



the weekly Window

December 29, 2019

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

Worship & the Arts

Online Video of Sermons

Thanks to the HMPC Foundation and the vision of Evangelism & Outreach video of the HMPC sermons is now available on the church website. Previously we only had audio recordings. You can find the videos of weekly sermons by going to [hmpc.org](https://www.hmpc.org) and then to the “worship & arts” drop down tab. Then scroll down to “sermons.” This new resource will enable friends of HMPC to “come to church” from a distance, whether you are away on a business trip on Sundays or physically can’t leave your home. It will also give potential visitors a window into worship at HMPC.



ONLINE – Sermons are now available online at <https://www.hmpc.org/sermons>

We hope by late January or February of 2020 to have the capacity to “live stream” the service. Special thanks to the Evangelism & Outreach Team and the HMPC

Foundation for funding this upgraded audio-visual. We also thank the sound board team and office staff for the behind the scenes work of recording and uploading.

Mission Task Force

Advocating For an End to Hunger

By Carolyn Scott

As Christians we are called to provide for the hungry and to care for the poor. We belong to a denomination that takes this calling very seriously, even including it in our Book of Confessions:

“Enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation.” Confession of 1967, 9.46, PC(USA).

By participating in the Presbyterian Hunger Program as a Hunger Action Congregation, we at Hudson will join with Presbyterians around the world working to alleviate hunger by

- Providing food and funds for direct assistance locally and internationally.
- Promotion of sustainable food production practices through education and our own actions.
- Calling on governments at all levels for policies to improve nutrition and eliminate hunger.

Advocacy is one of the Four Pillars of Hudson’s mission strategy for hunger relief. The covenant we will submit as a Hunger Action Congregation calls for “advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation.” Our first step will be an Offering of Letters through Bread for the World, an organization with close ties to the Presbyterian Church which advocates for hunger relief through bipartisan legislation. Watch for information and a date after the New Year so you can participate. We already support the work of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and its Office of Public Witness which promotes the denomination’s policies of social justice nationally. You may want to think of ways you and your family can encourage fair trade, responsible food practices and fair treatment of workers through your buying choices. Let us strive to be faithful to Jesus Christ in our prayers and our actions in order to relieve the suffering brought by poverty and hunger.



Music



CDs Now Available

CD’s of Lazarus are now available! This past spring the Chancel Choir, soloists and instruments produced an original cantata written by our Music Director/Composer. We’ve just received these wonderful recordings of their beautiful performance. CD’s are available for purchase at \$15 from the church office.

Fellowship

Tacos, Tunes & Tiramisu

The congregation is invited to attend Tacos, Tunes, & Tiramisu:



A Youth Fundraiser Luncheon. Please save the date, January 26th, plan to come, and watch for details.

Children's Ministry

Sunday Morning Programs

Children's programs begin the winter/spring session on January 5th. If your child is new to our program, parents/guardians of children enrolled 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., Parable Playhouse

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 a.m., 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 at 10:30 a.m. 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.

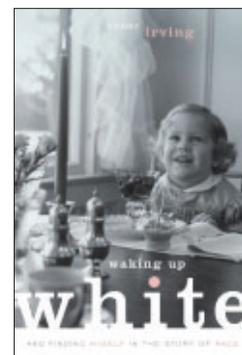
We look forward to seeing all of your children on Sunday mornings! For more information contact Lee Corbett at lcobbett@hmpe.org.

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Brown Bag Lunch

Beginning January 6

Two new things will be happening at Brown Bag Lunch. We will be meeting at a new time: 11 a.m. and from January to March we will be reading and discussing a book: *Waking Up White & Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The deadline for ordering books has passed, but you may purchase one on your own if you would like to join the class. For more information contact Mac at mschafer@hmhc.org.



Bonhoeffer Babes

Tuesday, January 7

The HMPC Bonhoeffer Babes will meet on Tuesday, January 7th at 7 p.m. at The Crafty Beer Shop at Lafayette Village (8450 Honeycutt Rd). We will discuss through Chapter 17 of *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. 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 Groups

Weekly Group Begins Wednesday, January 15

The group will meet from 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Women of all ages and stages, long time members and newcomers, meet together each week for a time of prayer, support and conversation about the intersection of life and faith. Our primary resource for the winter semester is *Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament* by Melissa Florer-Bixler, pastor of the Raleigh Mennonite Church. She skillfully weaves pieces of rich biblical narrative with contemporary stories as she invites us to discover how God is working in our lives in ways we do not always recognize. Register for the class by December 31st on the adult education board in the main hallway or online (hmhc.org/women-at-the-well) and note if you would like us to purchase a book for you (cost is \$12). For more information contact Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmhc.org.

Monthly Group Begins Thursday, January 23

The group will meet January 23rd, February 27th, March 19th, April 23rd, and May 28th at 6 p.m. at a local restaurant. Women of all ages and stages share conversation about the intersection of faith and life using podcasts that inform us on a variety of current issues and topics. Watch for details to come in January. For more information contact Debbie Kirk dkirk@hmhc.org.

Youth

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, January 5

The Rise Against Hunger meal packaging program is Sunday afternoon, January 5 from 4-6 p.m. Let us know if you would like to participate by signing up at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044eabaa238-rise>. We will be joined by youth from St. Giles and West Raleigh Presbyterian churches. Friends are welcome as always. This event is open to all youth, adults, and older children with parental accompaniment. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Billman or Frank Boyd.

Ski Trip to Wintergreen

Monday, January 20

The ski trip is on the MLK Holiday. We have a wonderful group going, and at this point, there is still room on the bus if you would like to join us. Friends are welcome too. Middle and High School youth from St. Giles Presbyterian Youth will be joining us again this year.

Registration flyers can be found on the church website, in the wall pockets outside of Frank Boyd's church office, and on the bookshelf near the Confirmation Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Boyd at hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com.

Sunday School

The Explorers 5-6-7 and the Confirmation class will resume meeting next Sunday, January 5th.

High school youth are encouraged to participate in the Gathering, and to watch for the new "Makers and Bakers" class for High School age and adults of all ages.

Tacos, Tunes, & Tiramisu

Sunday, January 26

Tacos, Tunes, & Tiramisu: A Youth Fundraiser Luncheon for the entire congregation on Sunday, January 26, immediately following worship. Please save the date, plan to come, & watch for details. Youth and families will be needed for set up, supplies, food prep, and cleanup.

Montreat Youth Conference

July 19-25

Montreat Youth Conference is filling up quickly, so if you want to avoid the wait list, please sign up ASAP. This event is for current 8th – 12th grade youth, and just might be the best week of your life. .

Massanetta Middle School Conference

June 23-26

It is for rising 6 – 9th grade youth. Flyers can be found on the church website under 'Youth Forms' and also in the wall pockets across from Frank Boyd's office.

Social Media

Hudson Memorial is on:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)

Follow us and like us!

Giving

2020 Pledge Campaign Update

November 10th was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent and financial resources to Christ through the church. Currently there are 195 households that have pledged out of 370 member households for a total of \$723,131.96. Pledges of 777,000 are needed to fulfill ministry requests. **It is not too late to pledge.** Pledge forms are located on the first

floor hallway of the church or you can pledge on the church website at www.hmhc.org. Thank you if you already pledged.

End of Year Gifts

If you wish to make a contribution to complete your annual pledge or make a designated gift payment for the 2019 financial year, deliver your payment to HMPC by Tuesday, December 31st or mail it with a postmark date no later than

December 31st so it can be posted this year. If you have any questions, contact Pat Cash, Church Administrator at pcash@hmhc.org or 787-1086.

Year-End Statements

Those who have donated to the church during the year should not file their 2019 Federal tax return until you have received your year-end contribution statement, which will be mailed before the end of January 2020.

Birthdays

January

- 1 - Nnenna Nduka
- 3 - Noelle Newnam
- 4 - James Dudeck
- 5 - Katherine Meeks, Dan Vig, Sarah Bedini, Donna Lynch
- 6 - William Keever, Ed White
- 7 - Christine Schneider, Kelly Capps, Richard Moser
- 8 - Jim Seitz, Tate Brandt, Natalie Randolph
- 9 - JoLee Carpenito, Davis Jennings
- 10 - Shirley Bennett
- 12 - Jacob Frelich, Annabelle

- Pate, Mary Carmen Dawkins
- 13 - Emily Brown
- 15 - Glenn Kennedy, Hayden Moriarity, Kristin Moriarity, Hunter Moriarity, Leigh Magee
- 16 - Alice Jackson
- 17 - Corey Stafford, Hayes Atkinson, Beth McIntire, Patti Saleeby, Jake Richardson
- 18 - Maria Plentl
- 20 - Amanda Anderson, Susan Davis, Phil James
- 21 - Zoë Edge
- 22 - Pat Brown, Kay Emanuel
- 24 - Becky Hughes, Carr

- Jennings, Burns Boyce, John Mitterling
- 25 - Sonja Puryear, Kurt Conger, Richard Rogers, Maggie Bunzey
- 26 - Sandy Schilder, Suzanne Story, Talley Krause, Jenny Crosson, Dylan Coonse
- 27 - Doug Small, Craig Morris
- 28 - Catherine Cox, Richard Rodgers
- 29 - Virginia Lilyquist, Jason Huesgen, Jeanna Gatten
- 30 - Jack Llewellyn
- 31 - Michelle Baur, Tom Priester, Libby Hnat, Wilson Cheeley

Calendar



Sunday, December 29

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am

Monday, December 30

Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH)	8:00 pm
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Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

ROMEOS (Bojangles)	8:00 am
Single Way (Dot Medlin's home)	6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Office closed

Thursday, January 2

Amazing Grays Lunch	11:30 am
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Friday, January 3

No activities scheduled

Saturday, January 4

No activities scheduled

Sunday, January 5

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	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
MS/HS Youth Rise Against Hunger	4:00 pm

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the church will notify the local ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL) television stations if church will be delayed or cancelled. Please check the closings before venturing out in bad weather. We will do our best to have the sidewalks and steps cleared, but there is no guarantee that there will not be slippery spots. It is also possible that there will not be child care on Sunday morning.

