



# HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## July 2025 Church Mouse



Dear HPPC Family,

The scripture theme for John Knox Ranch this summer is Hebrews 10:23-25:

“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

This text comes from a letter that was written to people in tension. New Christians were figuring out what it meant to be followers of Christ in a world that wasn't sure what to do with them. This isn't all that different from today as we are still trying to figure out what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ in a world where “Christian” means a lot of different things to different people.

At the basis of the urgings we find in this Hebrews text is a plea to hold on to hope. This seems like a timely reminder. Then we are urged to provoke one another to love and good deeds. Finally, we are reminded to not neglect to meet together, for it is when we gather and are community together that we can encourage one another.

Summer is a tricky time because we go a lot of different directions. Many travel, others have summer commitments that keep them from church on Sunday. I want to join the writer of the Hebrew letter in urging you to come to church when you can. Come be present...be part of this community...both so you can encourage and be encouraged.

Find ways of provoking others to love and good deeds. When I was the chaplain at camp and talked with the campers, they suggested the best way to provoke others to love and good deeds is to practice love and good deeds ourselves.

I leave you with these words of a prayer written by a cabin of rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders:

May God bless us all to go out into the world and treat others with kindness, respect and encourage those who cannot encourage themselves. Let us love one another as God loves us and treat others the way they want to be treated. Be kind to everyone and everything around you. May you care for others as God cares for you. Don't try and change people based on your opinion of who they should be and what they should look like. You never know what someone might be going through. May you be blessed with happiness which God would want for you. Try new things, make new friends, do good deeds, take lessons that you learned at camp back out into the world. Take care of your health and your bodies and try something new this summer! Practice encouragement, engage in community, be a good friend, offer peace every chance you get, take time for gratitude and rest in the hope that things can and will get better. Go in peace! Amen.

Emily



# Monthly Giving Report



## Volunteer Calendar July 2025

Date	Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Communion
6	Ross	Elsa	Alan	Set Up: Karen Serve: Kathryn/Kandy
13	Ross	Luncheon	Kathryn	
20	Ross	Linda	Linda	
27	Ross	Alan & Kathy	Ian	

## Financial Report



It is through the seeds of faith that we grow.

April 2025	
Plate Income:	<b>\$5,630.00</b>
Expenses:	<b>\$5,535.66</b>
Total:	<b>\$94.34</b>



Thriving through Prayer, Service & Generosity.

May 2025	
Plate Income:	<b>\$6,347.19</b>
Expenses:	<b>\$7,409.79</b>
Total:	<b>-\$1,062.60</b>

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. Please continue to look at our church website for ways you can donate your time and assist with food donations.

Between June 2nd and June 24th, 52 people received groceries.



# J U L Y



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Food Pantry	2	3	4 Zachary Zalles's Birthday Independence Day	5 Ben Rosales's Birthday
6 HOB	7 Global Forgiveness Day	8 Food Pantry	9	10 Ian Savitsky's Birthday	11	12
13 Women's Group Luncheon	14 Dee Dee Laurel's Birthday	15 Food Pantry World Youth Skills Day	16 Emily Owen's Birthday	17	18 Austin Christian	19
20 ASH Session	21	22 Food Pantry	23	24 Int'l. Self Care Day	25 Linda Bourianoff's Birthday	26
27 Juan Manuel Sientes's Birthday Parents Day	28	29 Joe Aleman's Birthday Alan & Kathy Constant's Anniversary Food Pantry Int'l. Day of Friendship	30	31 Matthew Zalles's Birthday		



Enjoy fireworks, relax, barbeque, kick up your feet, stay cool, and spend time with friends and family while celebrating our country's birth on Independence Day **JULY 4TH!**



Take time to encourage your children to learn new skills and nurture their talents. Celebrate them as they are our future on World Youth Skills Day **JULY 15TH!**



Parents raise us in homes built from their hearts and filled with love. Let them know you appreciate them on Parents Day **JULY 27TH!**



# Church Happenings



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## June Session Highlights

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- Doris presented the financial reports for April and May. Due to a low bank balance, \$5,000 was transferred from the savings into the checking account.
- Alan will be preaching June 29th, July 6th and August 30th.
- Emily will be out on July 6th as she and her family will be attending their annual family reunion.
- The handles for the outside water faucets have been removed because unhoused people have been using them and leaving them running.
- The Presbyterian Children's Home will have its annual Back-to-School Drive, and Emily would like us to participate. She will send an email with a link for those who wish to make a donation.
- Due to an unfortunate incident at a recent wedding, Emily would like to review our policies to determine if any changes are needed. Karen will email those to Emily and the session members.
- Emily was hoping for a summer book read, but it will probably happen in the fall instead.
- Esther graciously sent out 15 cards in April and 13 in May. Thank you, Esther.
- Gary reported an increase in people receiving groceries from the Food Pantry. The totals are as follows:

January:	31
February:	31
March:	34
April:	45
May:	38
June:	52
- Emily Eyob mentioned wanting to participate in the Congo Mission Project again this year. She will talk to the congregation about it in late August and early September.
- Karen mentioned how nice Mike Arroya's lawn company is keeping the yard and how much she also appreciates Tommy and Kathryn for helping as well.
- There will be no session meeting in July. The next meeting will be on August 17th.



# Quotes about Forgiveness



As we sometimes grapple with conflict within ourselves and throughout the nation, and witness much division, it is essential to remember the power of forgiveness. Doing so is a way to set yourself free, to start anew, and be more fulfilled in life. The purpose is to promote healing, goodwill, and to remember the way forgiveness makes our lives more peaceful and rewarding.

