



Photo by Kelly Dickson

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Happy Eastertide Hillsboro Presbyterian Church family! What a gift it has been to journey with you these past few months. On Easter Sunday, we concluded our series, "Dust and Breath" as we celebrated that most important breath of all time—the breath of Christ filling his lungs as he shook the grave dust from his clothes and walked out of the tomb. Death has forever lost its sting!

In April and May, we will join with the global church as we walk through the lectionary. We will focus primarily on the 1 John lectionary passages that invite us to consider what it means to be Koinonia People—God's people committed to living like Christ within the context of community. Together we will explore the themes found in 1 John of light and love and we will wonder together how our own lives might be transformed by the light and love of Christ that the overflow of that love might spill into our neighborhoods and communities.

If you want to begin reading and studying 1 John before we kick off our series, I recommend watching the Bible Project's overview of 1 John for a short and succinct summary. If you would like a deeper dive into our lectionary passages, two great (free) resources that contain multiple scholarly commentaries are: <http://www.textweek.com> and <https://www.workingpreacher.org/>. You can simply type in the book of the Bible (1 John) you wish to see resources on within each of these sites, and you will be given multiple options for deeper study.

As we begin studying these themes of light and love, I invite you to pray this prayer with me for our church:

*"As we go out into the world,
May our [church] family live in a way
That proclaims the Good News—
Good news for the poor,
Good news that sets the captive free,*

*O God, the tomb could not hold You.
Fill our [church] family with a love
That is shared between us
And freely given to everyone we meet.*

*The earth declares Your glory.
All of creation praises Your name.
And our hearts cry out, "Hallelujah!"
We praise You, O Lord,
As we throw off the sin and the shame of
yesterday.
Let us dance in the promise of the new morning
Of today and tomorrow and forevermore!
--To Light Their Way, "A Prayer for Easter," Kayla
Craig*

Peace be with you,
Pastor Kelly

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Photo by Steve Dever

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

Bill Swanson	1	Bob Stebe	11
Phil Grawburg	3	Joanie Loepp	18
Bert Schroder	5		

Anniversary

Nancy and Dave Radcliff 10



Would you like to be a part of HPC's wonderful committees?

Worship meets every other month on the **1st Sunday**. The next meeting will be **Sunday, April 7th** after service.

Operations meets every month on the **2nd Wednesday** at noon. The next meeting is **Wednesday, April 10th** at noon.

Property meets the **2nd Sunday** of the month. Next meeting is **Sunday, April 14th** after service

Missions meets every other month on the **4th Sunday**. The next meeting is **Sunday, April 28th** after service.

Events & Fellowship meets every other month on the **1st Sunday**. The next meeting is **Sunday, May 4th** after service.

Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton



As we start the month of April let's still remember and celebrate the resurrection. Even though Easter was early this year we can still know that April signifies triumph of light over darkness and the transformation from death to life. April represents the month of new beginnings, redemption, and salvation. It symbolizes the hope of eternal life through Jesus. April reminds us of God's power and grace. It teaches us to trust in His plan, even in times of suffering and challenges. April's significance in the Bible encourages us to reflect on our own lives, seeking new beginnings, and embracing the redemption offered through Jesus. It serves as a reminder that even in the darkest moments, there is hope.

Missions

by Jill Appel



Thank you everyone for a wonderful Service project. We were able to pack 10,000 meals in 1 hour and 45 minutes with the help of 65 people from HPC and Orenco.



Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

We have some people in our congregation who contribute to the church using their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA.

At age 73, the IRS requires a person to take a certain amount of money out of their IRA. There's a formula for figuring out how much money a person would actually need to take each year.

This money that is removed from the IRA is taxed as ordinary income on an individual's tax return. One way to not be taxed on this money is to have it sent directly to a charitable organization, like HPC. This is called a qualified distribution.

If you want further information about RMDs, how they work, and how they may benefit both you and the church, I recommend you speak to your tax preparer or your financial advisor.

Disclaimer: This topic is to give basic information only. I am not an expert, and I am not trying to advise anyone on what they should or shouldn't do regarding their finances.

This is where we are financially as of the end of February. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.



	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$56,531	\$40,380	\$16,151
Total Expense	<u>\$33,263</u>	<u>\$39,351</u>	<u>\$ -6,088</u>
Net Income	\$ 23,268	\$ 1,029	\$22,239

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepf

Hello HPC and happy spring!

Our Events & Fellowship team will be offering a 2-part showing of Journey Films' "Sabbath" on April 14th and 21st following the service in the library. Viewing is limited to 19 people. Each viewing will last a little less than an hour. Those who want to stay for the discussion are welcome to, but if time is tight for you feel free to leave after the movie. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Clerk's Corner

by Gary Gale

Here is the current update from the last session meeting:

- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continue.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on March 3rd.
- Read Babette Reeves letter to HPC expressing her and her clients' appreciation for the safe space provided to Deep Within Therapy.
- Holy week schedule: Pastor John will help with communion on Maundy Thursday. A Good Friday prayer walk planned with local churches.
- Easter Brunch planned before service.
- Sermon series following Easter: 1st week of April to Pentecost. Will follow Lectionary - 1 John -> "Light and Love - Koinonia Community".
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Completed a candidate interview. Will be inviting them to preach at a neutral church. Second candidate interview planned for next week.
- Olivia Dolan is planning an Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Service
- The Lectio-Divina study going well. Interest in study growing.
- Naked Baby Clothing Exchange went well. 60 people attended.
- Rise Against Hunger meal packing packed 10,000 meals. 35 people from HPC and 30 people from Orenco attended.
- Roofing consultant will be here this week to inspect roof and pickup roofing bids for review.
- Thank you to Steve Dever for working the Zply phone issue.
- 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 to the right.
- 3. Go to our website; www.hillsboropres.org and click on the "[donate now](#)" button.



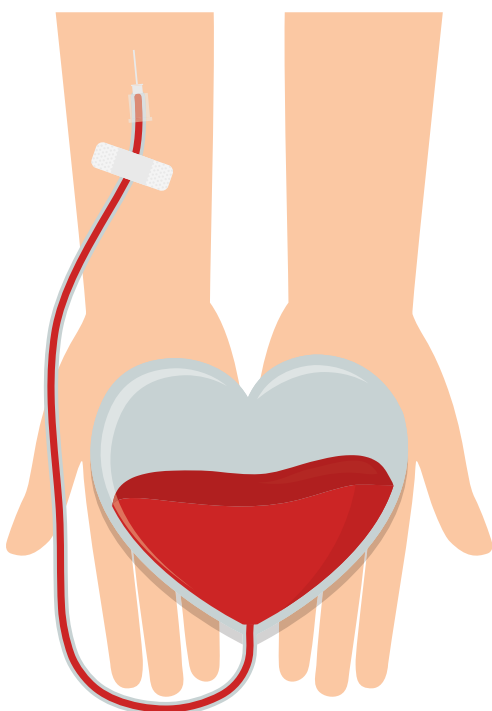
You can set up a profile so it is easier each time you log in to give, or you can donate as a guest user each time. Donations can be from a checking/savings account, or a bank card.

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



The next blood drives is

Monday, May 15th

from 1:30-6:30pm.

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 - 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA		6-10pm Potter's House
7 10am Worship Communion 11am Worship Committee 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	12pm Operations 6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
14 10am Worship 11am Property Committee 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team Session 7pm 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
21 10am Worship 11:30 Deacons 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	22	23	24	25	26	27
	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	11am-5pm AA celebration 6-10pm Potter's House
28 10am Worship 11am Mission Committee 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	29	30				
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12 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC	13  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	14 4:30 Praise Team	15 6:45 Choir	16 8pm AA	17 6-8pm IJC	18 6-10pm Potter's House
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26 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC	27 MEMORIAL DAY 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	28 4:30 Praise Team	29 6:45 Choir	30 8pm AA	31 6-8pm IJC	

Worship: Sunday, 10am In-person and Live Streamed

Session:

Jill Appel	Missions
Dana Gale	Stewardship
Rick Harrison	Education/Discipleship
Nona Scott	Worship
John McVean	Property
Joanie Loepf	Fellowship/Events
Sandy McFerran	Operations

*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.*

Deacons:

Tammy McVean	A-E
Sue Dever	F-K
Nancy Johnson	L-Q
Greta Schindler	R-S
Keith Upton	T-Z


Ministers: The Members


"God is able"

Ephesians 3:20

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

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