

the weekly Window

April 4, 2021

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

Egg Hunt & Easter Worship@ Hudson

**Easter Egg Hunt - April 3rd 9:30am to
12:30 pm**

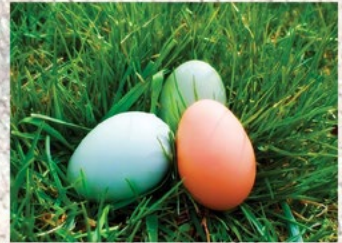
Easter Sunday - April 4th

**Three Outdoor
Services**

6:57 am Sunrise at the Labyrinth Green

**9:00 am Outdoor Easter Worship & Communion
- West Lawn**

**10:30 am Outdoor Easter Worship & Communion
- West Lawn**



**Anytime - Online Recorded Easter Sunday Worship from the HMPC
Sanctuary**

**The Hunger Action Team invites those who are attending outdoor worship on Easter
to bring non-perishable breakfast items to stock the North Raleigh Ministries Food
Pantry.**

Please go to HMPC.org to RSVP for any of the in-person outdoor services

You Should Have Been There!



You should have been there! It was Wednesday evening, March 11th of 2020. The Hudson Handbell Ringers and the Chancel Choir had just finished their weekly rehearsals, and I was so excited.

warm fellowship shared in both ensembles. The weekly opportunity to share prayer concerns with friends who truly cared. Church music ministry doesn't get any better than this. And slowly, I knew the time was right for my retirement. I knew that eventually



The Handbells were to ring in worship on the coming Sunday, and the Chancel Choir had just finished learning and polishing a new, powerful anthem by Mary McDonald, a popular church music composer. I couldn't wait to share all this new music with the congregation in worship!

Then Sunday, March 15th came, and worship was canceled. I felt as if we had all collectively stepped off a cliff together into an unknown abyss. I had a sinking feeling inside that this was not to be a short-term thing. When I watched a long webinar in April by leading medical and vocal science professionals, my heart truly sank. There would be no singing for a Long Time, surely longer than most people suspected. But I knew better.

In the months that ensued, I suffered from true clinical grief over the temporary cessation of our wonderful music ensembles at Hudson – the fine singing and musicianship in both ensembles, honed over 15 years of diligent, dedicated work together. The wonderful and

Throughout Lent the HMPC staff has been doing a weekly series on what our theme - *Naming Our Loss, Claiming Our Faith* - means to each of them. This is the final of the series

music would once again come alive at Hudson, but in my heart I knew I wouldn't, couldn't be the one to lead it forward. It would require new energy, new perspectives, and younger visions. What I also recognized, though, was that God truly has a time for each of us, a season for everything

we do. Trusting in God's leading, there is always something new in store for us that God is planning. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

We can hardly imagine the faith it required of Jesus to submit to separation from God through death, but I can only assume he was able to do so by trusting that God truly did have plans to prosper him, and not for harm. And so God did; Jesus raised to life anew on the third day, opening the door to eternal life for all who follow him. Each of us also can, must, in fact, cling to this hope. This is God's promise to each of us today, and everyday. God is worthy of not only our worship, but also our trust.

Phil

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 18th at 1 pm via Zoom

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, April 18th at 1 pm via ZOOM. The business of the meeting is: to elect the next class of elders, deacons and nominating committee, to consider an amendment of our congregational bylaws to allow for an additional youth elder, hear a report from the HMPC Foundation Board and the Hudson Memorial Preschool Board.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has completed their work and put forward the following people to be considered as candidates for Elders and Deacons. In addition, Robert Atkinson and Jeanna Gatten are the nominees for the Nominating Committee.

Ruling Elder Slate

Tom Bradshaw

Family: Tom and Mary Mac have 4 children, Tripp, McLean and Davis live in Raleigh & Michael lives in Jacksonville FL

Work Experience: Has worked in advertising, real estate, real estate development, investment banking and currently with TWB MDB Consulting, LL

Interests and Hobbies, Community Activities,

Civic Clubs: Served as City Councilman and Mayor Raleigh 1969-1973; Member of RTP Planning Committee and Chair of the Triangle J Council of Government; Secretary of NC Transportation 1977-1981; Board of National Transportation Board 1977-1981. Chair of NC Environment Commission 1981-1990, NC Global Transpark 1984-2002. On the Board and current Chair of the Institute of Defense & Business at UNC Chapel Hill. 20 Year Army

retiree. Joined Jaycees at age 20, served as President, State Vice President and National Director. Joined Kiwanis and has been an active member for over 45 years. First joined the YMCA Board in 1965, having chaired various campaigns, on the Y Board and Chair of Trustees. Having been raised by a single parent with help from the YMCA, Tom has always looked for public service opportunities to pay back the many mentors, even today.

Church Activities, Committees and Service: Chair of Diaconate, Elder, Co-Chair of Building Campaign for Westminster Hall

HMPC Membership: Joined September 1965

Cary Dickerson

Family: My husband Daniel and I have three children- Kessler (11), Kate (9), and James (5).

Work Experience: Interests and Hobbies, Community Activities, Civic Clubs: I have been a Twos teacher at Hudson Memorial Preschool for the past seven years. I love reading and spending time outdoors with my family and our puppy Twyla. My family and I enjoy volunteering as a family with various organizations in Raleigh. My daughter and I



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are also active in Girl Scouts.

Church Activities, Committees and Service:

In addition to currently serving on Session, I serve as Moderator of the Mission Committee, which I have been a member of for nine years. Through this

I am active with many of the ministries Hudson serves, such as Habitat for Humanity, Rise Against Hunger, and North Raleigh Ministries. I have been involved with the Children and Family Ministry Committee for the past 5 years. I have been on the Vacation Bible School team for the past 4 years. I am also involved in the Wedding Ministry. I also enjoy serving as an usher and a greeter.

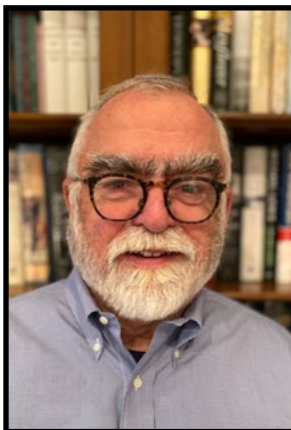
HMPC Membership: Joined December 2009

Roger Howard

Family: Nancy and I will celebrate 45 years of marriage in April. Our daughter, Laura, is a member of Hudson, our son, John, lives in Chicago with his family; each has 3 children

Work Experience: I retired on December 31, 2017. My career included 10 years as a college admissions officer, 10 years as a human resources executive and 35 years in residential real estate sales.

Interests and Hobbies, Community Activities, Civic Clubs: Like to attend and/or watch on



TV Duke and Butler University basketball, Notre Dame football and college wrestling; read mysteries and auto/biographies; enjoy walking our dog, Luka

Church Activities, Committees and Service:

Since moving to NC, I have become active in Bread for the World North Carolina (hunger relief advocacy) and served a term as a chair of our HOA Social Committee. At HMPC I participate as a member of Hudson Connects and Welcoming Team, taught VBS in 2019.

HMPC Membership: Joined March 2018

Joan Lester

Family: I joined HMPC in 1980 with my now ex-husband, Reggie Lester. I have one daughter, Marie Lester Pugh. She is married to Charlie Pugh, and they live in Raleigh.

Work Experience:

I am a retired psychologist & clinical social worker. I am also a real estate broker, but I haven't been active in real estate in quite some time. For 17 years, I worked with incarcerated juveniles at C.A. Dillon & Edgecombe Youth Development Centers.

Interests and Hobbies, Community Activities, Civic Clubs:

Interests and hobbies include tennis, golf, dog training, and traveling. My dog Selena is a therapy dog through Canines for Service. My other dog Carlitos is getting ready to start agility dog training. I enjoy taking both dogs for long walks, preferably on the beach. I also enjoy reading, playing bridge, and good conversation with friends & HMPC members.

Church Activities, Committees and Service:

In addition to church-related activities, I am active at the North Hills Club, where I have served on the finance & tennis committees. I



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am also active with Tri Phi Mu, my sorority alumni association, which supports the Children's Miracle Network & the National Women's History Museum, under construction in Washington, D.C. I have been on the Preschool Board and have served as a catechism instructor, youth advisor, LOGOS table parent, and Deacon. I am currently on the Finance Committee. I also participate with the Boomers & the Single Way.

HMPC Membership: Joined September 1965

Deacon Slate

Ron Ash

Family: Married for 50 years to Aleta Ash, Minister of Visitation at HMPC

Work Experience:

Interests and

Hobbies,

Community

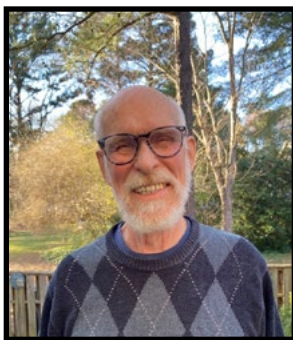
Activities, Civic

Clubs: Retired microbiologist

Church Activities, Committees and Service:

Volunteer as a docent at the North Carolina Museum of History, and serve on the Adult Education Committee at HMPC

HMPC Membership: Joined February 2015



Tony Bedini

Family: Wife Betsy, daughter Sarah

Work Experience:

Marketer for Crossmark

Interests and Hobbies,

Community Activities,

Civic Clubs: Sports reading

Church Activities,

Committees and Service: Evangelism & Outreach

Committee, Deacon

HMPC Membership: Joined May 2001

Martha Chapman

Martha worked and raised her children in Albemarle,

NC. She was the choral director

of the Albemarle

City Schools and

Director of Music at

First Street United

Methodist Church,

Main Street United

Methodist Church

and First Presbyterian

Church, Albemarle, NC. She was also adjunct

voice teacher and choral conductor at Pfeiffer

University.

Martha and her husband Joe moved to Raleigh in the fall of 2013, when Joe had to take medical retirement and sold his business in Albemarle.

Martha was Choral Director at First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield, NC. Joe died on

December 31, 2018 and Martha joined Hudson Memorial that next fall.

Between bouts of working at First Presbyterian Church in Albemarle, Martha served as a

Deacon there. She worked in the Stanly County Christian Ministry Food Pantry and directed

summer musicals with the youth of FPC and other churches.

Martha graduated from the NC School of the Arts in 1973 with a Bachelor of Music in voice and received her Masters of Music Education from WCU in 1977. She is very proud of

getting her Masters of Sacred Music and Choral Conducting at the age of 60 from ECU.

Martha's son, Judson Cowan, and his family live in Edinburgh, Scotland. Her daughter, Dorothy Cowan and family live in Raleigh.

At Hudson, Martha showed her gifts playing the piano on occasion for worship, including our virtual Advent Calendar. She is a member of the weekly Women at the Well group. She is an avid



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reader and heirloom seamstress. She is looking forward to sewing for the granddaughter she is expecting the end of June!

HMPC Membership: Joined August 2019

Susan Krause



Family: Husband Ken, daughters Mary Glenn and Talley

Work Experience: I worked with my father who owned Moss Drugs in Gastonia until Ken and I moved with his work to Marietta Ga, Indianapolis and then to Raleigh.

I worked independent retail and Psych pharmacy before settling in as a Home Infusion Specialty Pharmacist for the last 20 plus years with Spectrum Infusion.

Interests and Hobbies, Community Activities,

Civic Clubs: Travel, hiking, running, reading, dancing, kayaking, swimming, arts/crafts, social media specialist for authors, discovering! YMCA, JLR (Just joined the chorus!), Galloway Run Group Team Leader, retired GS Leader, retired PTA member/officer, retired Cultural Arts School Rep with United Arts, Book clubs member

Church Activities, Committees and Service:

Ken Krause cheerleader and feeder, New Member Committee-chair; Nominating Committee; Adult Ed Comm; Preschool Board Sunday School teacher (adult and children) HMPC Preschool PTA member; HMPC Mom with various volunteer jobs; Youth Group Comm
HMPC Membership: Joined January 2000

Elizabeth Rankin

Family: I grew up in South Carolina as an only child. I am single and have two dogs, Annie and Colin.

Work Experience:

I worked for IBM from 1979 until 1992 as a programmer, technical writer, and editor. In 1994, I moved from Raleigh to Connecticut to attend graduate school. I received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Connecticut in 1999. I taught psychology at Western Oregon University for two years, then was a postdoctoral fellow in 2001-2002 at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. I worked as a psychologist at Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro in 2002 and 2003. I then moved to the Navajo Nation to work for the Indian Health Service, US Public Health Service as a psychologist. I transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs after about seven years on the Navajo reservation before retiring in 2018.

Interests and Hobbies, Community Activities,

Civic Clubs: I am interested in genealogy and travel. I also like to read and spend time with my dogs. I enjoy watching Duke men's and UConn women's basketball. In the past I volunteered at an animal shelter in Oregon, working in their thrift store, preparing written materials, and working in the shelter. I have also worked as a volunteer on an orthopedics unit and a geropsych unit in different hospitals.

Church Activities, Committees and Service: I am currently the coordinator of the church office volunteers and the Single Way. I am a member of the Welcoming Committee and the Memorial Guild. In the past, I sang in the choir, taught children's Sunday school, and was a member of the Wedding Guild.

HMPC Membership: I have lived in Raleigh twice and been a member of Hudson both times, in all about six years.



Adult Faith Formation

Brown Bag with Pastor Mac

April 12th



Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Mac has moved to Monday, April 12th. The group is doing the Presbyterian Church (USA) Matthew 25 Initiative Bible Study. In their upcoming



session they will be studying The Parable of the Talents. [If you are interested in joining the study please contact Mac Schafer](#)

Waking Up with the Word

April 6 - 6:30 am



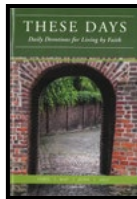
Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am at the WH Patio. The group studies the scripture text that will be preached on the following Sunday. No previous Bible study experience is needed. The group centers their study around three questions - 1. What is a word or phrase that stands out to you in the text? 2. Allow that word or phrase to prompt a memory from your life, a thought on the passage or a metaphor. 3. What is Christ calling you to through the scripture text? [Contact Mac Schafer](#) for more information.

These Days

April - June

Issues Are Here!

The April - June issue of *These*



Days has arrived. Hudson member Nancy Law Rogers wrote the poem, *God is Watching Over Me*, that opens the devotional.

Copies are available at the north entrance in a weather protected bin.

[Please contact Pat Cash](#), 919-787-1086, if you would like one mailed to you.

Session Update

March 22nd Session Meeting

- Endorsed Inquirer Matt Moormon to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as a candidate for ministry
- The Church budget had a general fund surplus of \$14,359 in January
- We will return to in-person worship in the sanctuary beginning April 18 at 10:30 am. Social distancing, face masks, and a maximum of 90 worshipers will be in place. We will alternate between sanctuary worship and outdoor worship on the west lawn until further notice.
- A congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the next classes of Elders and Deacons will be held via Zoom on Sunday April 18 at 1:00 pm

Worship & The Arts

Sanctuary Sunday Music Director Worship Search Update

Begins April 18th

On Monday, March 22nd the Session voted to begin indoor, in-person sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 18th with a capacity of 90 people not including worship leaders, ushers and greeters. Initially we will alternate indoor worship with outdoor worship, understanding that not everyone will be comfortable with indoor worship at this time and the weather is still nice to do outdoor worship. Sanctuary worship will require social distancing and masks along with other pandemic protocols to care for the community.

The Music Director Search Committee is chaired by Bruce Cox & John James. Committee members include Kate Fertin, Emily Brown, Sean Cole, Lynne Dawkins, Judie Greenawalt and Mac Schafer (ex-officio). The committee has posted the position opening on multiple relevant sites and has begun receiving resumes from candidates. Please pray for the search committee as they determine who might be called to lead the music ministry at HMPC.



Hudson's Newest Members

Lydia Gabbard and Becca Fisher

Lydia was born in Lexington, KY, grew up in Elkton, MD and Wilmington, NC, and considers Wilmington her home. Lydia is an Attorney/Senior Compliance Associate at Fairview Investment Services. She enjoys cooking, sampling local cuisine, playing piano and watching college basketball. Becca was born in Wheeling, WV and grew up in Fredericksburg VA, in the manse of



the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg, where her Dad is the pastor. Becca is an Attorney/Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Lucy N. Inman at the NC Court of Appeals. She is an avid soccer fan (played in college), loves to hike, be outdoors, watch live music. Lydia & Becca met in law school at UNC.

Youth Group News

Youth Programs

- **The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class** will not meet this coming Sunday, April 4 (Easter). The class will resume meeting on April 11th after the Spring Break Holiday.
- **April 11 - The High School Youth Group** will be assembling College Care Packages for the HMPC college students to sustain them through their final exams. If you have a college student in your family, [be sure and send Frank Boyd their name and package addresses \(must be a street address\).](#)
- **The Middle School Youth Group** will have an exciting outdoor afternoon adventure on Sunday afternoon, April 18 at [TreeRunner Adventure Park](#) in Raleigh. TreeRunner is a premier aerial adventure park with over 70 exciting obstacles, ropes courses and zip lines, three difficulty levels, and seven different courses, there is plenty to explore. Space is limited, so be sure and sign up ASAP with Frank Boyd know if you plan to attend. We will gather at TreeRunner at 3:15 and parent pick-up will be at the same place at 6:00. Cost is \$30 plus climbing gloves. All those who sign up will receive more details. [Feel free to contact Frank Boyd](#) if you have any questions.
- **Mission Trip Dates – June 15-17, 2021**
All 8th-12th graders please mark your calendar and plan to join us if possible. Registration flyers were attached to last week's email and can also be found on the church website under Youth Forms.

The registration deadline for the mission Trip is April 14. For safety purposes, this year's Mission Trip will be local, working with Raleigh Youth Mission, learning more about the City of Oaks, and doing service learning at various non-profit agencies. This is a great way to accumulate community service hours.

Looking Ahead

- **April 25 is Outdoor Movie Night** for the Youth Groups – watch for details.
- **May 2 – The HMPC Youth** are planning to package meals at the Rise Against Hunger Warehouse in the late afternoon. Please mark your calendar and let Frank Boyd know if you plan to join us, as space will be limited to keep things safe. Plan to join us.
- **Graduation Sunday is May 16th** - All graduating seniors are encouraged to send in your picture and the answer to the bio-questions that were recently mailed and emailed.
- **Massanetta Middle School Conference** is June 22-25, 2021.
- **Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)** – Now is the time to sign up for current 8th -12th grade youth. Flyers can be found on the church website and have been emailed. This will likely fill up fast, so the sooner you sign the more likely it is that you will get to go. [If you have questions, please contact Frank Boyd at the church office.](#)

College Graduations – If you are or have a member of your family graduating from college this spring, please send this information to Pat Cash at pcash@hmpc.org. It is helpful for us to know the name, the degree, the institution, honors, and anything else you think might be helpful.

Parade of Palms



This past Palm Sunday, following worship, the congregation waved their Palms and walked the new accessibility ramp with shouts of Hosanna.” Thanks be to God for this new resource!

Missions

Hudson's Mission Trip, July 18-23

The Session has approved the mission trip, subject to changes in the pandemic. Our group will be working in the vicinity of Banner Elk, NC, on the construction of a home for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. We will stay at Holton Presbyterian Camp located in Banner Elk and share rooms with two double beds, provided linens, and a private bathroom; we will be able to gather at a comfortable meeting place within the lodge; and we will enjoy meals provided by the camp.

There is ample work for every skill level and talented participants to guide us in enhancing our abilities. Those going are recommended, but not required, to have been covid

vaccinated; and we will abide by the covid precautions/requirements of both Holston Camp and Habitat. While each participant is asked to donate \$240 to help finance the trip, subject to a \$575 family maximum, that donation is a suggestion, not a requirement. Maximal congregational participation, including teenagers, is the goal here.

If you want more information or are ready to join others in committing to the trip, please contact [John Oldenburg](#). [A Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 7 pm](#) for more information and to answer questions

The Mission Committee

Deacon Ministry

Prayers for Households

During this time when we are physically apart, we can all benefit from the prayers of others. Starting at the beginning of our church directory, the Deacons are praying for 7 member households each week, with the goal of praying for each and every member of our congregation. These households are listed below so the congregation can have the opportunity to join in praying for them as well. In addition, each household will receive a positive note of encouragement from the Deacons in the mail. As always, if you have a



specific request for prayer at any time, you can submit a prayer request from the website or you may call 919-787-1086 and press 2 for the Deacon's Prayer Line. Wilson Cheeley is the Deacon On Call for April.

Prayer Households for this week. Please keep these families in your prayers:

- *Lauren Llewellyn*
- *Margaret Lockard*
- *Wynne, Justin, Holden and Miller Long*
- *Donna, Jack, Jackson and Sarah Lynch*
- *Jean Macomber*
- *Cate, Tripp, Cal and Hank Madden*
- *Leigh, Chip, Alexander and Katherine Magee*

Calendar

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

- Online Worship - Anytime
- 6:57 am - Sunrise Easter Service - Labyrinth Green
- 9:00 am - Easter Worship & Communion - West Lawn
- 10:30 am - Easter Worship & Communion - West Lawn

Monday, April 5

- Office Closed
- 6:00 pm - Personnel
- 7 pm - PW Coordinating Team

Tuesday, April 6

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 1 pm - Single Way
- 6:30 pm - Music Director Search Committee

Wednesday, April 7

- 9:30 am - Women at the Well
- 6:30 pm - Children's Committee

All meetings by Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, April 11

- Online Worship - Anytime
- 9:30 am - Explorer's 5-6-7 SS, Twin Oaks
- 10:30 am - Children's SS
- 10:30 am - Worship - West Lawn

Easter and Hunger Action

For many years we had a congregational pancake breakfast on Easter morning and we look forward to the time we are able to do that again. As we celebrate Easter this year we are mindful of those who COVID 19 has affected, especially individuals and families who are food insecure. The Hunger Action Team invites those who are attending outdoor worship on Easter to bring non perishable breakfast items to stock the North Raleigh Ministry food pantry: cereal, breakfast bars, oatmeal, pancake mix, fruit that is canned or in individual cups, shelf stable or powdered milk, syrup, instant coffee, boxed tea bags and English muffins. All should be in date and unopened.



Staff Directory

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Pat Cash, Business Administrator – pcash@hmpc.org

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