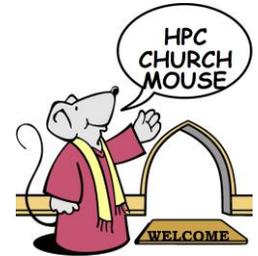


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*The Church Mouse*  
March, 2019



Dear Friends,

Some of you have told me that you don't feel you know enough about what the Session is doing. That communication between Session and congregation isn't consistent or clear enough.

In the three churches I've served so far, this has always been the case. So much goes on in church life! And that's wonderful! But we do need to do a better job of increasing dialogue between Session and congregations, between churches and Presbyteries. It isn't the case that Session or Presbytery doesn't want you to know. It's just that the Session and the Presbytery, like you, have way more on their plates than they can reasonably handle. So the time needed for good communication and meaningful relationships slips away.

And then along comes Lent. Lent, which means "lengthening of days," brings a spiritual tradition of separating the wheat from the chaff. What do we do that's habitual or expedient, and what do we do that serves the greater calling to which we have been called? Most of us could be more closely connected, could use more time in quiet conversations about the things truly on our hearts. Could Lent be an invitation to finally push \*other\* things off the plate so this can happen?

The Session is looking to lead us in this direction. After a retreat in which we discussed the Mission Study Report, HPC's organizational structure, and financing for our mission, a direction began to surface. Moderators will be talking with folks who work in their ministries about their thoughts on how this might be our calling and what we might do to fulfill it. The direction comes from conversation we have already had through Holy Cow! and congregational gatherings. Now, we seek to refine it and act on it together.

And all this comes as the Nominating Committee prepares to bring a slate of nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee after worship on March 3. Please take time to read their bio's in these pages. I hope you will be nurtured by their stories as I have.



During Lent, I invite you to make time "to listen, learn, share and serve as we journey with Jesus Christ to nurture relationships that bring healing, hope, and joy to all, in our church and beyond." Let's give up anything getting in the way of that.

Blessings,  
Marguerite



### COMMUNION

We will celebrate Communion at HPC on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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, March 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night of each month from 6:00 – 11:00 PM. This month on March 15<sup>th</sup>, bring your sewing or hobby project. You do not need to stay for the entire time. 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 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

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

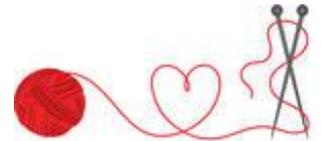
The Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 – 8:30 PM, in the Parlor upstairs. We will be discussing chapter 5 of Dear White Christian, by Aaron J. Layton, called “The Dialogue of Transformation”.

All women of the church are invited to join us for a lively discussion, even if you have not read the book. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jaubert.



### NEW Community Outreach Knitting Group

Yarn crafters are invited to join us in the parlour at 1:00 PM on first Mondays each month, starting March 4<sup>th</sup>! 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...



**Election of Pastor Nominating Committee** – the HPC Nominating Committee has requested a **congregational meeting** be held following worship on March 3, 2019, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

**CREATING MEANINGFUL  
RELATIONSHIPS –  
ONE MEETING AT A TIME**

On April 2 at 6 pm, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church will host a Justice United event designed to reach across the divides of race, education, economics, and urban and rural in Orange County. We will host clergy and small groups of invited individuals from about ten Orange County churches. Half of these congregations are Caucasian, from Chapel Hill and Hillsborough/No. Orange County, and half are African American, also from Chapel Hill and No. Orange County. (We may have one Hispanic congregation from Chapel Hill.) Justice United will lead the participants through relationship-building exercises that involve partnering with someone from across the divide and engaging in listening sessions to discern where we might find common ground. This is one example of how HPC is exploring the calling behind our new vision statement.



**ANNUAL SPRING WORK DAY**

The annual Spring Work Day at the Church will be Saturday, March 30, beginning at 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet detailing the activities for the day will be posted on the board next to room 204 in mid-March. Refreshments will be available in Strudwick Hall.

Everyone is asked to review the activities and join in the fellowship that accompanies this day of devotion to keeping our church ready to provide the best possible facilities to our congregation and the community.



Dear HPC Family,

Your love and support during the illness of my father, Charles Montgomery, has meant so much to me and my family. We send our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, words of comfort and condolences during these past several months and upon his passing on February 2. Thank you for continuing to keep my mother, Ruth, in prayer as she navigates this new phase of life.

Blessings to all of you, Diana, Rob and Nick

**LENTEN STUDY ON MISSION  
AND HPC'S FUTURE**

The Mission Study Team invites you to join them on Sunday mornings through Lent for indepth discussion of some of the findings in their report and the Biblical basis for our vision. What do we see for HPC's future? Come to Strudwick March 10 – April 14, 9:45 am, for the first session. Our preliminary topics, in no particular order are:

- Mission and Social Justice.
- Meaningful Relationships.
- Leadership Accountability.
- Spiritual Vitality, Education, Youth.
- Welcoming the Strangers (and their children) on Sundays.
- What You Want in a Pastor May Not Be What You Need.



**ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHEON AND  
WORSHIP STARTS MARCH 13!**

It's become one of Hillsborough's most cherished community events: the round robin Lenten worship and lunch is back! On Wednesday March 13 at noon, we'll start off at Mt. Bright Mission Baptist Church just around the corner on Union Street. Marguerite is preaching for this service and HPC will help provide lunch (let Marguerite know if you can volunteer to bring something!) The rest of the schedule is as follows:

**March 13:** Marguerite Serrine speaking at Mt. Bright Mission Baptist Church

**March 20:** Dewey Williams speaking at St. Matthew's Episcopal

**March 27:** Judith Reese speaking at First Baptist

**April 3:** Donald Holman speaking at Holy Family Catholic

**April 10:** Ryan Elder speaking at Hillsborough United Methodist

**April 17:** Cameron Merrill speaking at Dickerson's Chapel

**NEWS FROM NEW HOPE CAMP**



Thank you to the men of HPC for the wonderful work done at New Hope. We replaced the ceiling in Oak and converted the lighting from florescent to LED. There were 5 men over a 3 day period that helped to make this a possibility. Much thanks, we could

not have done it without you.

We are currently taking applications for summer staff. It is a great place for a college student to spend the summer affecting young lives. Applications are available on our web-site. We are also looking for lifeguards for the pool.

Tastes and Tunes, our spring fundraiser, will be on April 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm .Music will be by UP CANE CREEK. The food will be great as will the fellowship. Come see and buy the handcrafted items and support the ministry at New Hope Camp.

It is with sadness that the Board says good bye to Jane McIver. She has served faithfully as HPC's representative for many years. Thank you Jane. She does send us Linda Jaubert to take her place. Thank you Linda for stepping up to be a part of the Board.



**YOUNG PARENTS GROUP**

On March 17 after the service, the young parents group will be gathering for a meal prep time. We will be making meals to share amongst ourselves and for the church to use for members in need. Please let Carly Bailey know by March 15 if you would like to join. All are welcome!

**WEDDING SHOWER FOR BETHANY REMINGTON**

Please join us for a wedding shower for Bethany Remington on Sunday March 31 from 2-4 in Studwick Hall. Bethany and Carlos are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target and you can access their registry:

<http://www.bethanyandcarlos.com/registry>

For questions contact Cheryl Maxey or Stephanie Morgan.



**UPDATE FROM DISASTER RECOVERY**

Remember the 35 flood buckets we put together to send to people affected by Hurricane Florence? New Hope Presbytery churches contributed 600 buckets, some of which went to West New Bern Presbyterian and were distributed to Craven County residents. (25% of housing in the county has flood damage). The rest went to the Wilmington area for distribution at First Presbyterian. In addition, national Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is preparing to distribute one grant each to New Hope and Coastal Carolina Presbyteries in the amount of \$500,000. The \$2500 or so we sent to them designated for flood relief has become more than we ever imagined or thought!

In addition, construction work continues to convert West New Bern's education wing into a dormitory for volunteers. It will sleep 66 people when finished. They need lots of dry wall and mud work, so talk with Joe Crane if you are interested in helping create a space for the groups from all over the country who want to help Eastern NC rebuild.



**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!

## BIO FOR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### -- Nominee Profiles --

#### **Sean Bailey**

I realize more and more each day the gifts I've been given are to be shared. I enjoy sharing these gifts with those around me. I hope these gifts have the opportunity to reach more people in distant places. I want nothing in return just the opportunity to share these gifts. I pray that I will be able to share how God has influenced my life through the gifts I've been given. I've been at HPC for four months, and have previously been a member of Red Oak Baptist Church. My leadership experience includes my current position as director for a cancer research program at UNC. I'm excited and thankful for the opportunity to help find a pastor who is just as excited as we are as a church community to implement our mission statement. I'm also excited about answering this call.

#### **Judy Brown**

I have been an active and devoted member of HPC since 1989. I have served on the Diaconate Committee, Christian Ed, Women's Fellowship, taught children's Sunday school, and I organized FRAPP for ten years, among many other activities and roles. I was employed and active at New Hope Camp and Conference Center, a local Presbyterian Church Camp, for 15+ years. This experience broadened my understanding of community and church service.

My spiritual life is very important to me and has been my whole life. My mother, a retired UCC pastor, has played and continues to play a deep role in my spiritual growth. Reading spiritual books is a favorite past time for me and I always welcome being challenged. My recent trip to Jerusalem was a life changing experience and influenced my faith and my understanding of the Bible. I feel blessed to organize a group trip there this fall.

I have learned from and appreciate all of our previous ministers. We are a vibrant congregation. I look forward to working for our church to find new leadership that will continue our mission to each other and the world around us. I feel these are exciting times for HPC.

#### **Katherine Cathey**

I am a life-long Presbyterian who grew up in Little River Presbyterian Church, in the New Hope Presbytery, just north of Hillsborough. I have been a member of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church since 2005. Numerous ministers, Sunday school teachers, music directors, family members, and many others have influenced my faith journey. At HPC, I have served as a Sunday school teacher, VBS leader, and a member of the Christian Education Commission. I enjoy cooking and baking and contribute desserts to Food for All. I recently served on the Interim Pastor Search Committee as well as the Mission Study Team. In my professional life, I am the human resources director for the Town of Hillsborough and have served in various leadership capacities, including board and

committee positions in national and state-wide professional organizations. I'm excited about building upon this experience and contributing to the essential work of the Pastor Nominating Committee in selecting the next pastoral leader for HPC. I look forward to working with the other committee members and listening to the needs and desires of our congregation and God's direction in this process.

#### **Cheryl Morgan Maxey**

I started coming to HPC around 7 years old and was confirmed when I was about 11 or 12. Even as a youth, I served on committees and volunteered my time keeping the nursery and helping with Vacation Bible School. As a young adult, I attended another Presbyterian church in Durham for a few years, but transferred back home to Hillsborough Pres in the early 1990s. I was a youth group leader for more than 10 years, have served on multiple commissions, and have sung in the choir since my return. More recently, I just completed 2 terms on Session as Worship Commission moderator. I was fortunate to be able to work at Presbyterian Point as a junior counselor for two summers during high school and at Camp New Hope during the school year. A large influence on my faith was attending the Youth Triennium in 1986 between my junior and senior year of high school. Having the opportunity to experience workshops, faith exploration, worship and communion with 5000 other teens from all over the US and Canada has left a lasting impression. I am looking forward to serving on the PNC to help our congregation find a new pastor that will help this congregation grow in faith, community and mission.

#### **David Remington**

Probably more than anything else, the biggest influence on my faith has been the grace of others toward me, even when my words and actions have caused pain. I have come to see a culture of grace and forgiveness as God's gift to all people – including the “undeserving” as Jesus showed us – and our call toward one another. I am grateful to the people of HPC for living out this culture and nurturing my faith in the process.

Kathy and I have been HPC members since 2003. During that time I have served on Session, helped lead the CE Commission, taught youth CE classes, and sung in the Choir. I have participated in several HPC work projects in Mississippi, at Sunset Gap, and locally. Prior to coming to HPC, we were active members in Presbyterian and United Methodist churches in Missoula, MT and Cary, NC respectively. In Missoula, I served the church as a deacon and coordinated an adult small-group program.

Outside the church, I teach and do research in genetics and evolutionary biology at UNC Greensboro. This has made me acutely aware of the rich diversity of cultures and ethnic backgrounds among our neighbors, as well as the deep disparity of economic, social and educational opportunities in our communities – factors I see as relevant to HPC's mission as we embark on these next steps.

**HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 01 Karl von Ramm
- 02 Bethany Remington
- 06 Jennifer Erdosy
- 06 Bob Wisniewski
- 10 Ann Sebesan
- 10 Turner Bailey
- 11 Marguerite Serrine
- 12 Tyler Brown
- 13 Drew Ely
- 13 Katy Wysocki
- 15 Christina Brizendine
- 16 Erica Strickland
- 16 Brandee Strickland
- 17 Kim Bryant
- 20 Barbara Younger
- 21 Chris Ely
- 26 Michael McKelvey
- 27 Paul Albrecht
- 28 Charles McKelvey



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



**MARCH  
LECTIONARY READINGS**

- 3** Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
- 10** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
- 17** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- 24** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- 31** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



**Green Notes!**

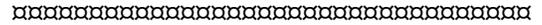
Reuse something that you would have thrown away today, whatever it may be.

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

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**March 3**

- Liturgist: Sara Clay
- Children's Sermon: Marguerite Serrine
- Acolyte: Silas Bernard
- Flowers: Joe and Vibeke Talley
- Youth Meal (3/6): TBD
- Nursery: Robin Bedingfield
- Greeters: Bernie and Alice Nord



**March 10**

- Liturgist: Robin Bedingfield
- Children's Sermon: Karoline Mathewson
- Acolyte: Ben Stephenson
- Flowers: Robin Bedingfield
- Youth Meal (3/13): O'Connor Family
- Nursery: Stephanie Morgan
- Greeters: Bernie and Alice Nord



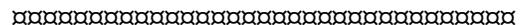
**March 17**

- Liturgist: Linda Jaubert
- Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
- Acolyte: Ellie Clay
- Flowers: Linda Jaubert
- Youth Meal (3/20): Sara Clay
- Nursery: Karoline Mathewson
- Greeters: Bernie and Alice Nord



**March 24**

- Liturgist: Alicia Gonzalez
- Children's Sermon: Alicia Gonzalez
- Acolyte: Anna O'Connor
- Flowers: O'Connor Family
- Youth Meal (3/27): TBD
- Nursery: Cathy Ely
- Greeters: Bernie and Alice Nord



**March 31**

- Liturgist: Kathy Remington
- Children's Sermon: Kathy Remington
- Acolyte: Forrest Heinze
- Flowers: TBD
- Nursery: Marie Curtis
- Greeters: Bernie and Alice Nord
- No Youth Group (4/3): Spring Break

# March, 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	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			Announcements for the Bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday (noon) each week. Bulletins printed on Thursday.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir (#221) 11:00 AM Worship / Communion 12:00 Noon Congregational Meeting 12:15 PM Stewardship (#204)	<b>4</b> HPC Mission Knitting Group 1:00 PM (Parlor) Task Force 6:3 PM (Parlor)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Ash Wednesday Worship at New Hope 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Worship Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>7</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>8</b> Youth Lock-in 7:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>9</b> Youth Lock-in Ending at 9 AM
<b>10</b> 12:15 PM Community Outreach/ Mission (#204) 7:00 PM HPC Book Club (#204) Daylight Savings Time Begins – turn clocks forward one hour!	<b>11</b> Circle #1 11:00 AM (#204)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick) Lenten Worship Noon (Mt. Bright Baptist) Christian Education 6:30 PM (#222)	<b>14</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>15</b> “Finish It Friday” Sewing/Craft 6-11 PM (Strudwick)	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir (#221) 12:15 PM Young Parents Group Meal Prep (HPC Kitchen) 12:30 PM Session Meeting (#204)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick) PW Women’s Circle 7:00 PM (Parlor) Lenten Worship Noon (St. Matthews Episcopal)	<b>21</b> Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Finance 6:30 PM (Strudwick)	<b>26</b> Food for All 5:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>27</b> Lenten Worship Noon (First Baptist Church) Youth Group 6:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>28</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Spring Work Day 9 AM – Noon (See page 3)

NOTE: If you have any April calendar dates or articles that you would like included in the newsletter – just send an email (hpcchurch@hillsboroughpres.org) or call the church office (732-3131) – by 1:00 PM on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

### HPC volunteers work at NHCCC:

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### Hurricane Recovery Work Trip to New Bern:

Six HPC volunteers worked February 15-17 to assist with home rehabilitation following Hurricane Florence. Joe C., Rich E., Amelia K., Jim M., Hervey M. and Sam N. spent Friday clearing debris from one home before moving to another over the weekend to apply “mud & tape” to finish out new sheet rock. There was widespread damage from unprecedented flooding and plenty of tragic stories of hardship.

### New Opportunity:

Northern Orange County Poverty Initiative has changed to “Orange County Neighbors” and is inviting the community to attend an event on March 2. Join Lynden Harris from Hidden Voices for a training on telling our stories to “facilitate community building”.

Register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/lxzjGgIMegNxhnhz1>

## FOOD FOR ALL



Thank you to all who participated in our February Food For All. The meals were MUCH appreciated. Our next Food For All meal will be Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. (Always the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.) The sign-up sheet is in the hallway on the Mission bulletin board. Questions? See Jane McIver.

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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 –*