

# HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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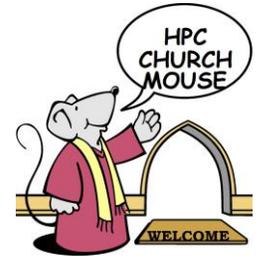
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## *The Church Mouse*

*July, 2017*



Dear friends,

This is my final Church Mouse cover letter. For fourteen and a half years, I have shared thoughts and news with you in this space. I have also tried to keep you informed about church events and opportunities through a weekly newsflash sent to hpcnews. Rosie Summers, Clerk of Session will be taking over that responsibility until an Interim Pastor is in place.

Sunday, June 25, was my last Sunday in the pulpit as your Installed Pastor. It was a glorious day of worship and celebration. We were blessed by Dr. Scott Schlesinger and the HPC Choir with their beautiful and inspiring music, and they were complemented by Irv Eisen on the tuba. We had the joyful opportunity to witness the baptism of Skyler Francis Eisen. We then celebrated some memories and shared a meal together in our newly renovated and expanded Strudwick Hall.

I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Pastor for the past fourteen and a half years. I want to thank Scott and the Choir for the beautiful lamp of HPC crafted and painted by Pip Merrick, as well as the DVD of the "Greatest Hits of the HPC Choir" including some of my favorite anthems. I will enjoy listening to this over and over! Thanks to the Sew n Sews for the beautiful "Jacob's Ladder" quilt. I know how much work goes into creating a quilt of this size, and Mae Lee and I will treasure it, not only for its beauty, but because of the dear friends who made it for us. Thanks to all the members of Circle #1 for the framed photos of two of our Christmas gatherings, surrounded by signatures of the members. This will be a reminder of our many good times together. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the retirement gift. Thanks to everyone who responded to the letters I sent, whether by note, email, or personal word.

Sunday was an emotional day for me, as well as others. It confirmed for me that I made the right decision retiring at the end of June rather than the end of December. Advent and Christmas is such a special time for me, that ending our relationship at that time would have been even harder.

Session has approved a schedule of Pulpit Supply for the Sundays in July and August. Our Interim Pastor Search Committee of Rosie Summers, Alicia Gonzalez, Katherine Cathey, Hervey McIver, and Jarrett Barnhill is already at work, and will be meeting again on July 5 at 7 PM. They hope to have a recommendation for an Interim Pastor for Session to approve at their Stated Meeting on August 20, but they will be deliberate in their search process and take the time needed to make the right decision. Please pray for this committee as they work together with our Vacancy Counselor, the Rev. Lynn Stall, and serve the church in this search process.

We also have a Nominating Committee which will be prayerfully discerning who to ask to serve and lead the church as members of the new class on Session. Kathy Remington is Moderator and the other members are Eric Cathey, Joe Talley, Cathy Ely, and Jim Summers. Please pray for this committee and prayerfully consider where God is calling you to use your talents and gifts to serve.

Mae Lee and I will remain in our home in Cedar Grove, but expect to be traveling and out of town much of the summer.

When scheduling events, make sure to notify JoAnn Harrison in the church office to get it on the calendar, and Rosie Summers, so she can include it in the newsflash.

God Be with You! - Bob

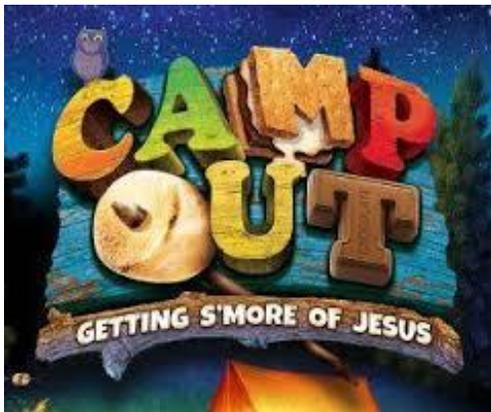
## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come and join HPC for “Camp Out - Getting S’more of Jesus” VBS on July 14-16, 2017. Children 4 years old and rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the “Camp Out” experience.

### The VBS schedule is:

- **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30-8:30 pm - Supper will be provided for the campers from 5:30-6:00pm
- **Saturday - July 15<sup>th</sup>**, 9am-12pm
- **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** - Camp out participants will lead the congregation in a Camp Out experience. We are asking the congregation to wear their “camping” clothes to worship service.

Contact Cynthia Latta or Stephanie Morgan to register your child for this wonderful faith-filled camping experience.



### SERMON SCHEDULE FOR JULY

- 7/2** “Do You Know Their Names?”  
Rev. Troy Lewis (Luke 10:25-37)
- 7/9** Rev. Jo Ella Holman, PC USA Missionary
- 7/16** Christian Education & Vacation Bible School - wear your camp clothes!
- 7/23** “The Problem With Weeds”  
Rev. Alice Nord (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
- 7/30** “Mustard, Flour, Yeast, and All Kinds of Fish”  
Rev. Bernie Nord (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday School Teachers needed for 2017-18 Sunday School year. HPC Christian Education will be using the “Growing in Grace and Gratitude” curriculum. Teachers are needed for the 4 yo- 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades and a 9:45am multi-grade class. CE would like to have 2-3 teachers per class. If you are interested in being a part of helping our children explore and grow in their faith please contact Cynthia Latta or Stephanie Morgan.



### Gary Mitchell: Music With a Message

July 28<sup>th</sup> “Last Friday” - Gary Mitchell is quickly becoming one of the most in-demand solo artists in the Triangle. His music perfectly blends catchy pop melodies with thoughtful, well-crafted lyrics, defying modern pop trends. Gary brings a refreshing sound to the local music scene. Get ready for Music with a Message! Learn more at our website: <http://www.visionrisemusic.com/>

Join us for free scoops of ice cream, Gary Mitchell music and a fabulous place to meet friends! Questions? See Lisa Flinn.



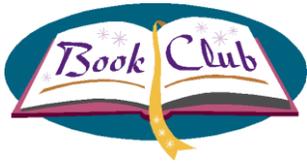
## UPDATES FOR HPC DIRECTORY

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, June 11<sup>th</sup> and we’ll get this updated ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto: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.



## 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



## HPC BOOK CLUB

Join us for our Book Club meetings in August and September!

### **Sunday, August 13 - Barefoot In Avalon: A Brother's Story** by David Payne (*local author!*)

In 2000, while moving his household from Vermont to North Carolina, David Payne watched from his rearview mirror as his younger brother, George A., driving behind him in a two-man convoy of rental trucks, lost control of his vehicle, fishtailed, flipped over in the road, and died instantly. Soon thereafter, David's life hit a downward spiral. His career came to a standstill, his marriage disintegrated, and his drinking went from a cocktail-hour indulgence to a full-blown addiction. He found himself haunted not only by George A.'s death, but also by his brother's manic depression, a hereditary illness that overlaid a dark family history whose roots now gripped David.

*Barefoot to Avalon* is Payne's earnest and unflinching account of George A. and their boyhood footrace that lasted long into their adulthood, defining their relationship and their lives. As universal as it is intimate, this is an exceptional memoir of brotherhood, of sibling rivalries and sibling love, and of the torments a family can hold silent and carry across generations.

### **Sunday, September 10 - Game Changers: Dean Smith, Charlie Scott, and the Era That Transformed a Southern College Town** by Art Chansky

Among many legendary episodes from the life and career of men's basketball coach Dean Smith, few loom as large as his recruitment of Charlie Scott, the first African American scholarship athlete at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Drawn together by college basketball in a time of momentous change, Smith and Scott helped transform a university, a community, and the racial landscape of sports in the South. But there is much more to this story than is commonly told. In *Game Changers*, Art Chansky reveals an intense saga of race, college sport, and small-town politics. At the center were two young men, Scott and Smith, both destined for greatness but struggling through challenges on and off the court, among them the storms of civil rights protest and the painfully slow integration of a Chapel Hill far less progressive than its reputation today might suggest.

### Dec/Jan - **Winter Solstice** by Rosamunde Pilcher

In "Winter Solstice" Rosamunde Pilcher brings her readers into the lives of five very different people....

- Elfrida Phipps, once of London's stage, moved to the English village of Dibton in hopes of making a new life for herself.

- Oscar Blundell gave up his life as a musician in order to marry Gloria. They have a beautiful daughter, Francesca.

- Carrie returns from Australia at the end of an ill-fated affair with a married man to find her mother and aunt sharing a home and squabbling endlessly.

- Sam Howard is trying to pull his life back together after his wife has left him for another. He is without home and without roots, all he has is his job. Business takes him to northern Scotland, where he falls in love with the lush, craggy landscape and set his sights on a house.

It is in this house, on the shortest day of the year, that the lives of five people will come together and be forever changed..."Winter Solstice" is a novel of love, loyalty and rebirth.

Book Club meets one Sunday evening most months of the year at 7:00 at the church. Visitors and guests are always welcome, and refreshments will be served!

\* All book descriptions are excerpted from Amazon.com



## MISSION LUNCHEON ON JULY 9!

When we usually think of the Caribbean, we think of sunshine, blue water, beaches, vacation and maybe even those all-inclusive resorts. There's another side to that paradise that tourists don't often see, one that includes people living in the direst poverty.

Jo Ella Holman, is a PC USA missionary with roots in this area; she was ordained in New Hope Presbytery. Jo Ella now lives in the Dominican Republic and serves as a regional liaison for the Caribbean, where she cultivates and nurtures the PC USA's relationship with mission partners in Haiti, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands and with other church partners in the Caribbean through CANACOM, the Caribbean and North American Commission on Mission. Her ministry involves facilitating and supporting programs of PC USA partner churches and organizations and implementing regional strategies. She also works with mission personnel in the region by communicating regularly with them, offering them counsel and encouragement and helping them reflect on and assess their ministries.

Jo Ella will be preaching at HPC on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to hear Jo Ella speak to us. Stay after the service for a lunch provided by Mission where we can get to know Jo Ella and ask her questions about her ministry and her life in the Caribbean!



# July, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> Guest Speaker: Rev. Troy Lewis 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) 12:15 PM Mission (#204)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>5</b> Interim Search Committee 7:00 PM (#204)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Guest Speaker: Rev. Jo Ella Holman 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) 12:15 PM Mission Luncheon (Strudwick Hall – see pg 3!)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Men’s Grilling 6 PM (Watts)	<b>15</b>
Vacation Bible School 5:30 – 8:30 PM   9 AM - Noon						
<b>16</b> Guest Speaker: Christian Education and Vacation Bible School 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> “What Would Jesus do?” 6:00 PM (Cam Cover)	<b>22</b> Fabric Design Group 8:30 AM – 4 PM (Strudwick)
<b>23</b> Guest Speaker: Rev. Alice Nord 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) 12:30 PM Stewardship (#204)	<b>24</b> Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM	<b>25</b> Presbytery Meeting (Wake Forest) Food for All 5:15 PM (Strudwick) Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Last Fridays 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Michael Williams)	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Guest Speaker: Rev. Bernie Nord 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221)	<b>31</b>			Join us on Sunday mornings! Summer Sunday School for Adults at 9:45 AM Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM Nursery and Children’s Time during Worship Lemonade on the Lawn at 12:15 PM		

**NOTE: If you have any August 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 24<sup>th</sup> of July!**

## WHY JESUS? GROUP

You are invited to join us for a potluck and small group study on Friday evening July 21 at 6 pm at the home of Cam Cover. 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 the final chapter, Chapter 9: "The Rich Man and Lazarus," facilitated by Marc Fowler. Please come join us, even if you have not attended previous sessions. Let Cam know if you plan to come. Let Carolyn or Marc Fowler know if you have questions or need more information.



### 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 outside the church office. Please sign up to celebrate your own special day, or just for the joy of sharing with others!

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!

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Summer Sunday School 9:45 AM (for 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 (4 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children’s Time)*