

Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
ChurchMouse
December 2010



Our Sanctuary floors

The floors in the sanctuary were recently refinished in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the church. During the process, we learned about the history of our wood floors.

The original part of our church building extends from the front pew to the entry doors. The floors in this area are a very unique and valuable pine floor from the Long Leaf pine trees. These trees have been extinct for almost 100 years and in order to make the wood for the flooring, the trees had to be 100-200 years old. There are still a few of these trees at the bottom of riverbeds. Since pine doesn't absorb water, loggers are being paid very high amounts to retrieve the trees to be utilized for the wood. If one could find the wood today, it would cost approximately \$400-\$500 per square yard. The owner of the company that refinished the floors said that it was the most beautiful floor that he had seen in his many years of working with wood floors.

The floors in the front of the church, which was an additional, are oak. Oak varies in color and in grain from the pine, and there is no way for the two floors to match; however, because they were left in their natural state when refinished and because of the placement of the pews, the difference in the floors is really not noticeable.

Karen Laffere



Volunteer Calendar December 2010

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Children's Time	Communion
5	Ben and Diego	Lisa	Luc	Linda	Setup: Karen Serve: Ben/Esther
12	Ben and Diego	Celebration of 100 years	Linda	Linda	
19	Ben and Diego	Rebecca	Doris	Lisa	
24	Christmas Eve Service				Setup: Esther/ Ben
26	Ben and Diego	Laura	George	Linda	

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

Financial Report October 2010

Income \$4132.20
Expenses \$4053.51
Balance \$ 78.69

Food Pantry

Between October 27 and
November 23,
__ people received HEB food
cards
and __ people received
groceries.

Thanks to all who support this
ministry.

*Several churches have
discontinued their food
pantries.*

***Please help if you can.
& noodles***

Chime Choir
Wednesdays
7PM



Chancel Choir
Thursdays
7PM

Adult Church School

Sunday morning
9:15AM

Jennifer & Tracy Tiemann



Children's Sunday School 10:45AM

Lindsay Conrad

DECEMBER 12 & 26

*Let the little children
come unto me.*



Ding-a-Lings
December 5
Morning Worship



**100th
Birthday
Party**
December 12
After worship



HPPC is not adopting a family this year as Manos is not organizing a Christmas Drive for Families. Yet, Christmas, the time when we give thanks for God's gift of the Christ Child, calls us to remember others. So we are asking those who can to support the HPPC Food Pantry by bringing items to stock its shelves which are being emptied quickly by people in need. Please bring your gift to the church.

**Session
meets
December 14
7PM
in Wooten Hall I**

Cantata
December 19
Morning Worship
Chancel Choir



Christmas Eve Service
7PM

Lessons and Carol s

April Kwon ~ piano,
Eugene Gratovich ~viol in,
Stephen Key ~ oboe

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Renovations

Over the past 16 months, Karen and Bennie have worked hard to beautify our church buildings and grounds as a gift to the church that we all love, and in memory of Karen's mom, Mavis Buck. The work is not quite yet finished, but they are getting close and hope that everyone is proud of and pleased with the renovations.



They are hoping that the renovations will carry our church into the next 100 years. For that to happen, everyone's help and cooperation is needed. We can provide both by cleaning up after ourselves, making sure that things are neat and clean before leaving, turning the thermostats up or down, the lights are off, and the doors are locked.

Together we can keep our church and grounds looking beautiful for many years to come

Please thank Karen and Bennie when you see them and be sure to do your part.

Blessings,
Linda



It's Advent time once again. Unlike the world's tic tock time, which rolls out Christmas earlier and earlier every year, Advent time, God's eternal now, moves slowly and purposely towards Christmas, and it does so by turning tic tock time on its head.

The season of Advent is filled with mystery, waiting, longing, hope, and if we approach it as anything else, we are the poorer for it. Advent invites us to look at Christmas not through the lens of tic tock time and the pursuit of the perfect gift but through the lens of God's eternal time, which is fluid and filled with possibility. It does this through the scripture readings for the four Sundays of Advent.

The gospel reading for the first Sunday of Advent promises us that Christ will come again to establish God's shalom in the world. The second Sunday's reading reminds us that God ordained Jesus' coming as a blessing for all people and creation. On the third Sunday, the gospel reading reassures us we can trust that Jesus is the one sent by God regardless of any doubts or fears we may have. The last Sunday of Advent invites us to kneel before the new-born king and lay before our very best gift, our hearts.

What time is it?

It's God's time as all time is ~

Time to get ready.

Christ has come;

Christ is come;

Christ will come again.

Glory hallelujah!

May all the blessings of the season be yours,

Linda



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy Birthday Bill Griebel ----- Chime Choir Practice 7pm	2 Chancel Choir Practice 7pm	3 Happy Birthday Alma Requejo	4
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY ----- CHANCEL CHOIR	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 WORSHIP LUNCHEON / BIRTHDAY PARTY After Worship	13	14 Happy Birthday Triana Aleman ----- Session 7pm	15 Happy Birthday Alice Mewis and Page White ----- Chime Choir Practice 7pm	16	17 Happy Birthday Bobby Spillman	18 Happy Birthday Debbie Michael
19 CHANCEL CHOIR 7PM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Happy Birthday Juan Zalles	29	30 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY George and Linda	31 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7PM	

*Happy
New Year!!
12.01 am*

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him 1 Col 2:6

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for October 12, 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.

The meeting was opened with a reading and discussion of Luke 18:-8.

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

Administrative Reports:

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the Session meeting of September 14th meeting were read and approved. The motion was made by April with the second by Ben.

Worship Attendance: 8/1- 17 with 16 taking Communion; 8/8- 17; 08/15-18; 08/22-22; 08/29-33; 09/5-39 with 37 taking

Communion; 09/12-25; 09/19-21; 09/26-25; 10/03-26 with 25 taking Communion; 10/10-19.

Correspondence:

- A letter was read from a person wanting to give flu shots to the congregation. It was voted not to do this.
- Information about "A Taste of Pilgrimage" was read and discussed.
- Doris brought up information about the Historical Society and guidelines. Ben will call the city to see if we can "opt out."

Treasurer's Report: was received

Pastor's Report: was read

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

Ministry Reports:

Christian Education: Jennifer Tiemann is teaching the adult class. Lindsey Conrad will be teaching the children

The 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning October 24th. Nothing showed up on her background check.

Fellowship: No meeting. The Thanksgiving luncheon is scheduled for November 21st.

Member Care: Esther sent 21 cards.

Property: There are still pews that need to be repaired. The sanctuary floors will be refinished beginning November 1st.

The congregation voted "no" to blinds in the sanctuary.

Stewardship: Linda presented information on a stewardship campaign entitled "Called, Challenged and Sent."

Worship: No meeting

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

Old Business: Holiday Market - Ideas for selling raffle tickets was discussed. Natalie and Angela will try to sell them outside of Randall's. The information will be put on the church Facebook page.

New Business:

- The Presbytery Meeting will be held at the Korean church on October 21-22. April agreed to attend. Esther made a motion to accept April as our delegate and it was seconded by Karen.
- Church Retreat: A letter was received from Kay Grant offering the congregation a free retreat at John Knox Ranch. Linda will contact her about the possibility of going in the spring.
- A congregational meeting was scheduled for October 24th to elect members to the Nominating Committee. The Elders for the committee will be April and Karen. A second congregational meeting will be held on November 14th to present the slate of new Elders to the congregation. A motion was made by Ben and seconded by Karen.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Amy at 9:15 PM.
Next meeting will be held on November 9th at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Laffere, Clerk
Moderator

Approved by: Linda Bourianoff,

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Elders:

Class of 2010:

Elsa Aleman

Esther Rosales

Ben Rosales

Class of 2011

April Kwon

Class of 2012

Jennifer Bourianoff

Karen Laffere

ChurchMouse Editor

Florence Mc Leroy

Some Inspirational Christmas Messages to Ponder

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

Roy L. Smith

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas.

Peg Bracken

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. *Burton Hills*

“My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?”

Bob Hope

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves.

Eric Sevareid.