



# HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## July 2026 Church Mouse



Dear HPPC Family,

This month will mark the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of America. It seems like this calls for some reminiscing and remembering. It seems we need to learn from our past and not repeat the same mistakes we have already made. We need to move forward in a way that is stronger and more loving for all. This is what we do every three years in the church as we move through the Revised Common Lectionary. We remember and revisit the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We don't read the Bible again and again because we have it all figured out. We read the Bible again and again so the Holy Spirit can continue to speak to us and guide us toward a more loving existence where we get to experience the kingdom of God here and now.

My mom sent a letter to her kids and grandkids this week about the service of our grandfathers (and great grandfathers) in World War II. My mom's Dad served as a Marine and fought in the battle of Peleliu among other places. My dad's Dad was a navy medic who was injured when Typhoon Louise hit Okinawa in October of 1945. It is interesting to think of what all they were able to accomplish when things like internet and cutting edge tools and communication devices did not yet exist. My mom wrote, "History is important so that we can celebrate our triumphs, learn from our mistakes and remember the sacrifices made by so many these past 250 years who have helped make our country what it is today."

I received another letter this week from Henry's aunt Susan. It was a letter written in 1950 by Henry's great grandmother Alice Owen. In 1950, Jack Lancaster (who was pastor at the Bay City Church) had been to a Presbytery Meeting in Crockett and was impressed with the communion bread, so he wrote to Alice Owen to get the recipe. She responded with a three-page handwritten letter where she thanked him for the inquiry and told him about a trip to Austin to spend time at the seminary with the students. She then included the recipe for the unleavened bread which I will gladly share. She said she thought the recipe originally came from the Christian Observer from around 1900!

Looking back and remembering can help us move forward in a way that includes intention and focus. This is true when we are considering the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country and this is true when we consider our faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

May we continue to learn and grow and change so we can fully embrace the love of God for each of us and all of us.

May it be so! -Emily



# Monthly Giving Report

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## Volunteer Calendar July 2026

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| Date | Refreshments    | Liturgist        | Communion                                |
|------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 5    | Kathryn         | Tommy            | Set Up: Kathryn<br>Serve: Kandy and Gary |
| 12   | <b>Luncheon</b> | Ross             |                                          |
| 19   | Lindsey H.      | Lindsey & Daniel |                                          |
| 26   | Alan & Kathy    | Linda            |                                          |

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## Financial Report

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It is through the seeds of faith that we grow.

| May 2026      |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Plate Income: | <b>\$6,196.00</b> |
| Other Income: | <b>\$2,592.91</b> |
| Total Income: | <b>\$8,788.91</b> |
| Expenses:     | <b>\$5,907.44</b> |
| Total:        | <b>\$2,881.47</b> |



Thriving through Prayer,  
Service & Generosity.

Thank you for your generous contributions as we continue to build for our future.

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## Food Pantry

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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 June 2nd and June 30th, 45 people received groceries.

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## Updated Directory Coming Soon

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The new church directory is almost complete and should be out soon. Should you have any last minute changes or updates, please contact Kathryn prior to it being distributed. Our directory is a wonderful way for us to keep in touch with one another and we look forward to the latest version.



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| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                                               | WEDNESDAY                                                          | THURSDAY                    | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    |                                      |                                                       | 1                                                                  | 2                           | 3                               | 4<br>Zachary Zalles's Birthday<br>Cecilia & Peter Berner's Anniversary<br>Independence Day |
| 5<br>HOB<br>Ben Rosales's Birthday | 6                                    | 7<br>Food Pantry<br>ASH                               | 8<br>Peter Berner's Birthday                                       | 9                           | 10<br>Ian Savitsky's Birthday   | 11<br>American Pet Photo Day                                                               |
| 12<br>Luncheon                     | 13                                   | 14<br>Food Pantry<br>ASH<br>DeeDee Laurels's Birthday | 15<br>World Youth Skills Day                                       | 16<br>Emily Owen's Birthday | 17                              | 18                                                                                         |
| 19<br>Luncheon                     | 20                                   | 21<br>Food Pantry<br>ASH<br>Andie Laurel's Birthday   | 22                                                                 | 23                          | 24<br>Int'l. Self Care Day      | 25<br>Linda Bourianoff's Birthday                                                          |
| 26<br>Nat'l. Parents Day           | 27<br>Juan Manuel Senties's Birthday | 28<br>Jessie Janes's Birthday<br>Food Pantry<br>ASH   | 29<br>Joe Aleman's Birthday<br>Alan & Kathy Constant's Anniversary | 30                          | 31<br>Matthew Zalles's Birthday |                                                                                            |



Relax, spend time with friends and family, and enjoy the festivities while celebrating the birth of our nation on Independence Day **JULY 4TH!**



Take time to celebrate the skills of children-our future- and encourage them to value learning new talents on World Youth Skills Day **JULY 15TH!**



Our parents play an integral part in our lives. Let them know how important they are on National Parents Day **JULY 26TH!**



# We Love Our Pets Part I



Our pets fill our lives with boundless joy and offer a unique kind of companionship that warms our homes and soothes our souls.

Their unconditional love provides an endless source of comfort, laughter, and fun.

Below are some sentiments from our members about their favorite times with their pets (past and present) in honor of American Pet Photo Day.

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## Emily Eyob

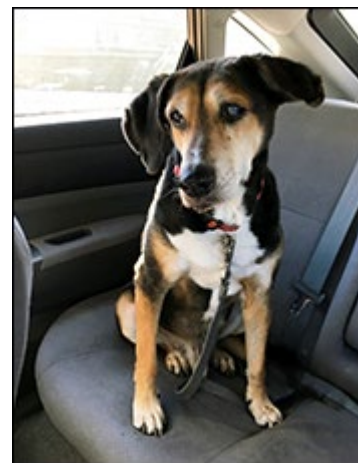
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Leroy was my first pet as an adult. Hosea and I were looking for a pup in Austin when I ran across his sweet little face on Petfinders. Little did I know, he was actually in Gonzalez, Texas. Petfinders seems to match pets in and AROUND Texas.

On July 13th, Hosea and I headed off to Gonzalez to pick up Leroy. He was on the Euthanasia list because the small pound in Gonzales has very limited resources and he was old and beat up. I loved him the moment I met him. Hosea took a little bit longer to warm up because he was stinky (two different skin rashes), had a blind eye and one of his ears had been cut off. He was also underweight. He was quite a sight.

Leroy ended up being the best pup. He was housebroken, never made a peep, was loyal, sweet, good with kids and other dogs and was content just laying around, but also loved to go exploring.

Although he was called Grandpa Leroy at the pound, we had him for a little over six years when he passed away. We were sad that he never got to meet his human siblings (I was pregnant with Charlie when he died), but we felt lucky to have him!



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## The Owens

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The Owen family has 13 pets: 2 dogs (Ace and Millie), 2 cats (Milo and Murphy) and 9 chickens (mostly we call them "the ladies"). Our animals are very much a part of our family and are very affectionate with us and each other. Well...maybe not the chickens. The chickens are four months old and should begin laying eggs in August! We'll bring some eggs to church to share! We bottle raised the cats starting from when they were 3 weeks old and were abandoned by their mother. Ace is a rescue and the vet said he is likely an English Pointer. Millie is half Brittany Spaniel and half Springer Spaniel. We love them all so much!





## We Love Our Pets Part II



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### Tommy Wheeler

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Rennie came into my life when I adopted her from a rescue shelter in Marble Falls after she was originally surrendered in Bastrop; she was about nine months old. Now nine years old, she still loves long walks and is as playful as ever. A great little terrier-mix watchdog, she's a sweet and loving companion. I'm very fortunate we found each other!

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### Linda Bourianoff

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Her name is Gracie.  
I call her Gracie Girl.  
She is my sweet companion.  
She wakes me in the morning with sweet kisses  
and takes me for my daily walk.  
My health is important to her.  
She loves to travel and insists on riding shotgun.  
I have yet to find her a little pistol,  
toy of course.  
She greets me with a waggy tail  
and squeaky toy when I return home.  
She tells me when it's my bedtime  
and snuggles alongside me when I sleep.  
Day by day, she makes my life better and gives me such joy.  
Her name is my Gracie Girl, in case you forgot.



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### Katharine Martin

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We adopted Mitch right after Thanksgiving last year, and he and I have walked many, many miles together since then. He's smart, protective, and loves to chase balls.





## We Love Our Pets Part III

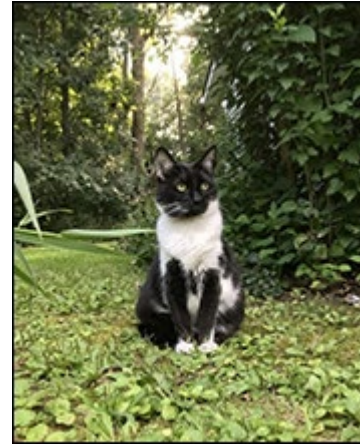


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### Lindsey Hulstrom

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Luna wears her tuxedo everyday.  
Dolled up in black and white fur,  
My cat looks ordinary  
But to me, she is extraordinary.  
Like me, she was knit in a womb,  
Then knitted kittens in her womb.  
But I know her not as a mama or a kitten.  
Does she think of those she loved best  
Before she arrived here to find rest?  
Brought home from the shelter,  
She actually takes care of me  
By making me feel seen.



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### Deb Miller

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Many have met my service dog, Pearlie Blue, but today I'm excited to introduce my "new" service puppy in training! Miss Luna is so tiny that she fit inside a coffee cup when my neighbor Pam adopted her. However, I was forced to rename her "Luna-Ticky" because of the chaos that comes with new puppy energy! Luna-Ticky will hopefully live with us temporarily as her "other Momma" has moved from inpatient hospice to Hearthstone Nursing in nearby Round Rock.

The girls and I go to visit Pam each month (and for a while, Thomas! ) in the RR nursing home. My tutu-wearing girls and I also cheer up the gang at the Bible Study at Park Bend Nursing center, where our SHAC friend, John Riley, began there five years ago.

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### Juan Senties

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Sir, his name alone commands respect and reverence, which was why my roommate and best friend Andy named him as such.

Our little American gentleman (Boston Terrier) has been the joy of our household for 5 years and we look forward to as many more as the good Lord blesses us.





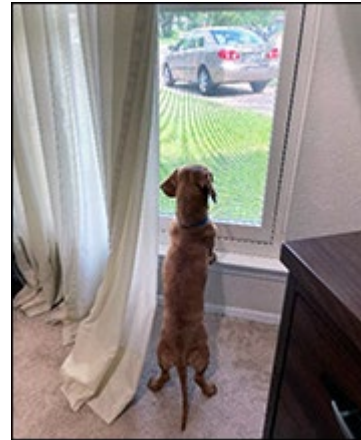
## We Love Our Pets Part IV



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### Esther and Ben Rosales

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Tornado likes to watch when we leave the house or when we drive up. He pushes the curtain aside so he can see. He likes his 15-20 minute ride every morning on my walker. When he is trying to watch Herbie outside, he stands and lets his ears stick up so he can run and catch up with him. Have to love this Tornado!

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### Kathryn Roberts

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Please meet the first and best dog I have ever had, Rocket, who was born at our old family home in Longview, TX. Six weeks old when I found him roaming yards, my neighbors said his siblings had been rounded up. Fearing the worst for the other pups, I brought Rocket to Austin to rehome him—but all of the shelters were full. I had no choice but to keep him, so I began to train and raise a wild pup, and he will be 3 years old in August. He has turned into a handsome, athletic, smart, and personable dog.



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### Ann and Gary Brizendine

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Romeo loves being an old people's dog. He gets both our attention and one of us drives him somewhere almost every day. He keeps us on schedule in case we forget to have cookies after dinner.



# We Love Our Pets Part V



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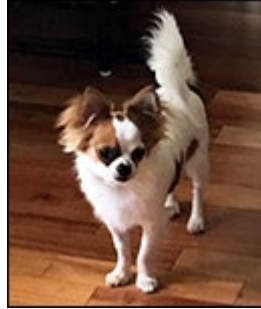
Karen Laffere

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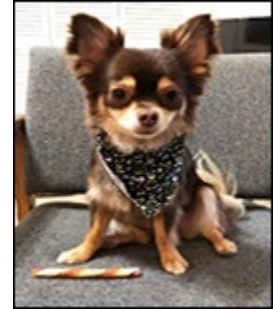
My dogs are all different and special in their own way. They bring me joy and I love them all very much. Life wouldn't be the same without them.



Sadie is 14 years old. She is quiet, sweet and can still go up and down 16 stairs without a problem. She loves treats and I love my Sadie.



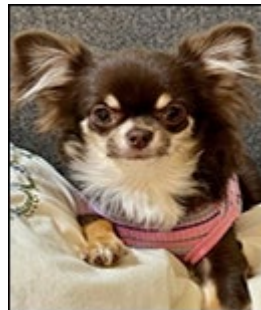
Bennett is 9 years old and was named in honor of Bennie. He is my alpha dog and keeps the others in line. Although more than a handful when young, he has mellowed over the years and now is quite sweet. He is very attached to me.



Finn is 7, is one of a kind and my little buddy. He loves to be outside, to look out the window, go for walks, ride on the golf cart and always has a shirt on even in the summer. He is the sweetest little guy ever.



Ellie is 3 years old and full of energy. She has completed the AKC Good Citizen classes. She is very affectionate and also very loud. Ellie is the only dog I've ever had who howls.



Kyla is 2 and another little sweetheart but wants my constant attention. Bennie always called her Tick Tock because her tail is always wagging. She also loves to give kisses.



Toby is 6 months. He is a delightful little dog but somewhat of a little terror. He makes huge messes, jumps on the other dogs, tears up toys, rugs and the back of my legs but I can't help but laugh at him.





## We Love Our Pets Part VI



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### Thomas Terbay

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No album would be complete without a photo of Miss Lulu, who was Thomas' ESA for many, many years. Deb shares she loved helping out by walking (rolling) Miss Lulu in her motorized wheelchair but firmly believes Lulu was strong enough to replace Rudolph AND all of eight of Santa's reindeer.

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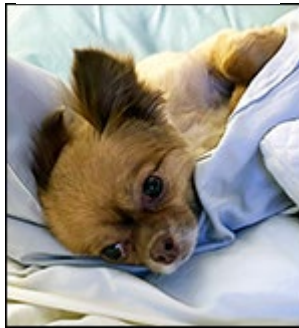
### Lindsey Laffere

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Eden Emory



Logan Everett



Sir Miles Alexander



Owen Everest



Eden was born with a heart-shaped pattern in the fur on the top of her head. I can't take her anywhere without hearing how precious and sweet she is. A loving sister, she loves going for stroller rides and is fascinated with her lambie toys. She is also incredibly strong and courageous.

Logan is the wild one of the bunch. When he talks, everyone can hear him within a two-mile radius. He is very protective of me and spends most of the day on my lap. He is a silent participant at most of my work Zoom meetings due to his double duty as my legal assistant. His hair grows so thick and fast that, without constant grooming, he could easily pass for an alpaca.

Miles, aka Smiles, is never without a toy under his chin or the tip of his tongue sticking out. He is independent yet affectionate and loves to play before bedtime. A sweet and docile soul, Miles never minds acting as Owen's transportation and carries him on his back without fail.

Owen may be tiny, but he is the best conversationalist around. He is very active, and in 20 minutes, he's played with 20 toys. When not playing, he can be found sleeping in a toy box or resting in his Winnie-the-Pooh throne. He is gentle, sweet, and an unending source of laughter.

I am incredibly lucky to have the babies I do. They bring light to each day, and every day is a new adventure.