



the weekly Window

March 18, 2022

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

MISSION

How Do We Respond to The Crisis in Ukraine?

Hudson's Mission Committee has discussed the crisis in Ukraine and how we can respond. Our denomination is already active in this crisis through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and long-time partner agencies in Europe.

"Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work."

-Susan Krehbiel, PDA Associate for Refugees & Asylum

There are ways you can get involved in supporting this effort:

GIVE to PDA's designated refugee relief fund [here](#).

Another way to give is through White Memorial Presbyterian Church, which has ministry partners in Poland who will be working directly with Ukrainian refugees flooding into their country. They have easy access for getting funds to Poland. If you would like to help in this effort, go to www.whitememorial.org and click on "Give." It will be listed as Disaster Relief. If you would like to send a check, please make it out to White Memorial with Disaster Relief in the subject line. If you have questions, contact gjohnson@whitememorial.org.

READ how PDA and Presbyterian Mission Agency are already working to provide relief with financial assistance and with advocacy in Washington and at the United Nations: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

[An article from Presbyterian Mission can be found here.](#)

PRAY for the people of Ukraine and for those who are receiving refugees. Here is a [prayer](#) written by the Rev. Laurie Kraus, director of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

God of mercy, justice and peace:

Our spirits are heavy with sorrow, our souls shocked at the sudden and breathtaking violence, the invasion of Ukraine by their neighbor, Russia.



We pray for lives caught in the grip of war, who hear the bombs in the night, the ominous movement of troops on the road into town, the whistle of incoming shells, for a cry from a desperate neighbor or a shout of warning. For those who huddle in subways and basements or flee for the borders, clutching their children's hands. We pray for families separated from fathers, brothers and sons who must remain to fight and protect their homeland. We pray for neighbors in Eastern and Central Europe. As their hearts and doors open to these refugees, that strained resources will become an abundance of hope. That fears and struggles with racism will yield to a generosity of profound welcome. That communities of faith within Ukraine will be protected from harm and sustained in their efforts to feed and shelter their neighbors. That peacemakers and protesters in Russia will be heard and their lives preserved. May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help. May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly. May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy. May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace. And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence, and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

LENT 2022

"CREATE & RESTORE A FREE SPIRIT"

Lent 2022: Create & Restore a Free Spirit!

"Lent" comes from an old English word for springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. - *Book of Common Worship (2018)*

"Good News" Lenten Sermon Series

Throughout Lent, Pastor Mac will be preaching a sermon series called "Good News". We are in a time and place where we are so hungry for some relief and restoration. Our scriptures have lots of Good News that can help to build us up and strengthen us. It is our hope that these Biblical stories will restore and free the spirit within us as we move into Spring together.

Liturgical Arts

You will see window panes in the Narthex and in the Chancel area of the Sanctuary. During Lent and Holy Week, you are welcomed to grab a marker and write directly on the glass either a prayer of repentance or something you wish to release from your heart or your



patterns. Please do not sign your name -- These are to be anonymous. This is a participatory element of worship (before or after) so please do feel free to use this opportunity of communal confession and repentance. These windows will also be available during the week.

Labyrinth Walks for Lent

March 25 | 7:30am | Transitions LifeCare



During the Lenten season, Pastor Mac is offering guided labyrinth walks at various labyrinths around the city of Raleigh. Our faith is spiritual, mental and PHYSICAL. These walks will allow space and guidance for silent reflection.

We began with the Hudson labyrinth, and the next week we visited the Millbrook Baptist labyrinth. The next walk will be on March 25th at Transitions LifeCare, located at 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. The labyrinth is behind the building where there is parking.

If you have questions, contact [Pastor Mac](#).

Evening Prayer Services

Wednesdays Through April 6

**Simple Supper: 6:00pm in WH North
Service: 6:30pm in the Chapel/Parlor**

Hosted by our Deacons, these are simple, reflective services that include scripture, liturgy, several forms of



prayer, and the opportunity to be anointed with oil (with Covid precautions) for yourself or on behalf of someone else. Anointing is a sacred rite of the church affirming that healing in body, mind and spirit comes in many ways. The service will conclude with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The 6:00pm simple supper before the service is at no cost.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members!

Steven Jesseph



Steven Jesseph joined Hudson on March 13. He is retired and enjoys playing golf, fishing and traveling. He also loves music and plays in a rock band. He has four children, four grandchildren, and a dog named Patrick. Steven was born in Seattle and has lived all over the country,

including Long Island, NY; Columbus and Cincinnati, OH; Winston-Salem and Charlotte, NC; and Chicago, IL. He has attended Presbyterian churches in the many places he has lived, and he loves church celebrations of the holidays.

Derek and Rebekah Maul



Derek joined Hudson on March 13. Derek and Rebekah met at Stetson University. Derek is originally from Folkestone, England, and Rebekah is originally from Georgia and Florida.

Derek works as a writer and Rebekah is a retired Presbyterian minister, who served at three different churches during her career. They have two children, four grandchildren, and a HUGE Golden Retriever named Max. Derek enjoys walking, travel, playing guitar, cooking, reading, and playing golf. Rebekah plays the ukulele, and enjoys gardening, reading, travel, crafting and sewing.



MEMORIAL

CR Dolby Memorial Service March 19th at 2:00pm



Longtime Hudson member, C.R. Dolby, entered God's everlasting kingdom on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. C.R.'s memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary of Hudson Memorial on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The family will greet friends following the service.

COVID-19

Hudson's Updated Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub-Team, Personnel Committee and/or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board. All below policies are subject to change.



- The interior of the church building is mask-optional as of Monday, March 7th.
- Eating and drinking is allowed inside the church building as of Monday, March 7th.
- Church staff can work from the office or at home.
- For preschool drop-off, no parents come inside the building.
- The preschool is following NCDHHS tool kit guidance and as of Monday, March 7th is mask optional.
- Employees of HMPC (church and preschool) are required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisor.
- Any volunteer working with children 12 and under at HMPC will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.

The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am

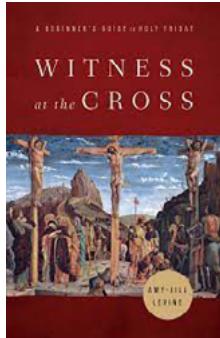


WH South

Conversations for Lent

March 20 & March 27 ; April 3 & April 10

Debbie Kirk will lead our conversations as we consider how we prepare to be present at the cross when we know how the story ends. We will discuss how to engage the narrative in a personal way that is authentic and relevant for our lives today. We will be using material from *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine.

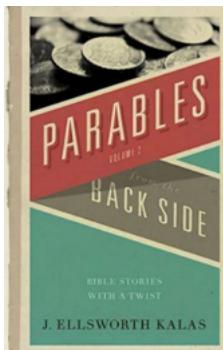


WH North

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, March 22 | 6:30am | Patio

All men are invited to join this group on the WH Patio 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.](#)



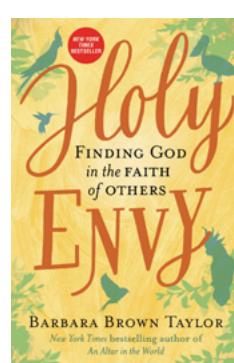
Book Study

5:00-6:30pm Sunday Evenings

March 20, 27; April 3, 10, 24

Room 200

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 study and conversation using the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor.



The study will be facilitated by Debbie Kirk. The class began on March 13 but you may still join if interested.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Seeing the Word

Monday, March 21 | Noon | Parlor



This is a monthly small group that comes together for lunch, Bible study and discussion on the third Monday of every month. This group uses the St. John's Illuminated Bible to discuss a scripture text with a visual image. This week we will be discussing Luke 24:13-36, The Road to Emmaus.

Presbyterian Pint



Thursday, March 24
7:00pm
Mordecai Beverage Co.

PROPERTY

Thank You!

Special thanks to John Whisler, Ken Krause, John Oldenburg, Mike Law, Keto Komono and Scott Sipprell for beginning to install our new Audio Visual equipment in the North & South ends of Westminster Hall. It looks great!



Sacred Creations: Creative Crosses

March 27th | 9:30am | Room 200

Want to make a Creative Cross? Just bring yourself! All of the materials are provided, and you can choose your own fabric!



WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Mr. Rogers Day/ Neighboring Sunday is March 20



The PCUSA website says, "Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of word and sacrament for the PC(USA) and is a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation are worth remembering. Rogers was also a pioneer in

the world of Christian education and formation of young children. March 20th was his birthday and the day that the PC(USA) has chosen to highlight all we can learn from his work." In the spirit of this initiative, Sunday's worship liturgy is provided by the Office of Presbyterian Mission: Theology, Formation & Evangelism. Our primary scripture text will be Ephesians 6:15.

Volunteer at the Food Bank New Dates



HMPC has three dates scheduled for volunteer opportunities with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. These dates are:

Wednesday, April 13, Saturday, May 7 and Wednesday, June 8.

Please use this [link](#) to register. The link can also be found on the homepage of hmpc.org.

After following the link, click the "Sign Up" button next to the shift you'd like to attend, then follow the website's prompts to either create a new account and register, or login to an existing account. Please note that registration through the website is required before volunteering.

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.

Tend My Sheep The Green Chair Project Collecting March 27

The Tend My Sheep collection for March is for The Green Chair Project. We will be collecting items needed to set up a bathroom in a new home. We would like new towels, shower curtains with liner and rings, bath rugs and other bath accessories. The Green Chair Project uses “essential furnishings donated by our community to help neighbors in need facing challenges of homelessness, crisis or disaster. Lives change when families or individuals are nurtured and sustained in well-equipped homes.”



Summer Mission Trip Informational Meeting

April 3 After Worship | Room 200



Interested? Hesitant? Just need to know more? After the service on April 3, there will be a meeting in Room 200 at 11:45 a.m. to introduce basic information to those unfamiliar with Hudson's annual mission trip, which is set this year from July 24 through July 29. Those who attend will leave with a good

understanding of how the trip proceeds and how easy it is to be a genuine contributor to the success of the trip for whatever time you can comfortably set aside for this mission, working on a Habitat for Humanity house in Avery County, NC. Your investment of time at the meeting will be small, but the rewards for yourself and those whom the mission assists could be great. We hope to see you there.

If you cannot attend but still do wish to receive information about this adventure, please contact John Oldenburg at oldygolden@aol.com.

Special Offering for March

HMPC General Mission Fund

Our Special offering for March is for the General Mission Fund. These funds will be used at the discretion of the Mission Committee and will enable us to expand our outreach into the community.

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 “GenMission” to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 genmission).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Faith Formation Library

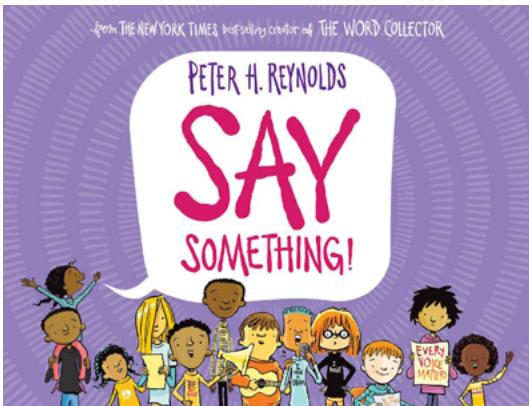
We are excited to announce new additions to our Children's Faith Formation Library!



This library is located in the lobby by the Westminster Hall church entrance and contains wonderful stories for families to borrow to read at home. There are a wide variety of stories from the Bible and books about who God is. We have also added beautiful books about Kindness, Inclusion, Diversity, Friendship, and Self-Expression. These books can serve as great conversation starters with our children about these important values at the center of our faith.

New Book of the Week: "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?"

This week we introduce *Say Something* by Peter H. Reynolds. The message is that every person is amazing and has something meaningful to contribute to the world. Each of us, each and every day, have the chance to say something: with our actions, our words, our voices, or simply our presence. "Your voice can inspire, heal, and transform. Your voice can change the world. Are you ready to say something?"



Whether you have small children at home or just have few minutes to spare after Worship, we hope you will stop by the library and take a look!

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 the Chapel/Parlor 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. This Sunday, Pastor Mac will be leading the discussion.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, March 20th

SUNDAY MORNING:

Explorers Class (5th-7th grade) will meet at 9:30am in the HS Sunday School Room

Confirmation Class (8th grade+) will meet at 9:30am in Geneva Hall

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Youth Music at 4:30pm - Westminster Hall

MS Youth Group at 5:00 - 7:00pm - Outside games

HS Youth Group at 5:00pm - Cristo's Pizzeria

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, May 1 - Confirmation Sunday (8th grade)

All Confirmands and Mentors
meet at 9:30am in Westminster Hall.

CALENDAR

This Week...

Sunday, March 20

- 9:30 am - Adult Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Explorers Class - HS Sunday School Room
- 9:30 am - Confirmation Class - GH or outside
- 10:30 am - Worship - 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 10:45 am - Children's SS - Playgarden
- 11:30 am - Wee Worshipers & Joyful Noise - GH
- 11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation w/ Parents - Parlor
- 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH
- 4:30 pm - Youth Music - WH
- 5:00 pm - MS Youth Group - Outside games
- 5:00 pm - HS Youth Group - Cristo's Pizzeria
- 5:00 pm - Holy Envy Book Study - Room 200

Monday, March 21

- 5:00 pm - Property/Finance/Glass-Garden Campaign
Karl Hudson Room
- 6:00 pm - Youth Committee - Room 200
- 7:00 pm - Finance Team
- 7:00 pm - Diaconate - WH South
- 7:30 pm - American Pilgrims on the Camino - WH North
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid - GH/Room 226

Tuesday, March 22

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word - WH Patio
- 6:00 pm - Dinner with Committee Chairs - WH North
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - GH Rm 234

Wednesday, March 23

- 9:15 am - Women at the Well - Parlor/Zoom
- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper - WH North
- 6:15 pm - Handbells - WH South
- 6:30 pm - Evening Prayer Service - Chapel/Parlor
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 24

- 6:00 pm - Women at the Well - La Rancherita
- 7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Beverage Co.

Saturday, March 26

- 5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship in Westminster Hall

The Fellowship Committee is pleased to welcome everyone back to Westminster Hall for post-worship fellowship! In the last two years, the space has been completely renovated and is fully accessible with the indoor ramp. We encourage members and guests to join us for light refreshments and good fellowship each week at 11:30!

Earlier in the morning, before Adult Education, coffee will be available in the Welcome Lounge (formerly the John Knox Room).