Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
ChurchMouse
August 2011

Live in community with us.

Dear Friends,

Change is a lot like the birthing process. After a time of struggle, uncertainty, and yes, even pain, something new comes into the world. Often, this "something new" is the cause for great joy and rejoicing. But, it rarely comes without a period of struggle, uncertainty, and pain.

Our beloved church is experiencing such a time in its life. The passage of Amendment 10 A, which allows churches and presbyteries to decide who will or will not be ordained, is causing deep divisions in PC (USA). I urge us all to be in prayer for the church in the days ahead and to also remember that Jesus' death on the cross is both a mandate and an invitation to remain in community with one another. Let us, in this time of birthing, remain committed to one another and the PC(USA).

Below is a copy of a letter from the leadership of Mission Presbytery discussing the responses to the passage of Amendment 10A being expressed in Mission Presbytery. Similar expressions are reverberating across PC(USA). I urge you to read it and prayerfully consider its content. If you have any questions or concerns, I will be very happy to discuss them with you. Please do not hesitate to come talk with me.

As I write this message, the lyrics of a song I learned years ago are playing in my head ~

"I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together."

May it be so in this birthing time.
Blessings,
Linda

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TO: Ministers, Clerks of Session, Interested and Concerned Members of Mission Presbytery
FROM: Rob Mueller, Chair of General Council; Hilary Shuford, Executive Presbyter; Miles White, Stated Clerk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since the passage of Amendment 10 A and our meeting which adjourned June 18, Mission Presbytery has experienced a wide range of responses to the change ranging from joy to despair, from crisis of conscience to a sense of justice, from resignation to action. In these varied reactions, it is obvious to most that there are deep disagreements among us. This is not new: these differences have existed for years, yet we have, together, remained the church by practicing "mutual forbearance". We continue to pray for such forbearance at this pivotal time. (continued on p.4)
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VOLUNTEER CALENDAR
AUGUST

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Children's Time	Communion
7	Ben/ Diego	Esther	Michelle	Linda	Setup: Karen Serve: Esther & Karen
14	Ben/ Diego	**Luncheon**	Esther	Linda	
21	Ben/ Diego	Anna	Anna	Lisa	
28	Ben/ Diego	Jennifer T.	Page	Linda	

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON THE DATE ASSIGNED,
PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ON ANOTHER DATE.

FINANCIAL REPORT
MAY 2011

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

INCOME	$4340.50
EXPENSES	$4316.67
BALANCE	$ 23.83

FOOD PANTRY

BETWEEN JUNE 22 AND JULY 27,
6 PEOPLE RECEIVED GROCERIES,
AND **1** PERSON RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID.
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

"The Lord Jesus himself said, 'Where your treasure is, there also is your heart.'" Lk.12:34

Adult Church School
Sunday morning
9:15AM

Potluck
August 14
SALADS & SANDWICHES

KICK OFF SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 11

JOIN US FOR THE FALL START OF NEW CLASSES & PROGRAMS AT HPPC.

IT WILL BE A GORIOUS MORNING
WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL, MEANINGFUL WORSHIP, AND MUSIC TO MAKE YOUR HEART SING.

CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:30 AM; WORSHIP AT 10:30AM.

PLAN ON STAYING AFTERWARDS FOR PLEASANT CONVERSATION
&
THE MONTHLY POTLUCK IN WOOTEN HALL.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

A Leap of Faith

BEGETS JOY.

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We are also aware of the pain, distrust, confusion and angst among us as we seek to engage with one another in conversation, dialogue and consultation. As was announced at our meeting in Kerrville, your General Council – ministers and elders elected by the Presbytery – is hard at work to bring brothers and sisters to the table for these conversations. We write to inform you of the progress being made.

A specially called meeting of the General Council will take place on July 30 with representatives of Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church to listen as they present their concerns and early proposals. The Trustees of Mission Presbytery will also be represented at this meeting.

Additionally, the expanded General Council representing the various units of Mission Presbytery is scheduling a meeting on August 20 for a wider dialogue with presbyters and representatives from churches seeking ways to relieve their issues of conscience with the Book of Order G- 2.0104 a &

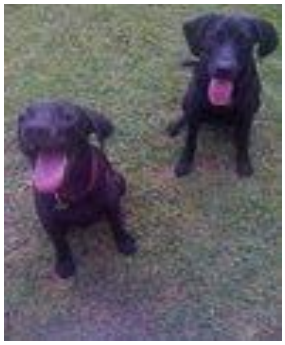
Both of these meetings will happen prior to the Presbyterian Fellowship Gathering in Minneapolis at the end of August. Hopefully our discussions here will be carried forward as this larger group struggles with what it means to be Presbyterian. Following the Minneapolis meeting, the General Council is prepared, if helpful, to call a special meeting of Mission Presbytery to exchange information in the weeks following the gathering, seeking dialogue and Christian fellowship within our body as we seek to know God's will for our way forward. Further, your Pastoral Care Division is arranging gatherings of pastors for sharing and discussion.

We, the undersigned, urge you to share this information with all concerned members of your congregation. Most importantly, we ask you to be in constant prayer for our congregations, members and leaders as we seek to discover God's plan, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the wholeness that comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

Finally, as we move forward, we remind each session that they may, by submitting an overture, seek any necessary change to our Constitution or remedy by the 220th General Assembly. The deadline for submissions to the Stated Clerk is **September 15, 2011**. This date allows time for consideration and recommendation by the General Council prior to the October stated meeting of Mission Presbytery.

Rob

Elder Hilary Shuford	**Rev. Dr. Miles H. White**	**Rev. Rob Mueller**
Hilary	***Miles***	***Rob***
Executive Presbyter	Stated Clerk	General Council Chair



(ELLA & RUBY)

Session Minutes
for
May 2011

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Moderator, Linda Bourianoff. Present: Moderator, Linda Bourianoff and Elders: April Kwon, Karen Laffere, Candice Prose, and Esther Rosales. Absent: Jennifer Bourianoff and Monique Navarro.

The meeting was opened with a reading and discussion of John 14:1-14.
The agenda was adopted with a motion by April and second by Candice.

Administrative Reports:
Clerk's Report:

- Minutes: The corrected minutes from the March 27th and the minutes from April 17thwere read and approved.
- Correspondence: no correspondence
- Worship Attendance: written report of attendance from February through mid April was passed out.
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Pastor's Report: was read. 25 persons attended the "Free Shred" day with only 5 from the church.

The administrative reports were approved with a motion by Esther and second by April.

Treasurer's Report: was received with thanks to Doris
Ministry Reports:

Christian Education: - no meeting
Evangelism: no meeting
Fellowship: no meeting
Member Care: 7 cards were sent out by Esther
Property: Karen reported that outside building use brought in $2035 from January-May
Stewardship: Giving is down from this time last year. April plans to give a Minute for Mission next week to keep the congregation updated on the finances of the church.
Worship: report was given.

- Candice will ask for volunteers to speak about a significant man in their life for Father's Day
- Pentecost- the sanctuary will be decorated festively and special music will be planned
- Candice will put an ad for the church on Craigslist
- The idea of making a general information brochure for the church was suggested
- Luc is looking for people to join the Ding-a-lings
- The idea of getting pens with the church name and address was suggested

The reports were approved with a motion by April and a second by Esther.

Old Business: Candice will attend the Presbytery meeting with Linda
New Business: Amendment 10-A passed
Next meeting will be held on June 26th at 2:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted: Approved by:

Karen Laffere, Clerk of Session Linda Bourianoff, Moderator

CALENDAR

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 **Luke's b'day**	22	323	4324	54325	654326
7 **LORD'S SUPPER**	8 **Terry & Don's anniversary**	9	10	11 **Anna's b'day**	12 **Kim's b'day**	13
14 **POTLUCK** **Maggie's b'day**	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 **SESSION MEETING 2PM**	22	23 **Thomas' b'day**	24	25	27	28
29	30	31				

The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night. Ps. 121:6

Summer has gone to the dogs!!

How many dogs can you find in the picture?

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Esther Rosales
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Class of 2012
Jennifer Bourianoff
Karen Laffere
Class of 2013
Candice Prose

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