

HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Church Mouse February, 2012

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Dear friends,

Our annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will take place on February 26. Following the 11:00 worship service, we will gather in Strudwick Hall for a soup luncheon. Then we will hear reports from all our Commissions about the work and mission of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, and plans for this year. It is a time to celebrate our accomplishments and get excited about future plans. You might be amazed at how much goes on in our church.

Session has approved an Operating Budget for 2012 totaling \$185,400.33, which represents an increase of 1.78% over the 2011 Budget. It is very important that we meet this operating budget to support the overall ministry of the church. The operating budget, however, does not reflect all that we do together at HPC. For example, the Operating Budget for 2012 has \$8,080 designated for Mission. But in fact, in 2011 we contributed almost \$27,000 to Mission Causes in cash contributions, not counting the food contributions brought each week, and the huge amount of blankets, sleeping bags, scarves, hats, and gloves collected at Christmas, and the volunteer hours contributed.

Our 2011 Benevolence Report from the Presbytery of New Hope shows the following:

- Disaster Relief Offering - \$627.85
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - \$2018.79
- GA Peacemaking - \$416.26
- Hunger Fund - \$526.37
- Joy Gift - \$413.00
- Pentecost Offering - \$1,030.20
- Per Capita - \$3,000.00
- Presbytery Peacemaking – \$69.83
- Synod Peacemaking - \$34.91
- Theological Education Fund – \$1,000.00
- Unified Giving - \$1,000.00

We contributed \$4,376.14 to Orange Congregations in Mission. This included our \$1,000 membership commitment, \$2,140 in Winter Warmth contributions to assist with heating bills, \$216 from our Souper Bowl, \$230 from our Sharing Veggies summer program, and \$790.14 contributed to the Food Pantry.

We also contributed \$1500 to New Hope Camp and Conference Center, \$1,070 for the Jessica Evans Scholarships, \$500 to A Brush with Kindness, \$313.53 to the Food Bank of Eastern NC, \$209.86 to the Fairview Community Gardens, and \$251.05 to a Rebuilding Together Project. Our Sunset Gap Mission Trip was approximately \$8,500.

Not included in the above total is the \$1,033 we raised for Bead for Life in December to help the women in Africa. Nor does this include the \$1,789.15 expended from the Deacon's Fund to assist individuals and families in crisis during the year. The Deacon's Fund is funded by the Christmas Eve offering, the loose offering from Communion Sundays, and by designated gifts to this fund. Let's all work together to make 2012 another great year for mission at HPC!

- Bob

**ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP**

Join us as we begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday worship on February 22 at HPC. We will share this evening with our friends from New Hope Presbyterian Church. Gather with us in Strudwick Hall at 6:30 PM for a Salad/Baked Potato Bar. This will be followed by our Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:30 PM.



CIRCLE #1

CIRCLE #1 will meet on Monday, February 6 at 11 a.m. at Brenda Morgan's home. The study this year is on the **Beatitudes**. Visitors and new members are welcome. Those attending are asked to bring a sandwich; the hostess provides beverage and dessert for lunch at noon, following the Bible study. For more information contact Jean Fettig.



WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Ladies, please save the date of Friday, March 30th for the Women's Retreat, led by Lisa Flinn and Barbara Younger. We'll begin with supper at 6:30 in Strudwick Hall. Program to be announced! Guests are welcome.

OCIM CORNER

Thanks to everyone who donated funds to HPC's "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" project. HPC raised \$1,910 for OCIM Samaritan Relief, which will be used to offset the cost of high heating bills for residents in Northern Orange County who are unable to afford the unexpected cost of staying warm during this winter. Thanks to everyone who donated new blankets, sleeping bags, comforters, gloves, toboggans, and other gifts of warmth. We delivered a trunk full of these warm gifts to OCIM to distribute in their Samaritan Relief ministry. Thanks also for the donations of food to help replenish the shelves at OCIM with warm food items. Thanks to Jane McIver for coordinating this mission project.

During the month of February, HPC Youth will be collecting cans of soup and dollar bill donations for their month-long "Souper Bowl of Caring" drive to benefit OCIM. Let's support the youth in this mission activity.

If you purchased a pottery bowl through OCIM's "Empty Bowls Fundraiser", don't forget to exchange your ticket for a bowl of soup at a local restaurant (Antonia's, Bandito's, Gulf Rim, or Saratoga Grill). The soup ticket is valid February 15-29. If you would still like to purchase a bowl (\$25), a few bowls are still available at OCIM Samaritan Relief.

Kay Stagner, Director of OCIM Samaritan Relief Ministries, has asked HPC to resume donations of peanut butter. Special contributions of peanut butter from the government commodities program have ceased, and OCIM is once more in need of this staple on their shelves.

OCIM reached its 2012 30th anniversary "Challenge Grant" of \$30K. These funds will help with needed operating expenses. Thanks to everyone who contributed as a new or increased supporter.

ELDERS and COMMISSIONS for 2012

- ◆ **Mission** – Hervey McIver, Jim Mathewson,
Linda Jaubert
- ◆ **Christian Education** – David Remington,
Jan McKelvey, Diana Montgomery
- ◆ **Buildings & Grounds** – Sam Nesbit
- ◆ **Stewardship** – Allen Johnson
- ◆ **Diaconate** – James Watts
- ◆ **Magnetic Church** – Carolyn Norris
- ◆ **Worship** – Jim Summers
- ◆ **Clerk of Session** – Robin Brown
- ◆ **Office Technology** – Pam Beveridge,
Tom Brown
- ◆ **Personnel** – Linda Jaubert, Allen Johnson,
Jan McKelvey
- ◆ **Treasurer** – Charlie Morgan
- ◆ **Endowment** – Martin Brown, Charles Morgan,
Jean Fettig
- ◆ **Audit Committee** – Jim Mathewson, Hervey
McIver, Cliff Younger
- ◆ **Officers of the Corporation** –
President – James Watts
Vice-President – Sam Nesbit
Secretary – Robin Bedingfield-Brown
Treasurer – Charles Morgan



FINANCIAL REPORT

2012 Budget - \$185,400.33

2012 Pledges Received - \$141,514



**SERMON SCHEDULE FOR
FEBRUARY**

- 2/5- Isaiah 40:21-31 A Wrinkle in God's Palm
- 2/12 - Genesis 1:1, 24-31 Caring for God's Creation
- 2/19 - Mark 9:2-9 A Vision of the Glory
- 2/26 - 1 Peter 3:18-22 Baptism and Suffering



TRIANGLE TUBA QUARTET

The Triangle Tuba Quartet, including our own Irv Eisen, will be playing at the 11:00 service on February 26. Arrive early to enjoy their Prelude as they fill our sanctuary with the sound of music!



**BIBLE STUDY at LITTLE RIVER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

You are invited to a Bible study led by the Rev. Dr. James “Mickey” Efirm at Little River Presbyterian Church on February 2, 9, 16 (Thursday nights) and February 21 (a Tuesday night) 7:00-8:30 p.m. The topic will be some of the Psalms, coupled with the Chronicler’s history (1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah).

A reception will follow each session of the study. Please call 919-732-6523 for additional information/directions

REMINDER: HPC Youth will be collecting for OCIM’s “**Souper Bowl of Caring**” each Sunday in February. Bring cans of soup and dollar bill donations to drop in their collection box on Sunday mornings!

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 09 Robin Brown
- 16 Thomas McIver
- 16 Bruce Roberts
- 16 Andrew Beveridge
- 20 Jarrett Barnhill, III
- 24 Mark Pipkin
- 27 Allen Bean
- 29 Linda Strickland Jaubert



To update the Birthday List or Anniversary List please contact JoAnn in the church office (732-3131) or hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org.



FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS

- 5** Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
- 12** II Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; I Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45
- 19** II Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
- 26** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for getting articles and calendar events in to the *March Church Mouse* will be Monday, February 20th at 1:00 PM.

At your convenience, you may send an Email, leave a message, or drop your information by the church office. (732-3131) or hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 5

- Liturgist: Charles Morgan
- Children's Sermon: Charles Morgan
- Nursery: Rosie Summers
- Nursery Helper: Lisa Flinn
- Youth Nursery Helper: Tyler Erdosy
- Kids' Time: Eric Cathey
- Nursery/Kid's Time Helper: Gabe Erdosy
- Greeters: Robin Barnhill, Jeanne Childers



February 12

- Liturgist: TBD
- Children's Sermon: TBD
- Nursery: Robin Barnhill
- Nursery Helper: Carol Childers
- Youth Nursery Helper: Grayson Parker
- Kids' Time: Nina Broadway
- Nursery/Kids' Time Helper: Katelyn Broadway
- Greeters: Jim & Karoline Mathewson



February 19

- Liturgist: TBD
- Children's Sermon: TBD
- Nursery: Ann Sebesan
- Nursery Helper: Brenda Morgan
- Youth Nursery Helper: Charles McKelvey
- Kids' Time: Diana Montgomery
- Nursery/Kids' Time Helper: Connor Brown



February 26

- Liturgist: TBD
- Children's Sermon: TBD
- Nursery: Robin Brown
- Nursery Helper: Mindy Remington
- Youth Nursery Helper: Travis Brown
- Kids' Time: Elizabeth Heinze
- Nursery/Kids' Time Helper: Micheal McLaurin
- Greeters: Robin Barnhill, Jeanne Childers



February, 2012

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**Please join us at HPC for the
Mission Evening of Dining and Entertainment (MEDE)
on Saturday, February 18th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in Strudwick Hall**

Please come for heavy hor d'oeuvres and dessert, fellowship and music. This year's fundraiser focus will benefit Habitat for Humanity's home repair program, "A Brush with Kindness." Two representatives from ABWK will share highlights of this program with us and present how we as a congregation can assist other Orange County citizens. The ABWK strategy has recently changed and improvements have been made to the program. Please come to hear the music and learn about a recent addition to Orange Habitat for Humanity.

The musical talent for the evening will be "Up Cane Creek". They will entertain us with bluegrass/folk music. Their website is: <http://reverbnation.com/upcanecreek>.

Invite your friends -- and plan to attend this informative and entertaining evening with your church family and friends.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemplative Worship 8:30 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM (for all ages)

Traditional Worship 11:00 AM