal: Led by Rev Jimmy Hulsey**

Through March 13

All are invited to explore a hunch: that we Christians have known God's special care throughout our lives, and we are also troubled by so much that seems wrong in the world. In short, we are curious about what God is up to. The image I have in mind for this study is a magnifying glass. Let's look through the lens of our faith to see more clearly how God cares for us and how God's heart beats with a suffering world.

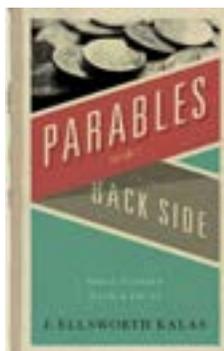


## WH North

**Parables from the Back Side**

**Led by Gil Graybill, John James, John Oldenburg,  
and Fred Woodward**  
Through Mid-spring

"Ponderings" is a conversation all are welcome to join any Sunday, no preparation needed. We use scripture, commentaries, and current events to frame our discussions. Gil Graybil, John James, John Oldenburg, and Fred Woodward facilitate the group. We'll begin 2022 with the book *Parables from the Back Side, Bible Stories with a Twist*, in which J. Ellsworth Kalas offers fresh insight into 12 of Jesus' parables by considering them from the perspective of a minor or unsympathetic character. We hope you will explore them with us.



# Waking Up with The Word

Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30am

All men are invited to join this group via Zoom 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 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 Pastor Mac.](#)

# Women at the Well

January 2022 Information

Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time and 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 winter semester began in January using *If God is Love Don't Be A Jerk: Finding A Faith That Makes Us Better Humans* by John Pavlovitz. Please let Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org) for more information.

**The monthly group** meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest. This group typically meets over dinner in a local restaurant with meetings on Zoom if necessary. Recent podcasts have included those with Diana Butler Bass, Anne Lamott, Kate Bowler, and Bishop Michael Curry. 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. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, let Debbie Kirk know [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org).

## FAITH FORMATION

# Montreat Women's Connection Conference

## Registration Update from Debbie

On the first day of registration, much of the conference housing, including Assembly Inn, filled to capacity. There will be HMPC folks staying there, and Dottie Burch and Debbie are staying in the Glen Rock Inn. If you have registered, please let Debbie know where you are staying so she has an accurate list of where the Hudson group is. If you have not registered, check the website ASAP. All fees are refundable until the end of June, less a small processing charge, so if you are considering attending you should go ahead and register since the housing options are limited.

If you need assistance, contact Susan Akduman, Conference Registrar at 828.419.9829 or email her at [susana@montreat.org](mailto:susana@montreat.org). She is very helpful and will work with you on what you need. Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions about the conference and our group!

Learn more about the conference here: <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2022>

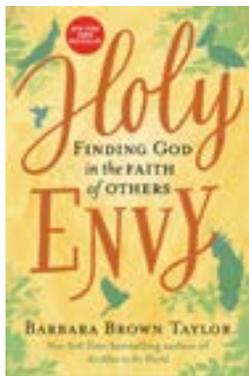


## ADULT EDUCATION

# Upcoming Book Study

## Learning About Different Faith Traditions

As our congregation participates with members of the Interfaith Coalition on the Habitat Build this spring, it is a good time to learn more about different faith traditions. The Adult Committee is offering a Sunday evening 4-5 week study and conversation using the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor and facilitated by Debbie Kirk. Dates and format (Zoom or in person) will be determined based on participants.



## FELLOWSHIP

# A Note from Fellowship Committee

Due to cold temperatures, Fellowship after worship will resume in March, weather permitting.

We look forward to seeing everyone then!



## NEW MEMBERS

# Welcome, Yana Soler!

Yana was born in the Ukraine and moved to Israel at the age of 6. She grew up in Haifa, Israel and moved to the U.S. when she was 16. She has a passion for Hebrew (Biblical and modern), and enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 children, hiking, camping, exercising, reading and teaching. She is currently a stay-at-home mom and her husband George is an Analyst at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.



## Praising the Lord Through Music Children's Music Program

The Children of Hudson have been having a blast in our new music program with Rich and Barbara.



Between Monday morning chapel with Hudson preschool students, and our Joyful Noise/Wee Worshipers groups, the church has been filled with the angelic voices of children singing and playing instruments. Thank you Mr. Rich and Ms. Barbara for leading our Children's Music Ministry!



## Have you heard about Hudson's Children's Arts Camp?



This summer, Hudson will offer Arts Camp led by our Director of Music, Barbara Loehr-Fox! It will take place **Wednesday, June 15th-Friday, June 17th, from 5:30-7:30pm each night**. This opportunity is open to children currently enrolled in Kindergarten-5th grade. Children will explore drama, music, and the visual arts! Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional sibling, which includes dinner being served each night. This event is open to the community, so we would love you to bring a friend. There are 50 slots available, so register early to reserve your spot!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/hudsonartscamp>

## Coffee & Conversation A Time for Parents During Children's Music

Hey Parents! While your children are enjoying music from 11:30-12:15pm, we invite you to join us in Westminster Hall North for Coffee and Conversation! We hope this can be a weekly time of community which will allow you to deepen relationships with other families in the church.

Due to the Congregational Meeting, this will not happen this week, Feb 13, **but please join us next week, Feb 20th!**



## DONATIONS NEEDED

# Call for Donations!

## Old Maps and Atlases

A request goes out for any old paper road maps or paper atlas books that you have that you would like to donate. (They will not be returned!) We will be using these in a Liturgical Arts project for Youth Sunday.

Please drop them by the church to Rich Richards' office on the second floor, or put them in Rich's mailbox in the Karl Hudson Room (Rm 100).



## HUDSON CONNECTS

# SAVE THE DATE!

## DISCOVER HUDSON

A gathering of new and newer members, invites you to attend DISCOVER HUDSON:

A meeting of facts & fun!

**Virtual ZOOM Meeting**  
**7:00p-8:00p, Friday, March 4**

**RSVP by March 1 to**  
**[Hudson Connects RSVP](#)**



## YOUTH MINISTRY

# This Week

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th**

### MORNING:

**Explorers Class** (5th-7th grade) will meet at our regular time, 9:30am in the HS Sunday School Room (with windows and doors open...dress warm!)

**Confirmation Class** (8th grade+): We will meet at 9:30am in Geneva Hall or outside (weather-permitting).

### AFTERNOON:

**Youth Music** at 4:30pm - Westminster Hall  
**MS/HS Youth Group** at 5:00pm

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Youth Sunday Rehearsal** on Saturday, Feb. 26  
10:00am-2:00pm  
Lunch included

**Youth Sunday** is February 27th  
All youth, please be in the Sanctuary at 9:00am

**Confirmation Sunday** (8th grade youth) is May 1st

# Easter Eggs Needed!



Children's and Family Ministries are collecting plastic Easter eggs and fillers for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Fillers can include peanut-free candy, stickers, tattoos, etc. Please drop all donations in the basket in the Karl Hudson room.

Be sure to mark your calendars for April 2nd 10:00 am-12:00 pm for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!



## CALENDAR

# This Week...

### Sunday, February 13

9:30 am - Confirmation Class - Geneva Hall  
9:30 am - Explorers Class - HS Sunday School Room  
9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation  
10:30 am - Worship  
10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden  
11:30 am - Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary  
11:30 am - Wee Worshipers & Joyful Noise - GH  
11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation with Parents - WH  
4:30 pm - Youth Music - WH  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

### Monday, February 14

8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid

### Tuesday, February 15

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - Zoom  
9:30 am - Staff Meeting  
10:00 am - Esther Circle - Zoom  
10:00 am - Sewing Guild Association - WH South  
11:00 am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle  
11:45 am - Hannah Circle - Room 200  
7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom  
7:30 pm - Miriam Circle  
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH Rm 234

### Wednesday, February 16

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

### Saturday, February 19

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200



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## FROM THE HMPC STAFF

### Emails & Texts from HMPC Staff

When you receive an email from one of Hudson's staff members, please verify that the email address is their first initial then last name @hmpc.org - Examples: mschafer@hmpc.org, dkirk@hmpc.org. There have been some spam emails being sent, making them look like they are coming from the church. In those cases, the "from" email address is not correct. If you receive those, please **do not respond or click on any links.**



Be advised there are also **false text messages** going to members from staff members. If you receive unusual text messages from a staff member, please **do not respond or click on any links.**