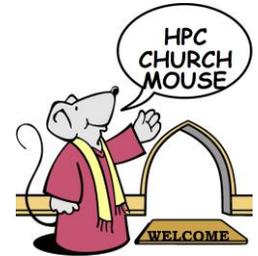


# HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*The Church Mouse*  
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Dear Friends,

Summer may be winding down, but the Christian Education Committee remains incredibly active. The CE Committee has been busy the past year not only planning the usual events and activities, but also planning and developing new offerings to explore our faith and nurture relationships. The CE Committee reviewed the findings and results of the Mission Study Report and, at the direction of Session, created the following two objectives, which the CE Committee will use to drive its work in the coming year:

- *Demonstrate that HPC is family friendly and encourages its church family to grow in faith together through education and relationships.*
- *Enhance social justice awareness through education.*

We believe we grow in faith through learning. We believe learning is done best in groups that share similar ages or curiosities. We believe that growing in faith challenges us to get real about how to be a disciple in a world that needs but may not welcome our help. Finally, we believe that your faith perspective will challenge and deepen ours, and ours will do the same for yours, and this deepening nurtures our relationship with God to grow us all into the stature of Christ.

So we are trying to develop and offer programs based on either or both of these objectives to challenge all of you to explore your faith, make the effort to participate, and help us create environments that develop, nurture, and enhance relationships between us and the broader community. To do all this we need face to face time together beyond the Sunday worship hour.

The CE Committee learned much of what we currently do support these objectives, so many of the programs will remain (although perhaps with a new twist or style). Also, we believe constant communication with the congregation about educational offerings, both the good and the bad, is essential to successfully implementing our objectives and delivering upon the findings contained in the Mission Study Report.

Further, our goal is to create opportunities for us to learn from each other, whether its adults teaching children in Sunday School or the youth challenging the adults, we desire to create a family friendly environment where we as a faith community can grow together.

With that, here is a list of our upcoming activities:

- Sunday School kicks off on September 8, 2019 at 9:45am for all ages. A new “Seekers” class led by Marguerite will be held in Strudwick for those who have not joined HPC or are interested in learning what it means to join.
- Scott will lead Joyful Noise again this year for children and youth 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up. Virginia Drill will lead a new class for our youngest children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Caregivers stay with the children and learn basic concepts that can be practiced at home. It starts Sept. 15 9:45-10:15 am.
- CE Committee will offer a Confirmation Class for 7-8 graders starting in the Winter/Spring of 2020. This is a significant time for youth in their spiritual development, and the CE Committee will be busy developing and coordinating the Confirmation Class.
- Marguerite and David Remington will lead a “Faith and Science” discussion series starting October 15 for five weeks at 9:45am in Strudwick. In addition, Marguerite will offer a “Grief Workshop” in November.

For the CE Committee to deliver on its goals and objectives, we need your support, be it through volunteering, participation, or communication. We appreciate the hard work of the CE Committee and are excited for the upcoming year!

Blessings,  
Chris O'Connor and Vernon Cooper

**UPDATE FROM PNC**

The PNC has been working hard this past month. We are continuing to review self-referred applicants and have completed multiple video interviews. This next month, the PNC will be inviting some potential candidates for in-person interviews in order to narrow down the field. We are scheduling with the church office to ensure nothing else is occurring at the church during these times. If you pop by the church and we have a sign on the door that a meeting is in process, please help us maintain our confidentiality by not entering the church at that time. We are trusting in God's plan to place before us the right minister for HPC!



**“LAST FRIDAY”**

Mark your calendars (September 27<sup>th</sup>, if you actually want to mark said calendars!), as we will celebrate this year's final

Last Friday event by presenting Dr. Drill and the Bits on the Tryon Street Stage. This Band is an extra special treat to go along with the free ice cream! It's a rare opportunity to see several of our choir members pouring their energy and inspiration into a mix of great rock 'n' roll covers AND originals! Dr. Drill and the Bits includes a newly-refurbished Zach Drill on guitar and vocals, and the usual suspects also include Virginia Drill and Christine Jackle doing vocals, hand-held percussion and seldom-seen dance moves! You do not want to miss it! Questions? See Rich Erdosy.



**JOYFUL NOISE**

Calling all youth and children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older - Joyful Noise rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 15 at 9:45 in Room #221. Joyful Noise will sing on October 6 and then rehearsals will be first and third Sunday mornings each month. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through middle school please join us! Questions? See Scott Schlesinger.

**CIRCLE #1**

Circle #1 will meet at HPC at 11:00 on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to join us as we continue our study on Hospitality. Bring a sandwich – the hostess provides beverages and dessert. Visitors and guests are always welcome! Questions? See Ann Sebesan.



**NEW MUSIC PROGRAM**

We will begin a new music program for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger! Join Virginia Drill in Room #222 on September 15 (and successive third Sundays) from 9:45 – 10:15 am for the first family class. Parents/Caretakers bring your 6-7 year old or younger. Parents/Caretakers and children will be coached in melody, rhythm and movement – a fun activity that you can also do at home.



**HPC FALL WORK DAY – October 12**

Good at washing windows? Save the date: Fall Work Day on October 12. Let's spruce HPC up while the weather outside is nice! Questions? See Jane Gaede.

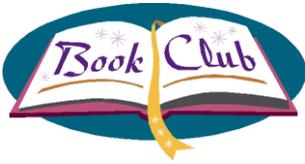


**“FINISH IT FRIDAY”**

**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. On September 20<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, make. Come enjoy working with friends and sharing time and ideas with each other. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

The HPC Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 PM. Anyone with questions should contact Eric Cathey or a member of Christian Education Committee.



**HPC BOOK CLUB**

Book Club meets on the second Sunday most months of the year, at 7:00 in the church parlor. All are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.

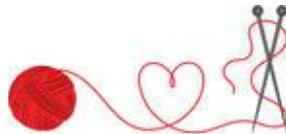
Our next gathering will be on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** and our selection will be *Blood and Ivy: The 1849 Murder that Scandalized Harvard* by Paul Collins

*On November 23rd of 1849, in the heart of Boston, one of the city's richest men simply vanished. Dr. George Parkman, a Brahmin who owned much of Boston's West End, was last seen that afternoon visiting his alma mater, Harvard Medical School. Police scoured city tenements and the harbor, and leads put the elusive Dr. Parkman at sea or hiding in Manhattan. But one Harvard janitor held a much darker suspicion: that their ruthless benefactor had never left the Medical School building alive.*

*His shocking discoveries in a chemistry professor's laboratory engulfed America in one of its most infamous trials: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. John White Webster. A baffling case of red herrings, grave robbery, and dismemberment, it became a landmark case in the use of medical forensics and the meaning of reasonable doubt. Paul Collins brings nineteenth-century Boston back to life in vivid detail, weaving together newspaper accounts, letters, journals, court transcripts, and memoirs from this groundbreaking case.*

*Rich in characters and evocative in atmosphere, Blood & Ivy explores the fatal entanglement of new science and old money in one of America's greatest murder mysteries. (amazon.com)*

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
KNITTING GROUP**



Yarn crafters are invited to join us in the parlor at 1:00 PM on first Mondays each month, September 2<sup>nd</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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN's CIRCLE**

The Women's Evening Circle will meet next on Wednesday, September 25, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, in the upstairs parlor. All women of the church are invited to attend. We have decided for the next few months to read and discuss a book by Toni Morrison called The Source of Self-Regard. "As the last book published before her death, this nonfiction collection is a stunning culmination of some of Morrison's most powerful speeches and essays. From a James Baldwin eulogy to her thoughts on Martin Luther King Jr., the works offer her reflections on wealth, female empowerment, Black literature, and her passion for writing." If anyone has a question, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Jaubert.



**HALF NOTE**

Your Transitional Pastor is still here, but the time is becoming short. Session just approved a contract extension through December 31 as the PNC continues to interview its candidates. That list is growing shorter; so is our time together. It is time for me to "decrease" and your lay leadership to "increase," so I've asked moderators to write our cover letters as much as possible. This way you, the congregation, can see the work being done in the church to move your vision forward as we came to understand it through the Mission Study process. You'll be able to help your new pastor get excited about the vision and become a part of it as God calls him/her to. Once a call has been accepted by the congregation and the pastor, we'll schedule my last Sunday and take time to celebrate the work so many of you have done in transitional ministry.

- Blessings, Marguerite

**Community Outreach News**

If you are interested in going to New Bern to assist Hurricane victim(s), please contact Joe Crane or Hervey McIver. There are open dates in September for us to help repair homes damaged by hurricanes. We need to know what dates are best for you. The Community Outreach Committee thanks you for looking into this important opportunity.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>2</b> Office Closed  HPC Mission Knitting Group 1:00 PM (Parlor)	<b>3</b>  PNC 6 – 9 PM (Parlor)	<b>4</b>  CE 6:30 PM (#222)	<b>5</b>  HPC Choir 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn 12:15 PM Stewardship (#204) 7:00 PM HPC Book Club (Parlor)	<b>9</b>  Circle #1 – 11:00 AM ( #204)	<b>10</b>  Finance 6:30PM (#204)	<b>11</b>  Youth Group Resumes! 6 – 7:30 PM (#204)	<b>12</b>  HPC Choir 7:00 PM (#221)  Justice United 7:00 PM (Strudwick)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  OCIM Bake Sale 9 AM – 12 Noon Hillsborough Farmers Market
<b>15</b> 9:45 AM Joyful Noise (#221) 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn 12:30 PM Session (Strudwick)	<b>16</b>  Community Outreach 6:30 PM (#204)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Youth Group 6 – 7:30 PM (off-site)  PNC 6-9 PM (Parlor)	<b>19</b>  HPC Choir 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>20</b>  “Finish It Friday” Sewing/Craft 6-11 PM (Strudwick)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> HPC Birthday Celebration (203 years old)  12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>23</b>  Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM	<b>24</b>  Food for All 5:30 PM (Strudwick)	<b>25</b>  Youth Group 6 – 7:30 PM (#204)  PW Women’s Circle 7:00 PM (Parlor)	<b>26</b>  HPC Choir 7:00 PM (#221)	<b>27</b>  “Last Friday” 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Dr. Drill & the Bits)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>30</b>			<p>Join us on Sunday mornings!</p> <p>Sunday School for All Ages at 9:45 AM</p> <p>Children’s Nursery at 9:45 &amp; 11:00 AM</p> <p>Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM</p> <p>Lemonade on the Lawn 12:15 PM</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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> of September!**

**Sunday School Kickoff date is  
September 8, at 9:45 am.**



- Infants – 3 years old:** Downstairs Room #201
- 4 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Upstairs Room #223  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
- 4 years old – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Upstairs Room #222 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)  
**New Music Program for Younger Children (see pg. 2)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Upstairs Room #221 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)  
**Joyful Noise Rehearsals (see page 2)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Upstairs Room #222 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Downstairs Room #205
- Adults:** Downstairs Room #204
- Seekers:** Strudwick Hall on September 8, 15, 22

Worship bags are available in the narthex for children who would like them on Sundays.

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

Remember, we take baptismal vows to nurture children in the faith – it starts with welcoming them in 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**
- Lemonade on the Lawn 12:15 PM**

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