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HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY/JUNE  
2026

**PASTOR  
MESSAGE**

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**WELCOME  
SUMMER**

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**GRADUATE SUNDAY  
MAY 31ST**

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# 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!

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## Birthdays

### May

Dave Radcliff	1
John McVean	2
Jeanie Morgan	4
Candice Stroeve	5
Debbi Like	7
Tammy McVean	8
Lisa Stebe	8
Lori Wisdom	11
Arianna MacMillan	24
Monte Davis	28
Asher MacMillan	30
Lois Martz	30

### June

John Stroeve	2
Linda Rittenhouse	4
Nancy Davis	12
Elaine Baker	19
Brian Johnson	22
Jason Appel	23
Chris Stacey	27
Judy Sullivan	28

## Anniversaries

### May

Cindy & Dave Thomas	7
Jaquie & Rick Harrison	9
Debbi & Thomas Like	14

### June

Tammy & John McVean	6
Lisa & Bob Stebe	9
Candice & John Stroeve	25
Chris & Dave Wesley	29

# PASTOR MESSAGE

*Rev. Rachel Guevara*

We continue our theme for this year, for each of us to connect with God, with community, and in service. This season following Easter has been a busy one! The life of the church is never dull or slow when you enjoy being together.

We continue to work at engaging those who are homebound, or living in facilities, as well as engaging our online congregation as we worship. It is easiest to be supported, and encouraged in our faith, when we worship in person, but that is not always possible. Thank you to Carol Garzillo, who joined us last month, to share on some of the challenges of aging at home.

We are excited to welcome new members soon, as well, including some who worship at home. Our confirmation class meets with its mentors this summer and will join us in September. I am excited to watch our growth, which is not just numerical but spiritual. I see us fellowship with great joy and reduced concern and anxiety.

One remedy for anxiety and concern about the unknowns in our world is to celebrate! That is something HPC is really good at! The Apostle Paul tells us to rejoice, always, and not to be anxious about anything (Philippians 4). We have many reasons to rejoice in coming months, and will also focus on Psalms of peace during worship, recognizing at times we need help finding peace in the midst of ever-changing circumstances.

We need frequent reminders not to look for this peace in the world. Jesus reminds us of His peace:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

Please reach out as you need to. I am blessed to be with all of you!  
Grace and peace,  
Pastor Rachel

## **Thank You, Nona!**

We recognize Nona Scott, Choir Director, in worship on May 10 for her commitment to the choir for several years! Nona is stepping down to pursue travel and time with family. She remains our Worship Elder, and we are so thankful for all of the time and talent she has shared with us! Nona, enjoy your freedom on Wednesday nights! God bless you for your gifts in music and leadership.

**THANK  
YOU!**  


# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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## May

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Sun 3rd

Rev. Rachel Guevara  
The Blended Family of God  
(Love Lives Here)



Sun 10th

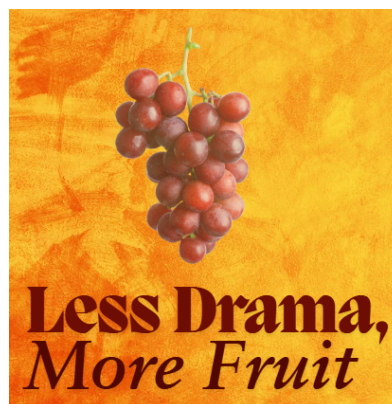
Rev. Rachel Guevara  
The Blended Family of God  
(Stronger Together)

Sun 17th

Rev. Danny Peters

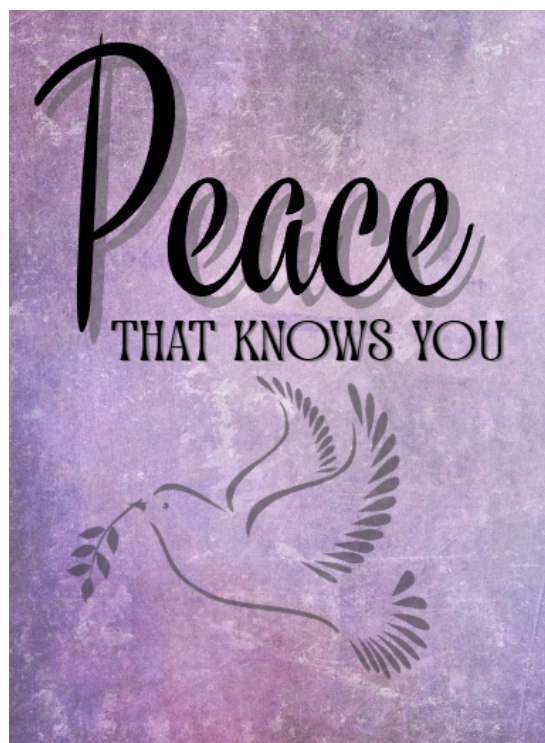
Sun 24th

Rev. Rachel Guevara  
Pentecost  
Less Drama, More Fruit



Sun 31st

Rev. Rachel Guevara  
Trinity Sunday  
The Calling of Samuel



## June

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Sun 7th

Rev. Rachel Guevara  
Peace that Knows You  
Psalm 30

Sun 14th

Rev. Rachel Guevara  
Peace that Knows You  
Psalm 51

Sun 21st

Rev. Rachel Guevara  
Peace that Knows You  
Psalm 139

Sun 28th

Rev. Rachel Guevara  
Peace that Knows You  
Psalm 46

# FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

by Elaine Baker

April has been a blessed month. April 12, we celebrated Jeanie Morgan and Greta Schindler with a Founder's Day party. In addition to being founding members, these two have done it all for our church, Jeanie inspired us on the organ each Sunday for many years and has held nearly every role except pastor. Greta has been a guiding star for decades, teaching and supporting generations, providing a kind ear and wise counsel. Eighty or more people attended the festivities including children, cousins, neighbors and former HPC members. Greta gave a laugh-filled remembrance, including the original church being on swamp land having to walk on cardboard to get in the front door. Former member Matt McLin talked about the duets he and Jeanie played with Matt on violin and Jeanie on piano. The slide show and photos, and of course the food, were all a big hit and everyone enjoyed reminiscing. Special thanks to Nona Scott for reaching out personally to invite folks.

On April 5th we celebrated Easter with a fantastic brunch after Worship. Thanks to Fellowship and Outreach members who made entrees for both events and thanks to everyone in the congregation for your participation - whether adding to the good cheer, bringing potluck items, cleaning up or in other ways. Everyone at HPC makes our fellowship times magical.

If you reserved tickets for the Hillsboro Hops "Star Wars" Night baseball game, June 27th at 5 PM at the newly expanded Ron Tonkin Field, please make sure to make your check out to HPC (HOPS tickets) for \$ 23.50 each. If you are not able to attend but signed up for tickets please let Nancy know, there is a waitlist. We will be in Section 118 behind 3<sup>rd</sup> base if you didn't reserve tickets and would like to purchase tickets in our area, if available.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

by Dana Gale

## HPC Women's Ministry Project a Success!

THANK YOU to all who came to share time and TALENTS!  
Many hands make light work at our latest gathering on  
Saturday, April 11!

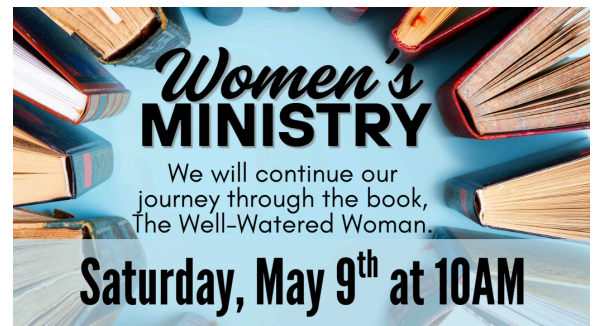


HPC Women's Ministries began making Comfort Quilts for High School Seniors as part of 'Graduate Sunday'. And we are all reminded to sign Comfort Quilts for members who need our thoughts and prayers.

HPC has retained this ministry over the years, ebbing and flowing with the congregation and their needs. It's been a Joy and an Honor! Women's Ministry continues to make Comfort Quilts. Deacons will help to convey our Care and Concern for our congregation.

That said...

HPC Women's Ministries spent an enjoyable morning while PRESSING, PINNING, and STITCHING (and Pressing again). All in all, we completed eighteen (18) Comfort Quilts.



THANKS to:

Those who Pressed: Nancy Johnson, Nona Scott, Joanie Thomas  
Those who Pinned: Tammy McVean, Teresa Morse, Chris Wesley  
Those who Sewed: Sue Dever, Dana Gale, Sandy McFerran, Tammy McVean

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT to:

Chris Stacey donated fabric.

Lois Martz accompanied us with her knitting.

Gary Gale joined us after the Property meeting - he really knows how to stitch things up. Steve Dever and the Property Team who set up the tables and chairs for this Sewing Project as well as the Founders' Day Celebration on Sunday!

While our hope is that there would never be a need for a comfort quilt, we made each quilt with love and care so that the recipient will feel the love we have for them.

Our next meeting will be on May 9th and we will continue our walk through the book, The Well-Watered Woman.

After that, we will break for the summer, and meet up again in the fall.

# PROPERTY

by Steve Dever

## Property Project Status

THANK YOU again to all the helping hands that help when no one is looking!

### HPC yard cleanup day -

Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Thank you to Joanie, Sue, Laurie, Gary, Rick, Dave, Barry, and Steve for all the work they did.

- Trimmed low branches on trees around the HPC property.
- Completed part 1 of a major trim on the large bushes located between the sanctuary and 32nd street.



### Sanctuary Upper Window leaks

The upper windows have been resealed. And it appears that the leaks have been stopped.

### Kitchen Dishwasher Replacement

We will be replacing our kitchen dishwasher in the near future. A commercial model has been selected because the wash cycle is 2-3 minutes, allowing those doing clean-up to quickly put the dishes away. Additionally, the dishes are sanitized at a temperature of roughly 200 degrees, a benefit over hand-washing. This purchase will help us pursue commercial kitchen certification, which would allow for more community events and food offerings. With a new dishwasher we will return to using our dishware and silverware regularly and will reduce our reliance on disposable products, meaning fewer funds spent on supplies as well as less garbage headed to the landfill. The estimated cost, including installation, is \$8000 to \$9000. Six thousand dollars have already been donated towards project. We are seeking an additional \$2000. When donations have reached \$8000 we will move forward with the purchase and installation of the new dishwasher.

### Playground Chip replenishment

New CEDAR PLAYGROUND CHIPS will be installed in late April. Cost will be around \$1600.

This cost is covered by existing funds for playground maintenance.

### Building Shingled roof replacement

The roof on the church is over 30 years old and is showing its age as some of the shingles are delaminating. They are not leaking currently.

- We have started investigating the cost to replace all the shingled areas of the roof.
- We are also investigating the cost of hiring a consultant to help us identify the specs for a new roof and help us select a contractor for the job, as we did when we replaced the flat roof areas.

### Pump Shed Replacement

Jason Appel's Eagle Scout project is rebuilding the Pump Shed, to be completed by end of June. Jason has drawn up plans and is organizing the build and installation of the project.

Session has approved \$400 for this project.

# MISSIONS

by Sue Dever

THANK YOU, HPC Volunteers, for your enthusiasm and tireless energy on Friday, March 13, in support of Hillsboro Project Homeless Connect (HPHC)! This year HPC "expanded our tent pegs" by providing SPACE in our Kitchen and Fellowship Hall to cook & serve Breakfast and Lunch, for a Clothing Closet and a Food Pantry (fresh & canned). The Narthex was filled with tables for HPHC volunteers to coordinate/direct services, the Blue Room had photographers, and our Bathrooms. (well, you know what those are for). ~300+ people received a warm welcome as well as warm meals. Everything was restored to order by 3:30pm. Job well done! Photos from that day are located on the HPC website. Many attendees and volunteers were caught by the camera. Special Thanks to: Jill Appel, Nancy Johnson, Joan Thomas, Diane Lewis, Dana & Gary Gale, Catherine Kanyua, Rick Ponthier, Sandy Fulk, Nona Scott, Sue Dever, and Sandy McFerran.

Sunday, March 31, found HPC volunteers donating and making 50+ Bagged Lunches for Hillsboro Homeless Connect during our Coffee Hour. THANK YOU for your donations. Coincidentally, that morning we (HPC) had visitors from the far side of Portland. They were hungry and needed food. We were able to provide for their needs, not only from our table but with conversation and care. [Hebrews 13:2]

## UP COMING EVENTS:

May 31: Food Collection: Fresh Produce, Dairy Products, Baked Goods, Meat, Non-Perishables

July: Northwest Children's Outreach, collecting hygiene items for kids.

August 30: Back-to-School Supplies

## SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, October 3: RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, October 24: HPC Craft Fair & Bake Sale



## Men's Group

### Food and Fellowship

## Saturday, June 6th



# DEACONS BEACON


by Tammy McVean

## A Biblical Background of Deacons (Part 1)

“After the positions of apostle and elder, the office of deacon was established by the New Testament church.” As described in Acts 6 the increasing growth of the early church resulted in members complaining that their widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution. According to Act 6; 2-4 the Twelve apostles “...gathered the all the disciples and said it would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the work of God to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn the responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” The church members chose seven men and presented them to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The church gave these men the title diakonos, (A Greek word meaning servant, attendant or waiter, often signifying someone who runs errands or serves others, such as at a table.)

“The earliest written reference in the New Testament to the office of deacons (diakonoi- which is the plural form of diakonos) is found in Paul’s salutation in the letter to the church in Philippi. Philippians 1;1 NIV “Paul and Timothy, servants to Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Phillippi, together with the overseers (traditionally bishops) and deacons. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”

Reference- Biblical Background from [www.thepresbyterianleader.com](http://www.thepresbyterianleader.com) Participant Handout “Serving as Deacon” and the NIV Bible



**DEACONS**  
LEADING THROUGH SERVING

**WHO'S YOUR  
DEACON?**

**A-E Tammy McVean**  
**F-K Sandy Fulk**  
**L-Q Todd Guevara**

**R-S Jacquie Harrison**  
**T-Z Dennis Baker**

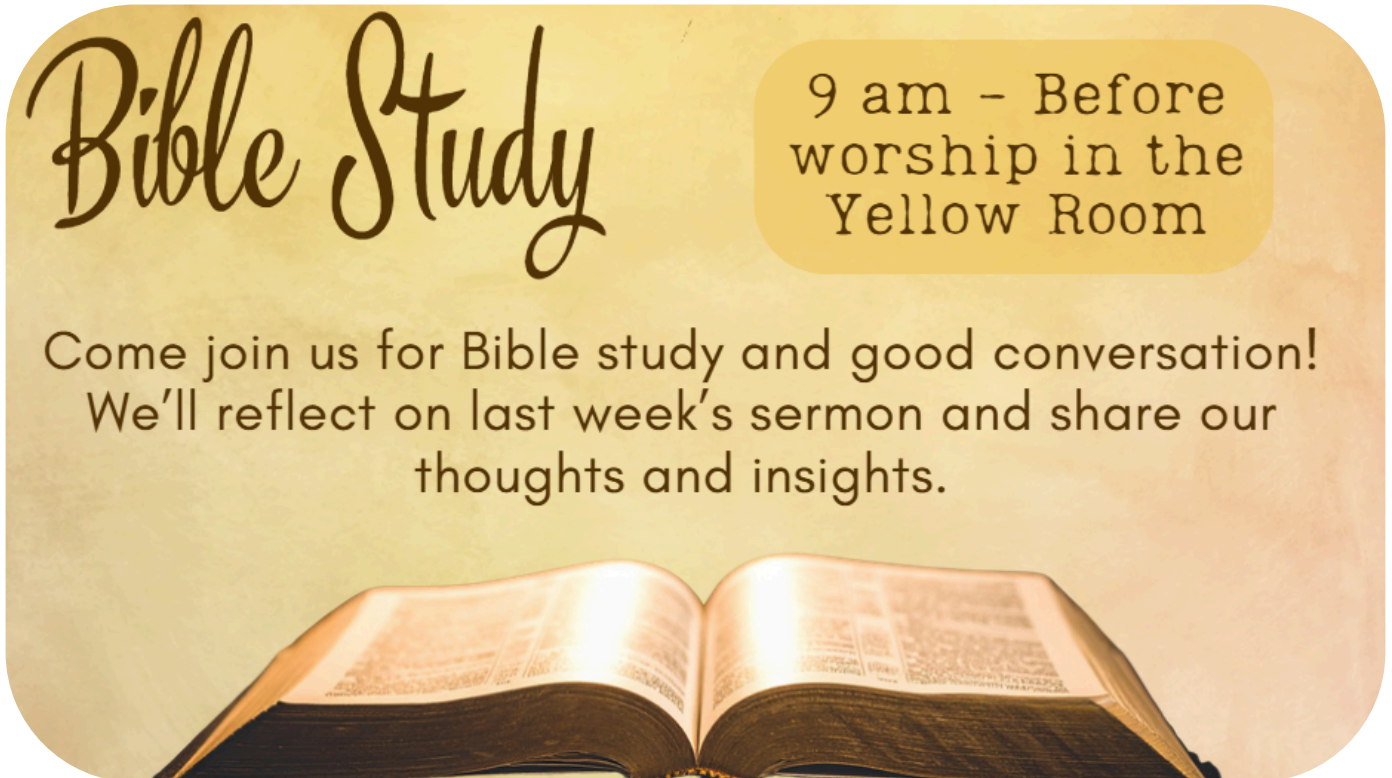
# SACRED STEWARDS

by Rick Harrison

The people of HPC - we are an enriched people. Enriched in so many ways. Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church - "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion..." HPC is a testament to enriched faith. That faith produces grace enough to meet our needs among us - but even further still to the giving to missions around the world. The evidence is the generosity of this church.

As I reported out last Sunday, we were able to respond to our Presbytery and provide a worthy raise in salary and pension for Pastor Rachel. Even in doing so, we, as a church, are maintaining a budget with surplus.

All I can say is: THANK YOU HPC!



*Bible Study*

9 am - Before  
worship in the  
Yellow Room

Come join us for Bible study and good conversation!  
We'll reflect on last week's sermon and share our  
thoughts and insights.

Please join us for Bible Study on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM. We are taking advantage of the sermon series by Pastor Rachel which at this time is "The Blended Family of God". We are exploring the concepts of the Old Testament and New Testament scripture passages that are part of the sermon the week before.

# HPC ONLINE GIVING

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](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.



**Fellowship  
Lunch Sunday.**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Contact  
Donna for  
more details.**





## **Find Us on Social Media and the Web!**

You may have noticed we are updating our profile online, recognizing those who look for a church to visit often look online first! We appreciate your help as you familiarize yourself with some of what we have updated and have to offer. These are resources for you and for your family or friends.

### **HPC Website**

<https://hillsboropres.org/> Did you know you can find our online service at the top of our website? You are able to watch it live here and also connect to our channel on YouTube this way, where past services are listed. Pastor Rachel has a blog on this website, and we are refreshing many pages, including new info about our worship services and what we believe, as well as a page pointing to our ministries. Thank you for your patience as we get it all fixed up! And thank you to the website team, who updates it. We appreciate you!

### **HPC Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/HillsboroPresbyterianChurch> If you have a Facebook account, be sure to connect with us. This is a public page and it is now updated regularly. (The account which only reads "Hillsboro Presbyterian" is not public and is not updated regularly.) Check out our Facebook at the web address above, as this is just one way visitors will find us. This is not, of course, for private or internal communications like prayer requests. You can also review our church on Facebook, and we would appreciate it as the reviews there are very dated. Look toward the top of the public profile - Hillsboro Presbyterian Church - and click on "reviews."

### **HPC Instagram**

[https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro\\_presbyterian\\_church/](https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_church/) Our HPC Instagram account is also back up and running and is updated regularly. "Follow" us there if you are on Instagram.

### **HPC Youth Instagram**

[https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro\\_presbyterian\\_youth/](https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_youth/) We also have an Instagram page for our youth group, and if you have an account, you are welcome to connect with us there.



## HPC Calendar - 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
<b>10am</b> <sup>3</sup> <b>Worship</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>4:45 pm</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>6-7:30 pm</b> <b>Youth Group</b> 1-5pm IJC	4     6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	5   <b>4:30 Praise Team</b>	6     <b>6:45 pm</b> <b>Choir</b>	7   <b>Agape Grief Group 1:30</b>   8pm AA	8     6-8pm IJC	9
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<b>10am</b> <sup>17</sup> <b>Worship</b> <b>Lunch Group</b> <b>6-7:30 pm</b> <b>Youth Group</b>  1-2pm IJC	18     6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	19   <b>1pm Ladies Bunko</b> <b>4:30 Praise Team</b>  <b>7 pm Session</b>	20     8pm AA	21   <b>Agape Grief Group 1:30</b>   8pm AA	22     6-8pm IJC	23
<b>10am</b> <sup>24</sup> <b>Worship</b>   1-2pm IJC	25     6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	26   <b>4:30 Praise Team</b>	27     8pm AA	28     8pm AA	29     6-8pm IJC	30
<b>10am</b> <sup>31</sup> <b>Worship</b> <b>Graduate celebration</b>  1-2pm IJC	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	<b>4:30 Praise Team</b>				



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

**Rev. Rachel Guevara**  
**Nancy Johnson**  
**Laura Cunard**  
**Nona Scott**  
**Donald Scott**  
**Oivia Dolan**

**Pastor**  
**Office Assistant**  
**Worship Music Leader**  
**Choir Director**  
**Custodian**  
**Ministry Intern**

**Deacons:**  
**A-E Tammy McVean**  
**F-K Sandy Fulk**  
**L-Q Todd Guevara**  
**R-S Jacquie Harrison**  
**T-Z Dennis Baker**

## **Session:**

**Sue Dever**  
**Rick Harrison**  
**Jason Bradley**  
**Nona Scott**  
**Steve Dever**  
**Elaine Baker**  
**Sandy McFerran**  
**Gary Gale**

**Missions**  
**Stewardship**  
**Education/Discipleship**  
**Worship**  
**Property**  
**Fellowship/Events**  
**Operations**  
**Clerk of Session**



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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*



**Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday; 9:00-12:30 pm**

*Thank you for reading!*

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