



HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCHMOUSE

JULY 2011

LIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH US.

STEWARDSHIP

“WHAT AM I SUPPOSE TO DO WITH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME?”
THIS IS ONE OF LIFE’S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

REFORMERS JOHN CALVIN AND MARTIN LUTHER BELIEVED THAT GOD CALLS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO A LIFE OF SERVICE. OUR LIFE OF SERVICE OFTEN BEGINS WITH A REFLECTION ON THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN US. FOR PRESBYTERIANS, THIS REFLECTION OR DISCERNMENT TAKES PLACE IN COMMUNITY WITH GOD’S PEOPLE, WHICH HELPS US ASSESS OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS OBJECTIVELY.

A LIFE OF SERVICE INCLUDES ALL THAT WE ARE AND ALL THAT WE HAVE. “STEWARDSHIP IN ITS FULLEST DIMENSION INCLUDES GIVING OF OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE (FINANCIAL RESOURCES.)” ESSENTIALLY, STEWARDSHIP IS A SPIRITUAL MATTER. AS JESUS SAID, “WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.” (LUKE 12:34). ALL CHURCHES NEED THE TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES OF ITS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH. **THERE IS A STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN STEWARDSHIP, SPIRITUALITY, AND MISSION.** *If we here at HPPC are to fulfill our mission of worshipping God and living into the word, witnessing to God’s love in community, and working to make the world a better place, we need each of you.*

INTERESTINGLY, GOD’S CALL GOES WITH US THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES. IT FALLS ON US AT EVERY STAGE OF OUR LIVES, IN TIMES OF PLENTY AND WANT, IN TIMES OF JOY AND SORROW, IN TIMES OF EASE AND HURRIED ACTIVITY. DAY IN AND DAY OUT, GOD CALLS US TO BE INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE, GRACE AND LOVE, COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS IN OUR HOMES, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE WIDER WORLD. AND THE MORE WE DO IT, THE MORE WE WILL DO IT. **STEWARDSHIP IS A LEARNED DISCIPLINE. IT IS LEARNED FIRST BY COMMITTING TO IT, MAKING IT A PRIORITY IN OUR LIVES, AND THEN BY PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE.** HOW WILL WE PUT THE DISCIPLINE OF STEWARDSHIP INTO ACTION IN THESE LAZY, HAZY DAYS OF SUMMER?

(ADAPTED FROM “YOUR MONEY AND YOUR LIFE” BY MARCIA CLARK MEYERS AND ROBERT BOHL, *PRESBYTERIANS TODAY: SPECIAL ISSUE*).

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

JULY



DATE	GREETER/USHER	REFRESHMENTS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION
3	BEN/ DIEGO	KAREN	GEORGE	LINDA	SETUP: MONIQUE SERVE: CANDICE & MONIQUE
10		LUNCHEON	CANDICE	LINDA	
17		MONIQUE	TRACY	LISA	
24		CANDACE	LISA		
31		MICHELLE	BEN	LINDA	

FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 2011 BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



*Because of Father's Day,
the session did not meet in time to
receive May's financial report before the
printing of the ChurchMouse. It will appear
next month.*

FOOD PANTRY

BETWEEN MAY 25 AND JUNE 21,
14 PEOPLE RECEIVED GROCERIES,
1 PERSON RECEIVED A HEB CARD,
AND 2 PEOPLE RECEIVED MONETARY HELP.
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**



MORE PRESBYTERY NEWS

KEY WORDS/KEY GOALS

**BUILDING
PARTNERING
SENDING**

OFFERING RECEIVED

\$3375.73

DEDICATED TO THE SYL
VIA WASHER FUND FOR CHILDREN &
YOUTH.

AMENDMENTS

NFOG — PROPOSED CHANGES
TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT
IN THE BOOK OF ORDER

PASSED IN THIS PRESBYTERY
AND NATIONWIDE;

BELHAR CONFSSION —
PROPOSED ADDITION IN THE
BOOK OF CONFSSION

PASSED IN THIS PRESBYTERY,
BUT **FAILED** NATIONWIDE.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

EP HILARY SHUFFORD'S
REPORT

WE ARE CALLED TO BE ONE,
WHICH IS PRETTY HARD
SOMETIMES. **WE ARE
CALLED**

TO BE CHRIST'S BODY AS
MISSION PRESBYTERY. **WE
ARE CALLED** TO FOCUS ON
OUR TRIUNE GOD. CHANGE IS
HAPPENING THROUGHOUT
THE BODY. TO MEET OUR
CALL, WE NEED ONE
ANOTHER. THE PRESBYTERY
IS LIKE A SAILBOAT TACKING
WITH THE WIND. IF THE SAIL-
BOAT MOVES TOO MUCH TO
THE LEFT, THE RIGHT IS
NEEDED TO PULL IT BACK TO
THE CENTER.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO BE
BALANCED AND CENTERED.**

**POTLUCK
JULY 10**



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SALADS & SANDWICHES



BELHAR CONFSSION

WHILE THE BELHAR CONFSSION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PC(USA) BOOK OF CONFSSIONS, IT HAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SAY TO US IN THE CHURCH TODAY ABOUT UNITY AND COMMUNITY. WITH THAT IN MIND, I HAVE PRINTED AN EXCERPT OF IT FOR YOU TO READ AND REFLECT ON .

“ . . . **WE BELIEVE**

- THAT CHRIST'S WORK OF RECONCILIATION IS MADE MANIFEST IN THE CHURCH AS THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WHO HAVE BEEN RECONCILED WITH GOD AND WITH ONE ANOTHER;
- THAT UNITY IS, THEREFORE, BOTH A GIFT AND AN OBLIGATION FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST; THAT THROUGH THE WORKING OF GOD'S SPIRIT IT IS A BINDING FORCE, YET SIMULTANEOUSLY A REALITY WHICH MUST BE EARNESTLY PURSUED AND SOUGHT: ONE WHICH THE PEOPLE OF GOD MUST CONTINUALLY BE BUILT UP TO ATTAIN;
- THAT THIS UNITY MUST BECOME VISIBLE SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT SEPARATION, ENMITY AND HATRED BETWEEN PEOPLE AND GROUPS IS SIN WHICH CHRIST HAS ALREADY CONQUERED, AND ACCORDINGLY THAT ANYTHING WHICH THREATENS THIS UNITY MAY HAVE NO PLACE IN THE CHURCH AND MUST BE RESISTED;
- THAT THIS UNITY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD MUST BE MANIFESTED AND BE ACTIVE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS: IN THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER; THAT WE EXPERIENCE, PRACTICE AND PURSUE COMMUNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER; THAT WE ARE OBLIGATED TO GIVE OURSELVES WILLINGLY AND JOYFULLY TO BE OF BENEFIT AND BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER; THAT WE SHARE ONE FAITH, HAVE ONE CALLING, ARE OF ONE SOUL AND ONE MIND; HAVE ONE GOD AND FATHER, ARE FILLED WITH ONE SPIRIT, ARE BAPTIZED WITH ONE BAPTISM, EAT OF ONE BREAD AND DRINK OF ONE CUP, CONFESS ONE NAME, ARE OBEDIENT TO ONE LORD, WORK FOR ONE CAUSE, AND SHARE ONE HOPE; TOGETHER COME TO KNOW THE HEIGHT AND THE BREADTH AND THE DEPTH OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST; TOGETHER ARE BUILT UP TO THE STATURE OF CHRIST, TO THE NEW HUMANITY; TOGETHER KNOW AND BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, THEREBY FULFILLING THE LAW OF CHRIST THAT WE NEED ONE ANOTHER AND UPBUILD ONE ANOTHER, ADMONISHING AND COMFORTING ONE ANOTHER; THAT WE SUFFER WITH ONE ANOTHER FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; PRAY TOGETHER; TOGETHER SERVE GOD IN THIS WORLD; AND TOGETHER FIGHT AGAINST ALL WHICH MAY THREATEN OR HINDER THIS;
- THAT THIS UNITY CAN BE ESTABLISHED ONLY IN FREEDOM AND NOT UNDER CONSTRAINT; THAT THE VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS, OPPORTUNITIES, BACKGROUNDS, CONVICTIONS, AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, ARE BY VIRTUE OF THE RECONCILIATION IN CHRIST, OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUTUAL SERVICE AND ENRICHMENT WITHIN THE ONE VISIBLE PEOPLE OF GOD;”
- THAT TRUE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY CONDITION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CHURCH. . . .”

CALENDAR

JULY 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ann & Reid's anniversary	2
3 Communion	4 Fourth Of July Florence's birthday; Zac's birthday	5 Ben's birthday	6	7	8	9
10 Potluck John's birthday	11	12	13	14 DeeDee's birthday	15	16
17 No session meeting	18	19	20 Leigh's birthday	21	22	23
24	25 Linda's birthday	26	27 Lisa Alber's birthday	28 Ann Laffere's birthday	29 Joe's birthday	30
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~GOOD SUMMERTIME READING ~

The Dry Leaves of August BY ANNA JEAN MAYHEW
The Luminous Web by Barbara Brown Taylor

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PONDER A MOMENT

A FIFTH GRADE ASSIGNMENT TO COMMUNICATE IDEAS ABOUT GOD TAKEN FROM TV ADS

God is like
BAYER ASPIRIN.
He works miracles.

God is like
A FORD.
He's got a better idea.

God is like
A COKE.
He's the real thing.

God is like
HALLMARK CARDS.
He cares enough to send the very best.

God is like
TIDE
He gets the stains out others leave behind.

God is like
The Energizer Bunny.
He Keeps going and going and going.

God is like.
GENERAL ELECTRIC.
He brings good things to life.

God is like.
ALKA-SELTZER.
Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like
SCOTCH TAPE.
You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like
DELTA.
He's ready when you are.

God is like
ALLSTATE.
You're in good hands with Him.

God is like
DIAL SOAP.
Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like
VO-5 Hair Spray.
He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like
The U.S. Post Office.
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like
Chevrolet.
He is the heartbeat of America

God is like
Maxwell House.
Good to the very last drop.

God is like
Bounty.
He's the quick picker upper, can handle tough jobs, and won't fall apart.