

# HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

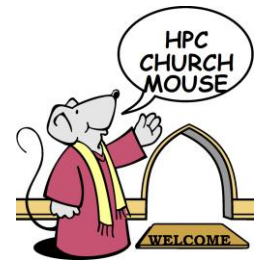
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## The Church Mouse

October, 2017



Dear Church Family,

The metaphor to which I keep returning for the life of faith is that of a journey. We speak of “faith journeys” and we generally understand what we mean – that our faith resists a packaged existence that can be contained, or even explained, easily. It is a progression, a journey toward the truth that constantly leads us into the unknown with the courage to love and hope in spite of it all.

I’ve journeyed to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church the same way many of you have – because my faith keeps pulling me forward to understand more about God and the world God’s given us. On World Communion Sunday October 1, we celebrate that world and the people in it, even while we confess the ways our relationships with the earth and others remain fractured and in need of grace. Then, for those of you who would like to understand more about the intentional interim period Hillsborough Presbyterian is beginning, I’ll be available for questions and answers in Studwick during one last Lemonade on the Lawn. Intentional interim pastors don’t babysit a congregation until the “real” pastor comes along. Interim pastors help the congregation get real about who they’ve been, who they are now, and who God is calling them to be – so that they’ll get the best match for a pastor to help get them there!

On October 22 we’ll have the Stewardship Kick-off Breakfast in Studwick. I have known elders in other churches who didn’t think it was proper to talk about money in the church. I am glad to see Hillsborough’s elders think otherwise. We must talk openly about money because one of the most important aspects of the relationship between church members and church administrators is trust. If you can trust us with being wise stewards of your money, your faith life will be free to grow. If you can’t trust us, it’s going to get stuck. So we must talk about money in the church and the elders must think hard about what it means to be entrusted with your hard-earned dollars.

Nurturing the life of faith is one of my chief concerns, for my own faith journey included twenty years without it. Now I feel the church in some ways helped save my life. I can honestly say what an honor and a privilege it is to serve as a pastor in the PCUSA and especially as your Interim Pastor in this season of the congregation’s life. Thank you for all the warm, welcoming messages – cards from the children, cookies and plants and tea in the new office, messages and visits and patient instruction for the newbie in town. I’m reminded that while you have completed a beautiful renovation, the church still isn’t the building. It is the people who care for those inside and outside the building!

My husband Mark and I look so forward to getting to know you all. I’d like to have lunch with each of you during my time here. Email or call me if you can set up a day – and I can meet you at a place convenient to your workplace if you work out of Hillsborough. I also love to make home visits so if you would like to have me come over email or call and we’ll find a time. In the meantime be patient as I establish a routine and office hours that work best for me and the church. God bless you on the journey – and see you as our paths cross.

--Rev. Marguerite Serrine, Interim Pastor

## LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

October 1

What is an interim pastor, anyway? And what happens during an interim process? Rev. Serrine will hold a **Q&A in Strudwick** after worship on **October 1** for all those who want to learn more about this transition time at HPC. Join us for this special Lemonade on the Lawn.



## CALLING ALL WOMEN!

The women of the church are invited to an evening with our Interim Pastor, Marguerite Serrine, from 6:00 'til 7:30 on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in Strudwick Hall. We will share a light supper, provided by the women of Circle #1, and then Marguerite will lead us in exploring priorities and possibilities for women's Bible Study, fellowship, and mission at HPC. This is an exciting opportunity! Bring open hearts and minds, and join us for this joyous gathering!



## SUNDAY SERMON OUTLINE

If you would like to receive a draft of Rev. Serrine's sermon outlines each week before she preaches, email [marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org) and say "YES!" in the message. Drafts are sent out to an email distribution list and comments are welcome as we seek together God's word to us in the Scripture readings for the week.

## DIACONATE UPDATES

\* HPC Directory update packets were printed in July, tagged with household name, and are available for pick-up in the narthex entrance to the HPC Sanctuary. Please continue to let us know about needs for updates by contacting the HPC Office [hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org). We will plan another HPC Directory update printing toward the end of 2017.

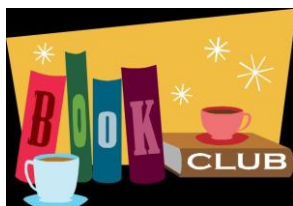
\* If you would like to be part of our Caregivers group to help provide meals and support for our HPC families in times of need, please contact Shari Latta as leader of this group, or Jan McKelvey, Diaconate Moderator, her email address is: [jlmkel@nc.rr.com](mailto:jlmkel@nc.rr.com).

\* Lemonade on the Lawn: Thanks to everyone for providing treats and fellowship following Sunday church service! Our final Lemonade on the Lawn for 2017 will be on October 1 in Strudwick Hall.

\* 7th Annual Bonfire and Camp Supper, November 5, 5:00 - 8:30pm: Bring your camp chair and roasting campfire forks on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> to help us make S'Mores at New Hope Camp and Conference Center at the bonfire pit located behind the pavilion near the swimming pool. Join us for fellowship under the starry skies!

\* Hanging of the Greens, December 1, 6:00pm: Join us on Friday, December 1, at 6:00pm for a soup supper followed by decorating our Sanctuary, doors, and Strudwick Hall with Christmas trees and decorations. This year's windowsill decoration theme is "Vintage Christmas" in keeping with beginning our 3rd Century as an organized church on the same site. We are asking for temporary loan of your old favorite Christmas items to gingerly place on windowsills of the Sanctuary. Items will be returned when we remove decorations from the Sanctuary on December 31 following the church service.





### HPC BOOK CLUB

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us! Visitors and guests are always welcome, and

refreshments will be served. Book Club meets at 7:00 at the church, on the second Sunday most months of the year. (We generally skip a month or two in the summer and defer discussion of our holiday selection to the January meeting...)

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet to discuss **The Last Government Girl** by Ellen Herbert

(Local author! This award-winning mystery was written by Ann Sebesan's sorority sister!) *In the summer of 1944, Edwina, known as Eddie, a young high school teacher of English and German travels to Washington to work for the war effort unaware a killer is there, targeting government girls. And he's closer than she could ever imagine. Eddie finds Washington crowded and exciting, a city at war, where folks act as if each day is their last. She rushes at life, longing to live her own version of Casablanca, believing the only enemies are Over There, the Nazis, Hitler, Hirohito. And that every man in uniform is a hero. **The Last Government Girl**, filled with heart-pounding tension, is peopled with extraordinarily alive characters, a mulatto crime photographer battling Jim Crow laws, a bootlegger's niece enjoying stolen moonshine money, and a beautiful Jewish department store heiress hiding a terrible secret.*

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** our selection will be **The Light Between Oceans** by M.L. Stedman

*The years-long New York Times bestseller is also a major motion picture from Spielberg's Dreamworks. Irresistible...seductive...with a high concept plot that keeps you riveted from the first page" (O, The Oprah Magazine.) After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries*

*on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.*

And our holiday selection, for discussion on **January 14<sup>th</sup>**, will be **Winter Solstice** by Rosamunde Pilcher

*In **Winter Solstice** 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... a novel of love, loyalty and rebirth.*

*\* All book descriptions are excerpted from Amazon.com*



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We have scheduled a Men's Grillin' get together on October 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be at Bill Flinn's and will start at 6 PM. Please bring something to grill and the beverage of your choice. If you want, please bring a snack to share with others. If you know in advance you will be attending, it would be nice to let Bill know so he can plan for us.

### HPC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Stewardship and Diaconate will host a family movie night Friday, October 27. Dinner to start at 630pm and movie (TBD) starts at 7pm. We will provide pizza and dessert. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship.



### FLOWER CHART

The **2017 FLOWER CHART** is located 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! (Open Dates: October 8 and 29!)



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." — JOHN 15:5

### WHY JESUS? GROUP

You are invited to join us for a small group study on Friday evening October 13 at 6 pm at the home of Linda Jaubert. Bring a potluck dish to share. We will join together for dinner and then divide into small groups to discuss the sermon "Entering the Dark Cloud of God" by Barbara Taylor Brown, facilitated by Rich Erdosy. Please come join us, even if you have not attended previous sessions. Let Linda know if you plan to come. Let Carolyn Norris or Marc Fowler know if you need more information.



### HPC CHILDREN'S CHOIR "JOYFUL NOISE"

Scott and the HPC Choir would like for the **children to sing** the choral introit on a monthly basis. The plan is for them to sing the introit the first Sunday of every month starting in October. Rehearsal would be on the first and third Sunday of every month beginning at 9:45. We will have a short Sunday School lesson, then practice. Any questions? See Scott Schlesinger or Cheryl Maxey!

### HEALTHY WALKS ON RIVERWALK

Join us on Tuesday afternoons for Healthy Walks on Riverwalk at 5:30 PM. Same meeting place: Riverwalk entrance at the end of Nash and Kollock Street – beyond Weaver Street Market. Questions? See Jane Gaede.

**“Gracious Giving”****2018 STEWARDSHIP SEASON**

Each year, the HPC Stewardship Commission provides an opportunity for the members of our congregation to prayerfully consider and renew their commitment to the financial operations and community outreach initiatives provided by HPC. Members are asked to carefully consider how they are best able to dedicate themselves in the support of the mission of HPC in the upcoming year through “Gracious Giving”. God has blessed our congregation with diverse vocational, religious and denominational backgrounds. The goal for our congregation is to take these personal experiences and perform God’s work within our church and in cooperation with other Christian communities. Together with God, we will promote youth and young adult ministries, ecumenical unity within our town, and a deeper commitment to our local community’s spiritual and material needs.

Building upon the strength we receive from God, we seek to serve God through programs of education and outreach, and to provide opportunities for fellowship and care. We open the doors of this historic church to this community of faith and to the community at large. We encourage one another to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us through expressions of Christian faith in our daily lives

Many great things have happened in 2017. The financial and service commitments of our congregation have supported HPC's mission by providing for the church's operations, assisting with community needs and completing long-term projects related to Building and Grounds. Our church family is growing and the contributions we all make greatly influence the Hillsborough community and far beyond in service for our Lord.

**“Gracious Giving”** “<sup>5</sup>I am the vine you are the branches...” *John 15:5 (NIV)*

In the passage of John 15:5; Jesus teaches us in saying he is the vine and we are the branches. If you prune back the branches, they will grow and produce an abundance of fruit. Jesus used grape vines as an example because most everyone was familiar with them and because grape vines grow in long rows attached to one vine. He further explained that if the branches (us) become disconnected or separated from the vine (Jesus/God) they will wither and die. In order for us to grow and produce fruit we must remain connected to God. The fruit of God's Grace comes from the vine through us and along to others.

Jesus taught us, all that we have is given to us by God. We do not give our gifts; we share God’s gift on God's behalf. We must remain connected to the vine, and his blessings will come through the vine to its branches to produce fruit to be shared with others.

The calendar dates for “Gracious Giving” and Stewardship Awareness are as follows:

- October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Kick-off Breakfast at 9:30 in Strudwick Hall.  
11am Worship Service Moment for Stewardship
- October 29<sup>th</sup>: Moment for Stewardship
- November 5<sup>th</sup>: Moment for Stewardship
- November 12<sup>th</sup>: Dedication Sunday



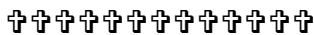
If you have questions please contact Eric Cathey (Moderator, HPC Stewardship) or a member of the Stewardship Commission.

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 01 Lois Pipkin
- 01 Bernie Nord
- 03 Sam Eisen
- 03 Allie Henshall
- 08 Olaf von Ramm
- 11 Sam Nesbit
- 12 Karen Wysocki
- 18 Laura Younger
- 19 Tom Waldrop
- 20 Gayle Taitt
- 20 Barbara Carroll
- 22 Ben Stephenson



- 22 Mark Serrine
- 24 Micheal McLaurin
- 26 Katherine Younger
- 31 Rich Erdosy

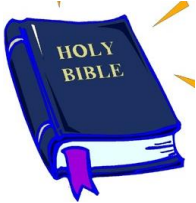


**HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 18 Linda & Pierre Jaubert



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



**OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS**

- 1** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- 8** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- 15** Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- 22** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; I Thess. 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- 29** Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; I Thess. 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46



**GREEN NOTES!**

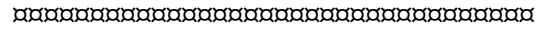
Welcome alternatives to disposables - Swap paper towels for washable rags, and sandwich baggies for reusable containers.

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

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

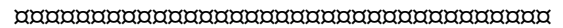
**October 1 World Communion Sunday**

- Liturgist: Carolyn Norris
- Children's Sermon: Carolyn Norris
- Acolyte: Ben Stephenson
- Flowers: Joe and Vibeke Talley
- Youth Dinner (10/4): Sara Clay
- Nursery: Rosie Summers
- Greeters: TBD



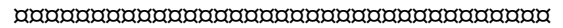
**October 8**

- Liturgist: Jim Summers
- Children's Sermon: Eric Cathey
- Acolyte: Caitlin O'Connor
- Flowers: TBD
- Youth Dinner (10/11): Jane McIver
- Nursery: Bethany Henshall, Andrea Bernard
- Greeters: TBD



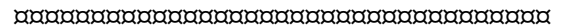
**October 15**

- Liturgist: James Watts
- Children's Sermon: James Watts
- Acolyte: Isabella Roberson
- Flowers: James and Lisa Watts
- Youth Dinner (10/18): The O'Connors
- Nursery: Ann Sebesan, Stephanie Morgan
- Greeters: TBD



**October 22**

- Liturgist : Alicia Gonzalez
- Children's Sermon: Alicia Gonzalez
- Acolyte: Anna O'Connor
- Flowers: Annette Jurgelski
- Youth Dinner (10/25): Cathy Ely
- Nursery: Stephan Morgan
- Greeters: TBD




**October 29**

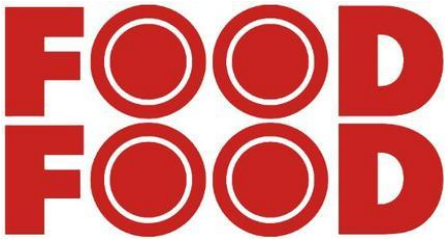
- Preaching: Rev. Nord
- Liturgist : Jarrett Barnhill
- Children's Sermon: Jarrett Barnhill
- Acolyte: Mackenzie Salem
- Flowers: TBD
- Youth Dinner (11/1): Stepensions
- Nursery: Robin Barnhill
- Greeters: TBD



# October, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
<b>1</b> World Communion Sunday 9:4 5AM Children's Choir (#221) 11:00 AM Communion 12:15 PM Interim Briefing at Lemonade on the Lawn (Strudwick)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>4</b> Women's Gathering 6:00 PM (Strudwick) Youth Group 6:00 PM (Room #204)	<b>5</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>6</b> Men's Grillin' 6:00 PM (Flinn's)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> 12:15 PM Mission (#204) 12:15 PM Stewardship (#222) 12:15 PM CE (#223) 7:00 PM HPC Book Club (#204)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>11</b> Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>12</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>13</b> Why Jesus? Group 6:00 PM (Linda Jaubert's)	<b>14</b> Flute Concert 7:30 PM (Sanctuary)	
<b>15</b> 9:4 5AM Children's Choir (#221) 6:30 PM Session (#204)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>18</b> Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>19</b> Justice United 6:00 PM (Strudwick) Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Stewardship Kick-off Breakfast (Strudwick)	<b>23</b> Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM	<b>24</b> Food for All 5:30 PM (Strudwick) Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM	<b>25</b> Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>26</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>27</b> Family Movie Night 6:30 PM Pizza 7:00 PM Movie (Strudwick Hall)	<b>28</b> Presbytery Meeting 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (First Presbyterian, Goldsboro)	
<b>29</b> Preaching: Rev. Nord	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Healthy Walks on Riverwalk 5:30 PM		Join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 AM Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM Children's Sunday School at 11:00 AM Lemonade on Lawn at 12:15 PM			

**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](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)) or call the church office (732-3131) – by 1:00 PM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October!**



## FOOD FOR ALL

Thank you to all who participated in our September Food For All. The meals were MUCH appreciated. Our next Food For All meal will be Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. (It's always the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.) The sign up sheet is in the hallway on the Mission bulletin board. Questions? See Jane McIver.

## YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meetings will be on **Wednesday evenings** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. To sign up for a Wednesday evening to provide the meal see the sign-up sheet in the hallway! Questions? See Eric Cathey.

Check out our **HPC WEB PAGE** at [www.hillsboroughpres.org](http://www.hillsboroughpres.org) – click on any event on our calendar page for details! You will also find the monthly newsletter and the weekly bulletin posted on this webpage! A great way to keep up with what's happening at HPC!

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday School 9:45 AM (for all ages!)**

**Nursery 9:45 AM (for infants/toddlers)**

**Traditional Worship 11:00 AM**

*(Children's Sunday School - ages 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade - will again be provided during worship. Children may leave for class following the Conversation with the Children )*