

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



APRIL 5, 2024

TWO SERVICES THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday's Theme is

BRIGHT SUNDAY

A Little Levity

In celebration of the resurrection and the empty tomb, we will enter worship with a playful spirit! "Bright Sunday" – the Sunday following Easter – is an ancient tradition, started by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity.



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8:30am Chapel Service with Communion

Monthly Early Worship Services
Beginning Sunday, April 7th at 8:30am



We are launching an early morning Chapel worship service on the first Sunday of the month. **This service will have four markers:** Early, Sacramental, Intimate, Shorter.

The service will be led by staff and lay leadership.

10:30am Worship Service with Communion In the Sanctuary



Question: "What is the chief end of humanity?"

Answer: "Humanity's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever."

From *The Shorter Catechism* (7.001 *PCUSA Book of Confessions*)



We enjoyed pancakes and fellowship at the Cancake Breakfast!



Thanks to our volunteers!

*Happy
Easter!*



It was a full house at our 11:00am service!



Lent & Holy Week at Hudson



EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

Thank you to the Deacons for leading the Lenten Prayer Services.



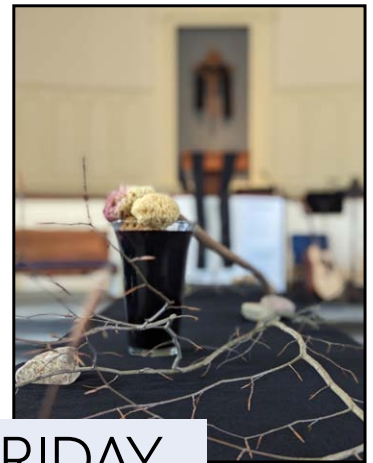
PALM SUNDAY



MAUNDY THURSDAY



Thanks to our amazing musicians (pictured on right) who helped create this "Blues, Ballads, and Spirituals" Good Friday Worship experience.



GOOD FRIDAY



TECH TEAM

Trainings with the HMPC Tech Team

FIRST 2 WEEKENDS IN APRIL!



The HMPC Tech Team has been growing over the past several years, and they have helped enhance the worship experience at Hudson, for those worshipping both in-person and 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.

Interested in learning about the soundboard?

The Tech Team will be holding one-hour trainings on:

- Saturday, April 6 at 9:00am
- Sunday, April 7 at 12:45pm (lunch provided)
- Saturday, April 13 at 9:00am
- Sunday, April 14 at 12:45pm (lunch provided)

Meet in Room 200. These one-hour training sessions are for both new and existing volunteers. The sessions cover the same material so you only need to come to one session!

- For new volunteers it will serve as an introduction to the soundboard and what is expected of the operators.
- For current volunteers, improved procedures will be introduced.

Contact John Whisler if you are interested in attending a session at john.w.whisler@gmail.com.

PROPERTY

Save the Date! HMPC Campus Work Days



Property Committee has tentatively scheduled work days for **4/27 and 5/4 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. Adults and high school youth are welcome to help with our many projects. Consider joining to help maintain and beautify our campus!

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, April 9 | 6:30am | 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, and, in colder 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.

Read the Gospel of Luke & Come Discuss It!

Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Mac

APRIL 8 - NOON - WH SOUTH

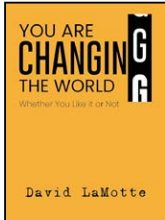
In preparation for the meeting next week, please read through the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome to bring a bag lunch. The church will provide cups, plates, napkins and water. No RSVP necessary! In April, we will be reading the Gospel of John.



Sunday Adult Education

Evening Book Study

"You Are Changing the World Whether You Like it or Not" Starts **THIS WEEK!**



We are offering a Sunday evening book study **April 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 5:00-6:30 pm**. Using *You Are Changing the World Whether You Like it or Not* by David LaMotte, we will reflect on the message shared in his visit with us on March 17 and have deeper conversations

about how to work together to enact justice and peace in a troubled world. **If you are interested, contact Pastor Debbie - dkirk@hmhc.org.**

Synopsis: "In this book, David LaMotte challenges some deeply held, though seldom examined, ideas we have about how large societal changes happen and what our own roles in those changes can and should be. Drawing on stories from his own work and interviews with others in Guatemala, India, South Africa, Australia, Palestine, the United States, and Bosnia, LaMotte methodically challenges narratives that keep us immobile in the face of problems that confront communities, nations, and a world. In an accessible, story-based style, LaMotte looks at questions of daily vocation, helping us to discern both our potential to have an impact and how we go about getting started. Anyone who wants to live a life that matters will find something of value here."

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

Women at the Well



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 monthly group meets on the third or fourth

Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest over dinner at a local restaurant.

For more information or to participate in either group contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmhc.org.

Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

Continuing The Sermon Series

Have you ever been inspired from a sermon on a Sunday Morning at Hudson? Have you heard the words, "That sure was a meaningful sermon, wasn't it?" as members of our congregation leave the Sanctuary? The 9:00 Class will explore different sermons throughout the spring, and have time for discussion afterwards. You'll have a chance to reflect on what the message means to you, or just listen to the discussion afterwards.

The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | WH South

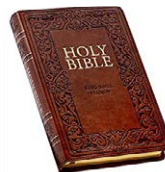
April 7 - 14 : "Violence and Faith" led by Ron Ash. Violence in many forms is pervasive in our society. This class will examine the prevalence of violence in the Bible and how it is used by some to influence the behavior of church-going people. The impact of violence on Christians will also be discussed.

April 21: "Inspiration"- Biblical and non-Biblical sources of inspiration which help shape our lives will be discussed. Those attending are encouraged to share personal stories of inspiration (persons, events, scriptures).

Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | WH 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. A new series about Eastertide begins on April 14.

April 7 - Faith in God's Purpose, Habakkuk 1:5 - 2:5

BAPTISMS

Congratulations,
Ferrer Family
on the baptism of your children
last Sunday, March 31!



MISSION

April Tend My Sheep NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES



This month's TMS offering is for North Raleigh Ministries Food Pantry. When donating, here are some important guidelines to remember:

Food items like peanut butter, pasta, canned soup, canned fish, canned beans, and canned vegetables are typically the best options to donate year-round. They also accept personal care products and household items such as Clorox type wipes and dish soap.

Remember: all items should be in date, nonperishable, shelf stable, factory sealed in original packaging, in non-breakable containers, and easy to open (i.e. pop top cans). Products that are single serve should be left in the multi pack. Due to food safety regulations, do not donate food items that are unsealed, loose items without ingredients listed, glass containers, or individual servings of baby food as these items must be discarded. If you are donating something that requires another item to prepare it like milk or oil, it is helpful to donate that as well.

Donations can be placed in the bins by Sanctuary entrances throughout the month of April.

MISSION

Avery County Mission Trip Informational Meeting



This year's mission trip to Avery County will occur July 21-26. If you are new and wish to learn more about the trip and what it entails, John Oldenburg will hold an informational meeting on April 14. ****The date/time of this meeting may change so check next week's newsletter if you**

plan on going!** The meeting will proceed shortly after the 10:30am service in the church library (Room 233, the next door beyond the entrance to the choir room).

Join the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Coalition Build!

APRIL 27 AND/OR 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 (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 at dkirk@hmpc.org

Notice of Annual Meeting!

Sunday, April 14 after Worship

The HMPC Session has set a congregational meeting for April 14th following worship for two purposes: The election of the next class of elders, deacons, and nominating committee members; The annual report from the HMPC Foundation Board. Biographies of the nominees will be in the next issue of the Weekly Window and hard copies will be handed out at the meeting. We ask that all members attend.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members!

5 NEW MEMBERS JOINED IN MARCH



Welcome, **Richard and Sheri Jackson!** Richard works in Finance and he enjoys tennis, fishing and alpine skiing. He taught skiing at Heavenly Ski Resort in the mid-70s and is now teaching their grandkids, Eliza (4) and Wyatt (8) - They all just returned from a week skiing Park City. He was born in Charlotte and grew up in

Greenville, NC, and Sheri is from Southern California. Sheri works in real estate at Fonville Morisey Barefoot, and she enjoys outdoor activities.

New member **Mary Thrapp** is Sheri Jackson's mother. She is originally from Massachusetts and now resides at Brookdale in Raleigh.



Welcome **Daina and Forrest Carter!** They have two children -- Sophie (2 years) and Elise (5 years). Daina is a Pre-K teacher at St. Mark's and she enjoys gardening and cooking.

She is originally from Basking Ridge, NJ, and Forrest is originally from Florence, SC. Forrest is an Engineer at CRB engineering firm in Cary, and he enjoys soccer, snow skiing, wake boarding. Daina is the niece of Karen Melling and the granddaughter of Ruth Herpich.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



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.

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. Please contact Cary Dickerson with any questions at 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 VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

[PAY ONLINE HERE](#)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

HMPC Arts Camp

June 19 - June 21 | 5:30pm-7:30pm

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Join us as we explore and celebrate God's creation through drama, music, and visual art. Open to grades K-5. Use [this link](#) to register your child. Space is filling up fast!

This Week at HMPC

Sunday, April 7

8:30am - Early Worship Service - 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
 11:30am - Youth Sunday School - Youth SS Room
 11:40ish - Coffee & Conversation for Parents- Chapel
 12:00pm - Youth Bells - WH South
 12:00pm - EAP Committee Meeting - Karl Hudson Rm
 12:45pm - Soundboard Training - Room 200
 5:00pm - David LaMotte Book Study - Room 200

Monday, April 8

12:00pm - Brown Bag Lunch - WH South
 6:30pm - Children's Committee- Zoom
 7:00pm - PW Coordinating Team - Chapel
 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

Tuesday, April 9

6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Patio
 9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
 11:00am - Elizabeth/Rachel Circle - Chapel
 11:30am - Hannah Circle - WH South
 5:30pm - HMPC Foundation - WH South
 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
 6:45pm - Preschool Board - Wh South
 7:00pm - Adult Education - Zoom
 7:30pm - Miriam Circle - Offsite
 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

7:00pm - Mission Committee - WH South

Friday, April 12

6:30pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

Saturday, April 13

9:00am - Soundboard Training - Room 200

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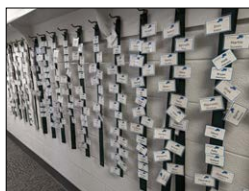
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Name Badges

Reminder to Wear Them on Sundays!

Members of HMPC should all have name tags, but we noticed many of these name tags are not used. We wanted to remind you to wear them on Sundays as a way to get to know one another. They can be found on the alphabetized name tag ribbons in the main hall near the offices (pictured below).



If you do not have a name tag or are in need of a new one, email Lesley Ash Jacobsen at lash-jacobsen@hmpc.org.