

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 17, 2025

A VISIT FROM REV. JO NYGARD OWENS SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 19



We welcome Rev. Jo Nygard Owens back to HMPC! Hudson was her first ordained call as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, and she has had a varied ministry ever since, leading her to her present call as Pastor for Digital Ministry at Washington National Cathedral, which she began in October 2023. In this newly created position, she serves those who worship online at Washington National Cathedral by extending the mission and ministry of the Cathedral into the digital space.

During her visit on the 19th, she will be leading an adult forum at 9:30 in Westminster North where she will share about her particular ministry, as well as the role of the Washington National Cathedral, which holds a unique place at the intersection of sacred and civic life. As the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, the Cathedral serves God and our neighbors as agents of reconciliation, a trusted voice of moral leadership and a sacred space where the country gathers during moments of national significance.

Jo will preach during worship on January 19 with a word of blessing for Pastor Debbie and for HMPC as we complete this first part of the pastoral transition.

LAST WEEKEND'S YOUTH SKI TRIP

Last weekend, amid threats of a winter storm, 12 youth and 4 adults made their way in 3 all-wheel-drive vehicles to Wintergreen Resort in Virginia for a ski retreat! This is the first ski weekend in five years for the HMPC youth group. They enjoyed their stay at The Acorn Inn Bed & Breakfast in Nellysford.

The next time you see any of the youth who are in these pictures, ask them how their ski weekend went! They had so much fun!



More photos on page 2!

Youth Skip Trip to Wintergreen



Habitat Interfaith Build



The 2025 Habitat Interfaith Coalition Build begins soon! The Mission Committee is pleased to share that Lauren Parikh is taking over from Pastor Debbie as coordinator for our congregation. Build dates and sign up information will be available soon!

Special Offerings

JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING



A Place at the Table is Raleigh's first pay-what-you-can cafe. Its mission is to give a dignified dining experience where anyone is welcome to dine, regardless of means. Patrons from all walks of life come together to share a meal at their

table and over 80 people volunteer for their meal every day. They gain skills and connect each shift, along with being provided a delicious and nutritious meal.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Place at the Table"), or you can give online by clicking [HERE](#).

TEND MY SHEEP

This month we are collecting canned fruits, vegetables,



and beans for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Among the largest anti-hunger organizations in the United States, the Food Bank works every day to provide food to

people in need, while advancing long-term solutions to end hunger in our communities.

You can drop off donations in the bins by Sanctuary entrances during the month of January.

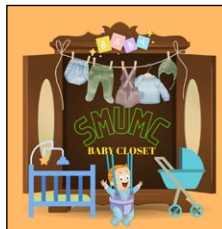


Refugee Hope Partner's (RHP) Baby Closet COLLECTING DONATIONS

St. Mark's UMC is proud to be the home of the Refugee Hope Partner's (RHP) Baby Closet, a space that has opened its doors to our neighboring ministry, RHP, and the expecting and new mothers that live there. This month, we are asking for some of our neighboring churches to please help us in restocking our Baby Closet so that we can continue to provide needed items to these families. Over the last 3 years, St. Mark's has housed this incredible ministry that has blessed nearly 100 families, and we look forward to being able to partner with you to bless many more.

This year, we are specifically seeking donations of NEW or GENTLY USED pack-n-plays, toddler sized car seats, and diapers of any size, especially newborn to size 4.

Other items that are popular and gladly accepted include, but are not limited to, new or gently used clothing, blankets, swaddles, bottles, pumping systems, baby monitors, toys, high chairs, jumpers/walkers, and crib sized mattresses. Please, no maternity clothing or cribs.



You may drop donations off at the main entrance of St. Mark's UMC (facing Six Forks Rd) on Mondays through Thursdays, from 10:30am - 1:30pm.

Thank you for helping us continue to provide this ministry to our refugee friends here in Raleigh.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Presbyterian Pint

7:00pm | Thursday, January 23

Manchester's Grill

9101 Leesville Rd, Raleigh 27613

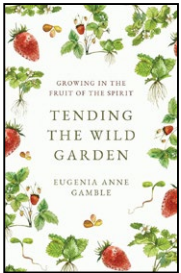


Men of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. We discuss relevant questions of theology and culture. Contact Lesley Ash Jacobsen to be added to the distribution list. Join us this Thursday!

WOMEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Women at the Well WEEKLY GROUP

The weekly meeting of Women at the Well began the winter/spring session last week. The group meets Wednesdays at 9:15am in the Chapel and on Zoom. Our book for the semester is *Tending the Wild Garden: Tending the Fruit of the Spirit* by Eugenia Gamble.



If you are not already on the contact list and would like to participate contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

MONTHLY GROUP

The monthly Women at the Well begins the next session on **January 30 at 6:00pm**. We will meet in a local restaurant for a time of fellowship and saying goodbye to Debbie. Going forward, Linda Meeks linda.meeks@pobox.com and Kay Emanuel ckemanuel@gmail.com will coordinate the gatherings and send out details the week prior to each meeting. If you are not already on the contact list and would like to be added, contact Linda or Kay.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Interesting in Being a Greeter? JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Welcome Committee is seeking volunteers willing to serve as "Greeters" on Sunday mornings before Worship! This is an easy and meaningful way to serve our community, and interact with other HMPC members and guests. The commitment is minimal: approximately 30 minutes once a quarter, and the impact is limitless! Interested parties should contact Lindsey Richards at LindseyM919@gmail.com



MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word Tuesday, January 21 | 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.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on for 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. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. Contact Lesley Ash Jacobsen to be added to the mailing list for this group. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP

Single Way Join us for our February Luncheon



When:
February 4 at 11:30am
Where:
Brig's Restaurant
8111 Creedmoor Road
Raleigh, NC 27613

Please contact Ruth Herpich at (919) 280-0049 by February 2, so she can give the restaurant a seating count.

New people are always welcome!



Hope to see you there!

FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the Montreat Women's Connection Conference OPENS FEBRUARY 3



As always, this will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, with a time for space and Sabbath. As in years past, we will do this

together through powerful and creative worship led by women, space for honest and faithful conversation. Each year, and HMPC women enjoy this time of fellowship, fun, inspiration and spiritual renewal. This year's keynote speaker is Amy-Jill Levine (AJ) Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt. She is a distinguished scholar, outstanding professor, creator of hundreds of educational resources and an engaging speaker who makes the Biblical narrative relevant for us today.

Comprehensive registration (includes conference, housing, and meals) will open Monday, February 3rd at 10:00am EST and registration for commuters (conference only) will open Monday, February 10th at 10:00am EST. HMPC Women register individually with housing in Assembly Inn as our home base for meals and fellowship. Read more here: [Women's Connection 2025 | Montreat Conference Center.](#)

If you have questions, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.



DEACONS

Save the Date!



**Winter Warm Up to
Wellness Event**
Saturday, February 8
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Westminster Hall

Join us for a refreshing morning of wellness and connection at our Winter Warm Up to Wellness event! We invite you to come together for a time of inspiration, relaxation, and support. This special event is hosted by the HMPC Deacons. More details coming soon!

PROPERTY

Consider Joining Our Team!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Psalm 23:6 - "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

These are such comforting words from the Psalmist. We know that this passage means God's eternal house, yet while here on earth, we are called to take care of God's earthly house, in our case, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Property Committee of HMPC has quite the large task of taking care of our church's campus. We are seeking members to join our committee to help keep God's House up and running, to provide a space for worship, mission work, fellowship, preschool, support groups and so much more. Please consider joining our committee to make this House the



best it can be. Feel free to contact any member of the Property Committee: Allie Maples, Karen Melling, Harry Bond, Steve Jesseph, John Whisler, JB Babson, Nancy Eyre, Bob Stowe, or Session Liaison, Ken Krause.

Grace and Peace...

Bread for the World 2025 State Conference

Bread for the World, the “sponsor” of Hudson's annual Offering of Letters (OL) will hold it's 2025 NC state convention on **Saturday, January 25, at Highland United Methodist Church**, 1901 Ridge Road (9 min/5.2 mi from Hudson) from 9:00a.m.–2:00p.m. We send our annual OLs to Bread in Washington, DC, but now Bread has come to Raleigh.

The keynote speaker, Rev. Eugene Cho, is Bread for the World's President & CEO. Experts from Bread and local organizations will share what we need to know about food insecurity at home and abroad. Bread for the World's "Nourish Our Future" campaign encourages lawmakers to make ending hunger a priority. “Nourish Our Future” will be part of Hudson's Offering of Letters this September and fulfills the advocacy component of our Hunger Action Congregation certification.

**Register for our
State Convention on Jan. 25th
in Raleigh!**



You can register by clicking [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code to the left. A \$20 suggested donation covers lunch, materials, coffee and snacks throughout the day.

Consider carpooling from Hudson with friends to the event — easy-peasy! Please contact Roger Howard with questions (317-431-5071 / roger@rogerhoward.com).

 **BREAD** NOURISH^{our} FUTURE

United for our Future



Join **Bread for the World** as we gather to unite our voices to end hunger!

This Sunday, January 19 9:30am | WH North

Adult Sunday School will be combined and led by Jo Nygard Owens, Pastor



for Digital Ministry at the Washington National Cathedral. Join us for this special opportunity!

Upcoming in The Seekers January 26, Feb 2, Feb 9: "Living the Bible Literally: Can It Be Done?"

Facilitated by Ron Ash

Can all of the laws, rules, commandments, and mandates found in the Old and New Testaments be followed as they are written? This series will discuss what this involves by looking at one man's attempt to live Biblically for one year. Many verses in the Bible will be examined to see



what must or can be done: Can we pick and choose which rules to follow? Is the meaning of verses with a mandate really clear? Are some Biblical laws too harsh? These and other questions will be studied.

Upcoming in Ponderings "Imperfect Messengers"

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

The first third of the Presbyterian Ponderings "semester" will take us again to the Parables. The next third will examine once more God's use of imperfect messengers -- there just are so many -- to inform and lead us. The last third will be a study course TBD (to be determined) to finish this part of the year before the Summer Series begins. As before, we expect to do some Lectio Divina sessions when we finish one mini-course but before we move onto the next portion of study.

"Spread The Love" Service Project

WHAT IS THE SPREAD THE LOVE?

Participating families will be given \$100 each and children will be challenged to use their imagination to multiply that money through their own efforts. This project is designed to encourage children to live into their faith and think creatively about mission. Families may choose any cause or organization they wish to receive their donation, whether that is a financial donation or an in-kind donation (such as homeless kits or items for a food pantry). The goal of this project is to turn the collective seed money into an amount that has a much larger impact on our community, while empowering children to use their talents and passions to lead the process.

IT IS NOT a financial commitment - we are providing the seed money.

IT IS a way for your child to use their time, talent, and creativity to give back.

IT IS NOT intended to be parent-driven.

IT IS intended to be child-led. We are asking you to listen, encourage and support your child in their generosity.

IT IS NOT a time-intensive project.

IT IS as simple as hosting a lemonade stand over Spring Break, having some friends over for dinner and a family service project, or posting a few videos on social media. And you have over 8 weeks to complete your project!

IT IS NOT a competition to raise the most money.

IT IS a collaborative effort for our children to multiply our collective funds through the children's individual projects.

What might this look like for families? The possibilities are endless! You have complete freedom to be as creative as you wish. Some ideas you can use to spark their imaginations are:

♥ Use the seed money to purchase materials for a lemonade stand/bracelet business/bake sale/etc which will turn that seed money into more.

♥ Packing homeless bags or hygiene kits? Invite three other non-Hudson families over with their own supplies to pack four times as many bags as you would have been able to pack with your seed money alone.

♥ Make a video for social media to share with others about the organization you have chosen and ask them to support you. This promotes awareness for your cause while encouraging others to add to your donation.

♥ Find corporate donation programs that will match what you contribute to an organization.

♥ Host a neighborhood food drive to multiply what you would be able to donate with your seed money alone.

♥ Give to an organization like RIP Medical Debt that will pay off people's debt for pennies on the dollar, meaning your donation will have a bigger impact than just the \$100.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Families must be members of Hudson with Sunday School age children in order to participate. Participation will be completely optional. Interested families will sign up to participate.

WHEN WILL THIS TAKE PLACE?

We will kick off on February 14th. We ask that you report back no later than April 13th with what you chose to do.

WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS?

In order to participate, families must:

- 1) Attend an interest meeting on February 2nd to understand the expectations of the project. If you cannot be in worship that day, we will email the slideshow for you to look at on your own.
- 2) The only restrictions on the money are that it cannot go to a member of your immediate family, it must be distributed out into the community.
- 3) Families agree to submit either a written, photo, or video summary of what they did with the money to be compiled into a video to show the congregation. This should be sent to Cary Dickerson no later than April 13th.

Use the [THIS LINK](#) to indicate whether or not your family is interested in participating.



We hope you will join us in this large group project. Together we will combine this treasure with their time and talent to see how we can spread God's love into our community in a big way!

This Week at HMPC

Sunday, Jan 19

9:30 am - Adult Sunday School - WH North
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
 10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
 11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
 5:00 pm - Youth Sabbath Sunday

Monday, Jan 20

Office Closed- MLK Day and Inauguration
 7:00 pm - American Pilgrims - WH North
 7:00 pm - Diaconate - Rm 200
 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Ala-teen - Geneva Rms

Tuesday, Jan 21

Teacher Workday
 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
 10:00 am - Sewing Guild - WH South
 6:00 pm - ACA Meeting - Rm 200
 6:00 pm - Property Committee - WM North
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall
 7:00 pm - Fellowship - Zoom

Wednesday, Jan 22

9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
 6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
 6:30 pm - MS Chillin's - Captain Cookie
 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, Jan 23

6:30pm - Staff Gathering - Offsite
 7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai

Upcoming at Hudson

JANUARY 19th

Rev. Jo Nygard Owens will be our guest preacher.
 Before worship, she will lead
 Adult Sunday School at 9:30 in WH North.

JANUARY 26th

Pastor Debbie's Last Sunday in the Pulpit!
 10:30am Worship followed by a reception

FEBRUARY 2nd

Youth Music-led Sunday - 10:30 Worship
 Rev. Ed McLeod will be preaching.

Parent informational meeting for "Spread the Love"
 Service Project following worship.

FEBRUARY 8th

"Winter Warm-up to Wellness"
 Deacon Event (10:00-12:00)

FEBRUARY 14th

"Spread the Love" Service Project begins

MARCH 4th

Fat Tuesday

MARCH 5th

Ash Wednesday

Inclement Weather Information

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. We will also post on the church's website, Facebook, and Instagram pages. 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.



*****Last weekend there was a glitch and our closure information did not reach the news stations, but this should not be a problem for the future. Note that the church website will always be the most reliable source. If you are not an internet-user, we suggest calling a friend who may be able to check our website for you.*****