



HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2025 Church Mouse



Dear HPPC Family,

I read about a program in Ohio this week that made me smile. The idea is that wildlife rescue centers are training and using inmates to rehabilitate tiny, orphaned animals such as birds, rabbits, opossums, and more. Sometimes the animals are injured. Sometimes they have been rejected, and some just need some around-the-clock care and a good dose of love to help them grow and thrive. Inmates are trained in what each animal needs and how to care for them. While the inmates set to work to rehabilitate these tiny, helpless creatures, there are already signs that the inmates are being rehabilitated, too.

Between January and June at one facility, 284 animals were brought in for care, and one of the correctional officers and the program coordinator says he wants that to be 1,000 by year's end; such is the impact it has had for the facility and the inmates who reside there.

“The inmates who participate in this program get a chance to care for something other than themselves, and you can see the changes in their behavior. They tend to stay out of trouble, away from substance abuse, and have an increased interest to learn more about the animals they care for.” (Smithsonian Magazine, September 2025)

Sometimes these days that we are living feel heavy to me. Just this week, there have been multiple deaths by gun violence, including one attack on a church in Michigan that left at least 5 dead and 8 others injured.

I have learned that I feel better when I do something that puts joy into the world, or at least slow down enough to witness the joy that is already there. Something as simple as going for a walk and admiring the beauty of God's creation, inviting a friend to dinner, or calling someone I haven't talked to in a while just to say hi and check in can change my outlook. It feels like the best way to be reminded of the love that surrounds us in this world is to find ways to honor, embody, and enact that love with those around us. This certainly seems to be true in this unique wildlife rehabilitation program in Ohio. It is true for me, too. When I put my focus, care and attention on others, I spend less time worrying or ruminating on all my problems and woes.

Love your neighbor. This is what Jesus implores us to do. We can love our neighbor, even if our neighbor is a tiny, helpless bird or someone we don't know who could use our help or encouragement.

If you want to see the love of God in the world, see what you can do to add to it.

May it be so.

Emily



Monthly Giving Report



Volunteer Calendar October 2025

Date	Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Communion
5	Ross	Emily Owen	Henry	Set Up: Emily Owen Serve: Henry/Gary
12	Ross	Luncheon	Linda	
19	Ross	Alan/Kathy	Ian	
26	Ross	Emily Eyob	Emily Eyob	

Financial Report



It is through the seeds of faith that we grow.

August 2025	
Plate Income:	\$3,786.60
Expenses:	\$5,502.89
Total:	-\$1,716.29



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 September 2nd and September 30th, 39 people received groceries.

A portion of the proceeds from the Holiday Market will go to the Food Pantry, but with the holiday season quickly approaching, the number of those served and in need will increase significantly.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Kylle Dudley's Birthday	2	3 Michael Tapsak's Birthday World Smile Day	4 World Animal Day
5 HOB World Teachers' Day World Communion Sunday	6	7 Food Pantry	8 Walk to School Day	9 Annie Tsai's Birthday	10 August Cardenas's Birthday World Mental Health Day	11
12 Luncheon	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day	14 Food Pantry Nat'l. Dessert Day	15 Victoria Otahal's Birthday	16	17 Hosea & Emily Eyob's Anniversary	18
19 ASH Session	20 Monique Paisley's Birthday	21 Food Pantry	22	23	24 Rehearsal	25 Troy Kyle's Birthday Nat'l. Trick or Treat Day
26 Wedding Nat'l. Pumpkin Day	27	28 Food Pantry Nat'l. Chocolate Day	29	30	31 Aiden Aleman's Birthday Halloween	



Mental health is as important as physical health. Recharge your mind and relax to improve your well-being on World Mental Health Day
OCTOBER 10TH!



Ice cream is the most popular dessert, but feel free to indulge and enjoy all sweet treats without any guilt on National Dessert Day
OCTOBER 14TH!



Dress up, carve a pumpkin and roast the seeds, stock up on candy, and have a fun and safe time celebrating Halloween
OCTOBER 31ST!



Church Happenings



September Session Highlights

- The water runs behind, so the high bills should stop soon.
- Karen had a sprinkler company check the sprinklers and fix the problems. Gary checked the meters, and they are not running constantly.
- There are still some problems with PayPal.
- Doris will check into how much we have in savings so that we can make a final decision about how to pay for the new ramps.
- Emily will be out September 21st after session through September 28th. Her family will also be going to the beach with Henry's family, from October 10th through 13th. They will be headed to Lake Whitney with Emily's family from November 22nd to the 25th. All these trips line up with her planned Sunday off each month.
- The Building Use policy and Wedding agreement were approved as amended by Karen and Henry. Karen can use her discretion for already existing groups.
- Gary is going to look into event insurance and report it at the next meeting.
- It was decided to go with a composite material for the replacement of the ramps. The group chose gray deck boards, white handrails, and black aluminum balusters. Gary will get the exact cost.
- Emily shared information about the HM King Loans offered by the Presbytery. This may be an option to pay for the ramps, depending on what Doris tells us about our current financial situation.
- The roof will need to be replaced soon, too.
- It was decided to participate in the Christmas Drive for the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Alan will present information regarding this closer to Christmas.
- Henry proposed an all-church workday in January where we can work in the yard, polish the pews, and do some projects around the church. He and Kathryn will take the lead on this.
- The next meeting will be on October 19th following worship.



Upcoming Events



Holiday Market



Hopefully, everyone is busy using their talents to help with our Holiday Market. It is less than six weeks away, and we hope to donate more than ever to those in our community in need.

For ideas on how to help, contact Karen or Elsa. The ways to assist are countless.

World Communion

Celebrated the first Sunday in October, World Communion began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA in 1933. It was an attempt to bring churches together in the service of Christian unity and to know the importance of Jesus and how every congregation is interconnected with one another.

Originally called “World Wide Communion Sunday,” the day encourages Christian unity and the concept of Ecumenism – the idea that Christians of all denominations should work together to strengthen relationships among churches and promote unity among Christians.

The day was adopted throughout the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936 and then spread to other denominations. In 1940, the National Council of Churches expanded the celebration to churches worldwide, and the practice became widespread. World Communion is now celebrated globally, transcending boundaries of denomination, geography, and language

