#### **HYDE PARK BEACON**

**April 2013** 

Mid-Month Issue

Hyde Park Christian Church Love God, Love People

**NEW! Easter Sermon Series & Mid-Week Ministry** 

#### DISCIPLES OF CHRIST





This year, during the season of Easter, Pastor Jackie will be preaching a six week sermon series on identity which also ties in with our new Hyde Park Christian Church mission statement: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Who is Jesus today?

"Love God. Love People."

In conjunction with the six-week sermon series Pastor Jackie is starting this Easter, she will also be hosting a Mid-Week discussion session that explains key components of our Disciples heritage & identity. Please plan to join us at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as together we grow in faith. Dinner will be provided.

Everyone is invited to join us in as together we explore who God is and who we are as Disciples of Christ.

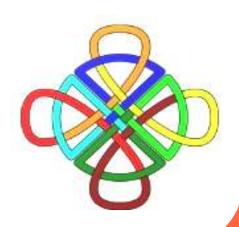
#### WHO AM I?

Who is Neighbor?

Who are we as the Christian Church?

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#### From the Desk of Reverend Jacqueline Hammett

Dear HPCC Family and Friends,

Last week we began an exciting new 6-week Mid-Week Ministry series focusing on major themes of our Disciples of Christ heritage and identity. We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for food, learning and fellowship. These lessons are also being presented on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Sunday School classroom and we are delighted to have members of the Fellowship class join us as well.

Our first topic was COVENANT. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines covenant as "a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement." Synonyms include: accord, alliance, compact, convention, treaty, and pact. The on-line Dictionary.com provided the typical standard definitions and also offered this *Ecclesiastical Definition* which I found to be thought-provoking:

"a solemn agreement between the members of a church to act together in harmony with the precepts of the gospel."

Our focus last week was to examine biblical examples of covenant. If you were unable to join us last week, I invite you to look up the following passages in your Bible:

Noahic Covenant – Genesis 9:8-17 Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 12-17 Mosaic Covenant – Exodus 19-24 Davidic Covenant – 2 Samuel 7 New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:30-33

This week we will be focusing on COMMUNION – a centerpiece of Disciples worship – and explore ways in which God's covenant with each and every one of us in made real and visible in the sharing of the bread and cup.

Please plan to join us in this journey of faith and discovery on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings as together we learn and grow in faith.

Your servant in Christ,

Jacqueline Hammett

#### **Scripture Box—New Covenant**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make <u>a new covenant</u> with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: <u>I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;</u> and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



Jeremiah 31:31-33

#### Marlene Rickard's 80th Birthday Party

On **Saturday, May 11, 2013**, Marlene Rickard's family and friends will be celebrating her <u>80th Birthday</u> in the **HPCC Fellowship Hall from 2-4 p.m.**, and we hope you will make plans to attend. No gifts, please, but we would appreciate you sharing with everyone in attendance a fond memory or humorous story from your friendship experiences with Marlene. Please RSVP by emailing Debbie Athey at debathey@aol.com or calling Carolyn Rickard at 743-3361 by Friday, May 3 so can plan appropriately for refreshments. Hope to see you there!



#### **April Lectionary Readings**

April 21, 2013

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30



April 28, 2013

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

#### **BBA Summer Camp Dates**

Mark your calendars—Bluebonnet Area Summer Camps are coming up!!

**CYF Conference—**June 9—15, 2013 For all youth grades 9—12

**Eighter's Camp—**June 23—29, 2013 For all youth exiting the eighth grade

**Beginner's Camp**—July 1—3, 2013 For all youth grades 2—3

**Junior Camp**—July 7—13, 2013 For all youth grades 4—5

**Chi-Rho Camp**—July 21—27, 2013 For all youth grades 6—7

SUMMER CAMPS

#### **April Birthdays**

4.4 Jan Keeling

4.5 Stanley Cavitt

4.10 Marie Giorda

4.10 Rodney Young

4.11 Julia Walden

4.12 Debbie Athey

4.12 Donna Christopherson

4.15 Ryan Day

4.16 Roberta Hartung

4.24 Kirsten Watson



If you or someone you know is interested in attending camp this summer, please contact the church office.



#### **April Fellowship Class Lunch**

The Fellowship Class will meet at <u>Springhill Catfish Restaurant</u>, at **11:30 am, on Saturday, April 20,** for food, fun & FELLOWSHIP!!

For questions, please call Mary Ellen Lentz, at (512) 836-0980



#### Say Cheese!!! HPCC Photo Corner



Pastor Jackie & Ms. Margaret Austin share a smile, July 29, 2012.

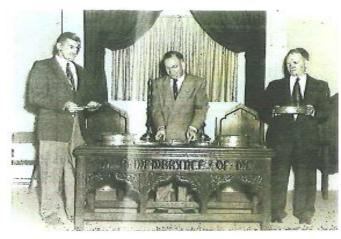


Ms. Mary Ellen Lentz, Ms. Margaret Austin & Ms. Lou Belcher visit before church, July 29, 2012.

#### History Moments: Worship in the 1950's



1950's congregation & choir lift their voices in song.



1950's communion—Bob Hamner, Rev. Stevenson & Lewis Beck

#### 2013 Family Mission Trip—Dominican Republic

For our Family Mission Trip this year, we will be volunteering at an orphanage in Monte Cristi, a small sea-side town in the Dominican Republic. Monte Cristi is a sleepy town of about 20,000 residents located on the northwest coast of the Dominican Republic. It was founded in the 16th century, and enjoyed a period of prosperity at the turn of the 19th century when Europeans exported mahogany and agricultural products. Today, its' salt flats produce a large amount of salt for Morton Salt, some fishermen make a living fishing, and there is a nearby melon and banana industry. Monte Cristi is

home to a beautiful national park beach, El Moro.

Located between Cuba and Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. The Dominican Republic is a very safe and friendly country, with many Dominicans having family living in the States. A representative democracy has been in place since the 1960's. The country is very poor, especially along the "frontera", the area along the Haiti border.

We will be donating our time volunteering with the non-profit organization Outreach 360 in the Dominican Republic. Outreach 360 has been working in the Dominican Republic since 1994. Since then, over 12,000 short term volunteers have joined Outreach 360.

Outreach 360 volunteers work in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

The need for quality education in developing countries is huge, because the lack of educational opportunities results in <u>entire neighborhoods</u> of children growing up unprepared for college or qualified for a job.

As volunteers, we will be working at an educational learning center for disadvantaged children. Volunteers primarily teach English, Spanish literacy, and public health to the children at the center. English is an important skill in Latin America, providing educational and work opportunities. Often, the first question an employer will ask at a job interview is "Do you speak English?" The ability to read is critical to future success, but many kids don't have access to children's books and haven't learned this basic skill.

It will be our joy & privilege to work with these kids, doing repair work, tutoring in English and/or Spanish and playing with them! If interested in going with us, please contact Pastor Jackie or the church office (452.2596 or office@HydeParkCC.org).





## The 16th Annual Golf Outing

When: Sunday, April 21, 2013

Where: Bluebonnet Golf Course, 9100 Decker Ln.

Time: Tee times begin at 2:00 pm (be there @ 1:30 pm)

Elgibility: Members of HPCC & guests of all playing levels

(Beginners to experts welcome)

Entry Fee: \$39.00 per player (Includes carts, fees and award

Entry Deadline: April 14, 2013

Please fill out the registration form (below) and return or mail with entry fee to the church office by April 14, 2013

All participants must follow general course rules & etiquette.

A casual awards dinner will be held after play at **Tres Amigos Restaurant**.

For information contact Ron Davanport 834-8056 (at 290 and 183)

#### IT'S GONNA BE FUN! FUN! FUN!--DON'T MISS IT--BRING A FRIEND

#### Registration Form—16th Annual Golf Outing

Name:			
Member Guest	Guest of Whom?		
Home Phone #	Average Score or Handicap:		
I will play 9 or 18 holes			
I will attend the awards dinner after the round:			

Hyde Park Christian Church, 610 East 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751

# Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, April 27th, 2013—10:30 am

Celebrate that special family member with Hyde Park CC



Hyde Park Christian Church, 610 E. 45th Street, HydeParkCC.org





Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, 2013

Come celebrate with us at a very special area assembly that will feature a great combination of spirit filled workshops, worship services, phenomenal speakers, scrumptious food, fellowship and fun for all ages. Special events are planned for the youth group, as well as the youngsters. Pre-register so you can join us in the Friday night beachthemed party. Be sure to bring your casual wear for the party.



**Lots of fun activities going on** including Blessing of the Animals Service, Mobile Pet Clinic, Chalice Café, Live Music on Outdoor Stage, Moonwalk, Kid's Fun Fest, Spring Market & Vendors, Bloodmobile, Fire Truck, Church Tours, Community Garden Tours, Labyrinth, and more!

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#### Please Remember in Prayer...

Joyce Addison, Margaret Austin, Joseph Briggs, Freddy Campbell, Janey Carr, Le Ella Cochran, Chris Crocker, Theresa Dillara, Sue Donavan, Leslie Einhaus, Eric Elder, Eileen Ernst, Tina Flynn, Gina Frank, Dorothy Glasscock, Alice Harris, Roy Hartfield, Yett Hibler, Wayne & Betty Jesse, Jerry Larson, Amanda Leun, Mike & Pat Liles, Patty Matthews, Sondra Murray & Family, Billy Peppers, Claire Rivers, Paul Spaar, Beth Stubbings, Bonnie Taylor, Wendell & Lou Tull, Linda Van Meter, Mae Waggoner, Daniel Ward, Laura Wendell, Diana White, and the Men and Women of our Armed Forces.

