



the weekly Window

March 24, 2019

Out to the life and ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)

Lent

Fellowship Meals and Services of Prayer

Wednesdays March 27; April 3, 10

Members and friends are invited to join us for simple suppers (6 p.m.) in Westminster Hall followed by 30-minute services of prayer (6:20 p.m.) in the Sanctuary. These services, led by the Deacons, include scripture readings, prayer and personal reflection, quiet music, and optional receiving anointing as a tangible touch of God's grace through the hands of those who pray with and for one another.



Fellowship

Movie

Saturday, March 30

Join us for a family friendly movie in Westminster March 30th! We will be showing *The North Avenue Irregulars*, a Disney movie. "When crooks set up operations in a traditional town, a minister

and a group of Presbyterian church ladies are willing to do anything, no matter how wacky, to get them out!"

This all star cast includes: Cloris Leachman, Karen Valentine, Edward Herrmann, Barbara Harris, Michael Constantine, and Virginia Capers.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 6 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring a picnic meal and a lawn chair if you would like!

This event will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Fun and fellowship are guaranteed!

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter schedule of events, pages 4 & 5.



Mac's Meanderings

3 Ls: Light During Lent at the Labyrinth

I arrived early at church Monday morning to get a head start on a long list of things I had to prepare for. I parked near the labyrinth, like I have done each day for the past several years, and quickly started walking towards the church door. I was a bit startled by a runner in his toboggan hat and yellow reflector vest as he ran down from Six Forks Road and straight into the labyrinth entrance. To my surprise his morning run included the labyrinth! I continued into the church building, as not to stare, but quickly went into the church kitchen to watch him through the window. He ran the whole labyrinth and then continued his run back on Six Forks Road.

The poet Rilke writes, "There is nothing so wise as a circle."

Two Saturdays ago I was over at the church and again parked at the labyrinth. A bearded father holding his two year old daughter's hand was slowly walking with her through the turns of the

labyrinth. I could tell from where their car was parked that they had been playing at the playground and then had made their way over to the labyrinth. The father looked up at me with a big smile as I crossed the parking lot and he waved. I waved backed. He then returned his attention to his little girl and their labyrinth walk.

Saint Augustine is often credited with saying, *Solvitur ambulando*, "it is solved by walking."

On Ash Wednesday, I imposed ashes on the heads of a steady stream of 24 people from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the center of the labyrinth. As traffic whizzed by on Six Forks Road these folks had decided to change the frantic pace of culture with a slow, reflective walk on the labyrinth. One gentleman had walked to the labyrinth from his home to receive ashes – a walk of several miles to symbolize the beginning of

his lenten journey.

Another couple who attend a neighboring church came for ashes and shared with me how much they love our wooded labyrinth space.

My family (or a portion of them – Skye, Tory & Katy) showed up for a labyrinth walk and ashes. When my daughter, Tory, got to the center of the labyrinth I imposed ashes on her head. She then looked at my head and said, "You don't have ashes." She said, "I got you, Dad." She dipped her finger in the ashes bowl, made the sign of the cross on my head and said those ancient liturgical words from Genesis 3:19... **"From dust you came and to dust you shall return."**

It is as you say daughter. Thanks be to God for lenten walks.



Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Women at the Well, Evening Class

Beginning Thursday, March 28

The Women at the Well evening group will meet at 6 p.m. (Farina Italian in Lafayette Village).

The group will use *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Ann Lamotte.

Class will discuss:

- Chapters 1-3, March 28
- Chapters 4-9, April 25
- Chapters 10-end, May 16

For more information, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Presbyterian Pint

Thursday, March 28

Presbyterian Pint will meet at 7 p.m. at Manchester's Grill (manchestersgrill.com), 9101 Leesville Road, Raleigh 27613. Men of the church are welcome to join Pastor Mac for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. Pastor Mac comes ready with relevant questions of theology and culture that the group will discuss. For more information, contact Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.



Mission

Avery County Mission Trip Meeting

March 31st, after Worship

Once again there will be a mission trip to Avery County located in the mountains of western North Carolina. The trip will begin Sunday, July 21st, and end on Friday, July 26th.

Avery County is close enough that those who cannot devote a full week to the effort can still spend a few days on the mission. Our work will include home construction for Habitat for Humanity, maintenance and repairs at Holston Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, and helping at the Grandfather Children's Home. Holston Camp is where we will room and board for the week.

With these opportunities and facilities, 16 men and 16 women can be engaged and fully accommodated each day. Please seriously consider joining us on this Mission in the Mountains. No specific skills are necessary;

the inexperienced will learn and contribute by instruction and participation. Teens and your friends and neighbors are welcome too!

In order to answer your questions and to further explore your interest, an informational meeting will be held in the Parlor on March 31st following worship.

Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement soon. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103.



Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Schedule of Events



Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, March 27th	6 p.m. 6:20 p.m.	Lenten Fellowship Meal Service of Prayer
Sunday, March 31th	9:30 a.m.	Lenten Series 4: The Alternative Way of St. Francis Gathering Class in Westminster Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – 4th Sunday of Lent Scripture: Luke 7:11-17 Sermon: From Death to Life Series: The Widows Son at Nain
Wednesday, April 3rd	6 p.m. 6:20 p.m.	Lenten Fellowship Meal Service of Prayer
Sunday, April 7th	9:30 a.m.	Lenten Series 5: The Alternative Way of St. Francis Gathering Class in Westminster Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – 5th Sunday of Lent Scripture: Luke 11 Musical Drama – Lazarus: The Story of One Who Lived, Died, and Lived Again...and the One Who Raised Him
Wednesday, April 10th	6 p.m. 6:20 p.m.	Lenten Fellowship Meal Service of Prayer
Saturday, April 13th	10 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt (until noon)
Sunday, April 14th	9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Celebration at the Labyrinth Gathering Class in Westminster Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Palm Sunday Scripture: Luke 8:40-56 Sermon: From Death to Life Series: Jairus' Daughter
Thursday, April 18th	7 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship (Communion)

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Date	Time	Event
Friday, April 19th	noon	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 21st	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship at Outdoor Chapel Area Cancake Breakfast Easter Worship Scripture: John 20:1-18 Sermon: From Death to Life: The Resurrection of Jesus
Wednesday, April 24th	7:30 pm	Musical Drama – Lazarus: The Story of One Who Lived, Died, and Lived Again...and the One Who Raised Him

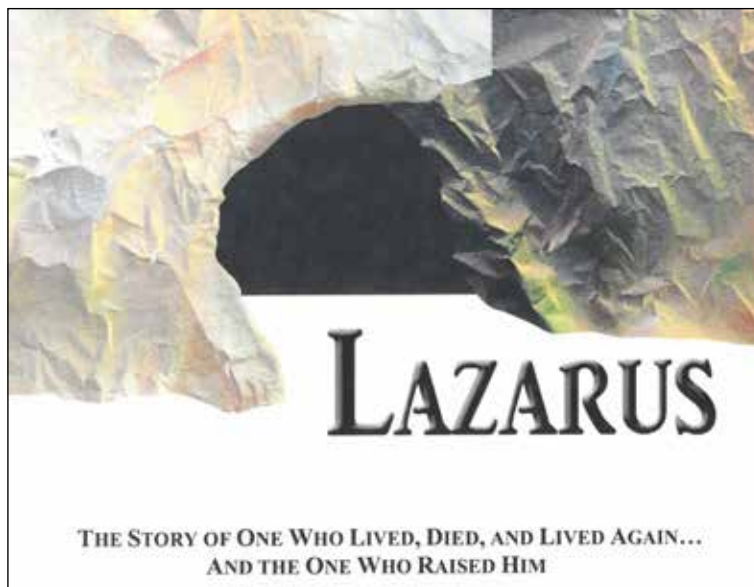
Music

A Musical Drama

April 7 & 24

The Chancel Choir is embarking on a special musical journey, preparing an original musical drama, *LAZARUS*, composed by our music director, Phil Hayden. Be sure to put Sunday morning, April 7th, on your calendar! The morning message will be presented in song and word – the premiere of a new original musical drama, *LAZARUS*. The work features the Chancel Choir, soloists and instruments.

If you're unable to be



in worship on April 7th, *LAZARUS* will be presented again in a live recording session on Wednesday, April 24th, at 7:30 p.m.

in the sanctuary. As the culmination of Mac's sermon series on resurrections in the Bible, you won't want to miss this compelling drama.

The Gathering: Forming our Faith

Sunday Morning Learning Opportunities

All classes meet Sunday morning at 9:30. A thorough description of classes can be found on the website (www.hmpc.org) home page under “News and Events” and on the Gathering bulletin board in the main hallway.



March 31

- **Westminster Hall: Lenten Series 4** – Led by Debbie Kirk. The book *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of St. Francis of Assisi* by Richard Rohr will serve as our guide for these Lenten conversations based on the life and mission of St. Francis and his timeless message of peace, inclusivity and radical love for the earth and all its inhabitants.
- **Parlor: The Minor Prophets 3** – Led by Susan Grigg and Aleta Ash. The class will study the minor prophets using Scripture and commentaries.
- **John Knox: Women of the Bible** – Led by Nancy Law and Harriet Fletcher. The Bible study focuses on Women of the Bible, and how their lives inform and inspire our faith journeys.
- **Labyrinth: Walking the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice** – Facilitated by Hope Parangi. Focus: Spiritual Discipline. Hope will help guide your walk, orient you if you have never walked a labyrinth before, may provide specific things to think about and help you process your experience afterward. Follow the signs to the labyrinth located across the parking lot and up the wooden steps at the north end of the campus. Participants should wear comfortable shoes for walking.

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond

August 5–9

Join us for a fun week of music, crafts, experiments, games, and explore where God's power can take you!

Registration is open for church members and opens for non-members on April 1st. Please turn in completed registration forms (one per child) to the church office.

VBS will be held August 5-9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with classes for children age 4 (by Aug. 31) through rising 4th graders. Registration packets are available to print

at <https://goo.gl/X5okUv>, and they are also available at the church entrances.

The cost for members is \$20/child and \$30/child for non-members.

Siblings receive a \$5 discount. 5 day volunteers receive a 50% discount in tuition. Non-Members may volunteer.

All volunteers must consent to a background check and non-member volunteers will be paired with a church member at all times. Space is limited. For more information contact VBS Chair Cary Dickerson at czeller220@hotmail.com.



Youth

Youth Group News

Today

The youth groups will play board games and Mario Kart. The Middle School and High School Youth will meet from 5 – 7 p.m. in Westminster Hall for an evening of snacks, games, supper, and dessert. Friends are welcome as always. Please bring a water bottle and \$5 for the meal.

Sunday, March 31

The high school youth program will be leading Bingo at Capital Towers. We will gather at 11:45 a.m. at the van near Westminster Hall, head to Moe's for lunch, then to Capital Towers to set up, lead the Bingo Game, and return to the church for parent pickup at 3:15 p.m. This is a great way to get two hours of community service! Contact Frank Boyd if you plan to attend, and if you would be willing to bake some brownies, cookies, or bring some goldfish or pretzels. Bring a water bottle and money for lunch.

Upcoming Events

- **Hire-A-Youth Work Day, April 27**
Start thinking about signing up your work team. Watch for details!
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 13**
Spring is rapidly approaching, as is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hudson. Youth volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, picture taking, set up and take down, cupcake decorating and egg hunt supervision. Watch for details.

Preschool



Children Get Ready for Spring

The past several weeks at the preschool have been very busy. The sunny days have been a welcome sight after a cold rainy winter! The preschool garden is beginning to change as Ms. Anne, the Discovery teacher, and the children switch out our winter plants for new spring plants. The bulbs the children planted so long ago in the fall are now beautiful daffodils under the windows of Westminster Hall.

Thank you to the Amazing Gray's for inviting the Four-year-old children to sing and share a sweet treat during their March gathering. The children sang several of their chapel songs for the members. Fun was had by all.

Join us for Hudson Memorial Preschool's Annual Family Fun Night and Silent Auction on Friday, April 26th (5-7PM). There will be pony rides, face painting, bouncy houses, food trucks and more! This annual event is a wonderful way to spend a few hours connecting with old and new friends while helping raise money.

Calendar



Sunday, March 24

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Pre-Elementary Extended Care (218)	9:30 am
Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
Explorers/Confirmation/HS Sunday School (227/234/236)	9:30 am
The Gathering	9:30 am
Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Election of Officers (Sanctuary)	11:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
Lazarus Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	3:00 pm
Girl Scout Troop 921 (JK)	4:30 pm
MS Youth Fellowship	5:00 pm
HS Youth Fellowship	5:00 pm

Monday, March 25

Finance Committee (KH)	6:00 pm
Session (WH)	7:00 pm
Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26

ROME0's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
All Staff Meeting (Library)	9:30 am
Single Way (Olive Garden)	1:00 pm
Capernaum Young Life (WH)	6:30 pm
Deacon Training (Library)	7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27

Women at the Well (Parlor)	9:30 am
Amazing Grays Bridge (WH)	1:00 pm
Deacons Simple Supper & Prayer Service (WH/Sanctuary)	6:00 pm
Hudson Handbells (WH)	6:15 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, March 28

Children's Hope Alliance (JK)	10:00 am
Daisy/Brownie Troop 1968 (215)	4:00 pm
Children's Hope Alliance (JK)	6:00 pm
Women at the Well (Farina)	6:00 pm
Presbyterian Pint (Manchester's Grill)	7:00 pm

Friday, March 29

Preschool Teacher Workday

Saturday, March 30

Fellowship Movie (WH)	5:00 pm
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