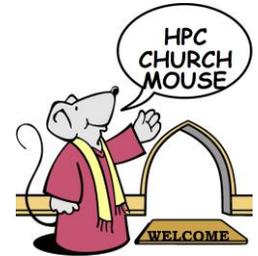


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The Church Mouse
February, 2019



Dear Friends,

One of the most helpful insights I've run across in transitional and grief study is this: It's not that people are afraid of change. It's that people are afraid of the loss that change might mean. That makes objection to change a matter of grieving, not intransigence. Sometimes it's just grieving that loss of an easier way – easier, because it was familiar.

Change is in the air everywhere at HPC. New elders are transitioning into their moderator roles. The Session has scheduled an all-day retreat February 9 to make some changes to the commission/committee structure of HPC and tackle budgetary issues which may usher in changes as well. Why? Our last Clerk of Session brought to our attention that the Book of Order requires two active elders on every commission, but we have seven commissions and eleven moderators on Session. That leaves three commissions without a requisite elder. Session will seek a way that not only brings us into compliance with our constitution but also best serves the goals and objectives from the Mission Study Report.

Speaking of the Mission Study Report, that will be made available electronically to everyone and printed copies by request. (The report is just over 30 pages.) The financial section, written before the end of the year, may have been a bit optimistic, but our actual year-end deficit for 2018 (a little more than \$12,000) is still half of what we projected when the budget was adopted last year. Paying taxes on the SC property from the proceeds of the sale, instead of pledges, helped. But after years of deficit budgets, the Session is asking whether it's time to change how HPC manages the money we have and the money we ask from you, the members. Elders are also asking how we might better communicate what the Session is working on and the decisions they are making. Please pray for the elders as they discern these important questions and consider making – gasp – changes.

Some of this work will be presented to the congregation on February 24 at the annual meeting of the corporation and congregation. Magnetic Church and Diaconate will be planning a chili cook-off so be prepared to make your most refined chili recipes for this event, and plan to stay at church a little longer.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work preparing a slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The congregation will vote whether to approve the slate when it is ready. So much is going on, so many changes, yet, the life of the church continues. God remains faithful. The Spirit leads people to grow through change and loss into stronger disciples. That is my prayer for HPC as well as the reality I see every day.

Blessings,
Marguerite

COMMUNION



We will celebrate Communion at HPC on **Sunday, March 3rd**, 2019 at 11:00 AM.



YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will continue 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.



CIRCLE #1

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, February 11 at 11:00 AM in Room #204. We will continue our new study on Hospitality. Please come and enjoy sharing time together. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.



**“FINISH IT FRIDAY”
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 February 15th. 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Join us at New Hope Presbyterian Church for our combined Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, March 6. Our choirs will be singing together and Marguerite will be preaching. We’ll share dinner at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S CIRCLE

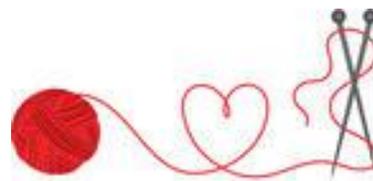
The Presbyterian Women’s Evening Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 7:00 – 8:30 PM, in the Parlor upstairs. We will be discussing chapter 4 of Dear White Christian, by Aaron J. Layton, called “Certain Openness”.

All women of the church are invited to join us for a lively discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jaubert.



Hurricane Florence Assistance

HPC is scheduled to work in New Bern, NC from Feb 15th to 18th, 2019 to assist the Hurricane Florence victims. We have assembled a wonderful crew of volunteers. However, if you want to attend on **any of these dates**, please contact either Sam Nesbit or contact Joe Crane. If you have already volunteered, please be looking for emails about the project.



NEW Community Outreach Knitting Group

Yarn crafters are invited to join us in the parlour at 10:00 on first Mondays each month, starting February 4th! All projects will be donated to OCIM’s Samaritan Relief as gifts of warmth for those in greatest need.. Previous knowledge/skill is appreciated but not necessary – we’ll teach you! Questions? Ask Sara Clay...

HPC BOOK CLUB



Please plan to join Book Club on Sunday, **February 10**, at 7 PM in Room #204 to discuss “Day After Night” by Anita Diamont.

Day After Night is based on the extraordinary true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than two hundred prisoners from the Atlit internment camp, a prison for “illegal” immigrants run by the British military near the Mediterranean coast south of Haifa. The story is told through the eyes of four young women at the camp who survived the Holocaust: Shayndel, a Polish Zionist; Leonie, a Parisian beauty; Tedi, a hidden Dutch Jew; and Zorah, a concentration camp survivor. Haunted by unspeakable memories and losses, afraid to hope, the four of them find salvation in the bonds of friendship and shared experience even as they confront the challenge of re-creating themselves in a strange new country.

Diamant’s triumphant novel is an unforgettable story of tragedy and redemption that reimagines a singular moment in history with stunning eloquence. (from *Amazon*)



Parents/Grandparents, please share these tips with our Acolytes

To prevent wax buildup at the end of the candlelighter:

- While burning be sure to only expose 1/2 to 1" of the taper at a time. This will stop the flame from getting too large and melting wax back into the lighter causing it to clog.
- Make sure when carrying the candlelighter that the taper is pointing up and the bell (snuffer) is pointing down to the ground. Holding the lighter upside down will cause the flame to burn more quickly up the taper.
- After extinguishing flame, extend the taper while the wax is still hot. This clears the end of the tube.

THREE-YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2018 WITH GRATITUDE

The HPC Treasurer is pleased to announce that based on the pledges received through Dec. 31, 2018, total Capital Campaign funds collected were \$404,104.62. Our original goal was \$400,000.00 and you exceeded that easily! \$386504.62 was contributed from people who turned in Capital Campaign pledge forms and \$17600.00 was donated by people who did not pledge during the campaign, but decided to donate later. The pledged amount of \$379,720.00 was slightly below the projected pledge total, due to some necessary reductions in pledges due to changing circumstances. This is a very gratifying and humbling result, as our congregation showed incredible generosity and the results for HPC's mission will endure beyond all of our lifetimes! Look for an announcement of a celebration in the future.



2019 Commission Moderators

Building & Grounds – Jim Summers

Christian Education – Chris O’Connor and Vernon Cooper

Community Outreach - Jane McIver and Jarrett Barnhill

Diaconate – Bob Wisniewski

Magnetic Church – Rich Erdosy

Stewardship – Eric Cathey and Jane Gaede

Worship – Alicia Gonzalez and Stephanie Morgan



2019 NURSERY SIGN-UP

The 2019 Nursery sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway! Thank you for signing up to take care of our little ones on Sundays! Questions? See Chris O’Connor or Vernon Cooper.

February, 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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
<p>9:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir (#221) 3</p> <p>12:15 PM HPC Parlor Dedication</p> <p>12:30 PM Women's Gifts Worship Planning (#222)</p> <p>12:30 PM New Bern Work Trip Team Meeting (#204)</p>	4	5	<p>Youth Group 6</p> <p>6:00 PM (Strudwick)</p> <p>Christian Education 6:30 PM (#222)</p> <p>Nominating 7:15 PM (#204)</p>	7	8	<p>Men's Fellowship at NHCCC 9 – 1</p> <p>Session Retreat 9 AM – 3 PM (St. Matthews Episcopal)</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>12:15 PM Community Outreach/ Mission (#204)</p> <p>7:00 PM HPC Book Club (#204)</p>	<p>Circle #1 11:00 AM (Strudwick Hall)</p> <p>Deadline for Annual HPC Reports 1 PM</p>		<p>Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)</p>	<p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)</p>	<p>“Finish It Friday” Sewing/Craft 6-11 PM (Strudwick)</p>	<p>Men's Fellowship Work Trip to New Bern 2/15 – 2/18</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>9:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir (#221)</p> <p>12:30 PM Session Meeting (#204)</p>		<p>Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)</p> <p>PW Women's Circle 7:00 PM (Parlor)</p>	<p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)</p>		<p>Presbytery Meeting in Cary</p>
24	25	26	27	28		
<p>12:15 PM Annual Congregational Meeting and Chili Cookoff (Strudwick)</p> <p>(See Rich Erdosy and Bob Wiz to find out how you can help)</p>		<p>Food for All 5:00 PM (Strudwick)</p>	<p>Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)</p> <p>Worship 6:30 PM (Parlor)</p>	<p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)</p>	<p>Announcements for the Bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday (noon) each week. Bulletins printed on Thursday.</p>	

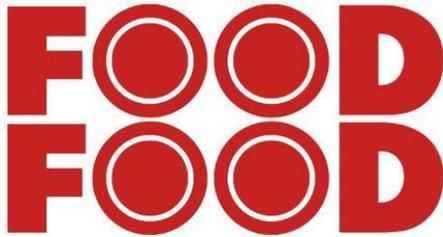
NOTE: If you have any March calendar dates or articles that you would like included in the newsletter – just send an email (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org) or call the church office (732-3131) – by 1:00 PM on the 19th of February!

HPC ANNUAL MEETING AND CHILI COOK-OFF!

February 24 is the date for our semi-regularly scheduled, almost annual chili cook-off! It happens to coincide with the yearly congregational meeting of the corporation, which everyone tolerates with such tolerance! We feel that pairing the meeting up with the chili cook-off makes the meeting more “palatable.” Of course, we need both contestants and tasters. Lots and lots of tasters. For those of you who are in it for the spirit of competition, let me say that in discussing the event, several session members engaged in what might be termed as trash talking. Comments about bringing one’s A-game and such. You can imagine the sort of thing. So, the gauntlet has been thrown down. If you’re interested in entering the competition, then please let me (Rich), Bob Wisniewski or pretty much any other session member know. As for the rest of you, just bring your appetites. The chili cook-off and annual meeting will take place immediately following Worship.



– Rich Erodsy



FOOD FOR ALL

Thank you to all who participated in our January Food For All. The meals were MUCH appreciated. Our next Food For All meal will be Tuesday, February 27th. (It's always the 4th Tuesday.) The sign up sheet is in the hallway on the Mission bulletin board. Questions? See Jane McIver.

2019 FLOWER CHART

The 2019 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary, a special occasion, or memorialize someone important to you!

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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 4 and under downstairs;
there are Worship Bags (coloring pages, stories, etc.)
available for Children in Worship –*