

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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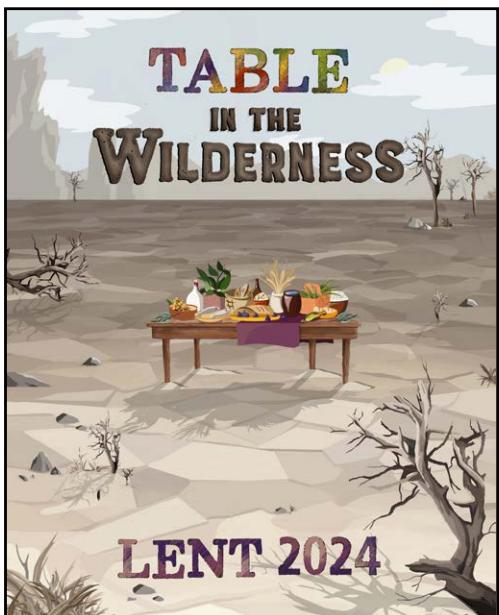


YOUTH SUNDAY A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE LED BY HMPC YOUTH!

The middle and high schoolers of the church led worship last Sunday. The youth were involved with every aspect of the service--giving the sermon, leading the music, and reading liturgy, as well as ushering, greeting, and running the soundboard. Thanks be to God for the energetic and caring youth of this community!



LENT 2024: TABLE IN THE WILDERNESS



Lent & Easter Events & Services

Wednesdays, February 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20
Lenten Simple Suppers & Prayer Services
6:00pm Supper, 6:30pm Service in the Chapel

Saturday, March 9 - Easter Egg Hunt
10:00-12:00 at HMPC

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Worship service in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday
12:00pm Worship service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday
7:00am (Ecumenical - Location TBD)
9:00am & 11:00am services; "Cancake" Breakfast 8:30-10:30am

Lent 2024 at Hudson

Natasha Vedder, a pastor in British Columbia writes, "Lent is a time to become more open to God through the vulnerabilities of life. It comes with an especially poignant invitation to join with others in bringing our doubts, fears, sorrow, loneliness, and dryness before God, hoping to taste God's promised provision in the deserts of life."

During the season of Lent, in worship we will be looking at scriptures where God faithfully provides nourishment for people in need. In the spirit of this, our theme is **A Table in the Wilderness**: An image of a place of welcome, rest and sustenance in the desert of life. When so much in life sucks us dry, how can we experience the quenching work of God to give us the strength, perseverance and hope to carry on? We encourage you to commit or re-commit to the rhythms of worship throughout Lent.

Lent Simple Suppers & Evening Prayer Services

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 28; MARCH 6, 13, 20

Supper: 6:00pm in WH North

Service: 6:30pm in the Chapel

HMPC Deacons invite you to join them on Wednesdays 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.

Your participation may be a regular part of your Lent commitment or you can attend as you are able. Each week we provide healthy, 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 take 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 services conclude with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.



Lent Devotionals

"LOCAL PILGRIM" DEVOTIONAL



This Lenten season, we are providing the daily Lent devotional from *Presbyterian Outlook*, that invites you to explore and observe new and familiar places in your community. What will God reveal to you when you pause, ponder and reflect?

A cemetery, a bar, a library, an emergency waiting room: what do all these places have in common?

In *Local Pilgrim*, Outlook Editor Teri McDowell Ott and other writers explore what God might reveal to us if we intentionally explore our communities. Who do we see? What do we hear? God reveals God's self when we look.

Lent is the perfect season for a pilgrimage such as this, leading to meaningful contemplation and sacred discoveries. As you make your way through this devotional, you might find yourself inspired to go somewhere new; or somewhere familiar with a notebook in hand; pause, ponder and pray. What will God unveil? Join us on your local pilgrimage to new and familiar places in your community.

Each daily reflection, beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating on Easter Sunday, will combine personal reflection, Scripture and prayer.

We encourage you to download the digital version [HERE](#), or on the homepage of hmpc.org. If you prefer a hard copy, there will be some at Sanctuary entrances.



LENTEEN "LETTING GO" CHALLENGE FROM THE DOWNSIZERS

Several weeks ago, the Deacons hosted a presentation with the founder of the wonderful organization, The Downsizers. They got us excited about decluttering our homes and simplifying our lives. They created a Lenten "letting go" calendar... Check it out and see if you are up for the challenge!

Link [HERE](#) or on the homepage of hmpc.org

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Coalition Build 2024

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.

Important dates for those interested:

- **Kick-Off Ceremony/ Wall Build at the Construction Warehouse and Wall Raising On Site:**

Saturday, March 9 (2 shifts, half-day each)

- **On Site Construction (full days):**

Saturday, April 27 and Saturday, May 18.

There will be 5-6 volunteers from each scheduled build group.



We will be working with volunteers from 31 other faith communities, Habitat staff, AmeriCorps volunteers and homebuyers.

Those of us who have participated find this to be one of the

most meaningful opportunities for hands-on mission that contributes directly to the long-term solution of providing affordable and safe housing for everyone. **For questions or more information contact Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmpc.org**

Please note:

- All volunteers must be 16 and older, register on-line, and sign required waivers.
- All volunteers must register through your [coalition hub link](#).
- For any information about the volunteer registration process, contact LaKiesha Wilks, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, at lakesha.wilks@habitatwake.org or 919.744.2423.
- Register early! Your church's work dates are blocked from the public until 2 weeks prior to your workday. At that time, any unfilled slots are released to the public to maintain the construction schedule.

MEMORIALS

Service of Witness to the Resurrection Nancy Sinicki



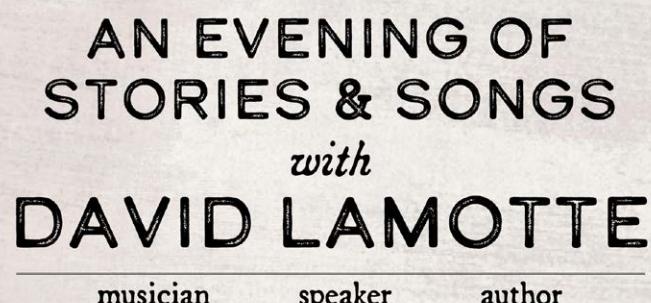
HMPC Member Nancy Sinicki entered God's everlasting Kingdom on Wednesday, February 6th. Nancy is the mother of member Marsha Flueckinger and grandmother of member Greg Flueckinger.

There will be a service in her memory at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 17, at 2:00 pm. If you are not able to attend in person, you can livestream the service [here](#). The link can also be found on the homepage of hmpc.org.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Please keep Nancy's family in your prayers.

SPECIAL EVENT

Registration is open for HMPC members!



Join us for an evening concert with musician, author and peacemaker David LaMotte! [This event requires advance registration which can be done HERE](#) or by calling the church office and making a reservation. The greater community will be able to register beginning February 26.

Learn more about David LaMotte and listen to his music at [DavidLaMotte.com](#)

MISSION

Come Help During Fellowship! THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

The Mission Committee has had a last-minute request from the Food Bank. They need labels put on plastic bags, and they are needed next week! After labeling each bag, it will be filled with rice that the Food Bank receives in huge containers. One shipment of rice will feed thousands of individuals and families, and this small project has maximum impact on our neighbors who will receive the bags of rice.

Hudson has offered to do 5,000 bags. **We will be holding a mission time during Fellowship this Sunday.** This is a project for all ages, and it would be great to have lots of help. Many hands make light work!



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.

FAITH FORMATION

Presbyterian Pint 7:00pm | February 22 | Mordecai Bev Co



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 [Pastor Mac](#) to be added to the distribution list.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members!

Jesse & Tricia Brouwer



Jesse & Tricia have two children - Benjamin (5 years), and Wilson (3 years). Tricia was born in Charlotte, but grew up in Colorado. Jesse grew up in rural eastern Washington State and lived in Washington his whole

life prior to this recent move to Raleigh in 2023. Tricia enjoys reading and Jesse enjoys basketball and skiing. Tricia is a social worker for Duke Health and Jesse is a Physical Therapist for OrthoNC.

Julie & Matt Ferrer



Julie and Matt have 3 children - Molly (4 years), Brooks (2 years) and Jack (born September 2023). Their children attend Hudson Memorial Preschool. Matt is originally from Darien, CT, and Julie was born in Mt. Kisco, NY, but grew up in New Canaan, CT. Matt works in sales at Johnnie-O and he enjoys most sports, especially golf. Julie works as a fitness instructor and said, "I am opening my own Indoor Cycling studio right here in the new North Hills Innovation District called *HomeTurf*, so being active is something I very much enjoy being whether it's with my kids, friends, or by myself."

Michael & Shea Linden

Michael and Shea have two children - Margot (5 years old) and Oliver (7 years old). Their children attended Hudson Memorial Preschool. Shea is an Elementary School Teacher (Reading Coordinator for the Lower School of St. David's School) and Michael works in Sunscreen Manufacturing for Carefree Skin Ventures. Shea was born in Memphis, TN, and has lived in Northern Mississippi and Charlottesville, Virginia. Shea and Michael were married and baptized their children at Cove Presbyterian Church in Virginia. Michael was born and raised in New Bern, NC. Shea loves cooking, walking/hiking, and being outside, and Michael enjoys travel, cooking, golf and family time.

THIS WEEK AT HUDSON

Sunday, February 18

- 9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
- 9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings/Seekers - WH
- 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary - Youth Sunday
- 10:45am - Children's Sunday School - GH
- 11:30am - Fellowship & Mission Project - WH North
- 11:45am - Youth Music - WH South
- Evening - Sabbath Sunday for Youth

Monday, February 19

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:00pm - Property Meeting - WH South
- 7:00pm - Finance- Zoom
- 7:00pm - Diaconate - Room 200
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, February 20

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
- 9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge

Tuesday, February 20 (Continued)

- 10:00am - Sewing Guild - WH South
- 10:30am - Esther Circle - Chapel
- 11:30am - Hannah Circle Lunch - WH North
- 6:30pm - Youth Committee - Welcome Lounge
- 7:00pm - Fellowship - Zoom
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, February 21

- 9:15am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:00pm - Deacon's Dinner - WH North
- 6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22

- 11:00am - MVVG Meeting - Off-site
- 7:00pm - Presbyterian Pint - Mordecai Bev Co

Friday, February 23

- 6:30pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

THE GATHERING - ADULT EDUCATION

Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Sunday, February 18

The NC Listening Project

Can eight North Carolinians with vastly different perspectives come together to find common ground? Facilitated by veteran broadcaster David Crabtree, people from different walks of life pull up a chair to listen, learn and grow their understanding of others' perspectives on topics ranging from the role of government and religion to history and identity.

Sunday, February 25

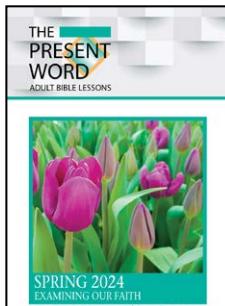
Learn About David LaMotte

David LaMotte is a musician, speaker, author and peacemaker, and Hudson Memorial is hosting him on March 17th, 2024. Come learn about Mr. LaMotte and be prepared for the concert knowing the history behind this man!

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 Please 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.

February 18 - Faith and Trust

February 25 - Faith and Encouragement

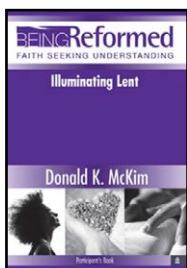
March 3 - Faith and Transformation

March 10 - Faith in the Power of God

The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | Westminster South | Sunday, February 18-March 24

Lenten Adult Ed Series



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.

February 18-February 24, Pastor Debbie Kirk will lead the study, and Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will lead March 3-March 24.



The Seekers enjoyed a King Cake last week, along with their lesson on preparing for Lent, led by Susan Grigg.

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, February 20 | 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday at HMPC



Seeing the Word

Monday, February 26 at Noon

Seeing the Word typically meets the third Monday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. Monday, February 26, is our next meeting. This group meets once a month and uses music, scripture, and illustrations from the *St. John's Illuminated Bible* for an hour-long time of study and reflection. This is led by Pastor Mac Schafer. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch;



we provide water and napkins. We use an ancient Bible study method called *visio divina*. No previous Bible study experience necessary. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Pastor Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Brown Bag Lunch

with Pastor Mac

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW - MARCH 4



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 in February. As you read it, write down any questions it prompts. Please send Pastor Mac (mschafer@hmpc.org) any questions from your reading by the week of February 26th, and he will attempt to answer those questions in the March 4th session.

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.

HMPC Arts Camp

June 19 - June 21 | 5:30pm-7:30pm
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Cost: \$30 for first child and \$25 for each additional sibling. Includes dinner each night.

Our theme hymn for this year is, "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale." Join us as we explore and celebrate God's creation through drama, music, and visual art.

This camp is open to children currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. This event is open to the public so invite a friend to join you! Dinner will be served each evening before we begin our art rotations.

We look forward to a time of faith and fun with your children!

Use [this link](#) to register your child!

Children's Music



No Children's Music this week after worship!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth This Sunday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

NO Youth Sunday School this week

10:30am Worship

Grab a snack at Fellowship after worship, and head to Youth Bells at 11:45am in WH South.

No Youth Group this week because it is SABBATH SUNDAY!

[Here](#) is a copy of the devotions for you to use as a guide.

Also available on the homepage of hmpc.org

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Easter Egg Hunt



SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - 10AM-12PM

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 9th, from 10:00-12:00. Join us for crafts, egg hunts, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! **We are in need of volunteers to help during the event and donations of peanut-free candy and trinkets to stuff the eggs.**

Please sign up to volunteer or donate [here](#).

MISSION

February Tend My Sheep

SHIRTS AND SHOES FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Throughout the month of February, we will be collecting physical donations for **Note In The Pocket**. This local ministry provides clothing to children (all ages) in the Wake County School System. They "believe that all children should not be limited in their educational and social development because they do not have appropriate clothes for school." This month we will be collecting shirts and shoes.



Currently, the most needed items are:

- Women Shirts – (Long Sleeve Shirts & Sweaters) Size Large
- Women Tennis Shoes – Size 9 especially needed
- Men Shirts – (Long Sleeve T-Shirts) Sizes Small, Medium & Large
- Men Tennis Shoes – Sizes 8, 9 & 10

Donations may be placed in the bins by Sanctuary entrances.