



Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
ChurchMouse
June 2011

_____ **Summer begins June 21** _____

Live in community with us.

**The question is,
"Do we ever celebrate the death of another human being?"**

We all have a story to tell about 9/11 ~ where we were, what we were doing, how it affected us. Our stories impacted then and continue to impact now, our lives and responses following that fateful event. When President Obama made the late night announcement that Osama bin Laden had been killed, I was sorely conflicted, filled with a jumble of competing thoughts and emotions. I knew that bin Laden's death would not bring back the people who had died, and I hoped that it might make others think twice about following in bin Laden's footsteps. The former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, expressed some of what I was feeling when he said,

"There is some satisfaction and relief that bin Laden has been caught and brought to justice. The desire for revenge is there; it's not noble, yet it's there, and it's human." But, the images I saw the next day of people dancing in the streets pushed me to clarify my thinking.

The question is, "Do we ever celebrate the death of another human being?" Or to put it more succinctly, "Do Christians, whose leader forgave the very ones who put him to death, ever celebrate the death of another human being?" We each have to answer that question for ourselves. My answer is, "No." The death of someone like bin Laden may be necessary to prevent greater harm. It may be the lesser of two evils, but it should never be done callously or joyfully. If such an action is undertaken, it should be done "with profound thoughtfulness and deep humility,"*and solely for the purpose of securing justice. *(Rev. David J Risendal, *One Little Word*, 5.8.11). As President Obama said in his address that night,

"To say that force is sometimes necessary is not a call to cynicism – it is a recognition of history; (a recognition of) the imperfections of man and the limits of reason."

the death of any human being, regardless of how she or he is judged by the world, deserves both our deepest and best reflection and the recognition that each of us is called to work for peace and justice and the common good of all people. If we focus on those things, we will rightfully dance in the streets each and every time people's lives are made better.



Volunteer Calendar June 2011

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Children's Time	Communion
5	Ben/ Diego	Doris	Anna	Linda	Setup: Esther Serve: Monique & Candice
12	Ben/ Diego	Luncheon	Laura	Monique	
19	Ben/ Diego	April	Luc	Lisa	Lisa
26	Ben/ Diego	Lisa	Doris	Linda	

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



Financial Report April 2011

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Income \$4056.95
 Expenses \$ 4344.88
 Balance \$ **287.93**



Food Pantry

Between March 23 AND April 26, 15 people received food.
 Thanks to the generosity of a member, 2 people received \$25 HEB food cards.
Your help is needed and appreciated



PotLuck June 12



Summertime signals
it's time for lighter fare
for PotLucks.
Salads, sandwiches,
and sweet treats
make everyone smile.

Adult Church School Sunday morning

9:15AM

Jennifer & Tracy



THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES

JOIN THE GROUP HERE AT HPPC
THAT HAS COMMITTED TO READING
THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR.

WANT MORE INFO?

CONTACT JENNIFER TIEMANN AT
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**RECEPTION
for Graduating Seniors**

Nataly King and Angela Bourianoff

June 5th

After Worship

be there or be square.



FATHER'S DAY

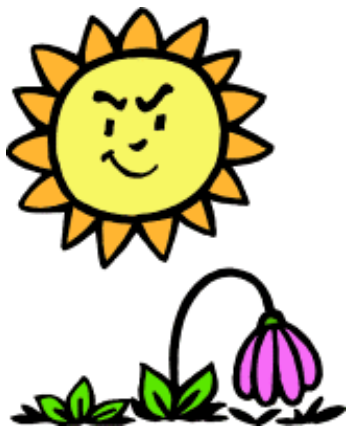
**FATHER'S DAY
RECEPTION**

**WORLD'S
GREATEST
Dad**

A gold medal with a red ribbon is positioned to the right of the word "GREATEST".

JUNE 19TH

**PLAN ON BEING THERE TO CELEBRATE
THE MEN
WHO HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE.**



JUNE 2011

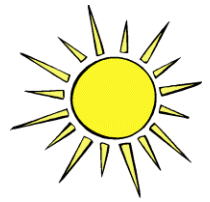
**YOUR PLANTS DEPEND
ON YOU
FOR A REFRESHING DRINK.**

Don't forget about them.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CE meeting Don Bobb's birthday	2	3	4
5 Alyssa Casillas- Michael's birthday	6	7	8	9 Frances Willey's birthday	10	11
12 PotLuck Elsa Aleman's birthday	13 Michelle & Juan's anniversary	14	15	16 Diego Rosales' birthday	17 Presbytery Meeting Kerrville	18 Presbytery meeting Kerrville
19 Karen & Bennie Laffere's anniversary Father's Day	20 Lisa Terbay's & Herbie Rosales' birthdays	21	22 Terry Nelson's birthday	23	24	25
26 Session meets 2PM	27 Doris Lowe's birthday	28	29	30 Bennie Laffere's birthdy		



April Session Minutes



A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Moderator, Linda Bourianoff.

Present were: 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 Matthew 28:1-10

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

Administrative Reports:

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes: The minutes from the Session meeting of March 27, 2011 were read. One correction was noted.
- Correspondence: no correspondence
- Worship Attendance: was not available

Pastor's Report: was read.

- Linda reported that the Presbyteries across the country have been and are voting on Amendment 10-A, which if passed allows sessions and presbyteries, as they have in earlier times, be bodies that determine if a person has the gifts and talents to serve their church as an elder or ordained minister. The amendment will allow persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender to explore their sense of call and give them full inclusion in the church. At this time, it appears that the amendment will pass.
- Linda will be gone July 13-26, August 7-12, and August 22-31. Jennifer Tieman will preach July 17th, July 24th and August 28th.

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: 15 cards were sent out by Esther

Property:

- Bennie doesn't think that we need to continue the Terminex agreement, but instead to have the buildings checked on an annual basis.
- Bronze plaques were installed on Mavis House and Wooten Hall. A new directional sign is also in place.
- Bennie has purchased a new aluminum ladder for the church.
- We have a new group meeting in Wooten Hall on Mondays and Thursday and noon and at 6:30. It is Hyde Park Taekwondo.
- Karen reminded everyone to clean up Wooten Hall after refreshments as we have groups meeting in the building throughout the week.

Stewardship: will meet this week

Worship: will meet in May

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

Old Business:

- Shred day will be May 7th from 10-12. Karen will ask Lindsey to post the information on the website and on Facebook. Candice will put it on Craigslist. Linda is having a sign and flyers made.
- Mother's Day: we still need more people to speak about their mothers.

New Business:

- Presbytery meeting June 17-18. Candice has agreed to go with Linda.
- The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 3:45 p.m. with a motion by April and a second by Candice.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Laffere, Clerk

Approved by:

Linda Bourianoff, Moderator

New Elder, Candice Prose, will be the elder commissioner to the June 17-18th Presbytery meeting in Kerrville.



Former APTS student and associate member, Debbie Garber, has been called to be the associate pastor for Pastoral Care at Central Presbyterian Church in Eugene, Oregon, starting June 1. She will be ordained later in the month.



Congratulations to newlyweds Monique & Sam Paisley who were married at HPPC May 21st.



Steven did an incredible job as ring bearer. Way to go, Steven!



We have a new group meeting in Wooten Hall on Mondays & Thursdays. **Hyde Park Tae Kwon Do** offers classes to people of all ages including children and families. To thank you for the use of our space, they are offering a reduced rate to our members of \$29/monthly. If you are interested, please contact Chad Johnson at www.ssugraphics@gmail.com.

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Elders:

Class of 2011

April Kwon

Esther Rosales

Monique Navarro

Class of 2012

Jennifer Bourianoff,

Karen Laffere

Class of 2013

Candice Prose

ChurchMouse Editor

Florence McLeroy

PRECIOUS THOUGHTS TO PONDER

There is a voice inside of you that whispers all day long:
I feel that this is right for me, I know that this is wrong.
No Teacher, Preacher, Parent, Friend or Wise Man can decide
What is right for you - Just listen to the voice that speaks inside.

All the Woulda-Coulda-Shouldas laying in the sun,
Talking about the things they woulda-coulda-shoulda done.
But all those woulda-coulda-shouldas all ran away and hid
From One Little Did.

I will not play tug of war. I'd rather play hug of war.
Where everyone hugs instead of tugs,
Where everyone giggles and rolls on the rug,
Where everyone kisses, and everyone grins,
And everyone cuddles, and Everyone Wins.

If you are a dreamer, come in. If you are a dreamer, a wisher,
A liar, a hoper, a prayer, a magic-bean-buyer,
If you are a pretender, come sit by my fire, for we have some flax-golden tales to spin.
Come in! Come in!

Shel Silverstein