



HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2023 Church Mouse



Dear HPPC Family,

It is back-to-school time! Perhaps not all of you live in the chaos of gathering school supplies and making sure your kid's tennis shoes still have the rubber soles attached, but nonetheless...we all experience this busy time of year. Traffic patterns will surely change and we will have to time our grocery store runs to avoid the after-school rush. What a gift it is that we live in a place where education is provided for our young people!

Education is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition. From Calvin's Geneva to John Knox's dictum for all of Scotland, "a school in every parish," to America and all parts of the world, education has been and continues to be a central feature of Presbyterian/ Reformed ministry. (*from presbyterianmission.org) Education can change lives and give children a safe space to spend their days while they learn skills that can alter the trajectory of their future.

Mission Presbytery's motto is, "We are Better Together!" We may not make a giant impact as individuals or even as a small church, but isn't it true that doing something is better than doing nothing at all? We have been invited to join San Gabriel Presbyterian Church in Georgetown in supporting PC(USA) missionaries Jeff and Christi Boyd and their work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As part of their work, they seek to place children who have been orphaned into safe homes with family members. To support these family members, they depend on scholarships of \$120 per student which pays school fees, school supplies, food while at school, and uniforms for an entire year! You do not have to give \$120 to participate. You can give whatever you are able and together we combine our gifts to support scholarships for these beloved children of God on the other side of the world. Stay tuned for more information on how to give and we will keep you updated on the children who benefit from this wonderful program and on the good work the Boyds are doing.

When I was in college, our college ministry motto was "God gave us brains and expects us to use them!" I think this is true of our hands and hearts and feet and mouths and ears, etc. God gave each of us so many gifts. Let us join together in sharing these gifts with the world. And let us never stop learning. May we stay curious and seek ways to make the world a better place for ourselves and for the many generations who will come after us!

May it be so!

With love,

Emily



Monthly Giving Report



Volunteer Calendar August 2023

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Communion
6	Jack & Ross	Kathryn	Kathryn	Set Up: Elsa Serve: Elsa & Karen
13	Jack & Ross	Luncheon	Alan	
20	Jack & Ross	Ann & Gary	Ann	
27	Jack & Ross	Emily & Henry	Henry	

Financial Report



It is through the seeds of faith that we grow.

July 2023	
Plate Income:	\$4,375.24
Expenses:	\$4,244.88
Total:	\$129.88



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 July 4th and July 25th, 20 people received groceries.

National Nonprofit Day

National Nonprofit Day recognizes the efforts of nonprofit organizations to serve local communities. They provide services such as food, clothing, and necessities to those who need assistance. We do so through our weekly food pantry and annual Holiday Market.

Part of being stewards is giving of our time, talents, and resources. It is not just annually on August 17th when National Nonprofit Day is celebrated but every day. Your assistance is appreciated so we can continue doing our part to serve our neighbors in need.



AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Luke Tapsak's Birthday	2 Jane King's Birthday	3	4	5
6 Friendship Day Nat'l. Sister Day	7 Purple Heart Day	8 Food Pantry Int'l. Cat Day	9 Book Lovers Day World Indigenous Peoples Day	10	11 Anna Tapsak's Birthday	12 Int'l. Youth Day
13 Luncheon Jeff Cotham's Birthday	14	15 Food Pantry Nat'l. Relaxation Day	16 Nat'l. Tell a Joke Day	17 Nat'l. Nonprofit Day	18	19 World Humanitarian Day World Photography Day
20 ASH Session Sam Paisley's Birthday	21 Cecilia Berner's Birthday Senior Citizens Day	22 Food Pantry	23 Thomas Terbay's Birthday	24	25	26 Nat'l. Dog Day Womens Equality Day
27	28	29 Food Pantry	30 Nat'l. Beach Day	31		



Peace and positive global changes will come from children. Celebrate and encourage the potential of young people on International Youth Day on **AUGUST 12TH!**



Photos are the best way to preserve memories. Share your best pictures on social media and tag **#WorldPhotographyDay** in celebration on **AUGUST 19TH!**



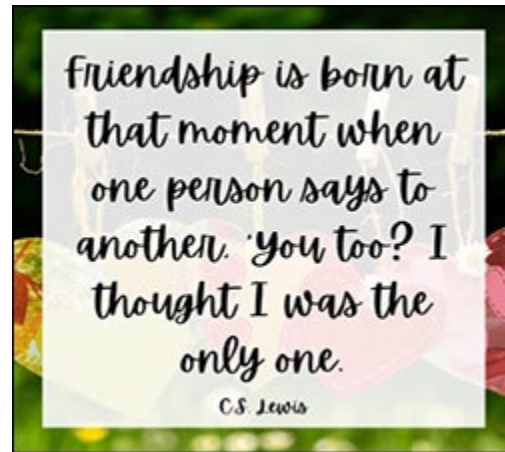
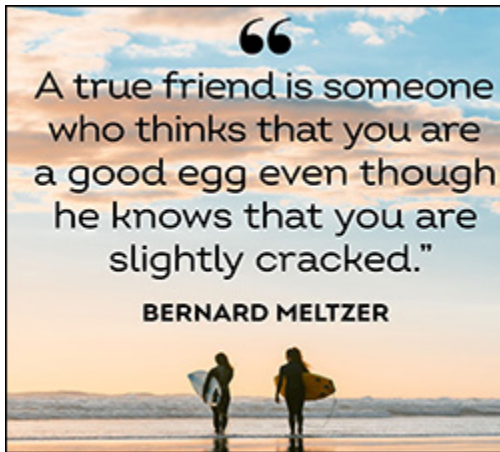
Our elders have loved us, guided us, and provided us with priceless wisdom. Show your gratitude on Senior Citizens Day on **AUGUST 21ST!**



Friendship Part I



Friends are so important and bring much joy to our lives. There are some we've had for ages and new ones we find as life goes on, but no one can ever have enough. Below are some quotes about the meaning of friendship.





Friendship Part II

