

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE  
AND MINISTRY OF  
HUDSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 5, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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8:30AM CHAPEL WORSHIP

## THIS SUNDAY: 8:30AM CHAPEL WORSHIP



In April, we started an early morning Chapel Worship Service with communion, scheduled for the first Sunday of each month. This Sunday, May 5th, former Hudson Director of Music, Phil Hayden, will be playing the harp and providing music for this service. Also, former member, the Reverend Matt Moorman, will be having a conversational sermon with Pastor Mac and serving his first communion at Hudson since he has been ordained. **Rev. Moorman will also be participating in the 10:30am worship service that day.**



## HMPC CAMPUS WORK DAY

JOIN US THIS SATURDAY!

May 4 | 9:00am-12:00pm



Property Committee has another work day scheduled for this Saturday from **9:00am to 12:00pm**. **We only had a few volunteers last weekend and need many more this coming Saturday!** Projects include spreading mulch, trimming bushes, weeding, and more. Please bring tools and help make our campus a welcoming place! Specific items that would be helpful to bring are: hedge clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels and pitchforks. Thanks in advance for your help! Adults and high school youth are welcome to help with our many projects. Youth can use this time for service hours.

# Congratulations, John and Carolyn!

## PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AWARD



Carolyn Scott and John Whisler received the 2024 Honorary Life Member award from Presbyterian Women during worship on April 28, 2024. The Honorary Life Member award is conferred to honor faithful service to the church and to Presbyterian Women. Carolyn and John live their faith through the life and ministries of Hudson. Both are ordained Elders and Deacons; Carolyn is currently serving as Moderator-elect of the Diaconate. They sing in the Chancel Choir; Carolyn is also the choir librarian. John has spent countless volunteer hours upgrading the church's technology, plus recruiting other volunteers to help with installations, learning the sound systems, live-streaming and more! Carolyn and John have each served on many Hudson committees through the years. Carolyn has been Miriam Circle leader and served on the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, always stepping up when needed for PW events and receptions. Carolyn and John have been moved by faith to participate in Presbyterian Pilgrimage and walk the Camino de Santiago. John has mentored those in the community needing a helping hand with life and job skills through "Jobs for Life." John and Carolyn together have mentored boys in detention/living at Butner. Carolyn was a mentor to women transitioning back into the community (ARISE Collective) and volunteered for the American Red Cross.

Carolyn and John are proud parents of two daughters and grandparents of four grandsons and a granddaughter.

Thanks be to God for Carolyn Scott and John Whisler!



*Thanks to PW for hosting a lovely reception after worship!*





# Kids' Day at the Food Bank

## 9,843 MEALS

The Kids' Day at the Food Bank was a success! The children sorted carrots, and the group as a whole sorted and bagged over 11,000 pounds of carrots (Wow!), which equates to about 9,843 meals. Thanks, volunteers!



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NOURISH. BUILD. EMPOWER.



## Habitat For Humanity Children's Baffle Painting Event

As a part of our Habitat Interfaith Build, Unity of the Triangle (5570 Munford Rd, Raleigh) is hosting two baffle painting sessions on Sunday, May 19th. Each child will be able to paint one baffle and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear old clothes and bring a water bottle. **Register using the links below:**



[Shift 1](#) – 2:30pm – 4pm

[Shift 2](#) – 4pm – 5:30pm



## YOUTH MINISTRY

# Confirmation Sunday This Weekend!



Come out on May 5th and support our 2024 Confirmation Class and the Confirmation Ministry Team as we celebrate them through our liturgy and song.

**Hey, Youth! The End-of-Year Cookout will be this Sunday, May 5th at 5:00pm at Rich's house!**

## HMPC OFFICE

# Office Volunteer Team

We invite you to join our dedicated office volunteer team.



To volunteer is ageless...

Our faithful Friday Volunteer, Olene Franks, continues to share her gifts and talents at the age of 96! How grateful we are for her and her dedication to Hudson!

*Happy Birthday, Olene!*

What's volunteering like? The majority of days are quiet and the tasks are mostly signing for packages or opening the door for guests and vendors, and answering the phone.

If you like to do hands-on work, the office staff often has projects like: Stuffing envelopes, Collating documents, Cutting/stapling/folding cards, bulletin inserts, etc.

If interested, please contact Teri Morris at [mouseymorris@aol.com](mailto:mouseymorris@aol.com)

## USHERS

# Join the Usher Team!



We are planning the HMPC Usher Team schedule for the second part of the year, and this is a great time to consider joining the Usher Team! Being part of the team is a wonderful way to

achieve the “church trifecta” – help your church, feed your own spirit, and serve others...all three in just a couple Sundays four times a year! You don't need any experience – we offer training, and you need only a smiling face and a willing spirit!

If you'd like to join or would like more information, please reach out to our Usher Team leaders – Carol Clemens ([cclemens561@gmail.com](mailto:cclemens561@gmail.com)) or Kelly Boone ([boonekr@gmail.com](mailto:boonekr@gmail.com)).

We would love to have you join us!

## SINGLE WAY

# Single Way

Join us for our next meeting!



**When:**


May 7 at 11:30am

**Where:**

Lemongrass Thai Restaurant  
8320 Litchford Rd, #142  
Raleigh, NC 27615

Please call Dee Blackerby at 919-846-6241 by May 5 if you plan to attend. **New people are always welcome!** Hope to see you there!

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC NEWS

**No Children's Music this week (May 5) and next week (May 12)!  
The children will be singing at  
Music Worship Sunday on May 19.** 



## May Tend My Sheep

### DIAPER TRAIN

This month we are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for Diaper Train. No family should have to worry about how they will afford their next diaper, yet this is the reality for 1 in 2 families. For more than 10 years, Diaper Train has been committed to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers, ultimately working to end diaper poverty. Their greatest need is 4, 5, & 6 diapers, 3T/4T & 4T/5T pull ups, and wipes, but they will accept any size diaper including opened packages (wipes must be unopened). Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, May 26th, or you may drop off your donation during the week to the church office throughout the month of May. Bins are located at Sanctuary entrances.



## May Special Offering

### SHELTER MINISTRY

Your gifts this month to the Shelter Ministry Special Offering will go first to fulfill our commitment to the 2024 Interfaith Habitat Build. We currently have \$4,500 toward this year's project and are currently \$2,000 away from reaching the goal of \$6,500. Habitat works together with families, local communities, volunteers and partners from around the world so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes. Along with their home builds, their advocacy efforts focus on policy reform to remove systemic barriers preventing low-income and historically underserved families from accessing adequate, affordable shelter. Building with the Interfaith Coalition is an important witness for our congregation as we are united in a common cause that builds the beloved community.

Donations received that exceed the Habitat goal will be used for other shelter ministries as needed, including our own Hudson Handy Helpers and Raleigh Rebuild Together.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online](#), or text to give. Text donation amount with the word "Shelter" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 Shelter).

## Join the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Coalition Build!

### IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR 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.



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 began on March 9, and will continue through June 1. We will start and finish 2 new homes and

help to finish other homes underway in the Old Poole Place neighborhood.

**TO REGISTER FOR A WORK DAY:** Go to [this link](#) and sign in or create an account, scroll down to our assigned build dates (Our remaining date is Saturday, May 18) and choose your date. HMPC has 5-6 slots available. Contact Debbie Kirk for more information at [dkirk@hmpe.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpe.org)

## Adult Mission Trip

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

This summer, a group of Hudson members will travel to Banner Elk, NC, to work on a home for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The group will go to Banner Elk on July 21 through July 26. Banner Elk is close enough that part-week participation is easily possible. Please

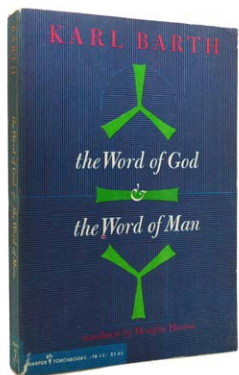


consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains. No specific skills are necessary, and inexperience is not a barrier. Teens and friends are welcome too! If you missed the informational meeting or would like more info, please contact John Oldenburg, 901-210-3701, [oldygolden@aol.com](mailto:oldygolden@aol.com)

# For The Library: A Collection Of Early Essays By Karl Barth, A Twentieth Century Theologian

BY JIMMY HULSEY

When Karl Barth, who for ten years was the pastor of a small congregation in Switzerland, came out with a commentary on Romans (1919, 1922), he shook the theological world of Germany. Barth likened the reaction he got to a mistake he once made in the church belfry when he accidentally pulled the rope of the steeple bell and alerted the whole village. Three of the major theology professors of Germany, two of his teachers, rebuked his work, mincing no words. But his voice in Romans had alerted the town in a way that resonated to many people. Why? And why did this sow the seeds for Barth's strong opposition to Adolf Hitler in 1934? More on 1934 later.



For now, the essays in *The Word of God and the Word of Man* ('man' was the way they referred to all humanity back then) need to be set in a context. "The Problem of Ethics Today" is a critical chapter in the book. It might help us to imagine that, as Barth wrote, he was viewing the question of ethics as he surveyed the trenches of World War I.

This was once thought to be "the war to end all wars." But instead, it left human ideals in a frightful heap of the dead. Following Barth, if this is the cemetery of human efforts to do good, then is it not logical to turn our focus from humanity to God? Rather than

our viewing God through the lens of what we need and want, why don't we begin to read Scripture from the perspective of what God thinks and expects of us?

Another chapter in the 'Collection' is entitled "The Strange New World in the Bible." It was a call to a fresh read of the Bible, different than much of the theological world of Europe which Barth characterized as "speaking of God by talking about humanity in a loud voice." In his view, that had gotten western civilization into the trenches.

In essence, Barth viewed the misbegotten efforts of humanity as glorifying our endeavors to change the world rather than submitting our plans and efforts to God's judgment. When truly judged by God's Word, we find ourselves in need of grace. And God in Christ is not stingy with grace.

Of course, when we focus too much on God, the doers and shakers within us get nervous. 'You are asking us or encouraging us to do nothing in the face of so much that is wrong.' Barth faced this reply in his day, and his response was simply, 'where did that get us?' He might reply today that 'only when we review our plans and efforts to change the world in the light of our need for God's grace, can we properly see our neighbor's wounds and our own wounds in those of our neighbor. Then we start from a different place to act as Christ's emissaries to heal and to reconcile.' Of course, this is merely my take on reading Barth. Perhaps you may have a better one.

## About the Church Library...

A group of volunteers and staff members worked to make our church library more usable and comfortable. For those of you who don't know, the church library is next door to the choir room on the 2nd floor.

The library can resource our classes, enhance our worship experience and further our exploration of God. Reading and study are ways to practice the sacred presence. Sitting in a pleasant and quiet space, even prayerfully, with a book, a pen, and a coffee or tea, can nourish one's spirit. Stop by and enjoy the carefully curated collection of reading material that can be found in our newly updated library.



## A Discussion on The Gospel of John

**Brown Bag Lunch - May 6 at Noon**

Read the Gospel of John and join us at Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Mac on Monday, May 6th, at 12:00pm in Westminster Hall South for an overview of the Gospel and discussion. The Brown Bag Lunch group has been reading through the gospels over the past four months. You are invited to read the Gospel of John in preparation for this discussion.



All are welcome! Bring your lunch; The church provides water, napkins, plates and cups.

## Sunday Adult Education

### Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

#### A Look at the Carter Center

The Carter Center is guided by the principles of its Founders, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. Founded, in partnership with Emory University, on a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering, the Center seeks to prevent and resolve conflicts, enhance freedom and democracy, and improve health.



## Waking Up With The Word

**Tuesday, May 7 | 6:30am | WH Patio**



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. 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).

## The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | WH South

#### May 5: "Land Acknowledgment & Why It's Important: The Parish Grove Poor Farm"

Pastor Mac will lead us in a taste of what we're finding out about the land the church is on and some Biblical roots of why it's important.



## Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | WH North

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

Eastertide is the period of time between Easter and Pentecost. It is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but also a time of new and renewed discipleship, to prepare our hearts and minds for our own ministries in the name of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us for scripture, conversation, and mutual support as we explore this time together.

- 5/5 - Guided by The Holy Spirit
- 5/12 - No Religion but Social Religion
- 5/19 - The Day of Pentecost

## Going to the Montreat Women's Conference?

Workshop sign-up is now open! Be sure to sign up for the workshops you want to join. Lots of great options! If you are already signed up for the conference, Montreat should have emailed you a link. For questions or info about the conference, contact Debbie Kirk.



## CALENDAR

# This Week at HMPC

### Sunday, May 5

- 8:30am - Early Chapel Worship - Chapel
- 9:00am - Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200
- 9:30am - The Seekers - WH South
- 9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North
- 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall
- 11:30am - Fellowship - WH North
- 11:40ish - Coffee & Conversation - Chapel
- 11:45am - Youth Bells - WH South
- 5:00pm - Youth Cookout - Rich's House

### Monday, May 6

- 6:30pm - Children's Committee- Zoom
- 7:00pm - Personnel - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

### Tuesday, May 7

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio
- 9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 11:30am - Single Way - Lemongrass Thai
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

### Wednesday, May 8

- 9:15am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
- 6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 9

- 5:30pm - Worship Committee - WH North
- 7:00pm - Mission Committee - Zoom

### Friday, May 10

- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

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## GRADUATIONS

# College Graduations

If you are or have a member of your family who is graduating from college this spring, please send the below information to [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#).

### Let us know the...

- Name
- Degree
- Institution
- Honors
- Anything else you think might be helpful.



These will be published in the Weekly Window towards the beginning of June.

## INQUIRERS' CLASS

### Interested in Membership?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held after worship on May 19th 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 May 14. Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



## MISSION

### Why is There A Pineapple Express Food Truck in Hudson's West Parking Lot?



As some of you may know the "pay what you can" ministry called A Place At the Table in downtown Raleigh is expanding their efforts! They have purchased a food truck and have asked if we can store their truck in our parking lot while they get ready to launch. This is a great way we can support their ministry with the use of our property.