

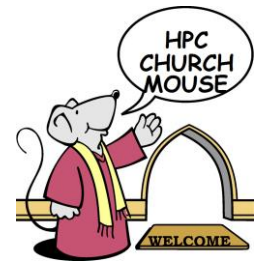
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The Church Mouse
October, 2020

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Grace and peace to you all,

As I write this article, I'm thinking about this coming Sunday—World Communion Sunday. It's a time for us to remember our connection to God's people all across the world and how we are united in our call to follow Jesus with our lives. We remember this unity by sharing the Lord's Supper together, giving thanks for God's presence, God's saving work in Jesus, and thinking and praying for those across the world who are sharing this meal with us. This meal is a common ground we can share. It crosses the boundaries of time and space. It's a place we can all come to and stand on equal footing—remembering we are all united by God's grace.

This meal has always been very special and important to me, but I sure do feel that yearning to "be at the table" right now, with you all. It seems like our whole world could use a reminder (or two or three) of God's saving work and God's healing presence. 2020 has been quite a year for everyone, yet we still celebrate this Sunday as a time to gather and share this sacred meal together. As the seasons change and we approach new challenges with navigating life in the pandemic, I pray we all keep a "table" mindset. I pray we all remember the common ground that unites us and saves us from a mindset of division and scarcity and instead, opens our eyes to the abundance and grace that lay before us.

Speaking of abundance, stewardship season begins towards the end of this month—October 25th. More details will be sent to you soon. But every Sunday from then until November 15th, we will hear reports from different committee moderators, telling the story of how they envision where God will be leading us into 2021. That's sort of hard to think about isn't it? How can we envision what's coming in 2021 when this past year felt like such a struggle? Yet here we are, nearing the end of this year and we find that God has been with us all along. God is still with us and God is still faithful to God's promises. The call remains to keep moving forward in creative and imaginative discipleship.

As we envision and imagine together, we are all invited to prayerfully consider the ways God is calling us to give. Our giving is not just for the financial well-being of the church; it's to live into our identity as God's people and follow the way God has called us to go. It's about investing in the vision God has for our church, our community, and our world. We live into this not only by worshipping together, gathering together (over Zoom), or serving in mission together; we live into this by dedicating the gifts God has given us—which includes our passions, our time, our finances...really, all of who we are as people.

I am so grateful for the ways I have seen God at work in and through who *you all* are, despite these challenging times we face. It continues to be a privilege and a blessing to serve as your pastor.

Peace,
Alex

HPC INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REVEREND ALEX FISCHER

Please join us on Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 PM for our Installation Service of Reverend Alex Fischer. The link to join this gathering will be coming to you soon!



LEMONADE ON THE ZOOM

On Sundays in October we will have Lemonade on the Zoom following our online Sunday morning worship service. We're excited for this opportunity to "see" our church family!



Would you like to sign-up to host one of these Sundays in October? The church office will send out an email invitation to the congregation with the link information -- and then on Sunday afternoon you click on this same link to host the meeting! It's that easy! Just send us a quick email (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org) and we'll add you to the host schedule for a Sunday of your choice. (Dates open: October 11, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Linda Jaubert will be offering a Zoom lesson on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, based on the Lectionary lessons that our Sunday School Class uses. It won't be a lecture format, but will encourage group discussion. We will be reading the scripture passages that we will be discussing, and encourage you to have your bibles with you to refer to.

To participate in the class please be in touch with Linda. She will then forward instructions for connecting to this Zoom event!

Yours in Christ,
Linda Jaubert

HPC FINANCE DATA

Through September 2020, the church is operating at a slight deficit of \$6700. Here are the details about pledges and expenses.

Pledges received: \$122,108
Pledges budgeted: \$131,780

Expenses actual: \$137,876
Expenses budgeted: \$153,787

We are doing a fine job with meeting the needs of the community around us, and I encourage everyone to get their pledges into the church through their preferred method. Our expenses traditionally go up a bit in the fourth quarter as the various committees spend their budgeted funds. We usually see an increase in pledges and donations too, and hopefully this will be the case in 2020!

Please continue to support our shared mission!
Thanks, James Watts



HPC BOOK CLUB

At its last meeting, the Book Club chose *Killers of the Flower Moon* by journalist David Grann for its October selection. In a nonfiction book that reads like a novel, the author describes a series of crimes in which dozens of Osage Indians were murdered for the mineral rights that accompanied their lands. The scope of these murders and the need for justice led to the establishment of the government agency now known as the FBI.



Join us on Thursday, October 22nd for a discussion of this real life mystery. The Zoom link will be distributed before the meeting.

Questions? See Annette Jurgelski, Lisa Flinn, or Robin Bedingfield.

HPC YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 PM for a brief mid-week check-in via Zoom.

The Youth Group will meet on Sundays from 5:00 – 6:30 PM outside at HPC. Feel free to bring your own meal, snack, beverage as well as your own chair, blanket, towel and mask. In case of inclement weather we will meet at Eno River Farmers Market near the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Questions? See Eric Cathey.



OCIM's WISH LIST

Your safety and that of those we serve is so important to us! We are constantly wiping down our carts, doors, baskets, etc. to keep things sanitized. For that reason, our wishlist now includes 99.9% hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and other cleaning supplies! #OCIMlove #safetyfirst



2020 FLOWER CHART

We have one final Sunday available on the 2020 Flower Chart – November 22. Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary, a special occasion, or memorialize someone important to you! Send an email to the church office and we'll get you on the schedule! You can drop off flowers on Saturday morning – or if you order at Flower Patch they will deliver to HPC.

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HPC WEBSITE

You can always find our Sunday Bulletin, monthly newsletter, or the link to our Youtube Worship Service on our HPC website at www.hillsboroughpres.org. Click on any event on our calendar page for additional details too! A great way to keep up with what's happening at HPC!



CIRCLE #1

Circle #1 will meet via Zoom at 11:00 on Monday, October 12. All are invited to join us! Visitors and guests are always welcome! Questions? See Ann Sebesan.



GREEN NOTES!

Understand the environmental and social impacts of what you are buying. Do research on products you commonly use and find information on more creation friendly products at this website: www.ethicalconsumer.org.

(Green Notes are provided by PCUSA's Environmental Ministries and your Stewardship Commission.)

**HAPPY OCTOBER
BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 01 Lois Pipkin
- 01 Bernie Nord
- 03 Sam Eisen
- 03 Allie Henshall
- 08 Olaf von Ramm
- 11 Sam Nesbit
- 18 Laura Younger
- 19 Tom Waldrop
- 20 Gayle Taitt
- 20 Barbara Carroll
- 22 Ben Stephenson
- 24 Micheal McLaurin
- 26 Katherine Younger
- 31 Rich Erdosy

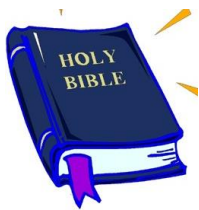


To update the Birthday List or Anniversary List
please contact JoAnn in the church office
(732-3131) or hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org).



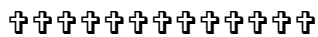
HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 18 Linda & Pierre Jaubert



**OCTOBER LECTIONARY
READINGS**

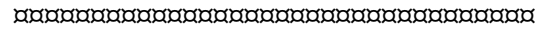
- 4 Exodus 12:1-13, 13:1-8
- 11 Exodus 32:1-14
- 18 I Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20, 2:1-10
- 25 II Samuel 7:1-17



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

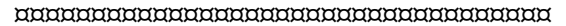
October 4

- Liturgist: Sam Nesbit
- Children's Sermon: Alex Fischer
- Flowers: James Watts
- Lemonade on Zoom: Dave and Julie Phlegar
- Video: Martin and Judy Brown



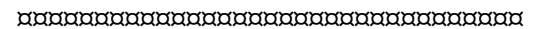
October 11

- Liturgist: Carolyn Norris
- Children's Sermon: Carolyn Norris
- Flowers: Linda and Pierre Jaubert
- Lemonade on Zoom: TBD
- Video: Martin and Judy Brown



October 18

- Liturgist: Vernon Cooper
- Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
- Flowers: Michael Strayhorn
- Lemonade on Zoom: Sam and Linda Nesbit
- Video: Martin and Judy Brown



October 25

- Liturgist: Alicia Gonzalez
- Children's Sermon: Alicia Gonzalez
- Flowers: Dave and Julie Phlegar
- Lemonade on Zoom: Cliff and Barbara Younger
- Video: Martin and Judy Brown

October, 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 	2 Join us on Sunday mornings! Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM (Live Stream on YouTube) Lemonade on Zoom at 12:15 PM	3 Announcements for the Bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday noon each week. Bulletins printed on Thursday.	4 Christian Ed. 6:30 PM (Zoom)	5	6	7
8 11:00 AM Worship & Communion (Live Stream) 12:15 PM Lemonade on Zoom (Zoom Live Stream) 5:00 PM Youth Group	9 Finance Committee 7:00 PM (Zoom)	10 Youth Group 6:00 PM (Zoom) Adult Sunday School 7:30 PM (Zoom)	11	12	13	14
15 11:00 AM Worship (Live Stream) 12:15 PM Lemonade on Zoom (Zoom Live Stream) 3:00 PM Rev. Alex Fischer Service of Installation (Live Stream) 5:00 PM Youth Group	16 Circle #1 - 11:00 AM (Zoom)	17 Community Outreach 7:00 PM (Zoom)	18 Youth Group 6:00 PM (Zoom) Adult Sunday School 7:30 PM (Zoom)	19	20	21
22 11:00 AM Worship (Live Stream) 12:15 PM Lemonade on Zoom (Zoom Live Stream) 1:30 PM Session Meeting (Zoom) 5:00 PM Youth Group	23	24 Deadline for Newsletter 1:00 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM (Zoom) HPC Book Club 7:00 PM (Zoom)	25	26	27	28
29 11:00 AM Worship (Live Stream) 12:15 PM Lemonade on Zoom (Zoom Live Stream) 1:30 PM Session (Zoom) 5:00 PM Youth Group	30	31 Youth Group 6:00 PM (Zoom) Adult Sunday School 7:30 PM (Zoom)	32	33	34	35 Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)

NOTE: If you have any November calendar dates or articles that you would like included in the newsletter – just send an email (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org) or call the church office (732-3131) – by 1:00 PM on the 22nd of October!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE



Habitat for Humanity Project

Orange Co. Habitat for Humanity has asked HPC for volunteers this fall to help with the construction of four new homes on Odie St. in the Fairview community. HPC has offered to help on Saturdays October 3 and 10 and November 7 and 14 from 8:00-3:00 by providing no more than 5 volunteers of all skill and experience levels. The 5-person limit has been imposed by Habitat as a Covid safety precaution along with wearing masks and maintaining safe distance.

Please consider volunteering for this outreach project. You must sign up through the Habitat website where 5 slots are reserved for HPC on these Saturdays. Because of the limited numbers it is encouraged to sign up early.

<https://orangehabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/hboroughpreschurch/>

-- Jane McIver, Community Outreach Committee

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 11:00 AM

(Live Stream Worship)