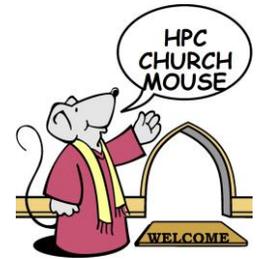


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The Church Mouse
September, 2018



Dear HPC Friends and Family,

Let me begin this article with gratitude – gratitude for the past year of working together in our transitional ministry, and Session’s recent renewal of my interim contract for another six months. I have been challenged, supported and pushed by the most interesting, engaged, and diverse group of Presbyterians I’ve ever had the privilege and honor to serve. Thank you, thank you, thank you. So I began with gratitude, and end with entreaty: please come and participate in the much anticipated FINAL phase of the Mission Study process. Its success depends on congregational involvement and the Mission Study Team has tried so hard to make his as painless – but as fruitful as possible:

RSVP for the September 9 AND September 23 gatherings here: <https://tinyurl.com/HPCGathers>
Childcare and dinner provided.

Congregational Gatherings are the heart of the Congregational Mission Study. Everything done up to now has been in preparation for the Congregational Gatherings and everything afterward will be to report the decisions of the congregation in these gatherings.

On September 9 the gathering will include:

- scripture study and faith sharing
- recollections of the history of the congregation
- receiving the reports of the demographic study
- receiving the reports of the community study and the CAT
- an assessment of the gifts of the congregation
- an assessment of the needs of the congregation and the community

On September 23 the gathering will include the beginning of a design of a new Vision with related Goals and Objectives.

Prayer, scripture study, and faith sharing are all important in setting the tone for these gatherings and for shape of the discussions. Unlike the corporate model of strategic planning, the church’s mission study is about seeking to know what God intends in a particular place and time. You are not deciding what you want to do over the next five years, but what God wants you to do.

Hearing the reports from the demographic study, the congregational survey and the community study will set your decision making in the context of who you are today and to whom you are called to minister (your neighbors).

After sharing and hearing all this information, the gathering defines what it has heard and what it knows to be the needs of the community and it describes what gifts God has given this congregation to meet those needs.

Finally, the gathering is ready to begin to delineate what it understands God’s Vision for this church to be and what Goals and Objectives must be achieved in order to make this Vision a reality.

Blessings,
Rev. Marguerite

RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE!

RSVP for BOTH and plan to attend September 9 and September 23 Mission Study gatherings online: <https://tinyurl.com/HPCGathers>, or on paper sign-up at the bulletin board or after worship with an MST member. Include dietary restrictions and number of children. The congregational gatherings begin at 4:30, dinner follows at 6:30. Children from sixth grade and up are invited and encouraged to participate. Younger children will have activities in Room #204, and Nursery care will be provided.



CONSTITUTION DAY EVENT

HPC's annual Constitution Day event is on Monday, September 17 at 7 pm. Our involvement stems from the fact that our Church is on the site where North Carolina's first Constitutional Convention convened. This year's presentation will be especially appropriate given that bit of history and, of course, the subsequent history of our historic Town Lot 98. Allison Mahaley and Rollin Russell of Americans United for Separation of Church and State will present the program. Allison and Rollin are veteran presenters, and this promises to be an intriguing evening with them at the helm. All are welcome, and we very much hope to draw people from the Hillsborough community and beyond, so please spread the word. Light refreshments will be served by Magnetic Church. Hope to see you there!



CIRCLE #1 NEWS!

Circle #1 will meet at HPC at 11:00 on Monday, September 10th. 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, September 19th, at 7:00 PM, in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing the next chapter 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".

We'll then resume our usual schedule of rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Questions? See Scott Schlesinger.



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 September 21. 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.



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

We have one more month 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: September 2, 23, and 30. The 2018 Lemonade on the Lawn signup 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!



WANT A BLUE HYMNAL?

We are trying to make more room in our storage closet in Strudwick. We have lots of old blue hymnals that we will be disposing of soon. If anyone wants a hymnal, please send me an email and I will make sure and pull one or two out for you. Please let me know no later than September 15.

Thanks so much!!
Rosie Summers, Clerk

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMISSION

Coming to a bulletin near you starting September 9, the Worship Commission will be making changes to our order of service as follows:

- a. We're going to ask for folks to share prayer concerns as part of the welcome. We are trying to give folks whatever they need to clear their heads, calm their hearts and connect with God. A prayer will follow, and perhaps a moment of silence.
- b. The Conversation with the Children will follow the anthem so the children can hear the adults sing and participate with them on occasion.
- c. Announcements will be moved from just before the Prayers of the People, to just before the closing hymn. Yes, as we get ready to depart we'll talk about ways the church is going out and serving God.

Mark your calendars for special worship services coming your way and stay tuned for the details:

9/23: Happy Birthday to HPC!

10/7: World Communion Sunday - We will gather at the table outside for communion (weather permitting). In addition, we want to fill our windowsills with boxes of crackers and containers of juice to donate to OCIM... as a physical representation of the sacrament

10/28: Reformation Sunday (Details coming soon!)

11/4: All Saints Day: we will honor our saints with the Ribbon Banner. Please tie a ribbon on the banner with the name of a special loved one.

11/18: Hymn Sing: Warm up those pipes declare Alleluia with a voice of singing!

Some of you have asked why the liturgists don't read as much in worship. The most important reason Pastor Marguerite wanted this change is that as interim, she is with us for only a short time – at most, two years or so. She is trying to connect with us as much as possible since the time is short, and the old way of only have her do the prayers of the people, gospel reading, sermon and benediction didn't feel like enough. The new pastor will also have his or her own input into the way to lead and share worship, so changing things now is part of how she helps us be ready to work well with our new pastor.

Thanks! Cheryl Maxey

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

- 06 Travis Brown
- 07 Louise Flinn
- 10 Pam Beveridge
- 12 Stephanie Morgan
- 18 Emma Cathey
- 19 Thelma Bradley
- 21 David Remington
- 22 Anna O'Connor
- 24 Mark Latta
- 27 Grayson Parker

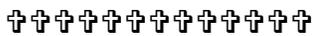


HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 27 Paul and Becca Albrecht



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



SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

- 2** Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 9** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37
- 16** Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- 23** Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
- 30** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

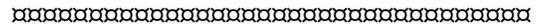


HPC Book Club is planning a poetry reading in October. Details coming soon... Questions or suggestions? Call Lisa Flinn.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 2

- Guest Preacher: Susan Sexton
- Guest Organist: Zoila Airall
- Liturgist: Jane McIver
- Children's Sermon: Jane McIver
- Acolyte: TBD
- Flowers: Brenda Morgan
- Lemonade on Lawn: TBD
- Nursery: Robin Barnhill
- Greeters: Robin Bedingfield and Tom Brown
- Lawn Mowing (9/1): Lois Pipkin



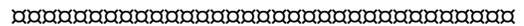
September 9

- Liturgist and Children's Sermon: David Remington
- Acolyte: Ellie Clay
- Flowers: Mission Study Team
- Lemonade on Lawn: Rich Erdosy
- Nursery: Marie Curtis
- Lawn Mowing (9/15): Rich Erdosy
- Greeters: Robin Bedingfield and Tom Brown



September 16

- Liturgist & Children's Sermon: Kathy Remington
- Acolyte: Madeleine Stanley-Gibbs
- Flowers: Lois Pipkin
- Lemonade on Lawn: Cathey Family
- Nursery: Stephanie Morgan
- Greeters: Robin Bedingfield



September 23

- Liturgist & Children's Sermon: Hervey McIver
- Acolyte: Allie Henshall
- Flowers: Lynch Flowers
- Lemonade on Lawn: TBD
- Nursery: TBD
- Lawn Mowing (9/29): Bernie Nord
- Greeters: Robin Bedingfield



September 30

- Liturgist: Jane Gaede
- Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
- Acolyte: Isabella Roberson
- Flowers: Tom Brown & Robin Bedingfield
- Lemonade on Lawn: TBD
- Nursery: Karoline Mathewson
- Greeters: Robin Bedingfield

September, 2018

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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday School for All Ages at 9:45 AM Nursery for Children at 9:45 and 11:00 AM Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM</p> </div> | |  | | | | 1 |
| 2 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (#221) Guest Preacher: Rev. Susan Sexton Guest Organist: Zoila Airall 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn | 3 HPC Office Closed | 4 Finance 6:30 PM (#204) | 5 Mission Study Team 7:00 PM (#204) | 6 HPC Choir Kick-off Potluck at 6 PM Rehearsal at 7:00 PM (Strudwick & #221) | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Sunday School Kick-off 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn 12:15 PM Mission (#204) 4:30 PM Mission Study / Congregational Dinner (Strudwick Hall) | 10 Circle #1 -- 11:00 AM (HPC #204) | 11 Mission Study Team 7:00 PM (#204) | 12 Youth Group 6:00 PM (#204) | 13 Justice United 6:00 PM (Strudwick) HPC Choir 7:00 PM (#221) | 14 | 15 |
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| 23 HPC's 202 nd Birthday 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn 4:30 PM Mission Study / Congregational Dinner (Strudwick Hall) | 24 | 25 Food for All 5:00 (Strudwick) | 26 Youth Group 6:00 PM (#204) | 27 HPC Choir 7:00 PM (#221) | 28 | 29 |

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9:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir (#221)
12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn

NOTE: If you have any October 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 20th of September!



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

Infants – 3 years old: Downstairs Room #201

4 years old – 2nd Grade: Upstairs Room #223

3rd – 5th Grade: Upstairs Room #222

6th – 12th Grade: Downstairs Room #205

Adults: Downstairs Room #204

11:00 am – Nursery available up to 4 years old.

Worship bags are available in the crying room for children who would like them.

Remember, we take baptismal vows to nurture children in the faith –
it starts with welcoming them in worship!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

**Childcare/Nursery 9:45 and 11:00 AM
(for children 3 years old and under)**

Traditional Worship 11:00 AM

*A nursery is provided for children 3 and under downstairs;
there are Worship Bags (coloring pages, stories, etc.)
available for older Children in Worship –*