

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MARCH 1, 2024

## 2024 Vacation Bible School REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR MEMBERS OF HUDSON!



Join us for a week of camp fun as we learn to trust in God when we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work! Registration is currently open to

members of the church only, and will open to currently enrolled Preschool families on March 13th, and to the general public on March 15th. Please register early to reserve your spot!

We also need volunteers to make this week a success. You can register to volunteer using the registration link below or on the homepage of [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org). Please contact Cary Dickerson with any questions - [cdickerson@hmpc.org](mailto:cdickerson@hmpc.org).

**DATES:** August 5th-9th | **TIME:** 9:00am-12:00pm

**OPEN TO:** 4 year olds (must be four by 8/31/24) through rising 4th graders

**COST:** For Hudson members: \$35 for first child, \$30 for each additional sibling

For non-members: \$45 for first child, \$35 for each additional sibling

Tuition can be paid via cash or check delivered to the church office or online via the link below.

[REGISTER YOUR CHILD HERE](#)

[SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

[PAY ONLINE HERE](#)

## Faith Formation & Fun in Sunday School & Children's Music!

Just a peek at what our children have been up to so far this year! This past Sunday we kicked off our six-week Lent unit called *Love God, Neighbor, Enemy*. The children have been enjoying playing instruments, singing, doing art and science projects, and reading stories!



# Lent Services

**WEDNESDAYS MARCH 6, 13, 20 - Lent Suppers & Evening Prayer Services**

**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 during Lent-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. Following the meal, the service of evening prayer takes place in the Chapel. These are contemplative, reflective times that include scripture, liturgy, several forms of prayer, music, and the opportunity to be anointed with oil for yourself or on behalf of someone else. The service will conclude with the Lord's Supper.

## Holy Week



**MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY**

10:30am Worship Service - Sanctuary

**MARCH 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00pm Worship Service - Sanctuary

**MARCH 29- GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00pm Worship Service - Sanctuary



## Easter Sunday

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

7:00am Ecumenical Sunrise Service

at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

*This will be held outdoors - Dress accordingly!*

9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary

### JOIN US FOR THE "CANCAKE" BREAKFAST!



Breakfast will be served in Westminster Hall from **8:00-10:30am**. Come enjoy pancakes, bacon, coffee and juice, and enjoy fellowship with your HMPC friends!

**Suggested donation:** You may make a monetary donation or bring some non-perishable food items which will be donated to the North Raleigh Ministries Food Pantry.

Please contact Morgan Dickinson should you have any questions or **if you would like to help.** [morgantdickinson@gmail.com](mailto:morgantdickinson@gmail.com) or (919)633-5798

## GET READY FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

**10:00AM-12:00PM**

*Join us for crafts, egg hunts, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!*



## FELLOWSHIP

# AN EVENING OF STORIES & SONGS WITH DAVID LAMOTTE



We are pleased to announce a concert that will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday evening, March 17 at 5:00pm, with special guest David LaMotte! He is an internationally recognized songwriter, speaker, activist, and author. He was with us in 2016 for a concert when we hosted members of the Habitat Interfaith Coalition, and we are thrilled to have him return!

*"David LaMotte has created a powerful antidote to the helplessness we often feel in a world that is overwhelming, in both its pain and its beauty. With seriously good cheer, he helps us think about how to engage this world with courage, grace, and hope, in the ways that are distinctly ours to do...his wisdom reminds us that as we do this, we are not alone."*

-Jan Richardson  
Minister, Artist, and Poet



**This event is free but registration is required.** Please RSVP as soon as possible!

The registration form can be found [HERE](#) or on the homepage of our website. Also, for the next two Sundays we will have paper RSVP forms in the Sanctuary, which you can fill out and drop in the offering plate, or put in the mailbox of Lesley Ash Jacobsen in the Karl Hudson Room.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DAVID LAMOTTE AND LISTEN TO HIS MUSIC AT [DAVIDLAMOTTE.COM](http://DAVIDLAMOTTE.COM)

## HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL

# 100 Days of Preschool

It's hard to believe we are celebrating being in school for 100 days! For weeks, the 4-year-olds have been busy counting to 100 by ones, fives and tens. The 100 days include all kinds of creative opportunities, what can you build with 100 legos, what would you buy if you had \$100, and can you make a 100 day snack mix with 10 different food items. Time flies when we are having fun at HMP!



## SESSION

### Matt Moorman To Be Ordained



On Saturday, February 3rd, HMPC member Matt Moorman was received into Charlotte Presbytery and approved for ordination as a Minister of Word & Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Below is an invitation to his ordination service which he asked to be shared with the Hudson community. Pastor Mac will be preaching at Matt's ordination.

Matt was under care of the Hudson Session during seminary as an Inquirer and Candidate for Ministry. If you would like to send a note of encouragement and congratulations to Matt, his address is:

3301 Dunaire Drive | Charlotte, NC 28205

In October 2023, Matt got married to the Reverend Amanda Stevenson, an Episcopal priest. He is serving as the Music Chaplain at Trinity Episcopal School in Charlotte, a K-8th grade school where he teaches faith studies, leads the music for chapel for all ages, and works with middle schoolers.

Thanks be to God for this important stage in Matt's calling and journey!

YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED  
*on behalf of the*  
 Presbytery of Charlotte  
 TO CELEBRATE WITH  
**MATTHEW  
 JULIAN  
 MOORMAN**  
*his ordination to*  
*the ministry of the Word and Sacrament*  
*on*  
 SUNDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MARCH  
*two thousand twenty-four*  
 AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
*at*  
 Myers Park Presbyterian Church  
 2501 Oxford Place  
 Charlotte, NC 28207  
 RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

## MEMORIALS

### To the Church Triumphant GEORGIA TOWNS



Long-time Hudson member Georgia Townsend entered God's everlasting kingdom on February 27, 2024. There will be a memorial service at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4921 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC, on Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 pm. If you are unable to attend in person, you can livestream the

service [HERE](#). Please keep Georgia's family in your prayers. Thanks be to God for Georgia.

## INQUIRERS' CLASS

### Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held after worship on March 10th in Room 200. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP for the class here](#). Please RSVP by March 6. Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



*FYI: Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10!*



# Brown Bag Lunch

with Pastor Mac

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW - MARCH 4

Room 200



We will meet at noon in Room 200 on March 4. In preparation for the meeting in March, Pastor Mac would like all of you to read the Gospel of Matthew before we meet. All are welcome to bring a bag lunch to the class. The church will provide cups, plates, napkins, and water. No RSVP necessary!



In April, we will study the Gospel of Luke, and in May we will look at the Gospel of John.

# Women at the Well



Women at the Well welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us!

## WEEKLY GROUP

The winter session of the weekly **Women at the Well** began **January 10** in the season of Epiphany. Our book for the winter semester is *Enchantment: Awakening Wonder in an Anxious Age* by author Katherine May.

## MONTHLY GROUP

Monthly Women at the Well typically meets the third Thursday of the month at **6:00pm**. **Our next meeting is March 21.**

Contact Debbie Kirk if you are interested in joining either group. All women of the church are welcome!

# Coffee & Conversation

## A Time for Parents During Children's Music

This group meets most Sundays following worship at 11:45 in the Chapel. It is a group for parents of children and youth who do music at the same time. They pick topics and themes that have to do with faith, culture, and parenting. The group meets for a half hour. It's a super chance for our parents to connect in a laid back manner. Join us!

# Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, March 5 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person and on Zoom, alternating weekly. It uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on 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, 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. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles, and, in winter months, we do the study around a fire. New participants are always welcome. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group please contact Pastor Mac at [mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

# Youth This Sunday, March 3



No Youth Sunday School after worship

Youth Bells at 11:45am in WH South

No Youth Group this week

**Confirmation Class:** [Here is the link to Podcast #2!](#) Read Rich's email for your questions - Answers due March 15.

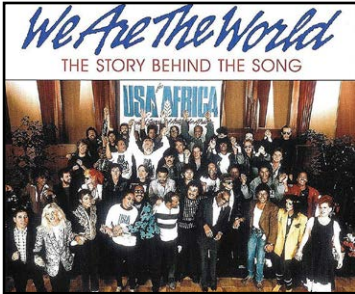
# THE GATHERING - ADULT EDUCATION

## Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

**Sunday, March 3**

**"We Are The World"**



On a January night in 1985, music's biggest stars gathered to record "We Are the World." This documentary goes behind the scenes of the historic event. The single ended up selling over 20 million copies, and over \$63 million was

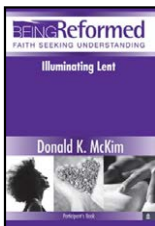
raised for hunger relief and humanitarian aid. The basic underlying message of "We Are the World" is even more prescient today. These musicians came together to help out for the common good and amazing things came out of that!

Join us as we view and discuss this in the 9:00 Class!

## The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South  
Sundays Through March 24

### Illuminating Lent



Using *Illuminating Lent* by Rev. Donald K. McKim, well-known author and editor of numerous publications on Reformed Theology, The Seekers class will consider Lent through the lenses of providence, discipleship, and hope in the resurrection. Various scriptures and the Lord's Prayer

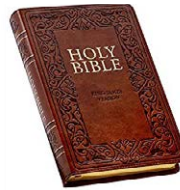
frame each lesson. The material and conversation with one another invite us to reflect on our personal discipleship and to consider the ways God may be calling us to move into the future.

On February 25, Pastor Debbie Kirk will lead the study, and Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will lead March 3-March 24.

## Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

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



This discussion-based class is using *The Present Word Bible Study* as a guide to engage the topic *Faith that Pleases God*. No advance preparation required; only a heart for the Biblical narrative, excitement about exploring it through your particular lens of life and faith, and willingness to share with others.

*March 3 - Faith and Transformation*

*March 10 - Faith in the Power of God*

### SINGLE WAY

## Single Way



Join this group of never-married, widowed, or divorced adults for fun, food, and fellowship. We typically meet the first Tuesday of every month. New people are always welcome to join!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, at 11:30am at Winston's Grille (6401 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh). Let Dee Blackerby (919-523-3153) know if you plan to attend by March 3.

### CONGREGATION

## 2023 Annual Report

The Annual meeting of the congregation took place on Sunday, February 11th. At that meeting, we handed out hard copies of the 2023 Annual Report which



summarizes the ministry of the church from the previous year. Hard copies are available along the first floor hallway and an electronic version can be found [here](#). The report is filled with interesting statistics and gives a picture of the strengths and growth areas of the church.

# Volunteer with the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Coalition Build

## JOIN US ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27 & SATURDAY, MAY 18

This year we will once again be building at Old Poole Place neighborhood. This 105-home neighborhood is going up near the intersection of Old Poole Road and New Hope Road in Southeast Raleigh, and will feature 60 single-family homes and 45 townhomes, all built by Habitat. We are excited to add to the number of homes we built there last year!



Old Poole Place is the largest community Habitat Wake has built from raw land. Building multiple houses in the same community helps cut down

on transportation costs and infrastructure development. It creates efficiencies in the building schedule and material procurement and maximizes staff and volunteer resources. This contributes significantly to our ability to build these homes more affordably. Having an entire neighborhood of Habitat homebuyers contributes significantly to its long-term stability and that of the entire community.

This year there are several changes that we are excited about: One is the emphasis on advocacy that addresses systems, policies and practices that keep everyone from having affordable housing. As faith communities who care about people at every stage of the continuum of housing challenges, we are asked to advocate for affordable housing for those who are experiencing homelessness, those in transitional housing, those for whom the market value of rent is unattainable and those who are able to work toward home ownership through Habitat.



The other change is that for the first time the Interfaith Coalition will be partnering with another group--the Southwest Wake Faith Coalition--and together

we will construct two homes next door to each other! We are excited about building with new friends who are especially interested in getting to know about our Coalition, one of the few Interfaith Builds in the country.

The Spring Old Poole Place Build is a building and advocacy campaign to advance a more beloved community with justice, equal opportunity, and love for all. The Spring Old Poole Place Build will begin on March 9, 2024, and will continue through June 1, 2024. We will start and finish 2 new homes and help to finish other homes underway in the Old Poole Place neighborhood. We will also advance Habitat Wake's advocacy campaigns during this build such as the establishment of the Affordable Housing Acquisition Fund for Wake County, gaining support for the Affordable Knightdale Plan, and efforts to preserve vulnerable affordable housing.

### [Come Volunteer!](#)

**Kick-Off Ceremony/ Wall Build at the Construction Warehouse and Wall Raising On Site:**  
Saturday, March 9 (2 shifts, half-day each)

**TO REGISTER FOR A WORK DAY:** Go to [this link](#) and sign in or create an account, scroll down to our assigned build dates (Saturday, April 27 and Saturday, May 18) and choose your date. HMPC has 5-6 slots available each day. Contact **Debbie Kirk** for more information.

## Children's Mission Project

The Children's Baffle Project is Sunday, May 19, at Unity of the Triangle. There will be two shifts---2:30-4:00 and 4:00-5:30. Contact [Cary Dickerson](#) for more information.



## THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

### Sunday, March 3

9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200  
9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings/Seekers - WH  
10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary  
10:45am - Children's Sunday School - GH  
11:30am - Children's Music - Geneva Hall  
11:35ish - Coffee & Conversation for Parents - Chapel  
11:30am - Fellowship - WH North  
11:45am - Youth Music - WH South  
11:45am - EAP Training - Room 200

### Monday, March 4

12:00pm - Brown Bag with Mac - Room 200  
6:30pm - Children's Committee - WH North  
7:00pm - Personnel - Zoom  
8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

### Tuesday, March 5

PRESCHOOL CLOSED  
ELECTIONS ALL DAY IN WH  
6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom  
9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge  
5:30pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200  
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

### Wednesday, March 6

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

### Thursday, March 7

5:30pm - Worship Committee - Karl Hudson Rm

### Friday, March 8

6:30pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

### 2024 Chancel Flowers



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. To sign up for a 2024 date, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Erica Hairston](#) in the church office.

## HMPC OFFICE

### Volunteer in the Office!



Our wonderful team of morning office volunteers has done such a fantastic job answering the phones, greeting visitors, and assisting with

tasks, that Hudson would like to have volunteers cover the front desk in the afternoons as well.

Since our Accounting Coordinator recently left, the office staff is in a transition time right now, and extra help is needed. We are searching for volunteers who are available for a shift from roughly 12-4pm, on one afternoon Mondays-Thursdays. If you cannot do afternoons, we still are glad to have some new morning volunteers as well! This can be on a weekly basis or less frequently if you have limited time. We are flexible and can work with your schedule.

If your heart is stirred to serve in this capacity, please contact Teri Morris at [mouseymorris@aol.com](mailto:mouseymorris@aol.com) so she can get you on the schedule.

## TECH TEAM

### Tech Team at HMPC Consider joining this Spring!

The HMPC Tech Team has been growing over the past several years, and they have helped enhance the worship experience at Hudson, for those both in person and worshipping online. The members of this team, led by John Whisler, are responsible for live-streaming worship services, operating the soundboard and projector, and assisting with other technology-related projects.

If you are interested in learning more about technology at HMPC, contact John Whisler. The team has members of all ages (high school - adults) and levels of technical experience. New members will be thoroughly trained on the tasks they are interested in helping with.

