

the weekly Window

February 21, 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 began on Ash Wednesday, the day we typically acknowledge our mortality and 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” as we begin Lent together. Please mark your calendar.

Congregational Devotional “Lent Micropractices” by Jo Nygard Owens

A micropractice is a small spiritual practice. Instead of engaging the same spiritual practice throughout Lent, the micropractices 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.

Wednesday Services of Evening Prayer 7-7:30 pm

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. You will receive the ZOOM link with the Wednesday emails of the Lent Micropractices.



Commissioned Cross Installed

On Ash Wednesday, as 2021 Lent began, a bronze cross commissioned by the Memorial Garden Committee was installed on the front of the new niches in the Memorial Garden. The cross was created by artist and blacksmith Scotty Utz. Scotty lives in Weaverville, NC and has been sculpting crosses out of various materials for over 20 years. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary and is now active in a Quaker congregation near his home. Scotty's father was Thornton Utz who painted covers for the Saturday Evening Post during the same period Norman Rockwell was painting covers.

This type of cross is sometimes referred to as an Iona or Celtic or Presbyterian cross. You'll find versions of it all over Hudson property. Pastor Mac Schafer filmed a 15 minute conversation with Mr. Utz about the cross and its meaning. We will share that conversation in coming weeks. The columbarium cross is "back lit" for evening time and adds beauty to this sacred space where the saints of HMPC are remembered.



Popcorn and Presbyterians Pondering



Sunday Evening February 28 7-8 pm

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. Participants should watch the movie ahead of time and may also want to read the book *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margo Lee Shetterly. Both are available on multiple platforms and devices. We anticipate an informative and lively conversation and hope you will join us! The Zoom link will be in the February 28th Issue of the Weekly Window.

Evening Women at the Well

February 25th

The evening version of Women at the Well will meet on Thursday, February 25th 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. For info contact [Debbie Kirk](#).

Waking Up with the Word

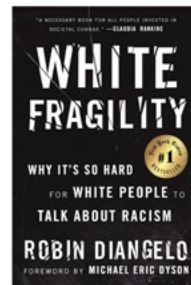


February 23 - 6:30 am

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.

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: Why 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.

Adult Faith Formation

Montreat Women's Connection 2021

Word Wise

*Encountering the Word that
Draws Us In and Sends Us Out*

Women's Connection ~~2020~~ 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 programming 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 have received complete information about this year's conference. If you didn't receive it and/or you have any questions about our group and the registration process contact [Debbie Kirk](#)

Mission

Tend My Sheep

**February 27th for
Note in the Pocket**

Our second Tend My Sheep collection of the year will on Saturday, February 27th, from 11am-1pm. We will

be collecting new children's underwear and socks for A Note In The Pocket. A Note In The Pocket provides clothing to impoverished and homeless schoolchildren in Wake County. Needs includes size 5 up to size 18. We look forward to seeing you!



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.



Youth Group News

Youth Programs This Week

- **The Explorers 5-6-7 Sunday School Class** will meet this coming Sunday February 21 from 9:30-10:15 AM. If the weather is nice, we will meet outside at the church under the Twin Oaks. Please bring a mask, a lawn chair, and a water bottle. If the weather looks extra cold or wet, the class may meet on Zoom, so please watch your email and text messages on Saturday.
- **Youth Sunday** was great last week. Many thanks to all of you who helped! Well done!
- **Special Thanks to Matt Carlisle** for helping lead the President's Day Polar Putt Putt Disc Golf outing for the Middle School Youth. It was cold, but we had fun and didn't lose any discs.
- **High School Popcorn and Movie Afternoon is this Sunday, February 21,** (4:00 – 6:15) as we have rented a local theater for a private viewing party to keep it small, safe, and secluded. If you would like to join us for "School of Rock", a hilarious 2003 comedy with lots of music, please RSVP with Frank Boyd, as space is limited. The cost for the movie is only \$5, but please plan to bring extra money for snacks if you like. Masks are required and since we have the Theater to ourselves, we can spread out. We hope that you can join us. We will gather in front of the Raleigh Grande Theater (4840 Grove Barton Road) at 4:00 sharp – please check in with the high school leaders when you arrive. We will go in as a group, get snacks, watch the movie and be back out at the same place at 6:15 for parent pickup.
- **The Middle School Youth (grades 5-8)** will have a Fellowship & Food hike to North Hills Next Week, February 28, for Burgers & Ice Cream. Watch for details, and please let Frank Boyd know if you plan to attend. Thank you.
- **Special Lenten Devotional Offer** - Any youth families that are interested in receiving a copy of *Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery* by Cheri Mills, please contact Frank Boyd, as we have a limited number of copies to share. This powerful book, with 40 daily devotions, invites readers to journey towards antiracism and to reflect on "Lenten themes of exodus, redemption, discipline, and repentance."
- **Graduation Sunday is May 16th**
- **Massanetta Middle School Conference Registration for 2021 is closed.** Hudson has a wonderful group signed up to go. Those who have registered need to sign and return the Massanetta Covenants and Media Release forms that you have been emailed. Special thanks to Ashley Edmister and Kelly Capps for chaperoning our group.
- **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. It might just be the best week of your life! If you have questions, please contact Frank Boyd at the church office or one of the High School Youth Volunteers.

Children's Message This Spring: We need ALL (ages) of You!!

We're bringing the Old Testament to Life this Spring, in a fun and inter-generational fashion!

We need all ages to help bring the Children's Message to the family of Christ which is Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Adults/Youth: We need you to record a reading of a script (provided!) of a favorite Old Testament Story.



Children:
We need you to act out (no speaking needed) the story. We're

going to put the two together and build the story! Just use what you have around the house as props, use your awesome imaginations and creativity!

If you feel like switching it up, go for it! If the younger members of the family want to read and the adults act it out, that is welcome too! We just want to come together and tell the great stories of how God and God's people were in relationship and what they can tell us about how God loves us still today!

Once you sign up, Rachael McConnell will provide the script to the readers. Readers, please send Rachael the voice file by the date on the sign up.

Actors, Rachael will send you a copy of the reading so that you can act the story out while listening. Rachael will e-mail you a link to the MASV file drop once you sign up. Please send the video by the date on the sign up Genius.

[If you have any questions, please email Rachael McConnell. Sign up here to be a part of sharing the great stories of God!](#)

Easter Eggs Needed!

We're planning another safe version of a beloved annual tradition! And we need your help! Children's and Family Ministries are collecting pre-stuffed eggs. Find your stashes of plastic Easter eggs and stuff them full of your favorite nut-free candies or treats (stickers/tattoos). There will be collection baskets at Drive-Thru Ash Wednesday and when in-person outdoor worship begins again in March. If you wish to drop them off at the church at another time, please call the church to be sure someone will be there. Mark your calendars for April 3rd 9:30 am-12:30 pm and look for a Sign Up Genius coming soon, as reservations will be required for this socially-distant event.



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:

- *Kim Hutchens*
- *Kitty & Steve Huth*
- *Billie Isenberg*
- *Jess & Dick Ives*
- *Alice Jackson*
- *Shawn, Morgan, Emsley and Colt Jackson*
- *Lesley & Erik Jacobsen*

Preschool

Baby Doll Circle

The three year olds enjoyed Baby Doll Circle Time with Ms. Dorothy this week. During this guided circle time the children and their baby dolls engaged in Peek-a-boo, My baby likes to dance, sleep, jump song and I love you rituals. It may seem like regular child's play but Baby Doll Circle Time is part of the Conscious Discipline curriculum which promote the secure attachment that is vital to children's lifelong success. Making connections, isn't that something we all crave especially now!



Calendar

Sunday, February 21

- 9 am Sunday Stroll - HMPC Parking Lot
- Online Worship
- 4 pm - HS Popcorn & Movie Afternoon - Raleigh Grande

Monday, February 22

- 7 pm - Session

Tuesday, February 23

- 6:30 am - Waking Up With the Word (WH Patio)
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 24

- 9:30 am - Women at the Well

Thursday, February 25

- 6 pm - Women at the Well
- 7 pm - Presbyterian Pint

Saturday, February 27

- 9 am - Stated Meeting of Presbytery of New Hope

Sunday, February 28

- 9 am Sunday Stroll - HMPC Parking Lot
- Online Worship
- 7 pm - Popcorn and Presbyterians Pondering

All meetings by Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Fellowship

Sunday Strolls

Your Fellowship Committee invites all of you that are willing and able to join us on a few walks. A chance to see each other, visit from a distance, get some fresh air and exercise.

February 21 & 28

9am

HMPC Church Parking lot. Let's walk around the neighborhood! Follow up with a Labyrinth walk if you choose to. If you would rather sit and chat while others walk, bring a chair and sit apart. Bring your masks!



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Happy Birthday!

March

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| 1 - Ellen Bradshaw, Suzanne Schneider, Hope Parangi | 8 - Cal Madden, Sam Brannon, Polly Bryant | 19 - JD Rogers |
| 2 - Mary Ellen Heathcote, Troy Barkley | 9 - Fiona Bartow, Mandy Peedin, Karin Sandlin, Katy Waugh, Mary Mac Bradshaw, Lynn Cummins, Dana Stull | 20 - Maggie McIntire, Nora Cook |
| 3 - Reed Cummins, Matt Carlisle, Jonathan Hughes, Linda Campbell-Feingold | 10 - Stuart James, Edith Horne | 21 - Paul Phillips |
| 4 - Clare Stull, Margaret Sharpe, Lucy Rhame | 11 - Joe Lindsey | 22 - Holly Krueger, Betty Moser |
| 5 - B. Fertin, Margaret Alexander, Mike Law | 12 - Julie Webb, Angie Bell-Morris | 23 - Sonia Parikh, Hollie Cole, Schuyler Coonse, Trey Krueger, Nate Richardson |
| 6 - Kinnley Hague, Mia Elizabeth Komono, Eric Brewer, Tatum Eyre, Becky Priestester, Vicki Holt | 13 - Benjamin Peeler, Cameron Perry, Steve Guy | 24 - Jenna Pierotti, Matt Ledwith |
| 7 - Ford Sanchez, Emilie Tice, Dirk Phillips, Debbie Dewar, Ginger Lindsey, Ron Sharpe | 14 - Frances Massey | 26 - Justin Sykes, Hank Madden, Amanda Wolf, Evelyn Elderkin |
| | 15 - Glenn Keever | 27 - Sean Crosson, Bill Bigger |
| | 16 - Gavin Waugh, Jennifer Dudeck, Nancy Crane, Margie Hanks | 29 - Julie Cook, Alan Mitchell |
| | 17 - Erin Perry, Lizzie Graybill, Dave Smart | 30 - Abby Crawford, Elizabeth Peeler, Carolyn Holzinger |
| | | 31 - Jason Bond |