

# HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CHURCHMOUSE



### ***LIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH US.***

Dear Friends,

#### **Pentecost is coming!**



On May 15, Christians here in the United States and around the world will celebrate Pentecost, which comes every year 50 days after Easter. On the first Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were waiting for the gift Jesus had promised would be given before his crucifixion. Suddenly, a mighty wind blew through the room and fell on the disciples gathered there. It was the Spirit of God come to empower the disciples to share Jesus' message of love and forgiveness, to share the good news.

#### **Pentecost still happens.**

The presence and power of the Spirit of God enlivens us to live as faithful followers of Jesus and binds us together as God's people in Christ's church. God bestows these gifts so we can witness to God's love and forgiveness as revealed by Jesus.

#### **We want to experience God's power in our lives, don't we?**

Don't many of our prayers speak to that very issue? We ask for more ~ more love, more forgiveness, more patience, more humility, more of whatever it is we think we have too little of. Perhaps, we ask blindly without fully realizing the fierce power stirred up the disciples that first Pentecost. We want God's power, but we want it a little tamer, something

we can control. We want to be able to use the power to do what we think needs to be done, not have the power use us. We don't want the power of God to control us. We don't want the Spirit of God to disrupt our lives and toss us into the unknown.

#### **Thank goodness the Spirit is free**

**and blows through the wilderness of our lives.**

Thank goodness the power of God opens mouths and loosens tongues and unstops ears and calls people from every nation under heaven to faith. Thank goodness the Spirit sets our hearts on fire and gives us a story to tell and creates bold and fearless witnesses of God's mighty acts in Christ. Thank goodness we are the Easter people become the Pentecost people! Shalom, Linda



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## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR MAY 2016

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Children's Time	Communion
1	Ben/ Diego	Laura	Laura	Linda	Setup: Monique Serve: Monique/Elsa
8	Ben/ Diego	Elsa	Elsa	Linda	
15	Ben/ Diego	<b>Luncheon</b>	Emily	Ann	
22	Ben/ Diego	Ben/ Esther	George	Linda	
29	Ben/ Diego	Eugenie	Thomas	Linda	

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON THE DATE SHOWN,  
PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



February 2016  
Income \$4364.81  
Expenses \$5252.44  
Total **\$ 887.63**

March 2016  
Income \$5388.40  
Expenses \$3850.24  
Total **\$1538.16**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.**



### FOOD PANTRY

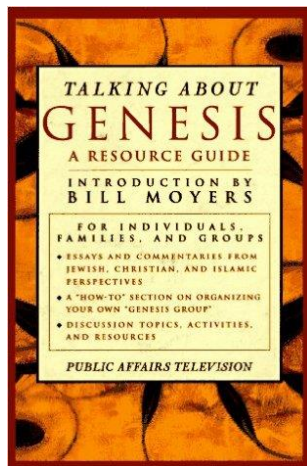
BETWEEN JANUARY 30 AND MARCH 22

**6** PEOPLE RECEIVED GROCERIES.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

**AS YOU GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S MANY BLESSINGS,  
PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEEDY AND BE GENEROUS.**

*"TRULY I TELL YOU,  
'WHATEVER YOU DID  
FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE,  
YOU DID FOR ME. "'*



**ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL  
SUNDAY MORNING  
9:30AM**

**Discussion led  
by**

**Emily**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
EACH SUNDAY  
AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME.  
MISS EUGENIE  
& MISS MONIQUE  
TEACH THIS CLASS.**



**SESSION  
MEETS**

**May 15**

**MONTHLY  
POTLUCK  
MAY 15**

**BRING A FRIEND  
AND MAKE YOUR JOY  
COMPLETE.**





**CINCO DE MAYO ~ MAY 5**

**MOTHER'S DAY ~ MAY 8**



**PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ MAY 15**

**MEMORIAL DAY ~ MAY 30**

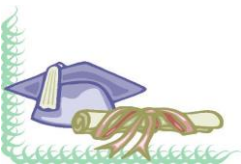


**MAY 1 NATALY**  
**MAY 2 EMILY**  
**MAY 19 ANAIS**  
**MAY 25 REID**

**MAY 21 MONIQUE & SAM**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Lord's Supper May Day Nataly's b'day	22 Emily's b'day Brothers & Sisters Day	3	4	5 Ascension of the Lord Nat'l . Day of Prayer	6 Clergy Day	7
8 Mother's Day VE Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Pot Luck Session meets PENTECOST	16	17	18	19 Anais' b'day	20	21 Monique and Sam's anniversary
22	23	24	25 Reid's b'day	26	27	28
29	30	31	27	28	29	30





## Stated Session Meeting Minutes February 21, 2016

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order in Wooten Hall at 12:00 p.m. by Moderator, Linda Bourianoff. Present were: Moderator, Linda Bourianoff, and Elders: Elsa Aleman, George Bourianoff, Monique Paisley and Emily Rochford.

Also present were: Treasurer, Doris Lowe and Clerk of Session, Karen Laffere and Thomas Terbay. Thomas expressed his desire to join the church by reaffirmation of faith. He was welcomed by the session members.

The meeting was opened with prayer. Isaiah 55:1-9 was read and discussed.

The agenda was adopted with a motion by George with a second by Elsa.

**Treasurer's Report:** for November and January were received with thanks to Doris.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: None

Worship Numbers: January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 19 (with 18 taking communion)

January 10<sup>th</sup> - 22

January 17<sup>th</sup> - 15

January 24<sup>th</sup> - 20

January 31<sup>st</sup> - 33

Pastor's Report: was read.

The Administrative reports were approved with a motion by George with a second by Emily.

### **Ministry Reports:**

Christian Education: The adult has been studying "What Wondrous Love," during Lent.

Fellowship:

- Fifteen people attended the Pancake Supper.
- Luncheons: Monique would like for each team take turns hosting the luncheons. She will make out a schedule.
- She is also reworking the supply list.
- The Easter egg hunt will be held at 9:30 am on Easter morning.
- Monique would like to have activities for the youth.

Membership Care: Esther sent out 11 cards in January.

Mission: Emily has several ideas for mission projects.

- Letters to Eritrea
- Well building through the Rotary Club.
- Fairy God Mother Project which collects dresses, costume jewelry, etc. for the underprivileged.

Property:

- Ben's concerns about the Open Carry signs was discussed. The session voted to leave the signs in place as they are. The motion was made by Emily with a second by George.
- Karen will add a phrase in the building use agreement and wedding agreement about open carry.

Stewardship and Finance: no report.

Worship: no report.

The ministry reports were approved with a motion by Elsa with a second by Emily.

**Old Business:**

- The statistical report was filed in January. Total membership 59 before Thomas joined.
- Monique Paisley was installed on February 14, 2016.

**New Business:**

- Presbytery meeting will be held on February 25-26 in San Antonio. George will attend with Linda.
- Linda will be on vacation in Quebec March 13-20. Ann Brizendine will preach in her absence on Palm Sunday.
- Amplify Austin, which gives money to non-profit organizations in Austin will be Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Micah 6 is one of the organizations that can be designated to receive donations by those who wish to contribute.
- No session meeting in March. Next meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>.
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A motion to adjourn was made by Elsa with a second by Monique.  
The meeting was closed in prayer at 1:40 p.m.,

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Laffere, Clerk of Session

Approved by:

Linda Bourianoff, Moderator

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**CLASS OF 2016**  
ELSA ALEMAN  
GEORGE BOURIANOFF  
MONIQUE PAISLEY  
EMILY ROCHFORD

**CLERK OF SESSION**  
KAREN LAFFERE




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*Ponder God's Grandeur revealed by the Holy Spirit*

*God's Grandeur*  
*Gerald Manely Hopkins*

*The world is charged with the grandeur of God.*

*It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.  
And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.*