



HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2024 Church Mouse



Dear HPPC Family,

The prophet Isaiah wrote: “18Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)

I always feel pressure this time of year to figure how I am going to become a “new me” in the new year! And while it might not be helpful to *dwell* on the past, the past does give us roots and history and lessons learned so we can move forward in a new and hopefully healthier and more joyful way.

This has been a good year for Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. We will review more of our accomplishments this year at our annual meeting at the end of this month. We have worshipped, fellowshiped, provided food for our neighbors, supported children going to school in Africa, shared our space with a variety of people and groups and we have nourished one another in what is sometimes a crazy and chaotic life.

But the promise from the prophet is that God is doing a new thing. It doesn't mean *we* need to become something new. It means that God uses us...just as we are...to share God's love and grace in a weary world. It also points to the face that whatever comes next, God is there. This is such good news.

As this new year begins, take time to slow down and savor those moments joy and those moments of challenge that remind us God is at work, even when don't expect or don't understand it.

May the peace of God be with you today and always,
Emily

Ring out the old, and ring in the new,
Another year passes, but one thing is true,
A thousand small blessings have slipped through my
hands,
Moments uncountable, vast as the sands.
Ordinary days that have come,
And then gone,
A sunrise, a sunset,
A whisper,
A song.

Times spent with family,
Long summer days,
Here for a moment,
Then gone in a haze.
I wish I could hold all these moments forever,
Time marches onward,
But love ceases never.

So I'm thankful, so thankful,
For all that has been,
For the highs and the lows,
And the bits in between,
This journey of life
With its ups and its downs,
The trials and the triumphs,
The joys and the frowns,
This life I've been given,
I long to embrace,
To cherish each moment,
Each dear, precious face,
Yet to live in surrender,
Not grasping too tight,
To live for eternity
To walk in the light,
Knowing this life is a gift from above,
That it all comes from you,
Oh great God of love.

Angela Jelf. "Happy New Year!." Family Friend Poems,
July 23, 2022.



Monthly Giving Report



Volunteer Calendar January 2024

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Communion
7	Jack & Ross	Alan/Kathy	Alan	Set Up: Elsa Serve: Gary/Henry
14	Jack & Ross	Luncheon	Ross	
21	Jack & Ross	Linda	Linda	
28	Jack & Ross	Ann/Gary	Ann	

Financial Report



It is through the seeds of faith that we grow.

November 2023	
Plate Income:	\$5,563.00
Expenses:	\$5,057.81
Total:	\$505.19



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 December 4th and December 26th, 20 people received groceries.

From Lindsey Laffere

We grow together by supporting one another. Everyone is special and valued. For those attend worship whether in person or via Zoom, thank you. For everyone who helped Esther celebrate her 90th birthday, thank you. For all who donate to the food pantry so we can help those in need, thank you. To everyone who supported the Special Offering, I am grateful.

The church is growing and flourishing because of all each of you do. There are new babies, new faces, people returning who have been missed and the list goes on. It is because of everyone that “the little church that could” is growing and thriving. I am grateful every one of you and for all you do. Thank you again!



JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 New Year's Day Food Pantry	3	4 Hank Ramirez's Birthday Nat'l. Trivia Day	5 Gautham & Angela Singavarapu's and Starr & Eugenie Long's Anniversaries Rehearsal	6 Epiphany Wedding
7 HOB	8	9 Food Pantry	10	11 Deb Miller's Birthday	12	13
14 Luncheon	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 Religious Freedom Day Food Pantry	17	18 Molly Gray's Birthday	19	20 Laura McAfee's & Alex Zalles' Birthdays
21 Brandon Salinas' Birthday Nat'l. Hug Day Session ASH	22	23 Katherine Martin's Birthday Food Pantry	24 Int'l. Day of Education Nat'l. Compliment Day	25 Lee Spilman's Birthday	26 Nat'l. Spouses Day	27
28	29	30 Food Pantry	31			



There's nothing better than a nice, warm hug. Share one with someone you care about (or a stranger) on National Hug Day on **JANUARY 21ST!**



Learning is the key to progress. Pray for our future as efforts are made to give that chance on International Day of Literacy on **JANUARY 24TH!**



Let the person you chose to share your life with know how grateful you are for them on National Spouses Day on **JANUARY 26TH!**

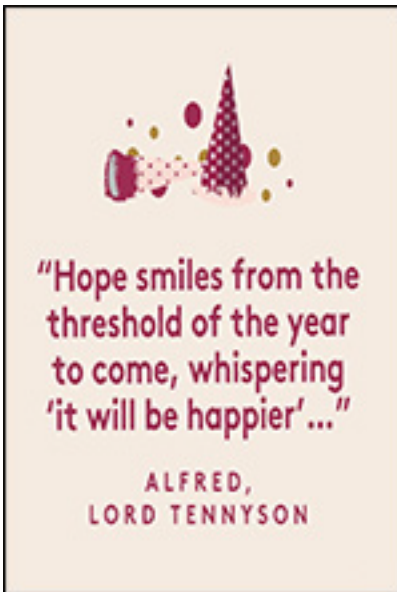
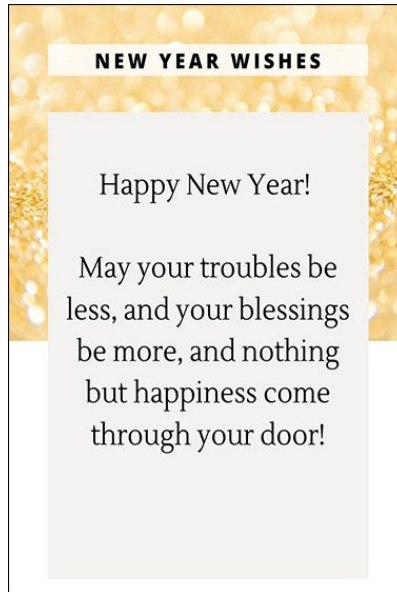


New Years Wishes



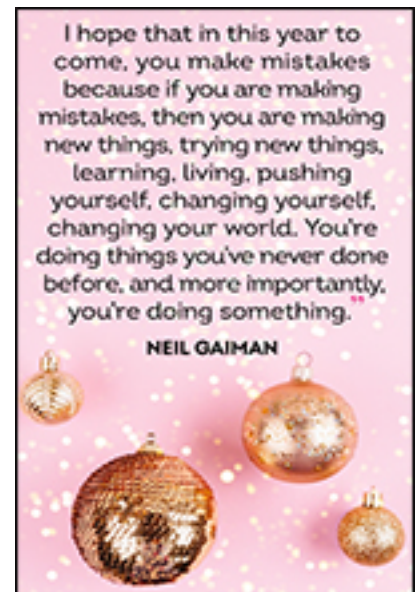
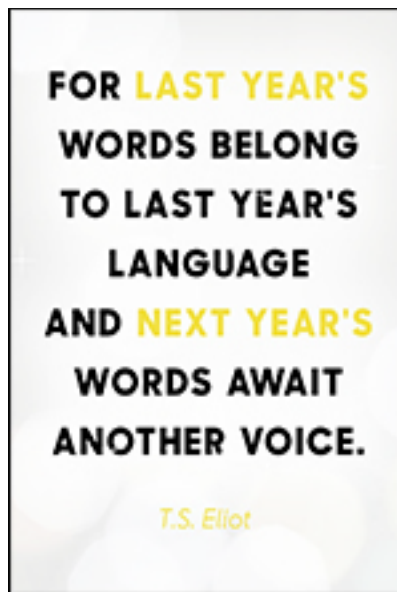
This year, like each in the past, is filled with hope, joy, excitement, and anticipation of the newness of what is to come. There are memories we will bring with us and moments meant to be left behind. January 1st is a new chapter in a book waiting to be filled with goals, adventures, friendships, and giving of ourselves. The book is ours to make what we will of it.

Here are just a few inspirational words for 2024:





New Year's Wishes Cont.



May 2024 be filled with peace, light, love, laughter, blessings, and good health. Prayers that all your hopes and wishes are fulfilled. Happy New Year!