



the weekly Window

August 18, 2019

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

Presbyterian Women Women's Connection Conference 2019

Fifteen Hudson women had a wonderful time at this conference held August 9-11 at Montreat. With the theme "The Greatest of These is Love" we were challenged by keynote speaker Valerie Kaur, a civil rights activist, lawyer, and interfaith leader as she shared experiences of working with immigrant communities when they are targets of violent actions. With the mass shootings in Dayton and El Paso still on the front page her words could not have been timelier as we considered what the radical, revolutionary love of Christ looks like in these terrible situations. We had rich times of worship with Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City as our preacher who also brought us a prophetic word. We participated in a variety of opportunities in smaller groups with



Participants were Beth Billman, Susan Bradshaw, Dottie Burch, Carol Clemens, PJ Conger, Emily Cobb, Denise Crosson, Nancy Eyre, Lizzie Graybill, Judie Greenawalt, Allie Maples, Arline Seaman, Carolyn Scott, Susanne Story and Debbie Kirk.

outstanding leaders as our guides, including "Anti Racism as Healing Work" and "Reproductive Justice"; enjoying creation with "prayerful walking" and "mountain hiking" along with contemplative practices doing yoga and crafting prayer beads. We got to know one

another better over meals and gathering times and met women from all over the country. The weekend concluded Sunday morning with a time of devotion and music with singer songwriter and author Amy Grant, and worship where we celebrated communion.



Mac's Meanderings

Do You Have a Word of Hope?

I thought I had just finished the class I teach on a monthly basis at Springmoor Senior Living Center. People were beginning to talk among themselves, then from the back pew of the chapel, someone said above the sound of the conversations, “Do you have a word of hope for us? It’s such difficult times. Do you have a word of hope for us?”

I have to admit I was a bit deflated by her question. After all I had spent an hour reflecting with them on the scriptural story of the apostle Paul’s conversion from Acts 9. I thought our discussion on the scripture was very hopeful. But this person needed more. It had been a tough week with two mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio and all the issues that surround these shootings: racism, guns, mental health and political intransigence.

The side conversations came to a quick halt and everyone was silently waiting for my response...

My first words and thoughts went to the God we worship: The triune God. I think we are in a time when we need

to center our thoughts on images of healthy community. The God we worship is that image. We say that God is one essence, three persons. The very essence of who God is, is community. As theologian Daniel Migliore puts it, the triune God is, “self-sharing, other-regarding, community-forming love.” This is what relationship looks like within the triune God and what the triune God puts forth in creation. This is the God I hope in for our world today.

As I have indicated in my last two sermons, to be made in the image of God does not mean that we stand above the rest of creation, it means that we are called to greater responsibilities and humility in relationships. Dr. Migliore, says, “To be human is to live freely and gladly in relationships of mutual respect and love... Humanity in its coexistence with others is intended to be a creaturely reflection of the living triune God.” This is what we are called to and this is what we should strive for in our present times.

The other answer I gave to this person at Springmor is to

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remember not to pigeonhole people. We live in a world that continually wants to label and put people in boxes. We should rebel against these types of binaries: Good or Bad, Light or Dark, Conservative or Liberal, Right or Left, etc. It is a lie to think people are all one of these or the other. The truth is we are spectrums.

Yes, God gifted us with day and night, but God also gave us in between places: dawn and twilight. Yes, God gifted us with land and sea, but God also gifted us with swamp and shore. Beautiful places that are both land and water.

Theologian David Kelsey writes, “God relates to all that is not God in three ways: As creator who gives us life, as savior who reconciles us in our multiple estrangements and as consummator who promises final fulfillment and draws us to it.” This is the hope I trust in.

Children's Ministry

Fall Information Session

Sunday, August 25

Now that summer is winding down and we are getting those last few trips to the beach in, we would like to make sure all of our families save the date for the Sunday Children's Programs kickoff information session. There will be an ice cream social in Westminster Hall to kickoff our fall children's programs! Please stop by for ice cream and you can meet Gina Hayek and Lee Corbett and sign up to volunteer! **Contact Lee Corbett at lcorbett@hmpc.org.**

2019-20 Registration

Children's programs will resume Sunday, September 8th. 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. Fill out one form per child and return to the office before September 8th. For more information about the children's program, contact Lee Corbett at lcorbett@hmpc.org.

Foundation

Birthday Gifts

July

Birthday

- Billie Isenberg
- Blanche Wenge
- Harriet Fletcher
- Wynne Long
- Steve Parker
- Debbie & Terry Lamberson
- Jimmie Spell
- Malcolm & Elaine Williams
- Debbie Bumgarner
- Dottie Davis
- Jack Llewellyn
- Richard Blanks

Gift to Foundation

- Danny Miller

- Sonja & Mitchell Puryear IHO Mac Schafer, Debbie Kirk, Phil Hayden & Carol Yeargin

IMO Kay Byrd

- North Carolina State Bar
- Mr. & Mrs. Herman Ogburn
- Jenny McBrayer
- Alice Jean Harris & Joyce Bulluck
- Choate Construction
- Heather & Bob Monroe
- Carolyn Scott & John Whisler
- Lucy & Devohn Rhame
- Peggy & Bob Grady
- Judie Greenawalt
- Margaret & Ron Sharpe

Evelyn Elderkin
Debbie & Terry Lamberson
Jane Hamner
Margaret & David Fowle
Beverly Westbrook
Karen Gaither
Linda & Barton Meeks
Carolyn & Ed Holzinger
Emily & Bill Bigger
Shirley & Richard Blanks
Steve Elderkin
Debbie Kirk
Raymond Clifton
Joan & Timothy Merritt
Eugenia & Barry S. Frank
Fund

IMO Sarah Clark

Jerilyn Seitz
Jane Hamner
Elaine & Malcolm Williams

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

Seeing the Word

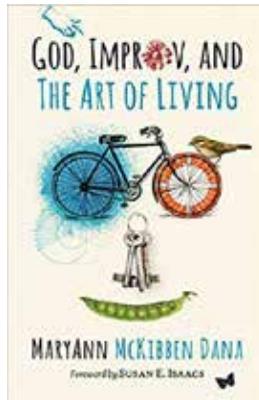
Monday, August 19

Seeing the Word is a scripture study that utilizes images from the *Saint John's Illuminated Bible*. The group meets on the third Monday of the month at noon in the library. For more information contact Mac Schafer at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Women at the Well

Wednesday, September 11

Women at the Well* weekly devotional group begins the fall semester on Wednesday, September 11th using *God, Improv and the Art of Living* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana as our book selection. Dana shares her wisdom noting the many ways we improvise as we navigate the circumstances of our lives. Being aware of the principles of improvisation enables us to see more clearly how God is operating in the world and the Spirit is moving in our lives particularly as we are confronted with situations we could not have predicted and would not have chosen. "Life happens and we need to be flexible enough to adjust to its surprises, even engage them" she says, so that we are able live into our best selves as we are free to say "yes" to grace in all its forms as it comes our way.



**Sign up: Cost if book ordered through the church is \$12.00
Deadline for book orders is August 30th.**

*Women at the Well is for women of all ages and stages who meet regularly for support, fellowship, prayer and conversation using selected resources as a guide. The weekly sessions are Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30 in the Parlor; the monthly group meets the fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. in a local restaurant and uses podcasts as the basis for conversation.

Faith Formation

August 25

"Chat and Chow" The Adult Committee invites all ages to attend this end of summer gathering! Over a yummy breakfast, we will get to know one another better and enjoy trivia around the tables.

**September 1 – Labor Day
Weekend**

No Class

**Fall Schedule – Begins
September 8**

Online Sermons

Hudson's sermons are available online. If you were unable to attend a worship service, you can listen to the sermon at <https://www.hmpc.org/sermons>. Closed captioning is also available.



Missions

Tend My Sheep

Sunday, August 25

This month the Mission Committee and Presbyterian Women are collecting School Kits for Hearts and Hands for Haiti. Bring any of the following items listed either individually or in a gallon zip lock bag as a kit:

- 2 tape bound single subject notebooks
- 1 12" ruler
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser, 2 1/2 inch
- 1 24 count box crayons
- 3 ball point pens (blue ink)
- 6 new pencils
- 1 gallon zip-lock bag

Bring items to the sanctuary on Sunday August 25th, or place them in the Karl Hudson Room anytime before the 25th.

Music



Consider the Chancel Choir!

Do you enjoy singing? Are you looking for a creative outlet? Have you sung in a choir previously? Do you wish you had a vibrant, small group ministry that fellowships together weekly? If so, consider the Chancel Choir.

The Choir's first fall rehearsal is Wednesday, August 28th, at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Just join your singing friends on the 28th, or any following Wednesday. You'll find an evening of singing and fellowship each week, with the best seats in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. This could be the boost your work-a-day life needs!

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Travel

Film and Fellowship

Thursday, August 22

Camino de Santiago Gathering – For those interested in walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago in May of 2020 there will be a small group gathering at Mac Schafer's house Thursday, August 22nd at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship and watch the documentary *Six Ways to Santiago*. RSVP with Mac by Sunday, August 21st (mschafer@hmpe.org).

Youth

This Week

Youth Committee Needs Adult and Youth Members

Contact Monica Maxwell or Frank Boyd if you are interested in serving or learning more about it.

High school Youth Group Planning Meeting Monday evening, August 19 – The high school group, youth and leaders, will be meeting Monday, August 19, from 7–8:30ish in Room # 200 to plan the calendar of events for the coming year. Join us, as we need your ideas and leadership for a wonderful new program year. Klondike Bars will be provided in honor of Frank Boyd's recent trip to Alaska.

Youth Sunday School Classes and Confirmation begin meeting on Sunday, September 8.

Rising Fifth Grade Youth and Parent Info Needed – The Explorers Sunday School Class (grades 5-7) and the Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8) are excited about the rising fifth grade youth moving into the church's youth programs in September. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, contact Frank Boyd at hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com.

Baptism



***CONGRATULATIONS** to Anish and Ashley Banerjee on the baptism of their son Sunday, August 11th.*

Middle and High School Parent/Youth/Leader Fall Kick-Off Luncheon, Info Gathering and Sign Up is Sunday, September 8th, immediately following worship. All youth and their families are invited to join the congregation for the Fall Kick-Off Fellowship Lunch. After lunch, all 5-12th grade youth and their families are invited to walk across the hall to the John Knox Room to find out more about the youth calendar for the coming year. Put the *you* in youth and join us for this very important kick off gathering.

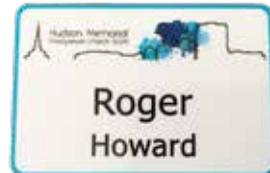
Upcoming Youth Events

- Confirmation Class Bowling, August 23
- Bagels in the Balcony, August 25
- Fall Kick-Off Luncheon, September 8
- Tie Dye T-Shirt Night September 22
- High School Fall Retreat October 5-6
- Middle School Retreat at Camp Kanata, October 4-6
- Fall Festival, October 20
- Care Packages for College Students, November 24

Welcome Committee

New Name Badges Offered

The Welcoming Team has secured funds which allow us to offer Hudson members new magnetic name badges. The optional new name badges will be aluminum and attach to your clothing magnetically – no holes in silk blouses or cotton dress shirts! They are 3” wide, 2” high and include the Hudson Memorial name and logo.



The current name badges (with alligator clips) are still fine to use if they meet your needs. If so, you can continue to clip the badge to your clothing, or if you prefer, you can use one of the lanyards which hang near the name badge location(s). Feel free to take one!

If you want a new magnetic badge, please let the Welcoming Team know in one of two ways:

1. **Send an e-mail to roger@rogerhoward.com** (Welcoming Team member Roger Howard) with Magnetic Name Badge in the subject line. Type your name in the message box – exactly as you want it on the name badge. Easy-peasy.
2. **Follow the instructions on the form below.**

Magnetic Name Badge Request

- Complete and detach this form at the dotted line above.
- Put in the offering plate or return to the church office.
- Write the name you want on your name badge or we'll use the name in the directory (please print large & legibly).

Name _____

YES, Please make a new magnetic name badge for me.

Calendar



Sunday, August 18

Youth Committee (200)	9:30 am
Summer Series	9:30 am
Nursery Wing Opens	10:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Children's Ministry Fall Information (WH)	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
Inquirer's Class (KH)	11:45 am

Monday, August 19

Seeing the Word (WH)	12:00 pm
Memorial Garden Board (Library)	2:00 pm
Giving Ministry (Library)	6:00 pm
Youth Planning (200)	7:00 pm
Diaconate (JK)	7:00 pm
Finance (KH)	7:00 pm
Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, August 20

Waking Up With the Word (KH)	6:30 am
ROMEO's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
Single Way (Applebees)	1:00 pm
Fellowship (KH)	7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 21

No activities scheduled

Thursday, August 22

Children's Hope Alliance (JK)	10:00 am
Children's Hope Alliance (200)	5:30 pm
Women at the Well Evening (La Rancherita)	6:00 pm
Film & Fellowship - Camino de Santiago Gathering (Schafer home)	6:00 pm
Presbyterian Pint (Manchester's Grill)	7:00 pm

Friday, August 23

Confirmation Lock-In	7:00 pm
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Saturday, August 24

No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 25

Summer Series	9:30 am
Nursery Wing Opens	10:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Bagels in the Balcony	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am



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