



the weekly Window

January 6, 2019

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

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Brown Bag Lunch With Pastor Mac

Monday, January 7

Brown Bag will meet at noon in Westminster Hall. This group has been looking at various documents and issues discussed at the 223rd General Assembly. On the 7th we will look at two statements:

1. On Affirming and Celebrating the Full Dignity and Humanity of People of All Gender Identities, and
2. On Celebrating the Gifts of People of Diverse Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities in the Life of the Church.

All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch, paper goods and drinks are provided.

Bonhoeffer Babes



Tuesday, January 8

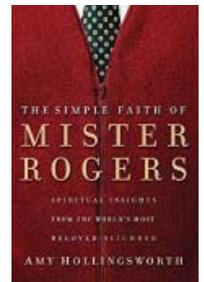
Bonhoeffer Babes will meet on the second Tuesday in January due to the New Year's Day holiday. We will meet at 7 p.m. at The Crafty Beer Shop at Lafayette Village (8450 Honeycutt Road). We will continue discussing *Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen (read Part II). Contact Kelly Boone (boonekr@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome women of all ages who love books and informal conversation to come read with us!

Women at the Well

Beginning

January 9

The weekly Women at the Well devotional group begins the winter semester on January 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. The monthly Women at the Well group begins Thursday, January 24th at 6 p.m. at Farina Italian in Lafayette Village. Both groups will use *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual Insights from the World's Most Beloved Neighbor* by Amy Hollingsworth as the basis of our discussions. Please purchase the book on your own. For more information, contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.



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Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Inquirer's Class

Sunday, January 20

Inquirer's class for those interested in membership will be held following worship in the Karl Hudson Room (#100). Class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. Childcare will be available. Reserve for the class or childcare by Wednesday, January 16th, by filling out the form on the membership bulletin board in the main hallway and returning it to the office.

Seeing the Word

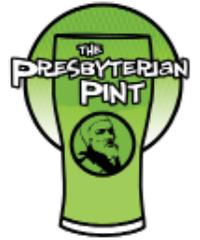
Tuesday, January 22

Seeing the Word, a scripture study that utilizes images from the *Saint John's Illuminated Bible*, usually meets on the third Monday of the month at noon in Westminster Hall. We will meet on the third Tuesday in January due to Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday and will look at Esther 5:1-14. For information contact Mac Schafer at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Presbyterian Pint

Thursday, January 24

Presbyterian Pint will meet at 7 p.m. (location to be announced). Men of the church are welcome to join Pastor Mac for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. Pastor Mac comes ready with relevant topics of theology and culture that the group will discuss.



Music

Handbells & Choir

January 9

Handbells and choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 9th.

Lazarus Rehearsal

Saturday, January 12

The Chancel Choir embarks on a special musical journey in January, preparing a brand-new choral drama, Lazarus, composed by our music director for its premiere in worship on Sunday, April 7th. The musical work will be unveiled and begun in a special rehearsal, Saturday, January 12th, at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. If you're a singer, and would like to be part of this musical journey from January through April, just come to the sanctuary on Saturday morning January 12th. The Chancel Choir will be blest by your presence, and you will be blest by the support of other singers!

Gifts

December

Gifts given in honor of:

- Elaine Williams to the Music Ministry by John Williams
- Malcolm Williams, to the Capital Campaign by John Williams.
- Doug & Carrie Small by James Harper III

Gifts given in memory of:

- Vivian Llewellyn by Lauren Llewellyn
- Jack & Alma Andrews by Jackie & Robert Gooch
- Eleanor Ragan by Sandling & Mary Ellen Merrit

The Gathering: Forming our Faith

Sunday Morning Learning Opportunities

All classes meet Sunday morning at 9:30. on the Gathering bulletin board in the main hallway.



Winter Spring: January 6–May 19, 2019

We hope you include The Gathering in your Sabbath activities. With offerings designed to equip adults living out their faith in the world in the areas of current issues and culture; bible study; peacemaking, justice and mission; spiritual formation and practice; and reformed theology, there is a lot to choose from! Here is a sample: Epiphany Celebration, Current Issues using a TED Talk, Today's Sermon Theme and Topic, Women of the Bible and Spiritual Reflection around the Fire Pit.

We invite you to spend time reading about all the options (full schedule will be available on our website) and planning where you would like to participate. Offerings will nurture our bodies, minds and spirits through different formats, some that are physically active and others through hands on experiences, some inside and some outside at the Labyrinth and worship area. Particular offerings will be more presentation and discussion oriented. A variety of resources including classic theological literature, current books, music, and media will be used. All are designed for adults of any age and stage in life and faith. They will encourage thoughtful engagement with scripture, vigorous discussion of challenging issues, and reflective consideration of spiritual practices.

Here are some additional things to note:

- you may attend any offering any time
- most weeks there are four or five offerings, occasionally there will be an opportunity for everyone to meet together

for a special program

- some offerings are thematically the same but have different content for 2, 3 and 4 consecutive weeks
- ongoing offerings that last for most of the semester are available

We have designed The Gathering to accommodate varied interests and schedules and we are counting on your active involvement! Members of the Adult Committee are available to answer any questions you have! (Lindsey Ogden, Ron Ash, Marsha Hendrixson, Keto Komono, Blanche Wenge, Susan Bradshaw and Debbie Kirk)

January 13

- **Westminster Hall: Today's Sermon Text and Theme**, led by Barry Cobb, John James, and Gil Graybill. This will be an engaging and informative conversation on Today's Sermon Text and Theme.
- **Parlor: "The Savior, the Wise Men and the Vision of Isaiah,"** led by Susan Grigg. From Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes by Bailey.
- **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.

Children's Ministry

Sunday Morning Programs

Children's programs begin the winter/spring session today. If your child is new to our program, parents/guardians of children wishing to enroll in Sunday morning programs must complete a registration form. Registration forms are located in the publication racks in the main hallway and on the church website. Fill out one form per child and bring it on the first Sunday your child attends.

- Pre-Elementary (three's and fours)
9:30–10:20 a.m., Room 218

Children are invited to participate in faith based, age-appropriate songs and finger plays that introduce the Bible stories.

Joyful Noise 9:30-10:20 a.m.

Grades K–4, Geneva Hall/Music Room

Led by Gina Hayek. Children learn about Bible stories appropriate to their age and development using games and instruments. Children will have the opportunity to lead worship a few times a year through music and simple pageants. For questions about Joyful Noise, contact Gina at e-mail ghayek@hmpe.org.

Sunday School, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

During worship children may participate in Sunday School Education after the Children's Message. Before the service starts, make sure your child has been signed in at the back of the church in the narthex and has received a lanyard designating which age group they are in in order to leave with their leaders.

- Children ages 3–5 (Pre-Elementary)

- Children in grades 1–4 (Elementary)
- Children in grade 5 remain with parents

At the end of the service, children will return to the sanctuary and wait in a pew near the children's worship area to be checked out. These guidelines are for the safety of our children and to keep this process as easy and unobtrusive to the service as possible.

The Explorers 5th, 6th, and 7th Graders

9:30-10:20 am, Room 227

Coordinated by Frank Boyd and Lee Corbett.

Children's Worship Area – 2nd grade and younger

Children who are not participating in Sunday school may utilize the children's worship area which is open following the children's message. Sit nearby and assist them as needed.

Communion Sundays

Children participating in the Sacrament can be checked out early from Sunday school in Geneva Hall or kept with parents in the Sanctuary.

Volunteers

Parents on our e-mail distribution list will receive an e-mail with dates to volunteer with pre-elementary or Sunday School. Parents who volunteer at least two times per session will receive an evening of child care at an upcoming Parent's Night Out hosted by our Children's Committee. All volunteers need to have an up-to-date Safe Sanctuary Affirmation on file.

We look forward to seeing all of your children on Sunday mornings! For more information contact Lee Corbett at lcobbett@hmpe.org.

Youth

Youth Group News

The Middle school youth program tonight will be Games, Youth Sunday Sign-Up, and Prepping for the Canned Food Scavenger Hunt. We will gather at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall for supper, and then head upstairs to the game room. Please bring \$5 for supper. Friends are welcome. We will be finished by 7:30 p.m.

The High school youth group for tonight will be Dreaming the New Year. Please join us for a light evening of fellowship, checking in, reflection, and looking forward. We will gather in Westminster Hall at 6 p.m. for supper and then head up to the high school room. Pick-up will be at 7:30 p.m. Bring \$5 for supper.

Sign-Up For Youth Sunday – All 6-12th grade youth who are interested in helping with Youth Sunday on February 24th, contact Frank Boyd, and let him know what you would like to do. Middle School youth are encouraged to sign up to usher, greet, dance, and sing. High school youth are encouraged to read scripture, lead a prayer, dance, sing, help with the message/sermon and write the liturgy. High school youth are also invited to help design and prepare the liturgical props.

Upcoming Trips & Events

Listed below are upcoming Youth Programs

Please mark your calendars and watch for details. Flyers are on the church website and also in the wall pockets near Frank Boyd's office.

- **January 21 – Ski Trip to Wintergreen**
There is still room on the bus, so please check with Frank Boyd if you want to join us.
- **March 15-17 – Camp Willow Run, the High School Presbytery Retreat on Lake Gaston.** The registration deadline is February 3.
- **April 26-28 – Confirmation Retreat at Camp Caraway**
- **June 16-21 – The Mission Trip to Washington, DC (for 8th graders & older).** Watch for details.
- **July 10-13 – Massanetta Middle School Conference** (for all 6th-8th grade youth). The registration deadline is March 1.
- **July 14-20 – Montreat Youth Conference** (for 8-12 grade youth). Please register ASAP and no later than is March 1.

Social Media

Hudson Memorial is on Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC), Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), and facebook (HudsonMPC). Our Twitter & Instagram accounts have daily quotes, poetry, prayer or scripture. Follow us and like us!



Mission

Loaves & Fishes Chili Sale

Pick Up January 25 & 26

Loaves and Fishes' famous chili sale is happening again this year! Quarts of meat and veggie chili (\$13 each quart) will be offered for pick up just in time to stash it in the freezer for the Super Bowl! **Deadline to order is 9 a.m. Monday, January 21st.**

Pick-up times are January 25th from 4 to 7 p.m. and January 27th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Westminster Hall. This wonderful chili is made in our own kitchen!

For over 25 years Loaves & Fishes has been helping children succeed in Raleigh. A nonprofit organization, LAF runs after-school programs for grades K-12 and other services for at-risk children in Raleigh. Your purchase of chili helps continue Loaves & Fishes'



wonderful work.

You may order by signing up online, <https://www.hmpc.org/loavesandfishes>, or on the Community bulletin board in the main hallway or contact Pat Cash at 787-1086.

Finance

Year-End Statements

Those who have donated to the church during the year should not file their 2018 Federal tax return until you have received your year-end contribution statement, which will be mailed before the end of January 2019.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for those who requested them are available on the table in the main hallway. If you haven't requested them and would still like them, please contact Pat Cash.

Giving Ministry

2019 Pledge Campaign Update

Sunday, November 11th was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent, and financial resources to Christ through the church. Currently we have 185 households that have pledged out of 289 member households for a total of \$677,966.12. We need \$757,000 to meet the variety of ministry needs proposed for the 2019 budget. It is not too late to pledge. You can pick up a pledge form on the first floor hallway of the church or pledge on the church website at www.hmpc.org. If you have already pledged, we thank you.

Calendar



Sunday, January 6

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
Fellowship	11:30 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
MS/HS Youth	6:00 pm

Monday, January 7

Brown Bag Lunch (WH)	12:00 pm
PW Coordinating Team (JK)	7:00 pm
Personnel (KH)	7:00 pm
AI-Anon (GH)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, January 8

Retired Old Men Eating Out (Bojangles)	7:45 am
All Staff Meeting (Library)	9:30 am
Single Way (Applebees)	1:00 pm
Evangelism & Outreach (KH)	6:00 pm
HMP Board Meeting (200)	6:30 pm
Adult Education Committee (JK)	7:00 pm
Bonhoeffer Babes (Crafty Beer Shop)	7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 9

Women at the Well (Parlor)	9:15 am
Hudson Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:15 pm
Children's Committee (KH)	6:30 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, January 10

Daisy/Brownie Troop 1968 (215)	4:00 pm
Boys & Girls Homes of NC (200)	5:15 pm
Nominating Committee (Library)	6:00 pm
Mission Committee (KH)	7:00 pm

Friday, January 11

No activities scheduled

Saturday, January 12

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Luke Bentlage Eagle Court of Honor (WH)	3:00 pm
MS Youth Fellowship	4:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 921 (JK)	4:30 pm
HS Youth Fellowship	6:00 pm



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.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Missions

Tend My Sheep

January 27

In 2017, Hudson began our Tend My Sheep collection on the fourth Sunday of every month. We come together as a congregation to collect one pre-selected item to benefit a local group in need. When combined together, our individual contributions can make a huge impact! This month we are collecting canned goods to benefit North Raleigh Ministries Food Pantry.

Special Offering

General Mission Fund

Sunday, January 13

A special offering for the General Mission Fund will be received during the worship service. Funds will go toward organizations such as: A Place at the Table, Alliance Medical Ministries, Children's Hope Alliance, Rebuilding Together, and Raleigh Rescue Mission. These organizations support those in need in our community.