

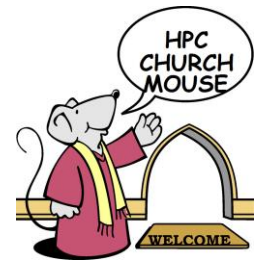
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The Church Mouse

March, 2020



Dear HPC Family!

With Joy, the PNC would like to let the congregation know that we have offered a call to a pastor for our solo pastor position, and that it has been accepted!

As a committee, we would like to thank the congregation for their patience during this process. We will soon share with you the details of what all we've been doing since last March, but please know that we have been intently listening to where the Holy Spirit was leading us. We also had to realize that our timeline was a bit different than the timeline that God was putting before us.

We are very excited for this next step in our journey. We know you have a lot of questions for the committee and are anxious to find out about our new pastor. Here is where we are with the timeline: Session has approved the terms of call. We are now waiting for our candidate to appear before the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for exams which will most likely occur at their April meeting. Session has scheduled our congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

At this meeting, the Pastor Nominating Committee will share our processes and will present the candidate to the congregation. We will share why we felt that this pastor is the right match for our congregation and our community. At this meeting, you will vote whether to accept our candidate. Due to a commitment that our candidate has, our selection is not able to start at HPC until July 6 with a planned first Sunday in the pulpit of July 12, 2020.

Because of PCUSA's confidentiality guidelines, we are unable to share with you the identity of our candidate until the congregational meeting. This is as hard on us as it is on you because we are very excited about this candidate's gifts for ministry and our own vision for ministry at HPC. So we ask for a little more of your grace and patience as we anticipate the congregational meeting on May 3 when we can tell you all about the candidate and answer all of your questions.

Meanwhile, pending approval by the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Marguerite's contract will be extended, and her last Sunday will be with us around the end of May or early June. Please note that this date may change if she called to another interim before then. If that occurs, she will give the Session/Congregation a 30 day notice per the contract with Presbytery.

Please celebrate with us that our journey has ended – and also begun. We look forward to sharing everything with you May 3.

From the PNC – Cheryl Maxey, Judy Brown, Sean Bailey,
David Remington, and Katherine Cathey

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES IN MARCH

If the Old Testament speaks to any human reality, it certainly speaks to the ever-present reality of human migration. If you are interested in exploring the topic of migration through a theological lens, you will enjoy our special Sunday School offering this March. We will meet at 9:45 in Strudwick Hall the first three Sundays in March (**March 1, 8, 15**) for a discussion led by Alberto la Rosa Rasa. Alberto is a current doctoral student at Duke University Divinity School and a member of the Reformed Church in America. His doctoral research draws on his experience as an immigrant from Peru to reflect on the meaning of home and the loss of home. Scripture, the Reformed tradition, and Latina/o theology provide the main lenses through which Alberto envisions how God’s creatures (whether migrants or citizens, strangers or kin), can together receive the gift of home amidst conflicting visions, complex histories, and systems of injustice.



“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 March 20th. 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.



CIRCLE #1

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, March 9 at 11:00 AM in Room #204 for Bible Study and Lunch. Bring a sandwich. Our host will provide beverage and dessert. Please come and enjoy sharing time together. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6th at 12:00 First Community Baptist Church, (509 Eno Street in West Hillsborough,) will host the 41st annual Orange County Women’s World Day of Prayer service and luncheon. (Men are also invited!) Each year this service is written by the women of a different country. Worship and lunch are designed to fit into a one-hour lunch break.



YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets 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.



LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Hillsborough Ministers have scheduled a series of **Lenten worship services** March 4 – April 8. Each Wednesday you are invited to meet at noon for a half-hour service, followed by a light lunch at the hosting church.

March 4: Hillsborough UMC hosting, Rev. Dewey Williams preaching

March 11: Unitarian Universalist Congregation hosting, Rev. Donald Holman (Dickerson Chapel) preaching

March 18: Holy Family Catholic Church hosting, Rev. Robert Fruewirth (St. Matthews’) preaching

March 25: Hillsborough Presbyterian Church hosting, Rev. David Morton (1st Baptist) preaching

April 1: Mt Bright Missionary Baptist Church hosting, Rev. Patty Hanneman (Unitarian Universalist) preaching

April 8: St Matthew’s Episcopal Church hosting, Fr. Ryan (Holy Family) preaching

COATS FOR KIDS

To our HPC Family and Community,

Thank you all for your wonderful support of this year's "Coats for Kids" coat drive. We received over forty donated coats and raised \$545. These funds were then utilized to purchase an additional 40 new coats. We donated 80 plus coats to Orange County School children attending Cameron Park Elementary and Orange County Schools.

*(A point of clarification, any money collected for the HPC Coats for Kids drive goes directly toward the purchase of a new coat. We do not transfer any monetary funds to Orange County schools or the Salvation Army.)

Once again your generosity exceeded our expectations. Your contributing efforts care for the well-being of our community's children. I will continue to remain in contact with Ms. Pea, CSW at CPES for future opportunities supporting our community. There remains an ongoing need for coats for the children of Orange County. If you wish to be a part of this please let me know or you may reach out to her.

Thank you again for your outpouring of love and support.

-- Eric Cathey



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 24th. (Always the 4th Tuesday.) The sign-up sheet is in the hallway on the Mission bulletin board. Questions? See Karoline Mathewson or Gail Crane.

SAVE THE DATE – April 4th - Spring work Day! Details to be announced!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

HPC Men's Fellowship will work at Camp New Hope on Saturday, March 7. Please meet at Oak and Poplar at 9 AM. We will be doing work for Richard Stevens and he is providing the work directions. Questions? See Joe Crane.



BIBLE STUDY WITH DR. EFIRD

Join us at Little River Presbyterian on Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020 at 6 p.m. for a simple supper of soup and salad and then at 7 p.m. for Bible Study with Dr. James (Mickey) Efird. There should be something there for everyone! Please join us.



2020 FLOWER CHART

The 2020 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!



2020 NURSERY SIGN-UP

The 2020 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 Vernon Cooper or Chris O'Connor.

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 Sirrine
- 12 Tyler Brown
- 13 Drew Ely
- 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

- 1** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
- 8** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
- 15** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- 22** I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- 29** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45



Green Notes!

Join the Campaign for Fair Food in asking for fair wages for laborers. Visit www.pcusa.org/fairfood.

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 1

Liturgist: Linda Jaubert
 Children's Sermon: Joe Crane
 Acolyte: Forrest Heinze
 Flowers: Joe and Vibeke Talley
 Youth Meal (3/4): Sara Clay
 Nursery: Marie Curtis
 Greeters: Celeste Clay, Brenda Morgan

March 8

Liturgist: Hervey McIver
 Children's Sermon: Hervey McIver
 Acolyte: Mackenzie Salem
 Flowers: Stephenson Family
 Youth Meal (3/11): Stephenson Family
 Nursery: Marie Curtis
 Greeters: Celeste Clay, Brenda Morgan

March 15

Liturgist: Vernon Cooper
 Children's Sermon: Vernon Cooper
 Acolyte: Isabella Roberson
 Flowers: Linda Jaubert
 Youth Meal (3/18): TBD
 Nursery: TBD
 Greeters: Celeste Clay, Brenda Morgan

March 22

Liturgist: Jarrett Barnhill
 Children's Sermon: Jarrett Barnhill
 Acolyte: Jack Stephenson
 Flowers: O'Connor Family
 Youth Meal (3/25): O'Connor Family
 Nursery: TBD
 Greeters: Celeste Clay, Brenda Morgan

March 29

Liturgist: Robin Bedingfield
 Children's Sermon: Eric Cathey
 Acolyte: Alden Cathey
 Flowers: Jane Gaede
 Nursery: Karoline Mathewson
 Greeters: Celeste Clay, Brenda Morgan

We will have a brief **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, March 15th at noon to elect the Nominating Committee.

March, 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
Lent I 1 9:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir (#221) 9:45 AM Young Parents (Parlor) 12:15 PM Community Connection (#204)	2 HPC Mission Knitting Group 1:00 PM (Parlor)	3	Lenten Service & Lunch 12:00 Noon 4 <i>(see pg 2 for schedule)</i> Youth Group 6 – 7:30 PM (#204) CE 6:30 PM (#222)	5 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	6 World Day of Prayer Noon (First Community Baptist Church)	7 Men's Fellowship Work Day at Camp New Hope 9:00 AM	
Lent II 8 Daylight Savings Begins – turn clocks forward 1 hour	9 Circle #1 – 11:00 AM (#204)	10	Lenten Service & Lunch 12:00 PM (pg 2) 11 Youth 6 PM (#204) Worship 6:30 (Parlor) Community Outreach 7:00 PM (#222)	12 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	13	14 Session Retreat 8:30 AM (St. Matthews)	
Lent III 15 9:45 AM Joyful Noise (#221) 9:45 AM Joyful Juniors (#222) 12:15 PM Congregational Meeting 12:30 PM Session (Strudwick)	16	17	Lenten Service & Lunch 12:00 PM 18 <i>(see pg 2 for schedule)</i> Youth Group 6 – 7:30 PM (#204)	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	20 “Finish It Friday” Sewing/Craft 6-11 PM (Strudwick)	21 New Hope Camp “Taste & Tunes” Fundraiser 6 – 8 PM at NHC (see page 3)	
Lent IV 22 12:15 PM Congregational Care (#204)	23 Deadline for HPC Newsletter 1:00 PM Finance 6:30 PM (#204)	24 Food for All 5:00 PM (Strudwick)	Lenten Service & Lunch at HPC 12:00 25 Youth Group 6 – 7:30 PM (#204) Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (#221)	26	27	28 Men's Fellowship Canoe Trip (details soon)	
Lent V 29 12:15 PM Building & Grounds (#204)	30	31	Announcements for the Bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday (noon) each week. Bulletins printed on Thursday.				Join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday School for All Ages at 9:45 AM Nursery for Children at 9:45 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM

NOTE: If you have any April 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 23rd of March!

NEW HOPE CAMP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

"Taste and Tunes" - March 21st

HPC is a supporting church of the New Hope Camp and Conference Center, and our representative serving on the NHCCC Board is Linda Jaubert. The camp is hosting an annual fundraiser called TASTE & TUNES on Saturday, March 21st, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Proceeds from the event will be used for the afterschool and camp programs, scholarship funds and facilities.

Taste & Tunes will feature live music by Mary Rocap & Friends, Hors d'oeuvres, wine and a Silent Auction. The auction will include local handcrafted items and more. For all of you creative people in HPC, donating an item (or two) is way to help the camp and share your talent.

So please SAVE THE DATE of MARCH 21st. Tickets are \$20, and you can purchase them from Linda Jaubert, through the NHCCC office, or at the door of the event. Contact Linda also for more information on donating items to be auctioned off.



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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 –*