

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

PERSONNEL

Welcome to Our Interim Pianist & Accompanist

Meet our new Interim Pianist and Accompanist - Sue Newton!

Sue graduated from Meredith College with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education. She worked at NC Farm Bureau Insurance for almost 38 years and retired as Operations Division Manager.



She started accompanying in church when she was 14 years old. From those early years in her home church in Oxford, NC, she joined Graystone Baptist Church and then Trinity Baptist Church still playing along the way when and where she was needed. It was at Graystone she had the “great opportunity to work with Pepper Choplin as our Minister of Music until 2013, during which time we did several performances with combined church choirs at Meymandi in Raleigh. In addition, totally because of his generous spirit, Pepper offered me the awesome experience of accompanying 5 times with him in NYC - Carnegie Hall (3 times) and Lincoln Center (2 times).”

Sue has been married to her husband, Mike, for 36 years. They are looking forward to traveling now that they are both retired. Sue also likes to read, crochet/needlepoint and of course, play the piano.

Of Hudson she says, "Everyone has already been so welcoming, helpful, and friendly. I'm very appreciative of this opportunity to be a part of Hudson's worship!"

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Adult Ed Survey

The Adult Education committee is collecting feedback about Sunday morning adult education offerings. Please take a few minutes to fill out the short survey on our website under the *Ministries* tab. The Adult Education committee will use your feedback as they plan for future classes and activities.



We ask that you fill out the survey by January 23rd.

Link here: <https://www.hmhc.org/gathering>

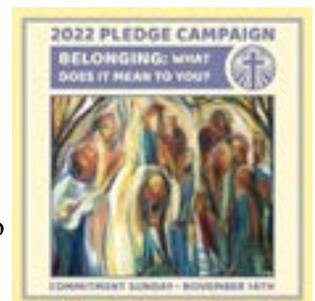
2022 GIVING MINISTRY

Pledge Campaign Update Thank You!

We are filled with gratitude for all of you who have pledged your time, talent and/or financial resources to Christ's ministry through Hudson for 2022! We are closing in on our goal of 200 households pledging and \$800,000 committed towards mission, congregational care, fellowship, education and worship!

Currently there are 188 pledging member households for a total of \$759,481.

It is not too late to pledge. You may pledge online [here](#), email your pledge to [Cheri Thomas](#), HMPC Bookkeeper, or call Pat Cash at 919-787-1086 to request a pledge form be mailed to you. Thank you for your commitment to Christ through the church during these challenging times. Thanks be to God for your commitment!



The Gathering

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 -10:20am



Info
for
2022

WH South

Exploring a Hunch Through the Lens of Faith

Here's the Deal: Led by Rev Jimmy Hulsey

January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27

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.



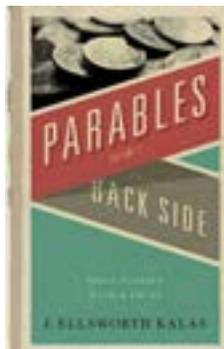
WH North

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, January 25th at 6:30am

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.](#)

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 January 12 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 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. The next gathering is **Thursday, January 27 at 6pm via Zoom.**

Montreat Women's Connection Conference

August 12-14, 2022

Registration for the Women's Connection Conference 2022 at the Montreat Conference Center is open **February 1!**

This will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself; a time for space and Sabbath. The weekend includes powerful and authentic worship, space for honest and faithful conversation, and time for discernment and renewing rest. This year's keynote speaker is Sarah Bessey, the editor of the New York Times bestselling book, *A Rhythm of Prayer*. Learn more about the conference here: <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2022>

Registration Info:

The Inn fills typically fills quickly so you are encouraged to register as soon as you can. To register, click on the [conference registration link](#) and follow the steps. If you are staying in the Inn, confirm you are registering for the **Comprehensive Package**. Under **Property** click **Assembly Inn** and choose your room preference. There will be a place to note if you have a roommate. Each person registers separately, so be sure you list the other(s) in your room on the form. Full payment is required at registration, last year it was \$400-\$500 depending on the room and roommate(s). In the comment section, note that you are with the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church Raleigh group. If the Inn is full when you are registering, or you prefer to stay elsewhere, contact [Debbie Kirk](#) for suggestions for an alternative. Reach out to Debbie for any other questions or information as well.



Presbyterian Pint

Thursday, January 27
at 7:00pm via ZOOM



We'll be discussing Session 5 (The Church for Presbyterians) in *Theology for Presbyterians*.

Special Offering for January Capital Towers

Our Special offering for January is for Capital Towers.

A few years ago, Presbyterian Homes and DHIC in Raleigh partnered to take over operations at Capital Towers. As a result, wonderful physical improvements to the property have taken place. The other great addition they have spearheaded is a Service Coordinator who helps Capital Towers residents with things like veteran affairs, healthcare and therapy, medication management, transportation, and other needs.

This month, our financial offering will be to help cover the cost of the Service Coordinator position. This person supports residents in so many meaningful ways. Please consider donating to our neighbors.



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 "cap" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 cap).

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.

https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0225&console_type=event_list&event_id=21&ht=1&res_code=HudsonMemorial



How to Move from Getting Here to Being Here

Ways to Enter HMPC & Our New Accessibility Ramp

During worship, Pastor Mac often begins the service by saying "Let us move from *getting* here to *being* here." For many people, the "getting here" can be a challenge. That's why we wanted to share suggestions on how you can most easily enter Hudson and get to the Sanctuary. During the pandemic, the accessibility ramp that leads from the first floor to the sanctuary was completed. The ramp is a wonderful addition to our building, and we are grateful to all who made it possible! If you have not seen it yet, we invite you to take a look and use it to enter the sanctuary on Sunday. Since we have completed the new ramp, we wanted to update the community about safe options for accessing the church if you have limited mobility. Below are the descriptions of the entrances we recommend using if you have mobility limitations.

North Parking Lot/Preschool Entrance + Indoor Accessibility Ramp:

The safest and most accessible option is to park in the North Lot and enter through the Preschool doors. (*Green route on accompanying map.*) This lot has ample parking with easy access to the sidewalk cutout. Once you enter the building, it is about 50 feet to the Welcome Lounge (formerly known as the John Knox room). This is where the accessibility ramp is located. It is a comfortable space and you can feel free to sit and rest on your way into the sanctuary. You can safely make your way up the ramp and into the sanctuary without having to go up or down any stairs. If it is easier for you to use stairs than a ramp, you can bypass the Welcome Lounge, continue down the hall and go up a set of 6 stairs that lead into the sanctuary.



Curbside Parking Spots along Cranbrook + Front Entrance:

Park in one of the accessible spots along the Cranbrook/Six Forks entrance and use the curb cutout to get to the sidewalk. Enter through the church's front entrance. (*Blue route on accompanying map.*) There are two small stairs on this route, and these can be avoided by going around to the north side of the narthex and entering through the wheelchair-accessible automatic door. (*Red route on accompanying map.*)



Designated Parking Spots by Cranbrook Entrance + Indoor Accessibility Ramp:

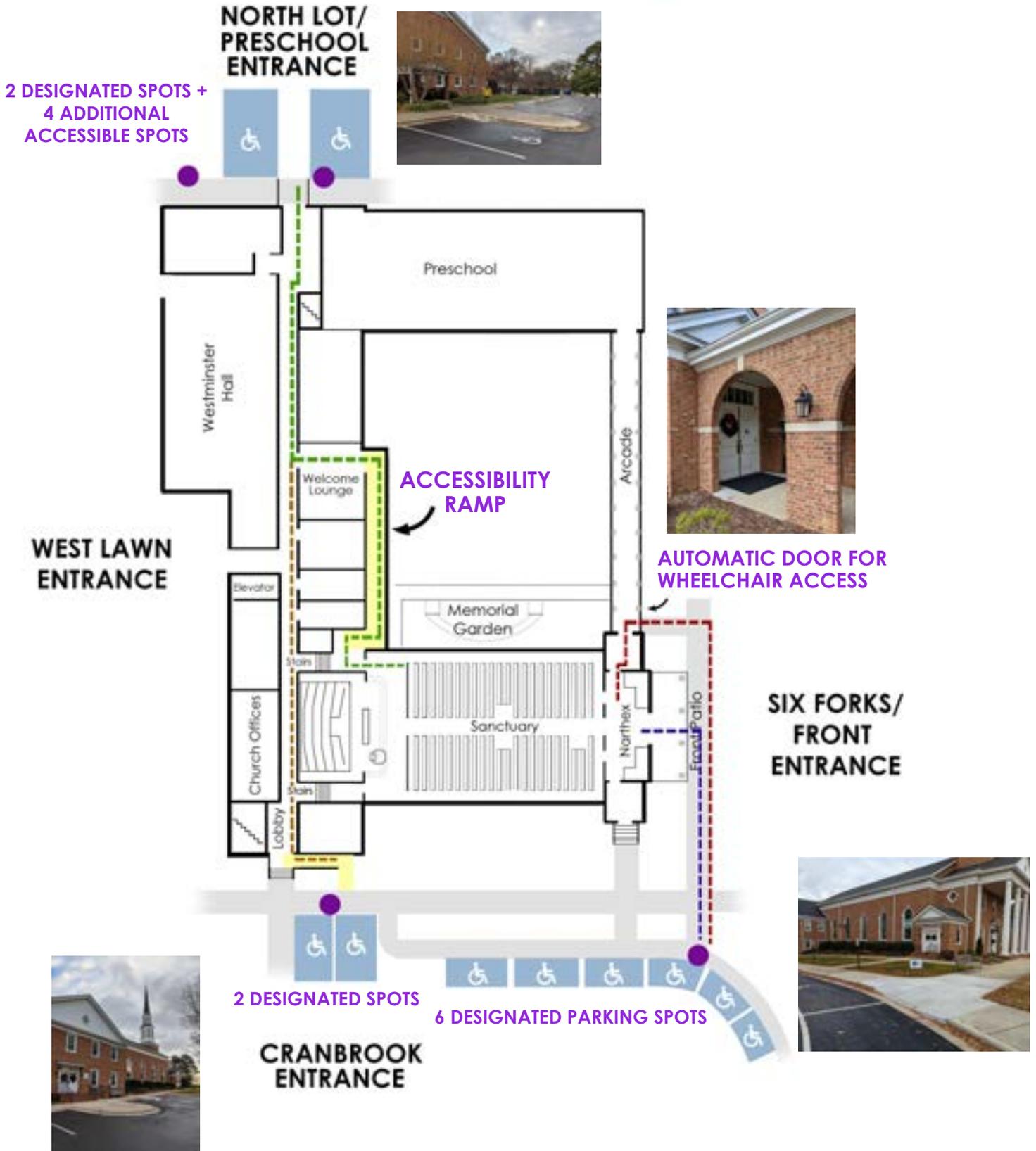
Park in one of the accessible spots by the Cranbrook entrance and enter using the old ramp by the Karl Hudson room. From there you can make your way down to the Welcome Lounge and use the new ramp to enter the Sanctuary. (*Brown/Green route on accompanying map.*)



The entrance near the West Lawn is not recommended for those with mobility limitations. We suggest trying the other options!

Accessible Routes to the Sanctuary

- Curb opening for easy access
- Designated Accessible Parking Spot
- Ramp



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Changes to Our Music Program in 2022

Children's Music Begins Jan. 23

We are excited to announce changes to our music program starting in the new year. Rich Richards, Interim Director of Youth Ministries, is now also Interim Director of Children's Music. Welcome, Rich!

We also have a new schedule. Starting January 23, Joyful Noise and Wee Worshipers will meet AFTER Worship instead of before - 11:30-12:15. If your child is staying for music, you do not need to pick him or her up after Sunday School. The children will be given a snack and taken directly to the Geneva Hall wing for music. The Nursery will also remain open until 12:15. This allows you to enjoy Fellowship time KID FREE!



If your child is not staying for music that week, you can pick him or her up after Sunday School as usual.



MISSIONS

Tend My Sheep

Collecting For The Food Bank January 23rd-30th

Items to be collected are soup, chili, and canned beans to benefit The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. We will collect both on Sunday the 23rd and Sunday the 30th. Donation baskets will be at the church entrances.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd

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

ALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR EMAILS FROM RICH FOR THE LATEST INFO.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Youth Sunday is February 27th
Rehearsal on Saturday, Feb. 26 10:00am-2:00pm

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

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Star Gift

On Sunday, January 9th, we celebrated Epiphany by handing out a Star Gift: A cut-out star with a word on it. In his sermon, Pastor Mac encouraged the congregation to put their star word up in a place where they will see it on a daily basis. The hope is that we will ponder what God might be calling us to through this word over the next year. If you were unable to be in church on January 9th to get your star gift, have no fear, we will have these Star Gifts available for pick up Monday through Friday or on the next few Sundays. You can also call the church office to have a star mailed to you.



TECH TEAM NEWS

Interested in Getting Involved?

Training this Sunday

January 23 After Worship



Hudson's Tech Team provides Sound and Live-stream support for all events. If you are interested in joining the team or learning about our systems, join us for the next Tech Team class on January 23rd immediately after worship. To newcomers, we will

give an orientation to the soundboard and Tech Team work. For the existing team, we will update members on showing videos through the projectors and on live-stream simultaneously. Let [John Whisler](#) know if you are interested in attending.

Thanks to the current Tech Team for the great quality presentations over the last month: John Whisler, John Oldenburg, Tiya Komono, Gil Graybill, Barton Meeks, Chekwas Nkpa, Olsen Richards, Erik Jacobsen, Skye Schafer. Additional thanks to consultants to the team, Clark Johnson and Winter Fox.

PROPERTY

Dumpster Joy

We are thankful our dumpsters have a new home. Our neighbors will surely appreciate the improved appearance as well!



COVID-19

Hudson's Current Policies

The below policies have been set or reviewed by Session, the COVID-19 Sub Team, Personnel Committee or the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board.



All below policies are subject to change.

- 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 and guidance.
- Groups of any size can gather outside without masks. Eating outside on church property is permitted.
- Masks are required at all times inside the church building. Exceptions to this are:
 - Vaccinated speakers, soloists and small singing groups in worship who are appropriately socially distant from the congregation.
 - Staff who are working alone in their office.
- Sunday worship children's message volunteers must wear masks when giving their talk because the children are not socially distant from the speaker.
- 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 Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries or the Interim Director of Youth Ministries prior to volunteering with children 12 and under.
- Groups are not allowed to eat together inside the church buildings. The exception to this rule is preschool children have lunch and snack time in their class bubble.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 23

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 - Fellowship
11:30 am - Wee Worshipers & Joyful Noise - GH
11:30 am - Hudson Connects - Room 200
4:30 pm - Youth Music - WH
5:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, January 24

7:00 pm - Session Meeting
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/AlaTeen/AlaKid

Tuesday, January 25

6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word -WH Patio
9:30 am - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Giving Ministry Team - Zoom
7:00 pm - Adult Ed - Zoom

Wednesday , January 26

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

Thursday, January 27

6:00 pm - Women at the Well - Zoom
7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Zoom

Saturday, January 29

5:00 pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

FROM THE HMPC STAFF

Staff Email Addresses

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.

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WINTER SEASON

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the church will notify the local ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL) television stations if church will be delayed or cancelled. Please check the closings before venturing out in bad weather. We will do our best to have the sidewalks and steps cleared, but there is no guarantee that there will not be slippery spots. It is also possible that there will not be child care on Sunday morning or youth activities in the afternoon.

