



# The Carriage Stone

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## Continuing Education for the Congregation!



I am blessed as a pastor that I get Continuing Ed. Leave and a subsidy for my study time in my terms of call. Now, it's your turn! Hudson River Presbytery is offering Hudson River University on Saturday, March 17, from 9 AM-3 PM, at the Stony Point Center. The only cost to you is \$10 for Lunch—this is part of your Per Capita contribution at work.

There are many classes offered—Training for Elders and Deacons (!); Christian Education with children (!!!), Stewardship training. On the next page, you will find a complete list of the offerings. I know that Sylvia Esser will be going; as our Clerk of Session, she is required to be there to read minutes of other congregations' Sessions.

I hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to take advantage of these free opportunities to help our church grow.

REGISTER NOW AT [www.HudRivPres.org](http://www.HudRivPres.org)

### HRU SPRING SEMESTER (Hudson River Presbytery's Hudson River University)

Saturday, March 17, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Stony Point Center

**8:45 Coffee and Refreshments**

**9:00 Open with Prayer and Announcements**

**9:15 Early Morning Classes**

ELDER/DEACON TRAINING PART 1 – Gavin Meek, Interim General Presbyter

TRAINING FOR NEW CLERKS – Susan De George, Stated Clerk

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION with CHILDREN – HRP CE Network's Lesley Pella-Woo and Nate Taylor

TALKING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES – Martin McGeachy and Bill Doster, Mediation Team

STEWARDSHIP: PLANNED GIVING – Karl Mattison, Director of Planned Giving, PC(USA) Foundation

**10:45 Break**

**11:00 Late Morning Classes**

ELDER/DEACON TRAINING PART 2 – Gavin Meek, Interim General Presbyter

TRAINING FOR ALL CLERKS: NEW and CONTINUING – Susan De George, Stated Clerk

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION with YOUTH – Lesley Pella-Woo and Nate Taylor, HRP CE Network

BUILDING SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK IN YOUR CONGREGATION - PCUSA UN staff

STEWARDSHIP TRAINING: Part A – HRP Stewardship Team

**12:30 Lunch \$10 pay at the door... it's the ONLY cost!**

**1:30 Afternoon Classes**

ELDER/DEACON TRAINING PART 3 – Gavin Meek, Interim General Presbyter

MINUTE READING FOR ALL CLERKS – Susan De George, Stated Clerk

CE with ADULTS – Tami Seidel, Co-Pastor, and Connie Knapp, CRE, at Yorktown

BUILDING A HRP PARTNERSHIP – Katrina Zezza, HRP Council Liaison to Partnerships

STEWARDSHIP TRAINING: Part B – HRP Stewardship Team

**3:00 End of Semester**

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# LOCAL MISSIONS

## Safe Haven

Our next Helping Hands Safe Haven volunteer time is Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13 and 14. We will be at the warming center in Pomona, interacting with the guests and serving them food. Contact Pam Fink for more details.

## Fellowship Agenda

From Carmen Bermudez

The movie The Shack was great and we had a nice turnout. We are going to continue to show movies periodically. If you have a movie that you would like to see or think the congregation would like, please let me know.

We decided that in the in the springtime we would have a mother-daughter tea. We will start

advertising early and putting it in the newsletter.

After that, hopefully maybe Nancy Jacobs will take a group out canoeing again. It was a big hit.

We're hoping that sometime in October to have our progressive dinner again.

Another thing that we would like to do in December is the Santa Claus letter. Which is you get two letters from people to people and the congregation donates what the children ask in the letter.

Perhaps the deacons would like to join us in that too.

Unfortunately, I'm writing this and I'm going back to bed it seems that I caught the flu. Blah. I went right away and they gave me the Tamiflu so that should cut it in half.

Karen has been having a nice time in spite of all this. I am very glad. I hope you all are well and I will see you at the end of April.

God bless you. If you have anything you want to write me and tell me about, I'm available.

**Thank you**  
for being part of my  
*Eagle Scout Court of Honor*

**Karl G. Witte and**  
**The Witte Family**

Palm  
Sunday

Luncheon



The annual Palm Sunday luncheon will be on Sunday, March 25 after Worship. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share. A signup sheet is in the Colonial Room so that we can balance out the various foods. For more information, please contact one of the Deacons.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy week is almost upon us. The choir has been planning special music including for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Good Friday, the choir from Germonds church will join us.

**Palm Sunday                      Sunday, March 25**  
Worship at 11 AM in the Sanctuary  
Luncheon to follow

**Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 29**  
Worship at 8 PM in the Sanctuary  
The institution of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated

**Good Friday                      Friday, March 30**  
Worship at 8 PM in the Sanctuary  
Germonds church will be joining us

**Easter Sunday                  Sunday, April 1**  
Sunrise service at 8 AM in Murchison Hall  
Pancake breakfast to follow  
Worship at 11 in the Sanctuary



Karen Martin is organizing the prayer chain. Please send prayer requests to her or to Pastor Lori.

The ongoing book discussion group will meet in March. We are nominally scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, but we are watching the weather to decide if we need to re-schedule.

We will be continuing our discussion of Reni Eddo-Lodge's book, *Why I am No Longer Talking to White People About Race*. All are welcome.

## OUR HISTORIC CHURCH.



### **Built by hand, the way you see it**

Our present church building was built all by hand in 1827 and finished in that same year. For the first time the new building had a steeple. The total cost was \$1,625.30, which included the cost of new stoves and a new bell. They hung the new bell in the steeple. On November 8, 1827, our new church was dedicated with the ringing of the church bell.