



Hyde Park Presbyterian Church **ChurchMouse** **January 2011**

Boxed

I must admit to a certain guilt
about stuffing the Holy Family into a
box

in the aftermath of Christmas.

It's frankly a time
of personal triumph when
each Advent's eve, I free them
(and the others)

from a year's imprisonment
boxed in the dark of our basement.

Out they come, one by one,
struggling through the straw,
last year's tinsel still clinging
to their robes.

Nevertheless, they appear,
ready to take their place again
in the light of another Christmas.

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There they are again,
Not a grand set surely,
But one the children
(and now the grandchildren)
can touch and move about
to reenact that silent night.

When the others return,
we will wind the music box
on the back of the stable
and light the advent candles
and go once more to Bethlehem.

**And this year, when it's time
to pack the figures away,
we'll be more careful
that the Peace and Goodwill
are not boxed for another year!**

Ann Weems

Thomas Troeger echoes Ann Weems' thought that the meaning of Christmas should not be boxed away when he says,

"It is the custom in most homes and churches that set up manger scenes to take them down after Christmas and store them until the season returns next year. Matthew's account of the Holy Family's trials suggest that this is wrong. Perhaps, we should put away the shepherds (Luke) because they returned to their fields, and put away the magi because they returned to their distant home, **but we should keep out Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just the three of them, all alone, facing the terrors of a brutal despot.** No visitors. No sheltering barn. No cuddly looking sheep. No friendly oxen. Then we should move the Holy Family to another location in our church or home. Perhaps to a window looking out on the wider world, the world where there is still violence and repression and terror, and where there are refugees fleeing, human beings in whom the Christ is crying to us for protection.

*As we begin 2011,
may each of us covenant
to celebrate every day
as Christmas
letting its message
of love and hope
guide our thoughts
and actions.
Blessed New Year!*



VOLUNTEER CALENDAR January 2011

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Children's Time	Communion
2	Ben/ Diego	Esther	Lisa	Linda	Setup: Angela Serve: Karen/Ben
9		Luncheon	Candice	Linda	
16		Luc/ Candice	Page	Lisa	
23		Jennifer T.	Tracy	Linda	
30	↓	Anna	Karen	Linda	

If you are unable to serve on the date assigned, please trade with someone on another date



Financial Report NOVEMBER 2010

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



Income \$5552.05 (Includes \$2275.05 for Holiday Market)
 Expenses \$4384.70
 Balance \$1167.35



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*Several c
 discontinued their food
 pantries.*

LIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH US.

~RECOMMENDED READING~

- *MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS*
- *INSIDE OF A DOG: WHAT DOGS SEE SMELL AND KNOW*
- *THE SECRET LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS*

NEW DATE & TIME

SESSION MEETS AT 2PM
JANUARY 16

NEW DATE & TIME

Adult Church School
Sunday morning
9:15AM

Jennifer & Tracy Tiemann



Children's Sunday School
January 9 & 23

Miss Lindsay

NEW NAME

AT THE DECEMBER
SESSION MEETING,
YOUR ELDERS
APPROVED A MOTION
TO RENAME
THE ANNEX
IN MEMORY OF MAVIS
BUCK.
THE ANNEX'S NEW NAME
IS

MAVIS' HOUSE.

NEW NAME



**Congregational
Meeting**

January 30

To receive annual
reports and approve
the pastor's package.

Immediately after
worship

JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday	3 Victoria Spilman's birthday	4 Food Pantry 11am-1pm	5	6	7	8
9 Adult Church School 9:15am; Children's Church 10:45am; Potluck after worship	10	11 Food Pantry 11AM-1PM	12	13	14	15
16 Adult Church School 9:15am; session meets 2PM in Wooten Hall	17	18 Food Pantry 11AM-1PM Molly Gray's birthday	19	20 Alex Zalles' birthday; Laura McAfee's birthday	21 Brandon Salinas' birthday	22
23 Church Mouse Deadline; Adult Church School 9:15am; Children's Church 10:45am	24	25 Food Pantry 11AM-1PM Lee Spilman's birthday	26	27	28 Maggie & James Albers' anniversary	29
30 Adult Church School 9:15am;	31					

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. Ex 15:18 KJV

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2010

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Linda Bourianoff, moderator. Present were: Moderator, Linda Bourianoff, Parish Associate, Amy Hanschen, Elders: Ben Rosales, Esther Rosales, April Kwon, and Karen Laffere. Absent: Jennifer Bourianoff and Elsa Aleman.

Diane Barnes and Angela Bourianoff were welcomed as new members. Both came to us by re-affirmation of faith. Ben made the motion to receive them as members and Karen seconded the motion.

The meeting was opened with a reading and discussion of Luke 21:5-19

The agenda was adopted with a motion by Ben and second by Esther.

Administrative Reports:

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the Session meeting of October 12th meeting were read and approved. The motion was made by Ben with the second by April.

There was no correspondence.

Worship Attendance: No report

Treasurer's Report: was received. Doris mentioned the need for an Audit of 2009 be done before the end of this year. April, Page and Laura will work on that.

Pastor's Report: was read

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

Ministry Reports:

Christian Education: The first children's Sunday school class was held with six children attending.

Fellowship: Thanksgiving luncheon is coming up. A sign-up sheet is in Wooten Hall.

Member Care: Esther sent 11 cards.

Property: No meeting

Stewardship: Some pledges have been received. Pledges can also be made on the website. A letter will send a letter to those who have not pledged after two weeks.

Worship: No meeting

The reports were received with Ben making the motion and the second by Esther.

Old Business:

New Business:

- The minutes of 2009 need to be submitted. Linda will meet with Laura about doing this.
- The meeting time for Session was changed to the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm beginning in January 2011.
- The Nominating committee has asked Esther Rosales and Candice Prose to become elders beginning 2011. Both have accepted.
- Linda reported that there are upcoming changes in the pastor's Terms of Call. The minimum salary has will be increased.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Amy at 9:05 pm.

Next meeting will be held on December 14th at pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Laffere, Clerk

Approved by: Linda Bourianoff, Moderator

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Elders:

Class of 2010:

El sa Al eman, Esther Rosal es, Ben Rosal es

Class of 2011

April Kwon

Class of 2012

Jennifer Bourianoff, Karen Laffere

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Florence Mc Leroy

Ponder a Delicious Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past -- have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing -- don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor. Anonymous