



# HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## June 2023 Church Mouse



Dear HPPC Family,

I have been thinking a lot about transitions. It is the right time of year. Graduations from high school and college, ending school years and starting summer adventures. At our house we are transitioning into full-time summer camp life. I know many in our church have started new jobs or are looking for new opportunities. Some are packing up homes and creating home in a new place. Some are watching as babies become toddlers and toddlers become big kids. This is certainly a time of transition.

Really, we go through transitions our whole life. I read a book when I was doing my chaplaincy residency called *The Way of Transition: Embracing Life's Most Difficult Moments*, by William Bridges. This book highlighted the fact that whether you choose it, or it is thrust upon you, change brings both opportunities and turmoil. The author leans on both personal and professional experience to help the reader understand three stages of any transition: The Ending, The Neutral Zone and eventually, The New Beginning. I remembered a certain quote, so I had to go back and find it:

“Through loyalty to the past, our mind refuses to realize that tomorrow’s joy is possible only if today’s makes way for it; that each wave owes the beauty of its line only to the withdrawal of the receding one.”

- André Gide

Life can be complicated, and change can be hard, but there is beauty and joy to be found if we are willing to look for it and see it.

I pray you can find comfort and hope in God’s promise to be with us through it all. I also pray you find hope in this community who is always ready to listen, support and cheer you on through any change and challenge.

May God bless you and keep you today and everyday...through every change and transition.  
Peace to you all,  
Emily



# Monthly Giving Report



## Volunteer Calendar June 2023

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Communion
4	Jack & Ross	Kathryn	Karen	Set Up: Emily O. Serve: Elsa & Karen
11	Jack & Ross	<b>Luncheon</b>	Ann B.	
18	Jack & Ross	Emily Eyob	Emily Eyob	
25	Jack & Ross	Anna	Anna	

## Financial Report



It is through the seeds of faith that we grow.

April 2023	
Plate Income:	<b>\$7,178.00</b>
Expenses:	<b>\$5,393.67</b>
Total:	<b>\$1,784.33</b>



Thriving through Prayer, Service & Generosity.

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 donations are greatly appreciated as we provide groceries to our neighbors.

Between May 2nd and May 30th, 27 people received groceries.

## Keeping in Touch

Since the directory has last been updated, people have moved and changed phone numbers and emails. Keeping in contact is very important. It allows everyone to know how to attend church service via Zoom invitations if you can't visit in person. You also will receive the monthly Newsletter and be kept informed about special services and events.

Please send any changes to Karen Laffere via email at [karfre@aol.com](mailto:karfre@aol.com) or to Lindsey Laffere at [lindseylaffere@gmail.com](mailto:lindseylaffere@gmail.com)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 World Environment Day	3 Fran Gibb's Birthday
4 HOB Nat'l Cancer Survivor's Day	5	6 Food Pantry	7 Grace Recovery	8 Nat'l Best Friends Day	9	10
11 Luncheon Nat'l Children's Day	12 Lia Eyob's Birthday	13 Food Pantry	14 Grace Recovery Flag Day	15 Elsa Aleman's Birthday	16 Diego Rosales' Birthday	17 Henry & Emily Owen's Anniversary
18 ASH Father's Day	19 Karen & Bennie Laffere's Anniversary Juneteenth	20 Food Pantry Lisa Terbay & Herbie Rosales' Birthdays	21 Grace Recovery First Day of Summer	22	23 Henry & Sophia Ramirez's Birthdays	24
25 Session	26	27 Food Pantry Doris Lowe's Birthday	28 Grace Recovery	29	30 Bennie Laffere's Birthday Jeff & Cara Cotham's Anniversary	



Our planet needs protection. Do your part to preserve our surroundings for the future on World Environment Day on **JUNE 2ND!**



Let the one person (aside from family) who means the most know how special they are on National Best Friends Day on **JUNE 8TH!**



Get ready for warmer temperatures, fun in the sun and relaxation as summer officially begins on **JUNE 21ST!**



# The Meaning of Dads



As the saying goes, “Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.” While maybe not as doting as moms, their love, guidance, and support are irreplaceable. Following are some quotes about just how special and impactful dads are:

“A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.”

Unknown

“My father didn’t tell me how to live. He lived and let me watch him do it.”

Clarence Kelland

“When my father didn’t have my hand, he had my back.”

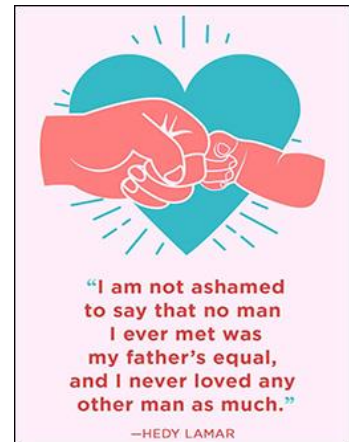
Linda Poindexter

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person. He believed in me.”

Jim Valvano

“Dads are the most ordinary men, turned into heroes.”

Pam Brown



“A father is someone that you can always look up to no matter how tall you grow.”

Unknown



“I talk and talk and talk, and I haven’t taught people in 50 years what my father taught me by example in one week.”

Maria Cuomo Cole

“All of my friends are worried about turning into their fathers. I am worried, I am not.”

Dan Zevin

“My dear father; my dear friend; the best and wisest man I ever knew, who taught me many lessons and showed me many things as we went together along the country by-ways.”


Sarah Orne Jewett

“Daddy, thanks for being my hero, chauffeur, financial support, listener, life mentor, friend, guardian and simply being there every time I need a hug.”

Agatha L.



# Poems to Honor Dads





**SILENT, STRONG  
DAD**

He never looks for praises  
He's never one to boast  
He just goes on quietly working  
For those he loves the most  
His dreams are seldom spoken

His wants are very few  
And most of the time his worries  
Will go unspoken too  
He's there... A firm foundation  
Through all our storms of life  
A sturdy hand to hold to  
In times of stress and strife  
A true friend we can turn to  
When times are good or bad  
One of our greatest blessings.  
The man that we call Dad.

— Karen K. Boyer



To my Father because I love you	
<b>F</b>	For always being there when I need you,
<b>A</b>	And making me smile when I cry,
<b>T</b>	The steadfast belief I can succeed,
<b>H</b>	Has come from you helping me try,
<b>E</b>	Everytime I need a hug, or help to get through the days,
<b>R</b>	Reaching out for me is your hand and heart, loving me ALWAYS.


## My Father

**F- Faithful and true**  
**A- Always there to guide you**  
**T- Teaches you right things and to do no wrong**  
**H- His counsels are my songs**  
**E- Ever firm in imparting his ideals and principles**  
**R- Ready to catch me each time I fall**

My father was, is and always will be,  
 An impeccable stature of heroism and cavalry;  
 He never fails to show his love for me,  
 His arms are my shelter and felicity.

Happy Fathers' day!  
 Won't take a miss to greet you today.  
 For the rest of my days I'll honor you Dad,  
 I promise to keep you proud and glad.

## Happy Father's Day



## I Love You, Dad

Your arms are my shelter  
 Assuring me that it will be better  
 Your hand is my comfort  
 Lifting me up when I fall short.

Your voice makes me strong  
 Teaching me what's right and wrong  
 Your smile says it all  
 Father, I Love you more than all.

## Happy Father's Day!