



the weekly Window

March 8, 2020

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

Preschool

Preparing Fours for Kindergarten

By **Brandi Krichbaum**

Having the opportunity to be a teacher to four-year-olds at Hudson Memorial Preschool is such a fulfilling and rewarding experience. As fours teachers, we believe that we are that final step before a child heads to kindergarten. This is why we work so hard to prepare our kids academically, emotionally, and socially. These are all equally important when preparing a child for elementary school. With academics, we spend a large amount of time teaching our students Letterland which provides them with the foundation of learning to read. This also crosses over into their writing and by the time they leave our classroom they can write their whole name, as well as various other sight words. We spend time on counting, 1:1 number correspondence, patterning, mental math, and basic calendar skills. Although academics are so important, the social-emotional part of growing is also very important.

When students leave us they can follow a routine, they can walk in a line, raise their hand to be called on, share with others, sit



TEACHING – Brandi Krichbaum and Patty Parrnelli teach the Fours class at Hudson Presbyterian Preschool.

for longer amounts of time, show kindness and respect, and learn how to problem solve on their own! This is such a rewarding level to teach because the amount of growth we see from the beginning of the year to the end is incredible and we know that we have done everything we can to have them ready for the next step – all while still having so much fun.

If you have any questions or would like to visit the preschool contact Dorothy Roche at droche@hmpc.org or call 919-787-1792.

Hunger Action

Offering of Letters

Sunday, March 29

The Mission Committee and Hunger Action Team will be hosting an Offering of Letters on Sunday, March 29th, during fellowship time in Westminster Hall. We will write letters to our members of Congress asking for policies that would improve nutrition and eliminate hunger in the U.S. and internationally.

The Hunger Action Covenant presented to the congregation in January includes a commitment to join with other churches in “advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes...” We will conduct our Offering of Letters with the assistance of Bread for the World, a non-profit

Vote With Your Fork: Caring for the Land that Sustains Us

Saturday, March 21

We are holding a workshop from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and will consider the biblical and theological basis for living in a sustainable way and what that means as we address the interrelated issues that impact food insecurity. The workshop will be led by Sarah Ogletree, the Program Coordinator for NC Interfaith Power and Light, and will conclude with lunch catered by Horizons Catering for a Cause benefiting the Interfaith Food Shuttle. To register, go to <https://www.hmpc.org/vote-with-your-fork>.



organization which advocates for hunger relief through bipartisan legislation.

The Hunger Action Team will provide letter-writing supplies along with names and addresses of U.S. Senators and Representatives. Bread for the World will provide information about

proposed legislation and sample letter language that we can incorporate. Our Offering of Letters will be dedicated to God just as we dedicate offerings of our funds and our service. Please plan to stay after worship on March 29th and participate in this Hunger Action event.



Flower Donations

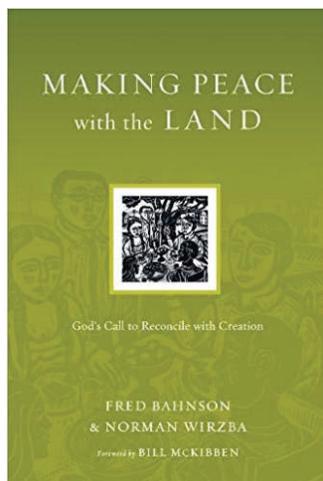
Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement soon. To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103.

Hunger Action

Action to End Hunger

On January 12th our congregation committed to “faithful action to end hunger and address its root causes” by signing the Hunger Action Covenant and we identified six areas of focus that all church groups are encouraged to choose from when considering related activities for their ministry areas.

The Adult Committee is facilitating several opportunities during Lent designed to remind us of the foundation of hunger action: the biblical witness that the earth God created has enough resources for all its inhabitants, examples where Jesus addressed physical needs as well as spiritual ones and our call to be servants of one another. As faithful disciples we have the opportunity to respond in gratitude by working to alleviate hunger and its causes in ways that are holistic and justice oriented.



Book Study & Conversations

Sundays during Lent (March 15, 22, 29)

Andrea Mouw and Debbie Kirk will lead a Gathering offering at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200 using the book *Making Peace with the Land: God's Call to Reconcile with Creation* by Fred Bahnson and Norma Wirzba.

Lunch & Learn

Corresponding Wednesdays (March 11, 18, 25 and April 4) – Debbie will facilitate “lunch and learn” conversations from 12-1 p.m. in the church library. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch and are encouraged to read the lessons as preparation for each week’s conversations. Books are available at Quail Ridge Books and Amazon for \$15-\$18.

Making Peace with the Land: God's Call to Reconcile with Creation by Fred Bahnson and Norma Wirzba.

- March 11: Chapter 2 and 3
- March 15 and 18: Chapter 4
- March 22 and 25: Chapter 5
- March 29 and April 4: Chapter 6 and Epilogue

Social Media

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

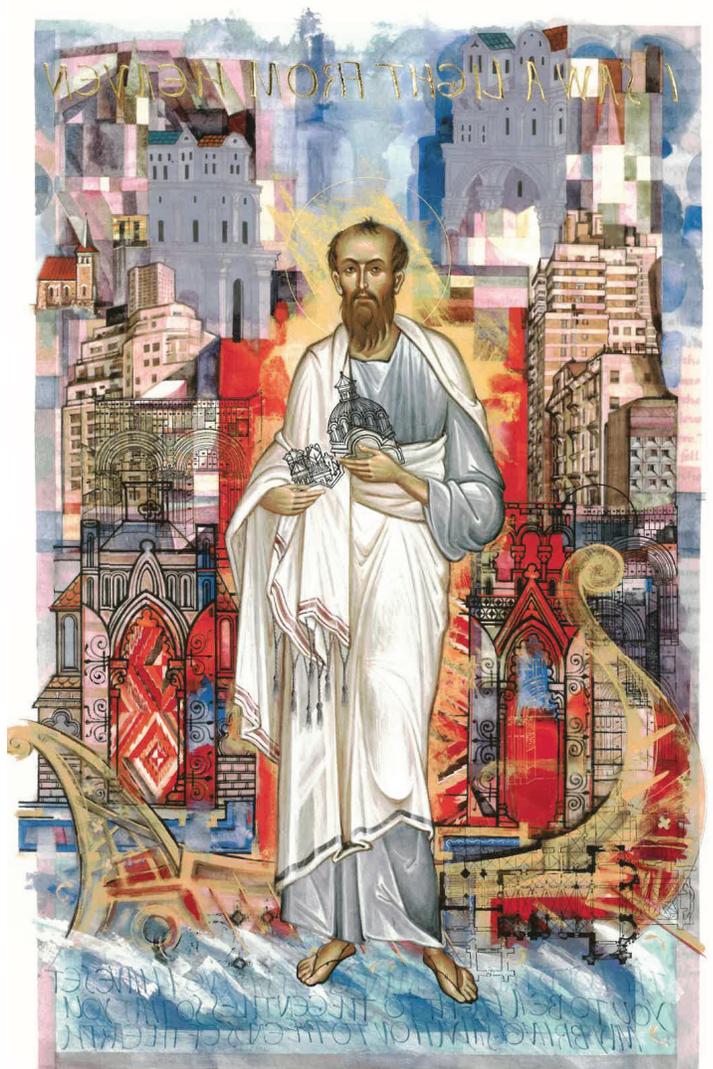


Worship & the Arts

Lenten Sermon Series: The Apostle Paul

This past Sunday, Pastor Mac and Music Director & Composer Phil Hayden introduced a Lenten sermon series on the Apostle Paul. Through first person narrative they told the story of Saul of Tarsus' upbringing, his transforming moment on the way to Damascus and the way a follower of Jesus, Ananias, helped him to regain his sight. If you could not attend worship and would like to read the story it can be found in Acts 7:54-8:3 and Acts 9:1-19.

Lent is a church season where we focus a bit more on examining our relationship with God and remembering the foundation that Jesus Christ is in our lives. Saul of Tarsus became the Apostle Paul. Paul is credited with half of the New Testament writings. His beliefs and theology have shaped the church in ways we can't imagine. As we ponder God transforming us through the season of Lent, we invite you to examine Saul's transformation into the Apostle Paul and the birth of the early church. This series on Paul will go for the next three weeks.



Session

Congregational Meeting for Elections

Sunday, March 22

The session has approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 22nd following worship in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing elders, deacons and members of the nominating committee. If you are a member please mark your calendar for this meeting. Bios and photographs of the nominees will be listed in the weekly window on March 15th and 22nd.

Missions

Tend My Sheep

Sunday, March 22

The Mission Committee and the Hunger Action Team are pairing with the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC and the WakeMed Pediatric Weight Management team to put together boxes for WakeMed patients and their families who are in need. Our donations will be paired with meat and produce provided by the Food Bank. Recipes will also be included to aid these families as they prepare healthy meals.

Consider purchasing items to complete a full box or individual items:

- 16 oz bottles of vegetable or olive oil
- 42 oz containers of plain rolled oats
- 12-16 oz jars of low sugar jelly
- 16-24 oz jars of creamy peanut butter
- 16 oz boxes of whole grain rice
- 15 oz cans of low fat/ reduced fat/light coconut milk
- 15 oz Cannelini Beans or Navy Beans
- 15 oz cans or 24 oz jars of plain tomato sauce
- 16 oz boxes of whole wheat pasta
- 16 oz bottles of soy sauce
- Iodized salt
- black pepper

Music



Handbell Ringing Opportunity

The Hudson Handbell Ringers has openings for two handbell ringers for the upcoming fall season. If you read music well, have a good sense of rhythm, enjoy music making with others, and can commit to a weekly one hour rehearsal Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m., the Music Ministry would like to know.

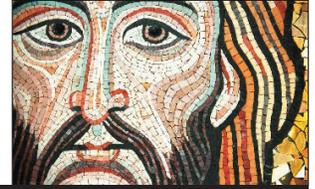
Openings are by audition. If you are interested, contact Phil Hayden at 919-931-5327, phayden@hmpc.org, or speak to him following a worship service. The Hudson Handbell Ringers are a caring, supportive small music ministry team that would love to know about you!

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) are actively involved in several areas of church ministry. PW joins in various ways for fellowship, Bible study, church and mission projects. For more information, see the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the main hallway, or contact Judie Greenwalt (jkgreenawalt@bellsouth.net), Sharon Cole (sharoncole@carolina.rr.com), or Gretchen McDuffie (gsmcduffie@yahoo.com).



Lent Schedule of Events



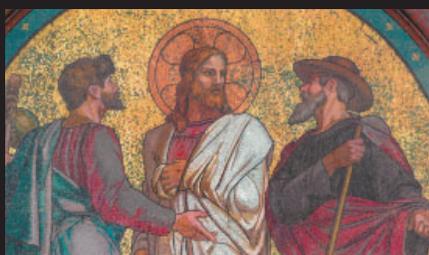
Event	Date	Time	Location
Devotionals Available			Main Hallway Entrances
Lunch & Learn	Wed., Mar. 11	12:00 p.m.	Library
Lenten Fellowship Meal		6:00 p.m.	Westminster Hall
Service of Prayer		6:20 p.m.	Sanctuary
The Gathering Book Study	Sun., Mar. 15	9:30 a.m.	Room 200
Worship: 3rd Sunday of Lent		10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Scripture: Acts 16:1-15			
Lunch & Learn	Wed., Mar. 18	12:00 p.m.	Library
Lenten Fellowship Meal		6:00 p.m.	Westminster Hall
Service of Prayer		6:20 p.m.	Sanctuary
Hunger Action Workshop	Sat., Mar. 21	9:30 a.m.	Westminster Hall
The Gathering Book Study	Sun., Mar. 22	9:30 a.m.	Room 200
Worship: 4th Sunday of Lent		10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Scripture: Acts 18			
Lunch & Learn	Wed., Mar. 25	12:00 p.m.	Library
Lenten Fellowship Meal		6:00 p.m.	Westminster Hall
Service of Prayer		6:20 p.m.	Sanctuary



Lent Schedule of Events



Event	Date	Time	Location
The Gathering Book Study Worship: 5th Sunday of Lent Scripture: Acts 28:16-31 Fellowship Time: Bread for the World Offering of Letters	Sun. Mar. 29	9:30 a.m.	Room 200
		10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
		11:30 a.m.	Westminster Hall
Lunch & Learn Lenten Fellowship Meal Service of Prayer	Wed., Apr. 1	12:00 p.m.	Library
		6:00 p.m.	Westminster Hall
		6:20 p.m.	Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat., Apr. 4	10 a.m-12 p.m.	Westminster Hall
The Gathering The Passion of Christ Worship: Palm Sunday Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11	Sun. Apr. 5	9:30 a.m.	Room 200
		10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday Worship	Thurs., Apr. 9	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Good Friday Worship	Fri., Apr. 10	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Cancake Breakfast Easter Worship	Sun., Apr.12	8:30-10:15a.m.	Westminster Hall
		8:30 a.m.	Outdoors
		10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary



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's (www.hmpc.org) home page under "News and Events" and on the Gathering bulletin board in the main hallway.



Sunday, March 15

Sermon topic and theme (Library) – If you are interested in learning about this Lent series text (Acts 16:1-15) and theme “the story of Paul: The Second Missionary Journey” as a preparation for worship, join us for this engaging and informative conversation.

– Facilitated by Barry Cobb, John James and Gil Graybill

“Making Peace with the Land” book study 3 (Room 200) – This resource offers a powerful vision of God as a gardener, physically engaged in the work of restoring all creation to wholeness. And it offers hungry

people a way to join in God’s work by getting our hands dirty. Together we will explore our biblical and theological mandate as caretakers of an interdependent world and consider its practical implications for our hunger action mission focus. Participants may attend the series or single sessions.

– Led by Debbie Kirk and Andrea Mouw

The Book of Romans (John Knox Room)

This is a “deep dive” bible study into Paul’s letter to first Century Christians and offers us the opportunity to consider how we might interpret it for our 21st century lives.

– Led by Nancy Law

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Inquirers Class

Sunday, March 15

The Inquirers Class for those interested in membership will be held following the worship service in the Karl Hudson Room (#100) and lasts about two hours. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member



of Hudson Memorial. Childcare is available if you register ahead of time. A light lunch will be served.

Registration forms are available on the new member bulletin board in the main hallway, or online at hmpc.org/visit-us/join-the-church.

Registration deadline for the class and childcare is Wednesday, March 11th.

Youth



This Week

March 8

The Middle School Youth Group is having Popcorn & Movie Night tonight. We will gather at 5 p.m. in Westminster Hall for a quick supper and then head upstairs for popcorn and a movie. Bring a water bottle and \$5 for the meal. Also, if you like, bring a pillow or a blanket too. Pick-up is at 7 p.m.

The High School Youth is heading to Frankie's Fun Park tonight for an evening of play! We will gather at the church vans near Westminster Hall at 5 p.m. and be back to the church by 8 p.m. for pick up. Bring \$20 for the activities, money for supper, and a water bottle. Confidential scholarships are available for all youth activities.



SERVING – High school youth group served a meal at Ronald McDonald House last Sunday, March 1st.

Looking Ahead

Sunday March 15

Middle School Youth Program – Social Media: Avoiding the traps of Gossip, Bullying, and Meanness.

High School Youth is at Camp Don Lee March 13-15, for New Hope Presbytery's High School Retreat. A group of 10 are going. Participants will receive a detail letter with specifics for the trip.



Massanetta Middle School Conference – March 8th is the registration deadline, so please get your forms to Frank Boyd ASAP. Flyers can be found on the church website and in the wall pockets near Frank's office.

Members

Welcome New Members

Jonathan (JB) Babson is a self-employed interior designer. He is interested in Habitat for Humanity. JB went to school with Michael Jordan in Wilmington.



Richard Skinner is a program manager and has organized, planned and facilitated charity events and weddings. Richard served six years on the Board of Directors for Rise Against Hunger. He is also a tenor and received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in April 2019, the highest civilian honor in the state of North Carolina!



Jeri Thomas works for a local clinical biopharmaceutical company.



Baptism



***BAPTIZED** – William and Shonie Davidson celebrate the baptism of their youngest child with Pastor Mac Schafer.*

Special Offering North Raleigh Ministries

Today

We received a Special Offering for North Raleigh Ministries during worship today. Money raised for this offering supports the Thrift Shoppe, Food Pantry and the Crisis and Development Center. If you were unable to give during worship, you may bring your offering by the church or donate online or text to give. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount 'nrm' to 919-583-6368 (example: 25 nrm). If you have not done this before, you will be prompted to enter your information. Once it has been entered, you will not have to enter it again.

Calendar



Sunday, March 8

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Pre-Elementary Extended Care (218)	9:30 am
Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
Explorers/Confirmation Sunday School (227/234)	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
Nominating Committee	12:00 pm
MS Youth Pizzia, Popcorn, Movie (WH)	5:00 pm
HS Youth (Frankies)	5:00 pm

Monday, March 9

Preschool Teacher Workday	
HMP CPR Training (Parlor)	9:00 am
Autism Grandparents Group (JK/WH)	6:00 pm
Property (KH)	6:00 pm
Boys & Girls Homes of NC (200)	6:00 pm
Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10

ROMEO's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
Esther Circle (The Cardinal @ N. Hills)	10:00 am
Elizabeth/Rachel Circle (JK)	11:00 am
Hannah Circle (200)	11:30 am
Daisy/Brownie Troop 1968 (215)	4:00 pm
HMP Board Meeting (Library)	6:30 pm
Adult Education Committee (JK)	7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm
Miriam Circle (Evelyn Elderkin's home)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11

Women at the Well (Parlor)	9:15 am
Lunch & Learn (Library)	12:00 pm
Deacon Simple Supper & Prayer Service (Sanctuary/WH)	6:00 pm
Hudson Handbell Ringers (WH)	6:15 pm
Children's Committee (KH)	6:30 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, March 12

Boys & Girls Homes of NC (200)	6:00 pm
Mission Committee (KH)	7:00 pm

Friday, March 13

HS Retreat (Camp Don Lee)

Saturday, March 14

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Sunday, March 15

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
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Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
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The Gathering	9:30 am
Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Inquirer's Class (KH)	11:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
HS Youth Return from Camp Don Lee	5:00 pm
MS Youth	6:00 pm



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