



HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2018 Church Mouse



In the News

Linda asked that the following letter be shared with everyone in the Church Mouse.

June 18, 2018

Dear Friends,

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to God for you . . . for you have a special place in my heart. It was a joy and a blessing to be your pastor for a decade and a half. That joy and blessing reached its apex on my last day with you. You filled the day with such joy and love I felt embraced and lifted up by each of you and all of you.

Thank you for making that day beautiful in every way. Thank you for the bountiful reception and the book of memories. Thank you for the delicious cake and glorious flowers. Thank you for the James Avery jubilant heart necklace, which is an exquisite reminder that our hearts are knit together in Christ's love.

Memories of that day are securely tucked away in my heart. The memory book is placed on a table where I can easily get to it. Each time I wear the necklace, I will remember our blessed time together. You are my dear friends, my brothers and sisters in Christ, my colleagues in ministry. May God be with each of you until we meet again.

*Love,
Linda*

Church Needs

We are still in need of everyone's help as additional responsibilities continue to be discovered. Some ways to help are:

- Donating food to the food pantry, providing a monetary donation to a member who purchases the food for that purpose or volunteering your time
- Bringing kitchen or cleaning supplies if you notice they are running low
- Spreading the word about our church and inviting others to join us in worship
- Lending a hand with cleaning up after refreshments, luncheons or communion



Giving of one's self is rewarding and part of what our faith teaches us all to do.



Monthly Giving Report



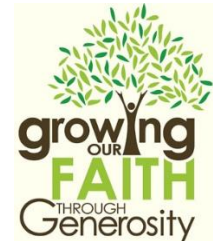
Volunteer Calendar August 2018

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Communion
5	Ben & Diego	Laura	Ben	Setup: Karen Serve: Ben & Karen
12	Ben & Diego	Luncheon	Thomas	
19	Ben & Diego	Melissa	Karen	
26	Ben & Diego	Emily	Emily	

*If you are unavailable to serve on the date listed above, please make arrangements with someone to fill in for you.

Financial Report

July 1-July 22	
Income:	\$2676
Expenses:	Not available
Total:	



Thank you for your generous contributions as we continue to build for our future.

Food Pantry



As you give thanks for God's many blessings, please remember those who are hungry and in need. Your thoughtful donations are greatly appreciated as we provide groceries to our neighbors.

Between July 3 & July 24 11 people received groceries.

"Truly I tell you, 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:4



AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Luke Tapsak's Birthday	2 Jane King's Birthday	3	4
5 Friendship Day Nat'l Sister Day	6	7	8	9	10	11 Anna Tapsak's Birthdays
12 Luncheon Kimberly Wyatt's Birthday Int'l Youth Day	13 Int'l Left-Handers' Day	14	15	16	17	18
18 Session Meeting	20 Religious Coalition Sam Paisley's Birthday	21 Religious Coalition Cecilia Berner's Birthday	22	23 Thomas Terbay's Birthday	24	25
26 Kaylee Cretsinger & Will Bailey's Birthday Nat'l Dog Day	27	28	29	30	31	



Bring a friend for great food and conversation on **AUGUST 12TH!**



Childrens' Church is each Sunday following Childrens' time.



Kickoff Sunday is **SEPTEMBER 12TH**. Join us as we begin the new season of classes and programs!



In the Spotlight

We worship together but there are many things we don't know about one another. Each month, we will get to know some of our congregants better.

Emily Rochford Eyob



I was born and raised in El Paso, TX and loved every minute of border life. Being raised in El Paso gave me a unique sense of community and let me appreciate people from all different cultural backgrounds. I grew up as the middle daughter of three girls, in an artistic family. My father is a bass player, and restaurant owner and my mother is a portrait painter. Unfortunately, in middle school, my parents divorced, but a blessing that came from the divorce was that we added many wonderful family members to our crew! I am now fortunate to have an amazing step-mother and step-father, four step-brothers and a step-sister (not to mention four nieces and three nephews!) We are a very tightknit family and we love each other dearly!

After high school, I lived for two years in New Mexico and then transferred to Boston, MA to attend university at Simmons College. I graduated from Simmons with a BA in History and an MA in Education. In Boston, I met the love of my life, Hosea Eyob, in 2010. He had arrived as a refugee from Eritrea, just three years earlier and we immediately hit it off. Despite our very different backgrounds, we had an amazing amount in common, including future goals, personal values, political beliefs, and background as border kids.

After graduating college and backpacking Europe, I moved to Austin to become a teacher. Hosea soon followed. I spent a year working for the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and then went to work at Westwood High School for six years, teaching World History, United States History, and A.P. Psychology. In 2011, we also joined Hyde Park Presbyterian Church and have felt very blessed to be part of this community!

In January, Hosea and I found out we were pregnant with our first child. After much deliberation, I decided to leave my job at Westwood and have taken a position as an Operations Director for two community magazines, which will give me the opportunity to stay home with our little girl. We are very excited about this new chapter and can't wait to share the joy of our little one with the Hyde Park community.

Monique Paisley



My name is Monique Paisley and I have been a member at Hyde Park since I was seven years old. I am a teaching assistant in special education at Hill Elementary. Beyond and before my job, I am a full time mom, wife, volunteer, aunt, sister, and daughter and I live each day for my family. I am a mom to an amazing young man, my fourteen year old son, Steven. Steven is the beat of my heart. I am married to an extraordinary man, Sam Paisley. Sam is truly my other half and the other beat of my heart. My happiest times are when I am with my family. My son is very active in sports, volunteering, and academics so Sam and I are always on the go cheering him on. When I am not wearing all my hats, I enjoy reading, puzzles, and time with friends. Lastly, I am inspired daily by my son, my nephew Aiden, my husband, and my mom. Each day they teach me LOVE, STRENGTH, COURAGE, and FAITH. Who could ask for anything more in this life!



Church Happenings



June Session Highlights

- Doris reported that giving is down this summer.
- The following was discussed with Monica Smith, who is from the Committee on Ministry and is helping with the process of finding a new pastor:
 1. She reported that a stated supply position can be converted to an installed pastor position with $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Presbytery. There is no penalty from the Board of Pensions.
 2. She brought a draft of a job description for a new pastor. After changes were made by the session, Monica will update and email the amended description to the session members.
 3. The session will meet with Monica on July 1st following the worship service to finalize the job description for the new pastor.
 4. Once the final description of the position is approved by the session at the July session meeting, Monica will post the notice on the Presbytery, Seminary and Board of Pensions websites.
- The Food Pantry was addressed:
 1. A \$600 donation was given to provide food
 2. Ann typed a list of guidelines for volunteers to follow.
 3. Volunteers are still needed both for donations of time and supplies.
- We have asked to be a part of the Hyde Park Historical Homes Tour in November. The session voted to participate in the tour.

Pastoral Search

The search for a new pastor officially began on July 19th and we have received two Pastor Information Forms to date. The process will take some time as we search for the perfect match for our congregation. We have been blessed with pastors who have given more than what was required, become lifelong friends and helped the church flourish. It is because of those reasons that our new leader must be a very special individual.



Some who are preaching in the interim are looking for full-time positions while others fill in when available at churches in need.

Aside from the criterion being met, an important part of this process is fulfilling the hopes and wants of the congregation. If there is anything in particular you would like in our next pastor, please let one of the elders know.



For your Enjoyment



Below are a few thoughts to ponder from Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*.

“You can get lost on your way home. You can get lost looking for love. You can get lost between jobs. You can get lost looking for God. However it happens, take heart. Others before you have found a way in the wilderness, where there are as many angels as there are wild beasts, and plenty of other lost people too. All it takes is one of them to find you. All it takes is you to find one of them. However it happens, you could do worse than to kneel down and ask a blessing, remembering how many knees have kissed this altar before you.”

“Human beings may separate things into as many piles as we wish—separating spirit from flesh, sacred from secular, church from world. But we should not be surprised when God does not recognize the distinctions we make between the two. Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our shins on altars.”

“Wisdom is not gained by knowing what is right. Wisdom is gained by practicing what is right, and noticing what happens when that practice succeeds and when it fails. Wise people do not have to be certain what they believe before they act. They are free to act, trusting that the practice itself will teach them what they need to know.”

Bet You Didn't Know...

Following are some interesting things you might not know about August:

August 2, 1776 – The official signing of the Declaration of Independence took place.

August 5, 1914 – Cleveland, Ohio installed the first electric traffic light in the country.

August 10, 1948 – *Candid Camera* debuted on TV after being on the radio for a year as *Candid Microphone*.

August 12, 1981 – The IBM Personal Computer was released.

August 15, 1965 – The Beatles played at Shea Stadium in New York. It was the first major rock concert.

August 21, 1911 – The *Mona Lisa* was stolen by a Louvre employee. It was returned in 1913.

August 24, 1932 – Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the U.S. non-stop.

August 30, 1836 – The city of Houston was founded by Augustus and John Allen.

August 31, 1897 – Thomas Edison received his patent for his Kinetoscope, the first movie projector.

