



# the weekly Window

January 24, 2021

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

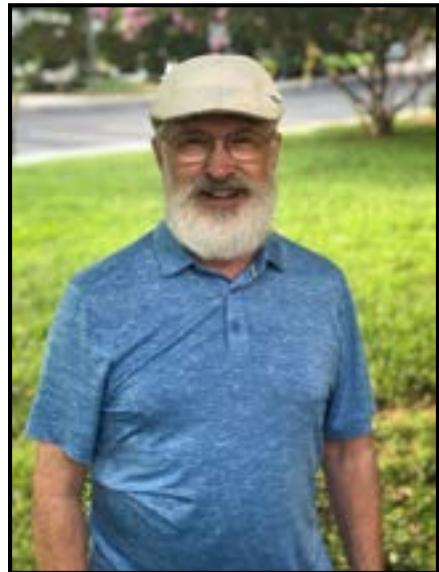
## Personnel Committee

# Phil Hayden to Retire in Spring of 2021

Music Director & Composer Phil Hayden has announced that he will retire as of June 2021. His last Sunday in worship will be May 23rd. The Hudson congregation has been blessed with the ministry of Phil Hayden for over 15 years. The music program at Hudson Memorial has always been a strong ministry of the church. Phil Hayden's faith and multiplicity of talents has built on that legacy. God has used Phil's creativity, intelligence and dynamic abilities to enliven worship in a myriad of ways.

In Phil's letter to the Personnel Committee he wrote, "It has been my distinct privilege and pleasure to serve as Hudson's music director for the past fifteen plus years. I have been amazed at the dedication and selfless service of the musicians within our music ministry; I have endeavored to honor their dedication through reciprocating with my own efforts."

By publicly announcing his retirement now it gives Phil a chance to properly have closure with the congregation, and us, with him. It also gives the Personnel Committee



appropriate time to plan for the future of music ministry at HMPC. We look forward to celebrating Phil's ministry in the months ahead.

Please pray for Phil & Carol Hayden as they prepare for this important transition together. We have been privileged to have Phil help us "make a joyful noise to the Lord" for all these years

# Waking Up with the Word

**January 26th - 6:30 am**

Waking Up with the Word will meet via 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 ([mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org)) for more information. Kick off the New Year by joining this group.



# Presbyterian Pint

**January 28th**

The men's group will meet on January 28th at 7 pm via Zoom. This group has historically met at an area pub for beer, fellowship and discussion on faith and culture. During COVID-19 the group has been meeting via Zoom. Contact Mac Schafer ([mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org)) to receive the Zoom invitation.



# Evening Women at the Well

**January 28th**

The evening version of Women at the Well will meet on Thursday, January 28th at 6 pm via Zoom. Women of all ages and stages enjoy a lively conversation about current topics of interest informed by a variety of podcasts and other resources. Participants will receive the topic, resources and Zoom link. All are welcome to join anytime.

If you would like information about this group, contact [Debbie Kirk](#).



## Property Improvements

# New Furniture for the HS Room

The Youth Committee has ordered 3 new couches and new tables for the high school room to give it a fresh comfortable look. The Property Committee has graciously agreed to install new flooring as well. Special thanks go out to the Foundation Board for help with funding, to Ken Krause and friends for removing the old furniture, to John Oldenburg and Harry Bowles for helping get the new furniture into the church, and to consultants Karen Melling, Monica Maxwell, and Ashley Edmister for helping select the furniture and flooring. We anticipate that the project will be completed by early March.

## Preschool



The fun times continue at HMP! The children have been exploring winter over

the past several weeks, we all agree it would be fun to get some snow this year. HMP has played an important role for so many over the past 6 months by providing a safe and nurturing environment for the children. In our community we have many parents working from home, teachers who feel called to teach and children who have been in a setting that is familiar and fun. We are currently registering for the 2021-22 school year and the response has been overwhelming, HMP is a special place!

## Worship & the Arts

# Thanksgiving For Pets Sunday

**Sunday, January 24th**



Thanksgiving for Pets Worship  
Sunday, January 24th

On Sunday, January 24th in recorded and outdoor worship we will celebrate the gift of our pets. Our house pets have helped give us comfort through this pandemic and

we want to thank God for them. If you plan to attend outdoor worship we invite you to bring your pet on a leash or in a carrying case.

# Music Notes

Music is such a comfort and happy companion for each of us, especially during this odd time



we're sharing. So don't forget to click on the link you get each Wednesday for our Midweek Musical Meditation. Every other Friday, you might enjoy our Friday Nite Jam, which is also sent as a link on the

1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Click on the links; the music will surely help to brighten your day!

## Mission



# Loaves and Fishes Chili Sale

**Order Deadline is Tomorrow, January 25th**

Due to facility safety restrictions, chili will be prepared this year at First Presbyterian Church. However,



Loaves & Fishes will be offering two chili pick-up alternatives: at our traditional location, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian, and at First Presbyterian. For a flat fee of \$5, they will also offer chili delivery to any location in Wake County! Chili will be available Friday and Saturday, January 29 & 30.

Quarts of either Meat or Veggie chili will be available for \$14/quart.

### **Payment must be made upon ordering.**

Loaves & Fishes will not be accepting payments upon pickup. They will obtain email addresses from all customers and will send out email reminders the week of January 25, allowing customers to select the location and desired time of their pickup or confirming the time and location for delivery. [To place and pay for orders online, click here.](#)

## Deacons

# Reflections on Hope



I began to write this article on January 6. I took a break for lunch, and to watch the

beginning count of the electoral votes in Congress. Oh my! At first I didn't realize what was happening outside the Capitol building. I watched in stunned disbelief, sadness, anger and a full range of emotions as the mob broke into the building. Certainly I felt a sense of helplessness. My innate optimism and hope dimmed until I turned back to my notes for this article.

The inspiration for my reflections was, and is, the familiar verse of Jeremiah 29:11.

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (NRSV)

What is hope? Hope is a noun and a verb. Hope is a feeling of expectation and optimism for good yet to come; perhaps difficult, but not impossible, to attain with God's help. Hope is powerful and inspirational. Hope helps carry us through difficult times. Hope is trust and confidence. Hope comes from the heart.

Desmond Tutu said, “Hope is being able to see there is a light despite all the darkness.”

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## Deacons, continued

Author Anne Lamont writes, “Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work; you don’t give up.”

Where do I see hope? Our healthcare workers, teachers, essential workers, our police, fire and EMS departments and volunteers at food banks, support centers and blood banks— all who show up every day, often against long odds. Vaccines for Covid. Small steps many of us are taking to learn and understand the systemic issues in our communities to improve lives. Reaching out to neighbors, friends and family who may not share our views to find a common ground (the difficult conversations).

I find hope with younger generations “showing up,” and those of us in older generations taking steps outside our comfort zones; couples being married; families expanding; communities of faith, love and support; our Hudson pastors and staff sharing their faith and leadership. I see hope shining with lighted candles in windows in our neighborhoods.

Where do you find hope?

My prayer and hope for us all is to “Light a little candle of hope in your heart; reflect it in all that you do.” (“Light a Little Candle” words and music by Joseph M. Martin)

Always with Hope,  
Judie Greenawalt



## 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 January is Judie Greenawalt.

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

- *Shirley & John Hall*
- *Victoria & Lee Hammond*
- *Jane and Rick Hamner*
- *Kim Hanchette*
- *Margie, Scott, Travis, Tanner and David Hanks*
- *Cyndi, Brad, Ford and Grayson Harris*
- *Joan Harrod*

# Youth Group News

## Youth Programs This Week

- **The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class** will meet this coming Sunday morning, January 24, at 9:30 at the Twin Oaks with teacher Matt Carlisle. It will likely be chilly, so be sure and bundle up. After class, we will have Hot Chocolate & donuts at the Twin Oaks, and then head to the Thanksgiving for Pets Worship service at 10:30 on the Westlawn. Be sure and bring your mask, a water bottle, and a lawn chair. [If you plan to stay for the special worship service, be sure to register.](#)
- **The Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8)** will be attending the Thanksgiving for Pets worship service this Sunday, January 24th at 10:30, as we will celebrate the gift of our wonderful pets that have given us so much comfort through this pandemic. If you can join us, we invite you to bring your pet on a leash or in a carrying case. Even if you don't have a pet, please join us for this very exciting event, and be sure and register. If you come at 10:15 to the Twin Oaks, we will have hot chocolate and donuts. [Be sure to register for worship.](#)
- **The High School Youth Group** will meet this Sunday evening, January 24, for an indoor gathering with masks and social distancing in Westminster Hall. We will gather at 6:00 for Jersey Mike subs and cookies and then focus on editing and finetuning our parts for Youth Sunday. Please plan to attend this very important meeting, as we will begin recording the

following week for Hudson's first ever recorded Youth Sunday. Please bring \$5 for supper, a mask, a water bottle, and anything you need for your part in Youth Sunday. Parent pick-up will be at 7:30. Those of you who are preaching, doing the children's message, working on choreography, please feel free to check-in with the High School Youth volunteers for support, editing, and encouragement. If you would still like to volunteer, we have a few more slots available and we would love to have you involved - just let Frank Boyd know ASAP if you would like to help.

- **Massanetta Registration** – Massanetta just announced that they have opened registration for the 2021 Middle School Conference, "Rooted In Love." Flyers/Registration forms have been sent out and can also be found on the church website under Youth Forms. The sooner we sign up, the better our chances of getting in the conference, which apparently is filling quickly. Please mark your calendars and sign up ASAP and no later than January 31. Feel free to contact Frank Boyd at the church office if you have any questions.

### Looking Ahead

- **Youth Sunday is February 14** – Please keep all of our youth in your prayers as they prepare to lead worship for that weekend.
- **Flyers for Massanetta (June 22-25) and Montreat 2021 (July 18-24)**, can be found on the church website. Now is the time to sign up!

## Birthdays

# February

- 1 - Bobby Conger
- 2 - Tim Peeler
- 4 - Taylor Allard, Mike Sandlin
- 5 - Lillian James, Ann Neisz, Dot Bass
- 6 - Rebekah Surasky, Amanda Saleeby, Tripp Bradshaw
- 8 - Noah Ya, Reid Melling, Lizzie Rohs, Paul Johnson, Jennifer Chang, Susan Sheahan
- 9 - Kerry Lynn Fraser
- 10 - Amanda Layton, Ford Harris, Luke Bentlage, Anna Duggins, Mary Glenn Krause, Max Perry, Libby Wendt, Catherine Fritsch, Juanita Ross
- 11 - Jason Cook, Nancy Law
- 12 - Scott Baker, Sharon Cole, Carl Rohs, Chris Simson
- 13 - Jamilynne Pierotti, Michael Peeler
- 14 - Harry Bond
- 15 - Emma Sanchez, Freddie Woodward, Megan Rahn, Linda Burton
- 16 - Paul Linton
- 17 - Davis Boone, Will Crone, Amy Tennant
- 18 - Gregg Perry
- 19 - Jackson Baur
- 20 - Jordan Krueger, Emma Sykes, Cary Dickerson, James Tweedie, Bruce Cox
- 21 - Leigh Forehand, Sandy Buchanan
- 22 - Sanders Rohs
- 25 - Sarah Dawkins
- 26 - Grant Barkley, Polly Haydon
- 27 - Ivy Mercer
- 28 - Travis Hanks

## Calendar

### Sunday, January 24

- 9:30 am - Explorer's Sunday School
- 10:30 am - 4s-4th Grade SS - 4s Playground (weathering permitting)
- 10:30 am - Thanksgiving for Pets Worship Outdoors (weather permitting)

### Monday, January 25

- 7 pm - Session

### Tuesday, January 26

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, January 27

- 9:30 am - Women at the Well

### Thursday, January 28

- 6 pm - Women at the Well Evening
- 7:00 pm - Presbyterian Pint

### Friday, January 29

- 4 -7 pm - Loaves & Fishes Chili Pickup

### Saturday, January 30

- 9 am - 12 Noon - Loaves & Fishes Chili Pickup

### Sunday, January 31

- 9:30 am - Explorer's Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Joyful Noise - 4s Playground (weathering permitting)
- 10:30 am - Worship Outdoors (weather permitting)

All meetings by Zoom unless otherwise noted.



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