



# HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## June 2024 Church Mouse



Dear HPPC Family,

The hot weather has arrived. I spent time this week refilling my hummingbird feeders, adding seed to my bird feeder (that the squirrels will likely eat most of) and filled up the bird bath with cool water several times. I enjoy watching the birds fluff their wings and roll over in the water after it is freshly filled. I love the sounds of birds...the doves calling in the morning, the whippoorwills calling in the evening and the sing-song chirps of the cardinals bouncing around in the trees. I saw a video that said one of the reasons we may find the sounds of birdsong so relaxing and beautiful is that we have learned over thousands of years that birds only sing when they feel safe. If they sense a predator or any danger is around, they fall silent.



What makes you feel safe enough to sing? And I don't just mean the literal way of singing. What makes you feel safe enough to sing or to shine or to be yourself in a way that allows you to share your light and your gifts with the world?

Linda Bourianoff and I have been preparing for a workshop we are leading before the June presbytery meeting about Spiritual Practices. She reminded me about Julian of Norwich who was born in 1342. Julian of Norwich had profound theological insight and amazing visions. She meditated on those visions for decades before eventually writing them down. From her meditations on an ordinary item found in nature such as a hazelnut, she perceived that:

God made it. God loved it. God kept it.

What if we reflected on ourselves in the same way? What if we considered, even among the heaviness and chaos that life can throw at us at times, that...

God made us. God loves us. God keeps us.

We may have to remind ourselves this every day... or even every hour...but it is worth repeating... worth knowing in the depths of our bones. Perhaps when it becomes as near to us as our breath, we too will feel safe and we will be able to sing.

May it be so.

Love,

Emily



# Monthly Giving Report



## Volunteer Calendar June 2024

Date	Greeter/Usher	Refreshments	Liturgist	Communion
2	Jack & Ross	Ann & Gary	Ann	Set Up: Karen Serve: Karen & Gary
9	Jack & Ross	<b>Luncheon</b>	Libby	
16	Jack & Ross	Elsa	Alan	
23	Jack & Ross	Emily E.	Emily E.	
30	Jack & Ross	Kathryn	Linda	

## Financial Report



May 2024	
Plate Income:	<b>\$5,516.00</b>
Expenses:	<b>\$4,753.01</b>
Total:	<b>\$762.99</b>



It is through the seeds of faith that we grow.

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 May 7th and May 28th, 26 people received groceries.

## Summer Travels



Many of you will be going on vacation this summer. Please take photos you would be willing to share of your fun and exciting adventures for the congregation to enjoy in upcoming issues of the Church Mouse.



# JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Global Day of Parents
2 HOB	3 World Bicycle Day	4 Food Pantry	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 Nat'l. Best Friends Day
9 Luncheon	10	11 Food Pantry	12 Lia Eyob's Birthday	13	14 Flag Day	15 Elsa Aleman's Birthday
16 Diego Rosales' Birthday ASH Father's Day	17 Henry & Emily Owen's Anniversary	18 Sam & Monique Paisley's Anniversary Food Pantry Int'l. Picnic Day	19 Anais Long's Birthday Bennie & Karen Laffere's Anniversary Juneteenth	20 Lisa Terbay's & Herbie Rosales' Birthdays First Day of Summer	21 Take Your Dog to Work Day	22
23 Henry & Sophia Ramirez's Birthday Session Women's Group	24	25 Food Pantry	26	27 Doris Lowe's Birthday	28	29 Nat'l. Camera Day
30 Bennie Laffere's Birthday Jeff & Cara Cotham's Anniversary						



Turn on your A/Cs and get your fans out as things get hotter as summer begins on the First Day of Summer **JUNE 20TH!**



Everyone loves dogs and they make work easier. Let yours go with you on Take Your Dog to Work Day **JUNE 21ST!**



Pictures are the best way to preserve memories. Be sure to take some on National Camera Day **JUNE 29TH!**



# Church Happenings



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## May Session Highlights

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- Emily Eyob reported on Casa Marinella and their mission in the community. She will provide information for the Church Mouse for the congregation to read.
- The “Better Together” grant that Emily applied for with First Presbyterian and Hope Presbyterian to help pay Seminary interns was granted in the amount of \$9,000. Mission Presbytery will hold the funds and distribute them as needed.
- Alan has been asked to be Ambassador to Presbyterian Children’s Home for three months.
- There will be a Presbytery meeting June 14th -15th at Hope Presbyterian in Austin.
- Emily and her family will be out: July 4th -7th, July 29th -August 2nd, and September 14th -20th.
- Esther graciously sent out 18 cards in April.
- New carpet will be installed in the sanctuary on Tuesday, May 21st.
- Karen signed up another wedding in the fall.
- Juan will be out for 4 weeks in June. He will find replacements to play the piano in his absence.
- The next meeting will be June 23rd.

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- Take a Look at HPPC
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The grounds look wonderful, the grass is green and the plants and flowers are flourishing.

Beautiful new carpet was recently installed in the Sanctuary and the area between the Sanctuary and Wooten Hall. Take time to notice the updates and changes as they are constant in an attempt to make our special space even more inviting to our members and visitors than it already is.

The piano was also just retuned so Juan will sound even more fantastic if that’s possible.





# Happy Father's Day I



Dads are protectors, teachers, and encouragers. They pick us up when we fall, brush us off and encourage us to try again. Their influence shows daughters how to be properly treated by men and is a model for sons of who to be as men. It is often said dads are their daughter's first love and their son's first hero. Whether biological, step, foster, adoptive, chosen, or a combination, Fathers are incredibly special.

## Dad Through the Decades

**4 YEARS**

My Daddy can do anything!

**7 YEARS**

My Dad knows a lot... a whole lot.

**8 YEARS**

My father does not know quite everything.

**12 YEARS**

Oh well, naturally my father doesn't know that either.

**21 YEARS**

Oh, Father is so out of date!

**25 YEARS**

He knows a little bit, but not much.

**30 YEARS**

I wonder what Dad would say about it.

**35 YEARS**

Before we decide, let's get Dad's idea first.

**50 YEARS**

What would Dad have done?

**60 YEARS**

My Dad knew literally everything!

**65 YEARS**

I wish I could talk things over with Dad once more.

-Author Unknown-

## Silent, Strong Dad

He never looks for praise.

He's never one to boast.

He just goes on quietly working

For those he loves the most.

His dreams are seldom spoken.

His wants are very few,

And most of the time his worries

Will go unspoken, too.

He's there... a firm foundation

Through all our storms of life,

A sturdy hand to hold onto

In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we can turn to

When times are good or bad.

One of our greatest blessings,

The man that we call Dad.

By Karen K. Boyer

*"A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one."*

*Linda Poindexter*



# Happy Father's Day II



## What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece  
was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

## **TO ALL THE FATHERS WHO . . .**

**STEPPED UP, PLUGGED IN, HELD ON, FORGED AHEAD, COMMITTED TO,  
LEARNED HOW, EMBRACED ALL, ENCOUNTERED MUCH, BATTLED  
THROUGH, HELD TIGHT, LOVED SOFT, NEVER QUIT, BACKED OFF, LET  
LOOSE, BRAVED COURAGE, FACED FEARS, PRAYED FOR, TIGHTENED  
UP, LOOSENEED REIGNS, REMEMBERED WHEN, HELPED OFTEN,  
INSPIRED MUCH, LED FORWARD, STAYED TRUE, TAUGHT MORALS,  
FOUND STRENGTH, SAID YES, VALUED LIFE, REASONED WELL, GAVE  
IN, MADE TIME, HAD FUN, HELPED OUT, PLAYED FAIR, TOOK CARE,  
PROVIDED PLENTY, LET GO, STOOD UP, SWALLOWED PRIDE,  
CHANGED PATHS, TOOK RISKS, DUG DEEP, WENT EASY, PUSHED  
FORWARD, FOUGHT FOR, CARRIED BURDENS, KEPT GOING, DREAMED  
BIG, NEVER QUIT, SHED TEARS, FORGAVE OFTEN, FOUND PATIENCE,  
SHINED LIGHT, SUFFERED PAIN, MADE DATES, HAD FAITH, SHOWED  
RESPECT, WROTE NOTES, HELD HANDS, STAYED SAFE, LAUGHED  
LOUD, LOST SLEEP, SLOWED DOWN, TACKLED CHORES, TRIED HARD,  
LET WIN, CHOSE RIGHT, OPENED UP, GAVE GRACE, GOT INVOLVED,  
GAVE YOUR ALL...**

**I COMMEND YOU**

*"I love my father as the stars – he's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart."  
Terri Guillemets*

*"When I was little, you lifted me on your shoulders. Now that I am grown, you lift me up with your  
love."  
Anonymous*

*"Any fool can have a child. That doesn't make you a father. It's the courage to raise a child that  
makes you a father."  
Barack Obama*



# Casa Marianella



Following is an update from Emily Eyob regarding Casa Marianella and its impact on the community. Unfortunately, they are currently full due to just how giving they are. The motto is “Where Hope Lives”

*This past year, Hyde Park Presbyterian Church has partnered with Casa Marianella. Casa Marianella welcomes displaced immigrants and promotes self-sufficiency by providing shelter and support services. Their ultimate vision is that all immigrants arriving in Austin will have safe housing and access to the services they need to be successful. Two clusters of shelters in renovated houses in residential neighborhoods in East Austin serve women and children escaping violence and adult immigrants. Posada Esperanza is the family shelter of Casa Marianella. In 2022, they added additional housing in a program called Abri Lumiere. Abri Lumiere provides shelter and case management for two-parent families and families with single dads in Northeast Austin.*

*Their shelters are home-like facilities designed to meet emergency or transitional needs so vulnerable and injured people can resolve their immediate crisis, get stabilized, and once again become independent, which then opens up space for new residents. In 38 years, their population has evolved from survivors of the Salvadoran war to asylum-seeking refugees and other immigrants from over 40 countries. Casa Marianella is the only homeless shelter in Austin dedicated solely to immigrants. 65% of our shelter residents, including children, are asylum seekers, many coming to them from immigration detention.*

*The collaboration between Hyde Park Presbyterian Church and Casa Marianella shows our want to be involved in a community-driven effort to provide crucial support for displaced immigrants. The ongoing support and development of these shelter programs reflect a deep commitment to humanitarian aid and the belief in the potential of every individual to achieve self-sufficiency and independence.*





## Casa Marianella II



Casa Marianella is a relatively new organization we have donated to but, thank goodness we chose to do so. The support they provide to our community is unmatched.

Part of stewardship is giving back and helping those in need. If you can or are interested in donating, you can do so by clicking on <https://www.casamarianella.org/adult-house-wish-list/>