



HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHURCHMOUSE NOVEMBER 2011

LIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH US.

DEAR FRIENDS,

BELOW IS AN EXCERPT OF A SERMON I PREACHED IN JULY. I THINK IT SPEAKS TO THE MISSION OF HPPC AND SO WANTED TO SHARE IT WITH YOU AS WE WALK THROUGH THIS YEAR'S PLEDGE DRIVE AND ALSO PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING. **IN THE STEWARDSHIP CLASS APRIL TAUGHT LAST SUNDAY (10.23.11), SHE TOLD US THAT CHURCHES ARE TO HAVE AN OUTWARD, NOT INWARD, FOCUS.** YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWS HPPC TO DO THAT. **ALLOWS US TO DO AS OUR MISSION STATEMENT SAYS ~ WORK TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.**

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JESUS IS FULLY AWARE OF WHAT WE HAVE AND WHAT WE DON'T HAVE. WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL HIM. STILL, HE CALLS US TO SEE AND RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

**HE CALLS** US TO GIVE, BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED. GOD RICHLY BLESSES EACH OF US. OUR GIVING IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE.

**HE CALLS** US TO GIVE, BECAUSE THE NEED IS SO GREAT, AND OUR GIVING IS INDISPENSABLE TO GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD.

**HE CALLS** US TO GIVE, BECAUSE OUR GIVING MAKES GOD'S PRESENCE MORE VISIBLE IN THE WORLD. EVERY TIME WE GIVE TO SOMEONE IN NEED, WE ENACT GOD'S LOVE AND CARE FOR THE WORLD.

**HE CALLS** US TO GIVE, BECAUSE GIVING CHANGES US, CHANGES US FROM THE INSIDE OUT. IT STRENGTHENS OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND OTHERS AND HELPS US GROW SPIRITUALLY.

**AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, JESUS CALLS** US TO GIVE, BECAUSE HE KNOWS SOMETHING THAT WE TOO FREQUENTLY OVERLOOK OR FAIL TO REMEMBER. HE KNOWS THAT GOD TAKES THE RESOURCES WE PUT AT GOD'S DISPOSAL AND MULTIPLIES THEM TO ACCOMPLISH GOD'S PURPOSES. **AS BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR SAYS, "WHERE THERE IS PLENTY OF GOD, THERE IS PLENTY OF EVERYTHING ELSE."**

OURS IS AN ABUNDANT, EXTRAVAGANT, GENEROUS GOD. GOD'S GENEROSITY IS THE SAME TODAY AS IT WAS WHEN JESUS FED THE HUNGRY CROWD. GOD ARDENTLY LONGS TO HEAL OUR BROKENNESS, REPLACE OUR DESPAIR WITH HOPE, AND GIVE US JOY. GOD WANTS TO WORK MIRACLES IN OUR LIVES AND THE WORLD. AND GOD INVITES US, JESUS' BELOVED FRIENDS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRANSFORMING WORK. ALL WE HAVE TO DO TO BE MIRACLE WORKERS IS TO SHARE OUR RESOURCES WITH GOD. IT MATTERS NOT IF WE HAVE ONLY A LITTLE OR A LOT TO GIVE. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT WE MAKE WHAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO GOD. OUR AMAZINGLY GENEROUS GOD WILL TAKE OUR GIFTS, MULTIPLY THEM, AND USE THEM FOR THE RECREATION OF THE WORLD. GOD IS WAITING, FOR NOW IS THE TIME OF MIRACLES. NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO DO AS JESUS SAID, "YOU FEED THEM."

DURING THIS STEWARDSHIP SEASON, MAY WE RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS BY GIVING GENEROUSLY TO THE WORK OF THIS CHURCH.

BLESSINGS,  
LINDA



## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR NOVEMBER

| Date | Greeter/Usher | Refreshments                 | Liturgist | Children's Time | Communion                                  |
|------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 7    | Ben/ Diego    | Anna                         | Anna      | Linda           | Setup: Karen<br>Serve: Candice,<br>Monique |
| 14   | Ben/ Diego    | Karen                        | Becky     | Linda           |                                            |
| 21   | Ben/ Diego    | <b>Thanksgiving Luncheon</b> | Page      | Lisa            |                                            |
| 28   | Ben/ Diego    | April                        | Laura     | Linda           |                                            |

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

### FINANCIAL REPORT

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

**SEPTEMBER**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| INCOME   | \$ 3235.16  |
| EXPENSES | \$ 4304.93  |
| BALANCE  | \$<1069.77> |



### FOOD PANTRY

BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 21 AND OCTOBER 25,

**10** PEOPLE RECEIVED GROCERIES.

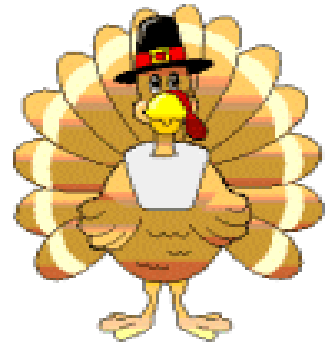
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

**PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS THANKSGIVING  
A DAY OF THANKS GIVING  
FOR THOSE IN NEED.**





**ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL  
SUNDAY MORNING  
9:15AM**



**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON  
NOVEMBER 20  
HPPC HAS GOOD COOKS.  
BRING A FRIEND.**



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
WITH MISS DEEDEE  
EACH SUNDAY  
AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME**



**HOLIDAY MARKET**

**NOVEMBER 12**

**NOW IS THE TIME  
TO BE THINKING  
ABOUT BAKING  
AND CRAFT  
PROJECTS.**

**YOUR HELP IS  
NEEDED TO MAKE  
THIS YEAR'S  
MARKET THE BEST  
EVER.**

**WE ALSO NEED TO  
COLLECT A WIDE  
ARRAY OF RAFFLE  
ITEMS.**

**PLEASE DO YOUR  
PART.**



## STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

A QUORUM BEING PRESENT, THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:30 P.M. BY LINDA BOURIANOFF, MODERATOR. PRESENT WERE: MODERATOR, LINDA BOURIANOFF AND ELDERS: APRIL KWON, CANDICE PROSE, AND ESTHER ROSALES. ABSENT: JENNIFER BOURIANOFF, KAREN LAFFERE, AND MONIQUE NAVARRO. DORIS LOWE, TREASURER, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A READING AND DISCUSSION OF MATTHEW 21:23-32.

THE AGENDA WAS ADOPTED WITH A FEW ADDITIONS WITH A MOTION BY APRIL AND SECOND BY ESTHER. AS WAS AGREED AT THE LAST SESSION MEETING, CANDICE WILL TAKE MINUTES IN KAREN'S ABSENCE.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

#### CLERK'S REPORT:

- MINUTES: THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED.
- CORRESPONDENCE: NO CORRESPONDENCE.
- WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:
  - AUGUST: 7<sup>TH</sup> – 16 WITH 14 TAKING COMMUNION; 14<sup>TH</sup> – 21; 21<sup>ST</sup> – 17; 28<sup>TH</sup> – 21
  - SEPTEMBER: 4<sup>TH</sup> – 21 WITH 20 TAKING COMMUNION; 11<sup>TH</sup> – 30; 18<sup>TH</sup> – 22

PASTOR'S REPORT: WAS READ. LINDA CONDUCTED WEDDING CEREMONY FOR STEPHANIE ANN BLACK AND PATRICK SCOTT TAYLOR ON SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS WERE APPROVED WITH A MOTION BY APRIL AND SECOND BY ESTHER.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: WAS RECEIVED WITH THANKS TO DORIS.**

### **MINISTRY REPORTS:**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – REPORT WAS GIVEN. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN ON RALLY SUNDAY AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR TIMES WHEN DEE DEE IS NOT AVAILABLE. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STUDYING "THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY," TAUGHT BY LINDA AND LAURA. HOPE TO FIND SOMEONE TO TEACH ADULT CLASS FOR ADVENT STUDIES AND WOULD LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER A CHILDREN'S PLAY DURING ADVENT.

FELLOWSHIP: MOTION WAS APPROVED THAT CHAIRS OF MINISTRY TEAMS WILL SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOSTING (SETTING UP AND CLEANING AFTER) POTLUCK LUNCHEONS ON ROTATING SCHEDULE; MOTION MADE BY ESTHER AND SECOND BY APRIL.

MEMBER CARE: NO REPORT.

MISSION: NO MEETING.

PROPERTY: GRASS HAS BEEN SEEDED AND IS GROWING WELL. INCOME FROM WEDDING THIS MONTH WILL BE SEEN ON SEPTEMBER REPORTS.

STEWARDSHIP: APRIL WILL REVIEW THIS YEAR'S STATEMENTS TO DETERMINE FINANCIAL POSITION WITH RESPECT TO SAME TIME LAST YEAR. LETTER WILL BE SENT OUT TO CONGREGATION WITH RESULTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH STEWARDSHIP DRIVE.

WORSHIP: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.

THE MINISTRY REPORTS WERE APPROVED WITH A MOTION BY ESTHER AND SECOND BY APRIL.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **NOMINATING** COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CONTACTED AS A GROUP AND APRIL WILL FOLLOW UP WITH EACH MEMBER INDIVIDUALLY. COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL NEED TO REMAIN ACTIVE OR FIND REPLACEMENTS TO SERVE ON THE 2011-2012 COMMITTEE. GOAL OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS TO FIND REPLACEMENTS FOR THREE OUTGOING ELDERS. APRIL AND CANDICE ELECTED TO SERVE AS SESSION MEMBERS ON THE 2011-2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE; WILL VISIT WITH KAREN AT NEXT SESSION MEETING TO SEE IF SHE WANTS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE; MOTION FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MADE BY APRIL AND SECOND BY ESTHER.
- DIRECTORY HAS BEEN UPDATED BY ANGELA. TEMPORARY COPY WILL BE PRINTED FOR USE THROUGH DECEMBER. PROFESSIONALLY PRINTED DIRECTORIES WILL BE PRINTED AFTER NEW ELDERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED, HOPEFULLY TO BE HANDED OUT AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- BECKY MORRISON TO BE RECEIVED DURING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>; MOTION MADE BY CANDICE AND SECOND BY ESTHER.
- GUIDELINES FOR SERVING ON SESSION WILL BE DEVELOPED BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE. MAY BE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY FOR VOTE WITH HOPE THAT THEY CAN BE APPROVED BY SESSION IN A TIMELY FASHION FOR USE WHEN VISITING WITH POTENTIAL ELDER CANDIDATES.
- LINDA ATTENDED PRESBYTERY MEETING HELD IN SAN ANTONIO ON SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>. MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO THE PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT 10A. MISSION PRESBYTERY WILL VOTE ON THESE POSSIBLE RESPONSES AT OCTOBER MEETING.
- LINDA WILL ATTEND PRESBYTERY MEETING IN VICTORIA, TEXAS ON OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>. CANDICE ELECTED TO REPRESENT HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT THIS MEETING, WITH APRIL AS ALTERNATE; MOTION MADE BY ESTHER AND SECOND BY CANDICE.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED IN PRAYER BY LINDA AT 2:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:15 P.M.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:  
CANDICE PROSE

APPROVED BY:  
LINDA BOURIANOFF

# CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER



| Sunday                                                                         | Monday                    | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                  | Thursday                                | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------|----------|
|                                                                                |                           | 1<br>Food Pantry<br>11am-1pm  | 2                          | 3<br>April & Troy's<br>anniversary      | 4      | 5        |
| 6<br>Communion<br>Served                                                       | 7                         | 8<br>Food Pantry<br>11am-1pm  | 9                          | 10<br>Doris &<br>David's<br>anniversary | 11     | 12       |
| 13<br>Stewardship<br>Sunday<br>Session<br>meeting after<br>worship             | 14                        | 15<br>Food Pantry<br>11am-1pm | 16                         | 17                                      | 18     | 19       |
| 20<br>Thanksgiving<br>Luncheon<br>Elise's b'day<br>Anna & Tap's<br>anniversary | 21                        | 22<br>Food Pantry<br>11am-1pm | 23<br>Brian Ray's<br>b'day | 24                                      | 25     | 26       |
| 27<br>First Sunday<br>in Advent                                                | 28<br>Margaret's<br>b'day | 29<br>Food Pantry<br>11am-1pm | 30                         |                                         |        |          |
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O, give thanks to God for God is good,  
For God's steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

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**CLASS OF 2011**

APRIL KWON  
 ESTHER ROSALES  
 MONIQUE PAISLEY

**CLASS OF 2012**

JENIFER BOURIANOFF  
 KAREN LAFFERE

**CLASS OF 2013**

CANDICE PROSE

**CHURCHMOUSE EDITOR**

FLORENCE MCLEROY

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## PONDER A MOMENT THANKSGIVING MESSAGES FROM THE BIBLE

**PSALM 107:29-32** HE CAUSED THE STORM TO BE STILL, SO THAT THE WAVES OF THE SEA WERE HUSHED. THEN THEY WERE GLAD BECAUSE THEY WERE QUIET, SO HE GUIDED THEM TO THEIR DESIRED HAVEN. LET THEM GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HIS LOVINGKINDNESS, AND FOR HIS WONDERS TO THE SONS OF MEN! LET THEM EXTOL HIM ALSO IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE PEOPLE, AND PRAISE HIM AT THE SEAT OF THE ELDERS.

**JONAH 2:9** BUT I WILL SACRIFICE TO YOU WITH THE VOICE OF THANKSGIVING. THAT WHICH I HAVE VOWED I WILL PAY. SALVATION IS FROM THE LORD.”

**EPHESIANS 5:3-4** BUT IMMORALITY OR ANY IMPURITY OR GREED MUST NOT EVEN BE NAMED AMONG YOU, AS IS PROPER AMONG SAINTS; **4** AND *THERE MUST BE NO* FILTHINESS AND SILLY TALK, OR COARSE JESTING, WHICH ARE NOT FITTING, BUT RATHER GIVING OF THANKS.

**COLOSSIANS 2:6-7** THEREFORE AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, *SO* WALK IN HIM, HAVING BEEN FIRMLY ROOTED *AND NOW* BEING BUILT UP IN HIM AND ESTABLISHED IN YOUR FAITH, JUST AS YOU WERE INSTRUCTED, *AND OVERFLOWING* [WITH GRATITUDE.

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:18** IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

**1 TIMOTHY 4:4-5** FOR EVERYTHING CREATED BY GOD IS GOOD, AND NOTHING IS TO BE REJECTED IF IT IS RECEIVED WITH GRATITUDE; FOR IT IS SANCTIFIED BY MEANS OF THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER.

**HEBREWS 12:29-29** THEREFORE, SINCE WE RECEIVE A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN, LET US SHOW GRATITUDE, BY WHICH WE MAY OFFER TO GOD AN ACCEPTABLE SERVICE WITH REVERENCE AND AWE; FOR OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE.

THESE THANKSGIVING BIBLE VERSES ARE GREAT FOR READING BEFORE ANY PRAYER ON THANKSGIVING DAY.





