

# KOINONIA

**Koinónia \koy-nohn-ee'-ah\ Translated from Greek, in essence the fellowship, partnership, community, and communion that exists with our Church.**

**Acts 2:42**

## Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

### HPC FAMILY BUSINESS

I remember growing up that every once in a while my parents would call for a "family meeting." Sometimes it really was taking care of family business like assigning chores or alerting us about upcoming events. Other times it was to pull us all together to talk about something important. The church is no different, and sometimes we need to call HPC family meetings as well. So here are the details for two important gatherings we have coming up in the next few weeks:

### Congregational Meeting—May 21st

Our first gathering is for a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 21st, immediately after the worship service. Session has called for this congregational meeting for the annual election of our Nominating Committee, and to present a revision to our HPC by-laws. The by-laws revision is as follows:  
Section 10A: There shall be three (3) Trustees, all being current or previous elders, elected for one (1) year at a congregational meeting in the month of January, the date set by the Session.

### HPC Family Meeting and Potluck—June 11th

Our second gathering will be far less formal, and also include food! It's always wonderful when we can sit down and enjoy a meal together, so that's what we'll be doing on June 11th. Joanie will send out details about the potluck as we get closer, but after the meal the Session will be sharing updates on our pastoral transition process, answering your questions and getting your input on options for our next pastoral search.

We are truly blessed for everyone who calls HPC their church family home, and we look forward to our gatherings in May and June, as well as staying prayerful for the Lord's leading of our future.

Pastor Brian

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*Family*   
**MEETING**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 11  
Meeting and Potluck After Service



# Welcome Visitors and Newcomers!

Consider being a part of what God is doing here at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church!

Visitors and Newcomers are invited to everything in this newsletter. We welcome YOU in the Name of Jesus who welcomes us!



## Birthdays

Dave Radcliff	1
John McVean	2
Jeanie Morgan	4
Candice Stroeve	5
Debbi Like	7
Tammy McVean	8
Lori Wisdom	11
Jill Cessna	23
Arianna MacMillan	24
Lois Martz	30

## Anniversaries

Phil and Peggy Grawburg	3
Cindy and Dave Thomas	7
Rick and Jacquie Harrison	9
Debbi and Thomas Like	14
Heather and Keith Bledsoe	15



# HPC ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

LOOKING FOR BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS, AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE. MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON.



A scenic photograph of a sunrise over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky.

*He is risen!*

**Now What?**

## Worship Schedule

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Sunday, May 7  
The Power of the Ascension  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

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Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day)  
The First Leadership  
Transition of the Church  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

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Sunday, May 21  
Praying Bodily  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

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Sunday, May 28 Pentecost  
The Power of Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

# Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

Well it is May already. Now it is time for the real spring to arrive and the sun to shine. We had a deacons meeting on the 16th of April and went through the new church directory to make sure you were all accounted for and put into the correct deacons list. Just a reminder here is your deacon list.



Deacons:  
A-E Tammy McVean  
F-K Sue Dever  
L-Q Nancy Johnson  
R-S Lori Wisdom  
T-Z Keith Upton



If any of you have any ideas to improve the narthex bulletin board, the deacon desk, the fellowship hall bulletin board or any other ideas let us know. It has been great to see some familiar faces again and very excited to see some new faces. This is a great time to grow and worship together. God is good!!!

# Missions

by Jill Appel

Thank you to everyone who bought lunch supplies and who helped make 215 sack lunches for Blanchet House. Because HPC is a loving and giving congregation, 215 lunches were passed out to the homeless on Monday, May 1st.



Blessed are those who consider the poor; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble.  
Psalms 41:1



*Want to get involved with missions? Email Jill Appel at [MissionsElder@hillsboropres.org](mailto:MissionsElder@hillsboropres.org)*

# Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

I don't know about anyone else, but sometimes I don't want to watch the news to hear all the negative things going on in our world or even just our neighborhood. I can easily get caught up in the stories and become angry or fearful or worried. A recent devotional I read reminds me that there is nothing new under the sun and God is who we should look to for hope. Here are a couple of short prayers from long ago:

Son of God, who subdued the troubled waters and laid to rest the fears of men, let Your majesty master us and Your power of calm control us.

Replace our fears with faith and our unrest with perfect trust in You, who lives and governs all things, world without end.

~ John Wallace Suter (1859-1942), Adapted

To You alone, O Jesus, I must cling; running to Your arms, dear Lord, there let me hide, safe from all fears, loving You with the tenderness of a child.

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)

At the end of March, this is where we are financially. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$ 75,493	\$ 51,892	\$ 23,601
Total Expense	\$ 61,217	\$ 59,386	\$ 1,831
Net Income	\$ 14,276	(\$ 7,494)	\$ 21,770

May we continue to look up to find our hope.



## Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp



Greetings from your Events & Fellowship team!

We have a few things for you to put on your calendar for next month ... and they're back-to-back!

June 23rd - HPC annual NIGHT AT THE HOPS baseball game @ 7:00pm. Tickets are \$18 per person and will be for sale after worship services starting now, until they are all sold.

June 24th - we'll be having a RUMMAGE SALE!

We have items collected from our church cleaning day and you are welcome to bring items from home. We ask that you bring only items in very good shape that should be easy to sell. It is a lot of work for those doing clean-up if we have many items left over. We'll have a bake sale as well. If you need to bring your items in ahead of time, please let me know. More details will follow via email. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*For more information about Fellowship and Events, email Joanie Loepp at [FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org](mailto:FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org)*

# Clerk's Corner

by Gary Gale

Here is the current update from the last session meeting:



- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continuing.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on April 2nd and April 6th.
- Read letter from Presbytery regarding Barnabas Grant (along with check for \$1500) for dishwasher replacement.
- Congregational meeting set for May 21st to elect Nominating Committee and vote on proposed HPC bylaw change.
- Congregational Family gathering set for June 11th to discuss current interim process and updates.
- Evelyn Unkefer transfer requested from Salem First Methodist Church.
- Approved extending Babette Reeves lease agreement for another year.
- Final HPC Employee Handbook reviewed and approved.
- Items collected during the Spring-cleaning day will be sold in an upcoming Rummage sale planned for June 24th. Money to go for church use.
- Susan Fry from Eden's Children's Village in Zimbabwe to visit on July 30th. Will speak to congregation.
- Buzz in sanctuary related to lights (light adjustment eliminates buzz).
- Moving forward with monument sign refurbish.
- Barnabas grant received to replace dishwasher.
- Discussed having Westcoat look at roof when replacing HVAC units (check for leak repairs).
- Need to do utility locate before completing installation of lending library.
- Reviewed HPC Technology upgrade request. Need to replace aging church computers. Authorized up to \$2,000 from the Kaufman Fund for computer replacement this fiscal year.
- HVAC update (2 units failing): Project cost \$40,000. Possible sources of financing include Barnabas Grant, Building Fund, Synod loan, Kaufman Fund, requests from congregation and requests from Hispanic congregations. Barnabas Grant request for \$10,000 submitted to Presbytery. Authorized application for Synod loan. Authorized special emergency capital Building Fund campaign to be presented to congregation for funds for HVAC units.
- Stay safe and healthy.

Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,  
Gary Gale Clerk of Session

# HPC Online Giving Available

Online giving is available and ready to use for your convenience!

There are several ways you can donate online:

- 1. Download the free "Vanco Mobile" app on your iPhone or Android
- 2. Scan the QR code below.
- 3. Go to our website; [www.hillsboropres.org](http://www.hillsboropres.org) and click on the "donate now" button.

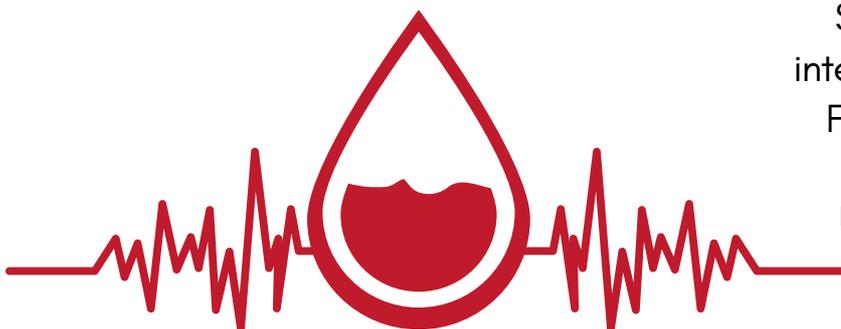
You can set up a profile so it is easier each time you log in to give, or you can donate as a guest user each time. Donations can be from a checking/savings account, or a bank card.

We hope the option of donating online helps many of us who don't carry checks or cash every day, but still want to financially support HPC.

1. We don't "pass the plate" any longer, but we have a box inside the doors as you enter the sanctuary and you may place your donation there on Sunday.
2. You may set up a regular "bill-pay" through your bank that will automatically send a check to the church.
3. You can use our online giving "Vanco" and set up a regular payment with your credit card or with your bank account.
4. You may set up an automatic RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) or other automatic payment from your retirement account.



## American Red Cross



Next blood drive is May 24th  
1:30-6pm

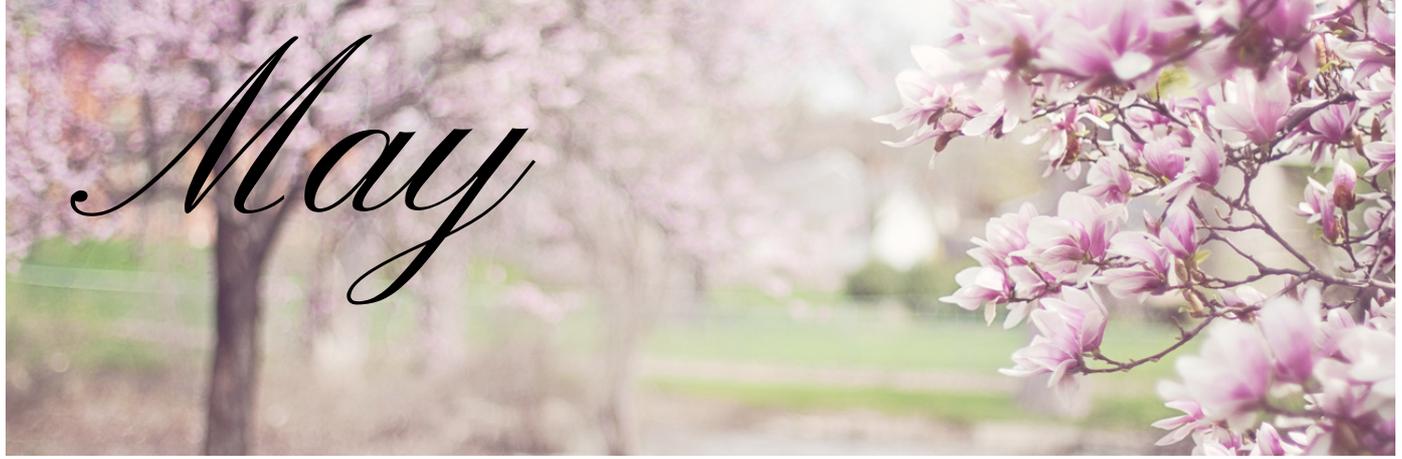
See Sandy McFerran if you are  
interested in becoming a volunteer.  
For an appointment please visit:

**Redcrossblood.org**

Use Sponsor Code: **HPC97123**

or

**Call 1-800-RED-CROSS**  
**(1-800-733-2767)**



## HPC Calendar - 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	3 6:45 Choir	4 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	5	6 10am Reader Board Beautification 6-10pm Potter's House
7 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion</b> 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	8 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	9 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	10 6:45 Choir	11 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	12 6-8pm IJC	13 6-10pm Potter's House
14 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	15 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	16 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	17 12pm Operations 6:45 Choir	18 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	19 6-8pm IJC	20 6-10pm Potter's House
21 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> <b>11:00 am Congregational Meeting</b> 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	22 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	23 4:30 Praise Team Session 7pm 6-10pm Potter's House	24  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6:45 Choir	25 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	26 6-8pm IJC	27 6-10pm Potter's House
28 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> <b>6-8pm Youth Night at Orenco</b> 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	29 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	30 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	31 6:45 Choir			



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*Choir Director*                      *Nona Scott*  
*Worship Music Leader*      *Laura Cunard*  
*Custodian*                              *Donald Scott*  
*Office Assistant*                      *Nancy Johnson*

*Worship: Sunday, 10am*

*Session:*

*Jill Appel*                      *Missions*  
*Dana Gale*                      *Stewardship*  
*John Stroeve*                      *Worship*  
*Jenny Sabo*                      *Education*  
*John McVean*                      *Property*  
*Joanie Loepp*                      *Fellowship/Events*  
*Brian Johnson*                      *Operations*

*Office hours: Mon—Thurs; 9:30-1pm*

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*The Vision of HPC is for all to EXPERIENCE that  
GOD is able to do MORE by His Spirit at work  
within us.*

*Therefore:*

*Our Mission is to continue to build  
A CARING, CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY  
that is excited to -  
KNOW Jesus  
GROW Spiritually &  
SHOW God's love  
...all for His glory and purpose.*

*Ministers: The Members*

*"God is able"*

*Ephesians 3:20*



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