

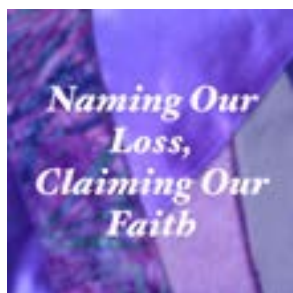
# the weekly Window

February 7, 2021

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

## Worship & the Arts

# The Season of Lent 2021



Our theme for the Season of Lent this year is “Naming Our Loss, Claiming Our Faith.” Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the day we typically acknowledge our mortality and begin

to humbly turn back to God through various spiritual practices. It is almost a year since North Carolina was first impacted by the pandemic. As we begin the season of Lent we encourage you to think about losses in your life that are important to name and with equal effort begin the journey of claiming your faith. This section of the Weekly Window highlights some of the offerings to help you “claim your faith” through worship and as we begin Lent together. Please mark your calendar.

### Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 17, 2021

- For Preschool Drop Off & Pick Up - Director of Children & Family Ministries, Rachael McConnell is preparing bags for families of preschool children for

a “home” acknowledgment of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. These bags will have instructions for parents.

- Online Ash Wednesday Service - A recorded worship service will be available on Ash Wednesday for those who wish to begin Lent from the security of their own home
- Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru - 5 pm-7 pm, West Parking Lot of HMPC - The clergy will meet you at your car window, provide you with ashes (to apply yourself) and have a prayer with you.

### Congregational Devotional “Lent Micro Practices” by Jo Nygard Owens

A micro practice is a small spiritual practice. Instead of engaging the same spiritual practice throughout Lent, the micro practices are meant to give a sample across many different styles of practices. These will be emailed on a daily basis, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will also mail the print version of the devotional for those who need it- just call Pat Cash - 919-787-1086.

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## Worship & The Arts, cont.

### Wednesday Services of Evening Prayer

For five Wednesday evenings prior to Holy Week, the Deacons will host gatherings on Zoom where we can pray with and for each other. Each service will include reading of scripture, simple liturgy, and several forms of prayer for ourselves, others, our nation and the global community.

### Save the Dates For Holy Week & Easter

- Online Maundy Thursday Worship Service April 1st
- Outdoor Good Friday Worship - Friday at 12 noon on April 2nd
- Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for Children Saturday, April 3rd - Times to be determined
- Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 4th
  - Sunrise Service - the Langley Chapel Property - 6:57 a.m.
  - Outdoor Easter worship & Communion - West Lawn - 9 a.m.
  - Outdoor Easter worship & Communion - West Lawn - 10:30 a.m.
  - Online Recorded Easter Sunday Worship from the HMPC Sanctuary

## Zoom Worship

This Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. we will have live ZOOM worship. [We invite you to click the link here if you would like to tune into the service.](#) Prior to tuning in, please have communion element (bread & juice) available in your home for use during the Lord's Supper. The service will be recorded for those who would like to view it later

## Congregational Life

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**Sunday, February 14th**

**1 pm via Zoom**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 14th at 1 pm via ZOOM. The agenda for the meeting is set by the Session and is as follows: Voting on the 2021 clergy terms of call, presentation of the 2021 budget, presentation of the 2020 financials, a presentation on the 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign and a Meeting of the Corporation. We will need at least 65 members to be present at this meeting to have quorum, but we hope for that many more will be present. Please mark your calendar.

## Adult Faith Formation

### Popcorn and Presbyterians Pondering



**Sunday Evening February 28**

In recognition of Black History Month and our new Vice President Kamala Harris the Adult Committee is hosting a ZOOM conversation on the movie *Hidden Figures*. It tells the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Watch for details to come!

# Waking Up with the Word



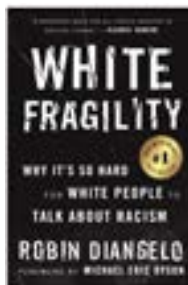
**February 9 - 6:30 am**

Waking Up with the Word will meet at 6:30 am viz ZOOM.

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. Kick off the New Year by joining this group.

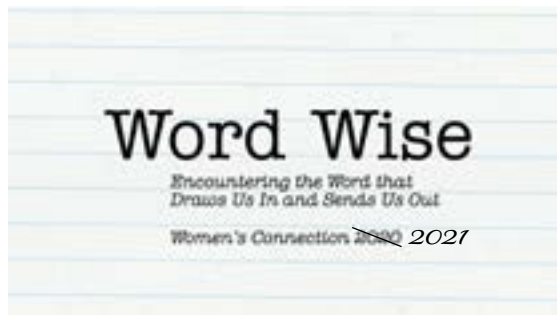
# Presbyterian Pint

**ZOOM Presbyterian  
Pint Lenten Study:  
White Fragility by  
Robin DiAngelo**



For those men in the congregation that are interested in doing a book study during the season of Lent, Pastor Mac Schafer will be facilitating a 3 session discussion on the book White Fragility: What It's So Hard For White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo. [If you are interested in being a part of the book study please purchase the book](#) and read the first four chapters for our first discussion on February 25th at 7 p.m.

# Montreat Women's Connection 2021



## Word Wise: Encountering the Word that Draws Us In and Sends Us Out"

August 13-15 2021 Registration is now open! Montreat is looking forward to welcoming back the events that were postponed from 2020 with accommodations, meals and programing under the COVID-19 appropriate guidelines. We had a wonderful group attend in 2019 and many of us planned to participate last year. If you carried over your registration you are confirmed; contact the registrar if you would like to change your preferences. Women who are interested in attending should register as soon as possible. <https://montreat.org/events/wc2021> Our group is staying in Assembly Inn and it will fill quickly. HMPC women who are on our e-mail distribution list will receive complete information about this year's conference. If you do not receive it and/or you have any questions about our group and the registration process contact [Debbie Kirk](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org) at [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org)

## Youth Ministry

# Youth Group News

## Youth Programs This Week

- **The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class** will meet this coming Sunday morning, February 7, at 9:30 AM with teacher Sharon Cole. We will likely meet on Zoom, as the weather looks to be cold and wet. Please watch your email and text messages for updates near the end of the week and the Zoom invitation. Thank you.
- **No Sunday Evening Youth Group Meetings** on February 7 – Enjoy the Super Bowl with your friends and family.

## Looking Ahead

- **Youth Sunday is February 14** – Please keep all of our youth in your prayers as they prepare to lead worship for the congregation that weekend. I hope that all of you will join us for worship, and invite your friends to worship online with us too.
- **High School Popcorn and Movie Day** is Sunday afternoon, February 21- watch for details. Please plan to RSVP with Frank Boyd if you plan to attend.
- **Massanetta Middle School Conference** Registration for 2021 is closed. Hudson has a wonderful group signed up to go.
- **Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)** – Now is the time to sign up for current 8-12 grade youth. Flyers can be found on the church website. This will likely fill up fast, so the sooner you sign the more likely it is that you will get to go. It might just be the best week of your life! If you have questions, please contact Frank Boyd at the church office.

## Preschool

# February at HMP

Valentines Day is always a favorite time of celebration at HMP! The children are busy in their class “valentine workshops” creating cards for their families and friends. During the month of February we explore friendship, family, kindness and love. It is so important especially while we practice social distance to show others we care about them. Air hugs, love notes, smiles and elbow bumps are the new hugs!!!



## Hudson's Newest Members

# Get to Know Our New Members

### Monica & Evan Fitzgerald

Monica was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Cary, NC. Evan grew up in Southern Pines. Monica is Manager of Operations for ACES and Evan is Portfolio Analyst for North Carolina Electric Cooperatives.



They enjoy spending time with family and friends and Evan plays golf and is a Carolina Hurricanes fan. Monica and Sara Martin (also one of our newest members) are sisters. Monica and Evan have one daughter who is almost 5 months old.

### Lesley & Erik Jacobsen

Lesley is an freelance Illustrator/Animator and Erik edits videos for W. L. Gore. They are newlyweds, they were just married on December 26th, and Lesley's parents are Hudson's Minister of Visitation, Rev. Aleta Ash and HMPC member Ron Ash. Lesley's



brother and sister-in-law and nieces, Nathan, Theresa, Serena and Gracey are also HMPC members. Erik grew up in New Jersey, and recently moved to Raleigh from Brooklyn, NY. He enjoys film, video games and puzzles (he's a big kid!) Lesley enjoys all things art-related. Lesley & Erik have 3 cats.

### McNeill & Pat Kelley

McNeill was born in Charlotte and moved to Littleton, Colorado when she was 2, and grew up there - she still loves it there! She is the daughter of HMPC members Caroline (Elder) and Dave Smart. McNeill is a HS World History teacher at Falls Lake Academy.



Her husband, Pat, is VP of Customer Success at Validic. They have one daughter who will turn 1 in May. McNeill loves to read and enjoys watching football in the fall.

### Taylor & Sara Martin

Sara was born in Indianapolis, IN, and grew up in Cary, attending St. Michael Catholic Church and Taylor was born in Bryan TX, grew up in College Station, TX and attended Church



of Christ. Sara and Taylor recently moved to Raleigh from Napa, CA, where they found common ground in the First Presbyterian Church of Napa. Sara is a homemaker and Taylor is Director of Wholesale for Foster Caviness. They both love being outdoors, traveling and anything sports. Taylor is an avid outdoorsman and loves Texas A&M football. They have 2 daughters who are 4 and 19 months. They have 2 dogs - a 12 year old named Gambit and a 1 year old puppy named Yogi. Sara is Monica Fitzgerald's sister.



## Missions

# Special Offering

## Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

**We are receiving the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina Special Offering.** Hunger has grown into an epidemic, and is more prevalent than ever, affecting more than just the families living at or below the poverty line. You may mail it to the church, [donate online](#) or text to give.

**Here is how to text to give:** Text amount food to 888-906-0744. (example: 25 food) 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.

You can also use this code to go directly to HMPC Online Giving page.



## Congregation

# To the Church Triumphant

## Catherine Fritsch

Catherine Fritsch entered God's everlasting kingdom on Saturday, January 23, 2021. She had been a member of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church for over forty years. There will be a small private family service. Please keep the Fritsch family in your prayers.

# Congregational Mission Trip

Due to the pandemic, the Session decided last spring that the mission trip to Banner Elk, NC to work with Avery County Habitat for Humanity (HfH) would not proceed.

Alternative arrangements were made with HfH for a trip this summer, Sunday-Friday, July 18-23, 2021. These plans included the renewed reservation of Holston Camp's Guenther Lodge with its individual rooms, each equipped with double beds, a bathroom, and provided linens and towels. (Goodbye common washrooms and common sleeping areas with bunkbeds!)

These arrangements are still dependent upon the pandemic, though with widespread vaccinations in time, the trip may safely proceed. Session will make the final call later this Spring. But there really is good reason to think that the trip in July can and will proceed as planned.

So, calling upon your optimism, please seriously consider signing up for this year's mission trip and setting aside those trip dates in your calendar. Further information will be forthcoming, likely in early April. To indicate your interest or if you have questions, please contact John Oldenburg, [oldygolden@aol.com](mailto:oldygolden@aol.com), 901-210-3701.

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. Deacon on Call for February is Jeffrey Coonse.

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

- *Ruth Herpich*
- *Libby, Brian and Natalie Hnat*
- *Jeanne & Charlie Hoffman*
- *Lisa, Tim, Lily and Kate Hoffman*
- *Julie White and Mark, Ben & Caroline Holmes*
- *Vicki Holt*
- *Carolyn & Ed Holzinger*

## Calendar

### Sunday, February 7

- 9:30 am - Explorer's 5-6-7 SS Class
- Online Worship

### Monday, February 8

- 6:30 pm - Property

### Tuesday, February 9

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 10 am - Esther Circle
- 11 am - Elizabeth Circle
- 11:45 am - Hannah Circle
- 7 pm - Fellowship Committee
- 7:30 pm - Miriam Circle

### Wednesday, February 10

- 9:30 am - Women at the Well

### Sunday, February 14

- Online Worship - Youth Sunday
- 1 pm - Annual Meeting of the Congregation

All meetings by Zoom unless otherwise noted.



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