

HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Church Mouse

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Dear friends,

As I write this, I feel somewhat like what I imagine the Israelites felt like, when after spending 40 years in the wilderness, they finally entered the Land of Promise. Our Renovation/Expansion project is now complete. After years of planning, and a successful Capital Campaign, followed by nine months of demolition and reconstruction, we have a brand new facility! The past nine months have not been easy, as we have had limited space to work in, the office has been moved several times, and we have had to work around noise and interruptions. But the end result is worth it! We have a beautiful, functional facility for the worship of God and service to our community.

The first word that comes to my mind is thanksgiving. A decade ago, Barbara Carroll and Olaf von Ramm challenged us with a generous gift of \$200,000 to begin a Capital Improvement Fund to expand our facility. This gift was invested and earned interest as it took time for us to be ready to act on this challenge.

Burton Gerritsen was Moderator of Building and Grounds following the fire at HPC in 1987. He loved this church and left his estate to HPC. The resources from this request, along with the gift from Barbara and Olaf, put us in a position to begin dreaming together about what God was calling us to be and do as we entered our Third Century of Mission and Witness.

We had a series of cottage meetings with members of the congregation, had feasibility studies done, consulted with an architect, and out of all this developed a plan to enlarge and renovate our facility. One primary goal was to make our entire facility accessible to all. This was accomplished with installing an elevator and a ramp from the sanctuary level to Strudwick Hall. We made our rest rooms larger and handicapped accessible. We removed several interior walls to make larger, multi-purpose rooms. We did a major renovation of our Organ and purchased a new piano for the sanctuary. We removed all the carpet (except in the sanctuary) and put in new flooring and lighting and painted the rest of the facility. We have a new fire and alarm system, and made other technical improvements. We strived to be energy efficient and use sustainable materials as an Earth Care Congregation.

Before we began construction, we had a very successful Capital Campaign, which raised over \$400,000 in pledges and contributions. I am grateful for the widespread support for the Capital Campaign (over 40 families) and the sacrificial gifts made by many. We have benefited from the sacrificial gifts of the generations that came before us, and we were honored to have the opportunity to build a facility that will serve future generations.

A special thanks to Tom Brown, who served as HPC's Project Manager. Tom has experience designing and overseeing the construction of his own home, he had the flexibility to be on-site here, and above all, we trusted Tom. He has put in many hours, overseeing the work done by C.T. Wilson and doing many things himself. I do not know what we would have done without Tom's contributions.

In gratitude to the two major benefactors, Session voted to name the new kitchen in gratitude to Barbara Carroll and Olaf von Ramm, and to name the Christian Education Building in memory of Burton Gerritsen. We will dedicate our newly expanded and renovated facility on April 30 at Noon in Strudwick Hall, followed by a lunch together. We have much to celebrate and much to be grateful for! We are thankful for every gift, and for every saint, past and present, of HPC! Let us continue our faith journey together with grateful and generous hearts!

- Bob

UPDATES FOR HPC DIRECTORY

We are collecting updates for our HPC Directory. If you have any changes to your family's page in our pictorial notebook... drop a quick note to the church office by Sunday, May 7th and we'll get this updated (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org). If you need a new photo for your page... or if you're a new member – let us know and we will schedule a date for additional photos.



CIRCLE #1 NEWS!

Circle #1 will meet at 11:00 next Monday, May 1st, at Karoline Mathewson's. Robin Bedingfield will be leading our study of Lesson 8, *Who is Jesus according to the Other Abrahamic Faiths?* This is our second "outside-the-Bible" study of this series, and promises to be both interesting and educational. As always, feel free to bring a friend - Visitors and guests are always welcome! Bring a sandwich – the hostess provides beverages and dessert. If you will not be able to attend, please call Karoline to let her know.



HEALTHY WALKS ON RIVERWALK

Join us on Tuesdays, for our Healthy Walks on Riverwalk at 5:30 PM at the Riverwalk entrance at the end of Nash and Kollock Street – beyond Weaver Street Market. -- Jane Gaede

SERMON SCHEDULE FOR MAY

- 5/7 "Our Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-10)
- 5/14 "The Language of Love" (John 14:1-14)
- 5/21 Guest Preacher: Sam Nesbit
- 5/28 Guest Speaker: Alicia Gonzalez

LAST FRIDAY JAZZFEST

The talented A.L. Stanback Jazz Band, directed by Mr. Capps, will amaze and amuse us on Friday, May 26 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Enjoy free ice cream served on our blocked-off part of West Tryon Street.

Questions? See Lisa Flinn.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 14 & 15, 2017

Vacation Bible School will be July 14-15 at HPC for children pre-kindergarten through rising 6th graders. More details will be announced soon!



FOOD FOR ALL

The Mission Commission regularly offers opportunities for HPC members to engage in community outreach. Recently Hugh Tilson from Food For All asked HPC to prepare a meal for about 30 people in need every 4th Tuesday. As a commission we have agreed to take care of meal on May 23, but we are looking for a group of volunteers from the congregation who would be interested in leading or organizing and committing to this effort before we consider a long-term commitment. If you are interested, contact Jane McIver or Kathy Remington.

HPC BOOK CLUB



No May meetings are scheduled, but you'll want to get started soon on *both* of our June selections!

June 4th we will meet to discuss **When Sleeping Women Awake, Mountains Will Move** by Barbara Mosley De Souza

Rev. de Souza shares the stories of women she taught and worked with during her 40 years of service in Brazil, 14 as a social worker for the local Catholic church, 8 with the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), and 18 with Global Ministries. She provided health education to empower women in the favelas (shantytowns) of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. With her students, she designed and published the curriculum for a Community Health Educators Training Course and proved that knowledge builds self-esteem, thus empowering her students to become multipliers, encouraging more women to change their own lives and the lives of others.

June 25th we will discuss **Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly

This *New York Times Bestseller* was inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine.

- New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France.

- An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement. In a tense atmosphere of watchful eyes and suspecting neighbors, one false move can have dire consequences.

- For the ambitious young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out of a desolate life. Once hired, though, she finds herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power.

The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is

sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

Book Club meets at 7:00 on a Sunday evening most months at the church. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be served.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



From April 2 through September, congregation members offer light refreshment after the 11:00am service each Sunday. The 2017 Lemonade on the Lawn signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in Room #204. Please sign up to celebrate your own special day, or just for the joy of sharing with others!



WHY JESUS? GROUP

You are invited to join us for a small group study on Friday evening May 19 at 6 pm at the home of Bernie & Alice Nord. Bring a potluck dish to share. We will join together for dinner and then divide into small groups to discuss the book: "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" by Amy-Jill Levine. We will be discussing Chapter 7: "The Laborers in the Vineyard." Please come join us, even if you have not attended previous sessions. Let Bernie & Alice know if you plan to come. Let Carolyn or Marc Fowler know if you need more information.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 02 Ashley Crane
- 03 Carynne McIver
- 04 Lisa Flinn
- 07 Adam Crane
- 08 Jack Stephenson
- 13 Domenique Gramolini
- 15 Will Laws
- 15 Jordan Wolfe
- 17 Ella Henderson
- 18 Dale Wisniewski
- 19 Lisa Watts
- 25 Caroline Cathey
- 27 Joe Talley
- 28 Jim Summers
- 30 Brenda Morgan



May Wedding Anniversary:

- 22 Eric & Katherine Cathey
- 29 Dan Patterson & Roxanne Barksdale



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



MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

- 7 Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
- 14 Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
- 21 Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; I Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
- 28 Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11



Green Notes!

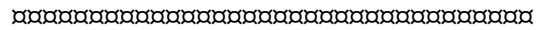
Wherever possible, replace disposable products with reusable ones (i.e., razor, food storage, batteries, coffee filters, furnace or air conditioner filters, etc.).

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

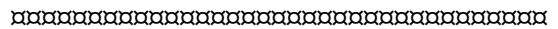
May 7 Teacher Appreciation

Liturgist & Children's Sermon: Jarrett Barnhill
 Acolyte: Alden Cathey
 Flowers: TBD
 Lemonade on Lawn: Reception in Strudwick Hall
 Nursery: Ann Sebesan, Stephanie Morgan
 Youth Meal (5/10): TBD
 Greeters: Ina Phay and Allen Johnson



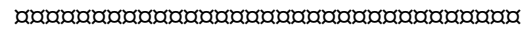
May 14

Liturgist & Children's Sermon: Kathy Remington
 Acolyte: Mackenzie Salem
 Lemonade on Lawn: Chris & Trang O'Connor
 Flowers: Cathy and Jerry Vinski
 Nursery: Kim Bryant, Robin Barnhill
 Youth Meal (5/17): TBD
 Greeters: Ina Phay and Allen Johnson



May 21

Guest Preacher: Sam Nesbit
 Liturgist & Children's Sermon: James Watts
 Acolyte: Angela Erdosy
 Lemonade on Lawn: Robin Barnhill
 Flowers: Cathey Family
 Nursery: Sara Clay, Lisa Flinn
 Youth Meal (5/24):
 Greeters: Ina Phay and Allen Johnson



May 28

Guest Preacher: Alicia Gonzalez
 Liturgist & Children's Sermon: Jane McIver
 Acolyte: Janiah Davis
 Flowers: Summers Family
 Lemonade on Lawn: TBD
 Nursery: Stephanie Morgan, Ann Sebesan
 Youth Meal (5/31): Kim Bryant
 Greeters: Ina Phay and Allen Johnson

The **2017 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary or other occasion, or memorialize or honor someone important to you!

May, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Circle #1 -- 11:00 AM (Karoline Mathewson)	2 Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	3 Youth Group 5:00 PM	4 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	5	6 Men's Canoe Trip May 6 & 7
Teacher Appreciation and Beard Scholarship Presentation followed by Reception in Strudwick 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn 12:30 PM Mission 2:00 PM Justice United	8	9 Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	10 Youth Group 5:00 PM	11 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	12	13 Women's Fellowship Breakfast & Mom's Morning Out 9 AM - 12:30 PM (at HPC)
14 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn	15	16 Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	17 Youth Group 5:00 PM	18 Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	19 "Why Jesus?" 6 PM (Nords)	20 Piano Recital 9 AM – Noon (Strudwick Hall)
21 Guest Preacher: Sam Nesbit 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn 6:30 PM Session	22 Bob away 5/21 – 6/3/17	23 Food for All Prep (Strudwick Hall) Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	24 Youth Group 5:00 PM	25 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	26 Last Fridays 6:30 – 8:30 PM (A. L. Stanback Jazz Band)	27
28 Guest Preacher: Alicia Gonzalez 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn	29 Church Office Closed	30 Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	31 Youth Group 5:00 PM	Join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday School for Adults/Youth at 9:45 AM Childcare/Nursery for Children at 9:45 AM Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM Sunday School for Children during Worship		

NOTE: If you have any June 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 24th of April!



**Women's Fellowship Breakfast with
"Quiche Cook-Off" and "Mom's Morning Out"**

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 - 12:30

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Strudwick Hall

Seeking:

* HPC Women and especially Moms with children who would like to participate in Christian Fellowship, then have "Mom's Morning Out" while child care is provided.

* Favorite quiche dishes and their recipes, for those who enjoy cooking!

Questions? See Jan McKelvey!

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

I am seeking assistance for meals for **HPC Youth Group** during our Wednesday sessions at 5 PM. We have (4) youth that consistently attend our youth activities (no food restrictions/allergies). A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the adult Sunday School room. Sign up or let Eric know if you wish to participate.

Thanks for your continued support of our HPC Youth.

-- Eric Cathey



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:45 AM (for youth and adults!)

Childcare/Nursery 9:45 AM (for children)

Traditional Worship 11:00 AM

(A nursery is provided for children 5 and under in Room #205; following the Conversation with Children in Worship – Children will go to Sunday School)