

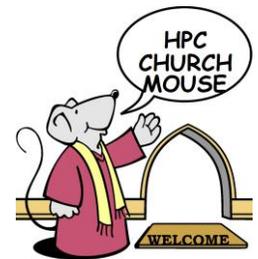
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The Church Mouse

August, 2018



Dear HPC Friends and Family,

This year two broods of bluebirds fledged from the nestbox Mark installed in our backyard last year. It's a process that inspires awe every time. Once the babies fledge from the box, bluebird parents lead them up to safe perches in the tops of the tallest trees. Within an hour the babies' worldview expands from the inside of a small, crowded 4"x6" box to a view from the top of the world!

The Mission Study process, similarly, is designed so that each church member "fledges" from a smaller, individual perspective of HPC to one that's more from the top of the world. The Congregational Assessment Tool that many of you have filled out is designed to accomplish this: to catapult us out of our own views and put them in conversation with everyone else's. The Mission Study Team expects, and hopes, to be surprised by what we'll learn.

For example, the consulting folks who sponsor the CAT say it will suggest what sort of skills the next pastor should have to help HPC realize a vital, transformational ministry. That's why it is **very important that everyone fill out the CAT by August 4!** The results will influence both the vision of the church and the kind of leadership that will be most suited to helping HPC realize that vision. For example, if HPC is already a high energy, high satisfaction transformational congregation, a new pastor needs particular skills to extend and develop those traits further. If HPC is currently a low energy, low satisfaction recovery congregation, a pastor needs a different skillset to move the congregation toward higher energy and satisfaction in small increments.

Each of us has an opinion on where we think HPC would rank in energy and satisfaction. But what is the birds' eye view that takes the whole into account? Our perspective, and the decisions that will be based on that, will be only as good as the number of members who give us their perspectives.

I hope you, like me, are anticipating what we'll learn about HPC and Hillsborough at the congregational gatherings September 9 and 23. At the first meeting, the Mission Study Team will put the results of the CAT and the other research done this spring into conversation with Scripture study. In the second meeting, we will use Scripture alongside the most compelling results from the first meeting to discern a vision for where HPC feels God has called us to put our energy and resources. Please know that no matter your age or years of experience with HPC, **your attendance matters**. Look for RSVP information for both dinners soon. And thank you for answering the call to help catapult HPC from a realistic understanding of the present into God's holy future, which is always far more than we can ask or imagine.

Blessings,
Rev. Marguerite

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Children's Sunday School class at 9:45 AM in Room #204 continues through August 26th. The curriculum is "Feasting on the Word".

We will also have Summer Kid's Time following the "Conversation with the Children" in worship on **August 5th and 19th** in Room #204. On Sundays when we do not have Kid's Time we will have Worship Bags (coloring pages, stories, etc.) available for children to use during worship.

Questions? See Stephanie Morgan or Cynthia Latta



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

We have two more months of Lemonade on the Lawn. Thanks to all of you who have provided snacks, lemonade and love for folks following worship. Three open dates remain: August 26, September 2 and 23. The 2018 Lemonade on the Lawn sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the church office.



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



CIRCLE #1 NEWS!

Circle #1 will meet at HPC at 11:00 on Monday, August 13th. All are invited to join us for our next lesson from the study guide "Friendship". Bring a sandwich – the hostess provides beverages and dessert. Visitors and guests are always welcome! Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE

The Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 15th, at 7:00 PM, in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing Chapter Four of No Innocent Bystanders, Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice by Shannon Craigo-Snell & Christopher J Dougat. This chapter offers six ways to work in the struggle for social justice, and gives examples of each.

All women of the church are invited. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda Jaubert.



CHOIR KICK-OFF

Choir kick-off will be on Thursday, September 6th at 6 p.m. at HPC. It will be a pot-luck, so please indicate what you intend to bring on the sign-up sheet in the choir room. After dinner we will survey the Christmas program and begin preparation for the "Fall semester".



SEWING / CRAFT GATHERING

You are invited to a new **sewing/craft group** on the 3rd Friday night of each month from 6:00 – 11:00 PM. This month on August 17. Bring your sewing or hobby project. You do not need to stay for the whole meeting time. There is no agenda. You will have plenty of time to work on whatever you choose, making it worthwhile to bring sewing machines, etc. We plan to order pizza for dinner or you can bring something different to eat, or bring something else to eat with the pizza if you wish. Come enjoy working with friends and sharing time and ideas with each other. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

Save Both Dates! Sundays, September 9 and 23, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, in Strudwick Hall with dinner following. On 9/9 the Mission Study Team will present findings to the congregation. On 9/23 we'll use these to discern a vision for our future.

Please plan to attend both – more details coming.



BOOK CLUB NEWS!

Book Club's summer beach read will be: "Cooking for Picasso: A Novel" by Camille

Aubray ...this captivating novel is inspired by a little-known interlude in the artist's life.

Featuring an array of both fictional characters and the French Riviera's most famous historical residents, "Cooking for Picasso" is a touching, delectable, and wise story, illuminating the powers of trust, money, art, and creativity in the choices that men and women make as they seek a path toward love, success, and joie de vivre. (amazon.com)

"A tasty blend of romance, mystery, and French cooking."—Margaret Atwood, via Twitter

"Intrigue, art, food, and deception are woven together in a tale of love and betrayal around the life and legacy of Picasso. Touching and true, this well-written narrative made me long for my mother's coq au vin and for the sun of Juan-les-Pins."—Jacques Pépin, chef, TV personality, author

Join us on **August 12th** to discuss this delightful selection. Book Club meets at 7:00 on the 2nd Sunday most months of the year in room 204 at the church. Guests and visitors are always welcome, and refreshments will be served...



**HAVEN'T FILLED OUT THE CAT?
DEADLINE EXTENDED
THROUGH SUNDAY!**

This Sunday at Lemonade on the Lawn, August 5, the Mission Study Team will offer laptops and support for anyone who hasn't yet filled out the Congregational Assessment Tool and would like to on the last day it's available. Meet them in Room #204. Other members of the team will be available for questions and conversation about the process. See you after church!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

This year, Session created a new finance committee and tasked us with three actions: make financial statements and balance sheets more understandable; give Session budgetary recommendations based on the information in the statements; and provide a sensible and understandable explanation to members of the congregation about our financial health and propose a mechanism for long term planning. We have met with an outside Presbytery consultant to make changes to reports and consider a new software system better equipped to help us accomplish all this based on an ongoing collaboration between the committee, treasurer and Presbytery financial advisers. This new format will aid session in budget planning by bundling various financial reports, and create a more efficient line of communication between the congregation, session, Trust fund management and other treasury functions. Our goal is for you to know where your money goes when you give it so faithfully, and for the Session to have the information it needs to make sometimes difficult but necessary financial decisions for the good of the church.

Our committee currently consists of Bob Wisniewski (chair), Jarrett Barnhill, Linda Jaubert, with ex officio members of HPC treasurers and pastor. We are currently talking with two other members to see if they might serve with us. We covet your prayers and invite you into conversation with any questions or requests you have regarding our handling and reporting of money at HPC.

One of the more pressing items before the Finance Committee now is recommending to the Session ways in which we might meet the projected budget shortfall for 2018. The unsold SC property has put a strain on our operating budget the last few years. This year our treasurer is projecting a shortfall of over \$20,000. Do we recommend the Session ask the congregation to cover the shortfall? Or, in light of the extenuating circumstances of unexpected expenses associated with the unsold property, do we turn to earnings from endowment funds that might help close the gap? We welcome discussions on these and any finance matters on your minds. Thank you for supporting HPC!

– Jarrett Barnhill

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMISSION

Special worship service opportunities are in abundance... do YOU want to help plan them?

The worship commission will be meeting on Wednesday, August 15th at 6:30 pm. We have a lot of exciting ideas and worship opportunities to discuss, and we need your help and input.

September 23: Happy Birthday to HPC! How can we celebrate year 202?

October 7: World Communion Sunday

October 28: Reformation Sunday

November 4: All Saints Day

Already in the works: A hymn sing being organized by Barbara Younger on Sunday November 18th.

Also on the agenda: discussing the order of worship, reviewing our mission statement and discussing Hanging of the Greens (scheduled for Friday, November 30).

If you know you'd like to join in on the meeting, please let me know and I'll send you a copy of the official agenda prior to our meeting.

Thanks!
Cheryl Maxey



LAST FRIDAY

August's Last Friday is always special when Dr. Drill and the Bits play the Tryon Street Stage at HPC! You can look forward to free ice cream, hanging out with friends, and scads of your favorite music performed by a tight, talented ensemble! As most of you know, three members of the Band are familiar faces from HPC – Zach and Virginia Drill, and Christine Jackle. Christine says “We are practicing a new set list and looking forward to it!” (exclamation point added for emphasis, because I haven't used enough exclamation points yet!) So come on out and enjoy the good vibes! Speaking of ice cream, it's never too early to reserve your scooping slot. Just let Rich Erdosy know your slot preference, and you won't miss out on this fun and rewarding activity!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Annual Church Picnic, August 26, 2:00 - 7:30 pm: Bring your swim suit, towel, camp chair, sun screen, dish to pass, and smile on Sunday August 26th to New Hope Camp and Conference Center! We will gather at 2:00 pm to use the swimming pool and play areas at the pavilion. Covered dish potluck meal will begin at 5:00 pm. There is a refrigerator and electrical outlets available to keep cold dishes cold, and plug-in crock pot dishes hot! Lemonade and paper products will be provided. As an Earth Care Congregation, members are encouraged to bring their own reusable table settings to use and then take home with them to reduce trash. Join us for fun and fellowship!



CHRISTIAN ED INVITATION

Our Next Christian Ed meeting is going to be August 7th at 7 pm. All that have ideas, concerns, energy, desires, energy to give, time to spare, please join us. We have a few things that need we need to look over, make some decisions, changes, plans.

Our Sunday School will officially start September 9th at 9:45 for all ages.

Be on the lookout for Joyful Noise Choir to start rehearsing again.

If you have any interest in teaching, helping, nursery, SS, being with the kids of our future, please come to the meeting.

We will have a Teacher/Nursery orientation on Saturday, August 25, from 9 to 11 AM in Strudwick Hall.

-- Stephanie Morgan and Cynthia Latta

MISSION STUDY TEAM REPORT

This month, we want to share with you some relevant excerpts from the book *Owl Sight: Evidence-based Discernment and the Promise of Organization Intelligence for Ministry* by J. Russell Crabtree, founder of the Holy Cow! consulting firm that is implementing our Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). The book prepares us to use the information from the CAT to help HPC leaders allocate precious resources in ways that energize and engage the congregation the most. There's no way to know what might accomplish this without an honest canvassing of what every member experiences at church, not a few people. Crabtree argues that organizations who don't measure the experiences of people involved in them are in danger of making decisions that do not grow, and could potentially harm, the organization.

He writes:

There was a time in U.S. history when religious engagement was normative for people living here. Relatively little energy needed to be invested in concern for the quality of experience members were finding in the churches they attended. Leaders and members alike had the luxury of investing large amounts of time and energy in defining (and debating) a particular theological position over against another. That time is gone. In the typical Christian church, more than a third of the members agree, that to one degree or another, they are simply going through the motions of church activity regardless of theological perspective. Neither doctrinal statements nor position papers will repair that.

Again, this is not to say theology is unimportant. Theology is the engine that drives the entire Christian enterprise. However, the engine of a car and the wheels are independent critical systems. ...If we put all our energy into tuning the engine and pay no attention to the fact that the wheels are coming off, the car is going nowhere. The religious landscape is now littered with the bodies of rusted-out churches that invest all their energy into one theological battle or another, one current issue or another, while *ignoring the "what" people experienced when they walked into their buildings.*

In my work as a consultant I have found the members of high-energy congregations consistently bear witness to the following six characteristics of their churches:

- Vital worship
- Lifelong learning
- Spiritual formation that fits complex lifestyles
- An open leadership system
- Quality relationships
- Flexibility

....this suggests that these are the areas where leaders and members need to be investing a significant amount of their time and energy if they want to experience a renewal of their churches.....Given all the different churches, their varying sizes, settings, styles, and social characteristics, the same six factors predict their level of vitality. pp. 44-45

The Mission Study Team meets with the president of Holy Cow! Consulting, Emily Swanson, on August 18 to hear their interpretation of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) results. We will present the most relevant findings to the congregation in our two Mission Study gatherings on Sept. 9 and 23, both at 4:30 pm. Please pray for your Mission Study Team as we conclude this transitional phase of research and discernment!



HOME PRESERVATION PROJECT

The Hillsborough home where we worked on a deck and did some landscaping still needs some paint on the exterior (2415 George Anderson Drive). Are you available to work on August 4th, both shifts please. Please let Sam Nesbit know if you are available to work.

This is another opportunity to assist a member of our community. The owner of this home is very nice and has worked beside us when we worked on the deck.

Joe Crane

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

- 03 Irv Eisen
- 05 Rosie Summers
- 05 Sam Stephenson
- 05 Diana Montgomery
- 12 Jarrett Barnhill, Sr.
- 15 Andrea Bernard
- 18 Nick Burch
- 21 David Talley
- 21 Jonathan Talley
- 25 Buck McGregor
- 25 Connor Brown
- 27 Katie Barnhill
- 28 Judith Hauser
- 30 Jason Latta
- 30 William Hildebrandt

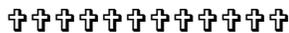


To update the Birthday List or Anniversary List please contact JoAnn in the church office (732-3131) or hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org).



AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS

- 5** II Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 5:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
- 12** II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
- 19** I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
- 26** I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

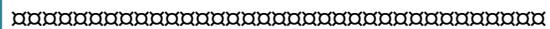
August 5

- Liturgist: Martin Brown
- Children’s Sermon: Karoline Mathewson
- Acolyte: Caitlin O’Connor
- Flowers: Remington Family
- Lemonade on Lawn: Mission Study Team
- Nursery: Carly Bailey
- Greeters: TBD
- Lawn Mowing (8/4): Sam Nesbit



August 12

- Liturgist: Alicia Gonzalez
- Children’s Sermon: Alicia Gonzalez
- Acolyte: Alden Cathey
- Flowers: Allen & Ina Phay Johnson
- Lemonade on Lawn: Sara Clay
- Nursery: Cathy Ely
- Greeters: TBD



August 19

- Liturgist: Linda Jaubert
- Children’s Sermon: Eric Cathey
- Acolyte: Ben Stephenson
- Flowers: Mark & Marguerite Serrine
- Lemonade on Lawn: O’Connor Family
- Nursery: Stephanie Morgan
- Greeters: TBD
- Lawn Mowing (8/18): TBD



August 26

- Liturgist: Sam Nesbit
- Children’s Sermon: Barbara Younger
- Acolyte: Caroline Cathey
- Flowers: TBD
- Lemonade on Lawn:
- Nursery: Karoline Mathewson
- Greeters: TBD

The Session calls a **Congregational Meeting** immediately following worship on **Sunday, August 26th** for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee whose task will be to present a list of nominees for the ruling elder Session Class of 2022.

August, 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Join us on Sunday mornings!</p> <p>Sunday School for All Ages at 9:45 AM</p> <p>Nursery for Infant & Toddlers at 9:45 AM</p> <p>Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM</p> <p>Kids' Time during Worship on 8/5 and 8/19</p>			1	2	3	4 Deadline to complete the CAT online (see front page article!)
5 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn (Deadline to complete the CAT online in Room #204)	6	7 CE 7 PM (#204)	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn 12:15 PM Mission (#204) 7:00 PM HPC Book Club (#204)	13 Circle #1 -- 11:00 AM (HPC #204)	14	15 Worship Mtg 6:30 PM (#204) PW Women's Circle 7:00 PM (Strudwick) Mission Study Team 7:00 PM (#222)	16	17 Sewing/Craft 6-11 PM (Strudwick)	18 Mission Study Team 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Strudwick Hall)
19 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn 12:30 PM Session (Strudwick)	20 Mission Study Team 7:00 PM (#204)	21	22 Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM	23 Ladies' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	24	25 Teacher/Nursery Orientation 9 - 11 AM (Strudwick Hall)
26 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn 2:00 PM HPC Annual Church Picnic (NHCCC)	27	28 Food for All 5:00 (Strudwick)	29	30	31 "Last Friday" 6:30 - 8:30 PM	HPC Choir Kick-off Evening Thursday, September 6 at 6 PM

NOTE: If you have any September 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 August!



**Sunday School Kickoff date is
September 9, 2018
at 9:45 am.**

**There are classes for ages
4 year-old through adults.
Come and join your HPC friends
for an informative, lectionary
based curriculum.**

**Nursery will be available for
infants - 3 year-old children during
Sunday School and worship.**

“The path to Learning, Growing and Serving”.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Childcare/Nursery 9:45 AM (for children)

Traditional Worship 11:00 AM

*A nursery is provided for children 3 and under downstairs;
following the Conversation with Children in Worship –
we will have Kids' Time on August 5th and 19th in Room #204.)*