

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

MARCH 27, 2026

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Holy Week Begins This Sunday

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary



APRIL 2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion & Tenebrae Service - 7:00pm Sanctuary

Join us for a powerful and meaningful service as we remember the Last Supper and journey toward the cross. Worship begins with communion shared in small groups of twelve around the table with Pastor Marguerite.

The Tenebrae ("service of shadows") follows, as Scripture is read and the sanctuary is gradually darkened. The service ends in silence and darkness, echoing the tomb and preparing us for the joy of Easter morning.



APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

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

Annual community sunrise Easter service hosted by a group of six churches along Six Forks Road. Pastor Marguerite will be participating.



8:00am-10:30am - "Cancake" Breakfast in Westminster Hall

Breakfast will be served in Westminster Hall from 8:00-10:30am. Come eat pancakes, coffee and juice, and enjoy fellowship with your HMPC friends! We invite you to bring a canned food item which will be donated to North Raleigh Ministries. **We're looking for folks to help with the breakfast!** Please contact Morgan Dickinson if you have any questions or if you would like to help. morgantdickinson@gmail.com or 919-633-5798



9:00am and 11:00am - Easter Worship Services - Sanctuary

Children will be singing at the 11:00am service. Handbells will share music at both services. Only the 11:00 service will be livestreamed.

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

**Click [HERE](#) to join
our Easter
Facebook event!**

HOLY WEEK

A Holy Week Message from Pastor Marguerite

Dear HMPC Friends and Family,



Here we are, wrapping up our Lenten journeys, and beginning the Holy Week pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and the empty tomb. I wonder what from the previous five weeks will be going with you as we enter into this holiest of Christian seasons. What losses and endings have been a weight on your hearts since February 18? Where does life feel anything but lively, where you wonder how to get back to joy? It's true that in Exodus, the Israelites finally make it out of the wilderness to the Promised Land. But by the time of Isaiah, many of them were conquered and their cities destroyed, and by the time of Jeremiah, Jerusalem was in ruins. Both wilderness and Promised Land form the landscape of our lives – the first teaching us to lean on God, the second teaching us to be humble and thankful in times of plenty.

Life in the church reflects this same reality. There are times the church really delivers whatever you are hoping it will. There are times the church doesn't. Church is often wilderness – at its best, church is occasionally Promised Land.



Holy Week reflects these realities through the movement of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae, and Easter Sunday. If you only attend Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday services, you will miss the most important witness to what Jesus did for us. That will happen at Thursday night's Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service. "Maundy" means commandment, for Jesus commanded his disciples to love as he had loved them. "Tenebrae" means darkness or shadow, for the shadow of Good Friday follows quickly on the heels of the commandment to love. That service will feature eight readers sharing the Passion of Christ story, including college youth and an elementary school aged youth. I hope many of you will come out to support these young people in their faith. The Scripture readings include the shadows of betrayal, accusation, mockery and death that Jesus experienced, so that when we experience times like these in our lives, we know Jesus is with us, before us, behind us, holding us close.

Next week I'll reflect on the Easter story, but this week's Window only goes through Good Friday. It is time for God's promise of Good News to be fulfilled in ways that save us when we can't save ourselves – and show us that no price is too high for God to pay for each of us to win that prize.

Go with God, and come to church, this week for Holy Week.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marguerite".

Final Chance to Order Lilies!

Lilies may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant is \$15. Order forms are available [HERE](#) or at Sanctuary entrances. The lilies may be picked up after the worship service on Easter Sunday. Last day to order is Sunday, March 29.



Look out for short videos on the church Instagram and Facebook this week! Pastor Marguerite will be doing a video devotional series running Palm Sunday- Good Friday.



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PROPERTY

Property Work Day - Join Us Next Month!

Help us beautify and maintain the HMPC campus! We need volunteers to come out on April 18 to help with a variety of tasks. Bring tools if you have them (based on the list of needs below). High school youth are welcome to join and can get their papers signed for community service hours.

TOOLS WE NEED

- Need truck, chains, or straps to pull out old bushes.
- Shovels, clippers, garden gloves, leaf blowers, garden rakes
- We need at least four power washers and one additional 75–100 ft hose.

TO-DO LIST

- Remove the bushes underneath office windows
- Replant new bushes
- Light trimming and light weeding
- Blow leaves and tidy grounds
- Paint the labyrinth steps
- Wash campus signs
- Fluff up mulch in beds
- Power wash benches - Memorial Garden, arcade, and preschool entrance



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED! If you enjoy doing this kind of work and would like to help keep our campus and building in great shape, please consider joining our committee, we need your help. Contact Allie Maples if interested. - *Property Committee*

YOUTH MINISTRY

What an incredible weekend at the Youth Presbytery Retreat!

Together, a group of youth explored the theme “Open Your Heart” through energizers, inspiring keynotes, recreation, small groups, and meaningful worship. We even wrapped it all up with an unforgettable neon party! It was extra special watching two of our own serve on the Youth Council leadership team for the weekend!

We are grateful for the chance to connect with other youth across the Presbytery and grow deeper in understanding what God’s love truly looks like.



The Extraordinary Caterpillar

EARTH DAY SCREENING ON APRIL 19
WESTMINSTER HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The Earth Day, peek into the world of nature's tiniest superheroes.

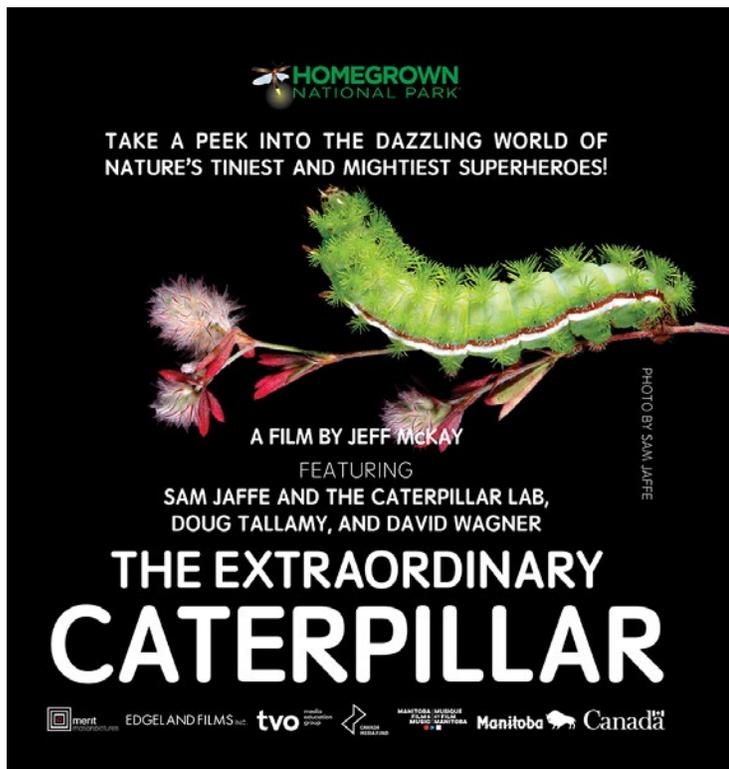
HMPC is hosting a special screening of *The Extraordinary Caterpillar*, a beautifully shot 60-minute documentary that reveals the vital—and often overlooked—role caterpillars play in our ecosystems.

Watch the trailer [HERE!](#)

From blooming meadows to city parks and backyard gardens, this inspiring film celebrates the magic of nature while showing families practical ways to make a difference.

Along the way, you'll see the groundbreaking work of The Caterpillar Lab, entomologist David Wagner, and Doug Tallamy, co-founder of Homegrown National Park.

Join us Sunday, April 19, in Westminster Hall after worship for this complimentary screening for HMPC members, visitors, and guests. Snacks will be provided.



April Birthdays



- 1 - Eric Dunlap
- 2 - Pam Glaub, Kate Dickerson, Gail Brenner, Justin Dunn
- 3 - Connie Atkinson
- 4 - Rowan Capps
- 5 - Eric Fertin, Ann Oldenburg, Davis Keen, Zack Nduka
- 7 - Ric Clemens
- 8 - Birdie Burnsed, Johannes van Die
- 10 - Ken Ross, Gary Alexander, Anna Dewar
- 12 - Russell Allen
- 13 - Andrew Roberson, Cary Krueger
- 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 - Adeline Cesareo
- 24 - Riley Allen, Trevor Boone
- 25 - 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, Brian Bentlage
- 30 - McLean Bradshaw, Mike Coffey

Nine O'Clock Class

9:00am | Room 200

Sunday, March 29

We will begin studying the book of Revelation this week.

Presbyterian Ponderings

"Judah, from Isaiah to Exile"

Sunday, March 29, 9:30 | WH North

Presbyterian Ponderings is following PCUSA's The Present Word series titled "Judah, From Isaiah to Exile." We will dip into the Old Testament and consider how God, through prophets and other leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah so that we may come to see the hand of God in our own lives and all human affairs.

THIS WEEK: When first hearing God's call, Jeremiah feels he is too young to be a prophet. Yet God's purpose and commission are sufficient to the task. John James will lead a discussion drawn from the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 1.

As always, the Ponderings class welcomes visitors. Come ponder with us!

Waking Up With The Word

Morning Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30am - Zoom



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

This week we will meet over Zoom.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method

called *lectio divina*. No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Lesley at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions about the group you might have.

The Seekers

9:30am | WH South

Sunday, March 29 - Final Week in Series

"Seeking God's Presence"

Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey

This past fall when we filled out surveys about our congregation, most observations were quite positive. There was, however, a need identified for greater "spiritual vitality." The class I offer this Lent is to help us understand that term.

I have chosen a highly respected Presbyterian educator to guide us. Years ago, Craig Dykstra was chosen to draft a study of Presbyterian/Reformed spirituality. He later wrote a book based on that report to the 201st General Assembly, entitled *Growing in the Life of Faith*. We will be following its topics and allowing it to inform our discussions.

What is the basis for our life in the Spirit? What does it mean to grow in faith or to mature spiritually? Is spirituality different from faith? Is it more emotional than intellectual? Does it entail a different style of worship? Is it more or less churchy? Is it focused more on the individual and less on the community or society? How can Presbyterians be more spiritual? What guidelines from our Presbyterian/Reformed faith are there? Can spirituality even be taught?

I offer these classes for our hearts and minds to prepare again to receive new life at Easter. We will gather in the Seekers location: Westminster South at 9:30am, Sundays through March 29. Since the class was inspired by a congregational survey, all are especially welcome.



Photo: Last week's in-person Waking Up With The Word gathering.

Join the Habitat Build!

April 25 | 8:15-3:30

We are excited to be part of another Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build this spring. We have 10 reserved spots for Hudson members for April 25. If you would like to register to participate, please do so for Old Poole Place on our designated date (4/25) using [THIS LINK](#).

The link can also be found on the mission page on hmpc.org.



If you have any questions, please email Lauren Parikh at lauren.parikh@gmail.com.

March Special Offerings

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

For March and April, our Special Offering and Tend My Sheep collection will support Presbyterian Campus Ministries (PCM). HMPC is a partner congregation of PCM, and we are proud to help sustain their vital outreach to students at NC State.



PCM provides a welcoming community where students gather for weekly meals, fellowship, and meaningful connection - offering both spiritual support and a safe place to belong. You can make a monetary donation by scanning the QR code, or clicking [HERE](#).



For Tend My Sheep, we will be collecting gas cards and snacks for the PCM student lounge. Their most requested items include peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, Gatorade, fruit snacks, pretzels, Capri Sun pouches, and individual iced coffees. You can place items in bins throughout the months of March and April.

July 2026 Mission Trip

INTERESTED? JOIN US APRIL 12!

Interested in joining—or simply learning more about—this year's Avery County Mission Trip?

From July 19–24, we'll travel to Banner Elk, NC, to partner with Habitat for Humanity in building a home for a local family. **Join us after worship on Sunday, April 12, in Room 200 to learn more, ask questions, and hear what this meaningful week is all about.**

We'd love to see some new faces this year!



FELLOWSHIP

Single Way April Luncheon

APRIL 7 AT 11:30AM



Single Way is a group of mostly retired singles who meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. On April 7, we are meeting at the North Hills Club at 4824 Yadkin Drive, Raleigh, on April 7th at 11:30.

Please note ... people should enter the lobby at the Rampart Drive entrance.

Please call Ruth Herpich at 919-280-0049 by April 3rd with your reservation. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please extend the invitation. All are welcome.

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

- 9:00 am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
- 9:30 am - Presbyterian Ponderings - Westminster North
- 9:30 am - The Seekers - Westminster South
- 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North
- 11:45 am - Youth Bells - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm - Book Study "The Best of Enemies" - Room 200

Monday, March 30

- 9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva, Sanctuary
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:30 am - Waking Up with the Word - Zoom
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 376 - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, April 1

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - Westminster South
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

- 10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae Service - Sanctuary

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

Office Closes at Noon

Wear Your Name Tags!

As we head into Holy Week, we're looking forward to welcoming a few extra faces in worship. It's a wonderful time to wear your name tag—it helps others learn your name (or remember it!) and makes our church feel even more warm and welcoming.

Member name tags can be found on the alphabetized name tag ribbons in the main hall near the offices (*pictured on left*).



If you do not have a name tag or are in need of a new one, email Lesley Ash Jacobsen at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org.

To the Church Triumphant EDITH HORNE



Hudson member Edith Horne entered God's everlasting kingdom on March 24, 2026. A **Service of Witness to the Resurrection & Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, April 10th, at 2:30pm at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.**

Please keep Edith's family in your prayers.



These Days April - June Issue

The spring issue of *These Days* has arrived! Copies are available at Sanctuary entrances. Please contact the church office and let someone know if you'd like one mailed to you.

Now Hiring: Part-time Sexton

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church is seeking a dependable, hands-on individual to serve as our Part-Time Sexton. This role includes event/service setup (tables and chairs), light maintenance and basic repairs, grounds care, and helping ensure our church and preschool facilities are safe, clean, and welcoming. The role requires 10-12 hours per week. Ideal candidates are comfortable with basic tools, able to lift up to 50 lbs., and able to work both independently and collaboratively with staff and outside vendors. Full job description can be found [HERE](#) or on hmpc.org.



Contact jobs@hmpc.org if interested, or Erica Hairston if you have any questions.