



The Connecting Link

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NOVEMBER 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES AND SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 A.M.	Adult Study all year round
10:00 A.M.	Worship with Youth Sunday School for ages 3 through high school
5:00 P.M.	REV Contemporary Worship Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9 AM	Adult Class
10 AM	Worship and Youth Sunday School
11:15 AM	Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & CE
5 PM	REV Worship Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9 AM	Adult Class
10 AM	Worship and Youth Sunday School
11:15 AM	Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & Outreach/Comm/Website
5 PM	REV Worship Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9 AM	Adult Class
10 AM	Worship and Youth Sunday School
11:15 AM	Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & Missions
5 PM	REV Worship Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9 AM	Adult Class
10 AM	Worship and Youth Sunday School
11:15 AM	Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry
5 PM	REV Worship Service (Christmas Decorating after REV)



Thanksgiving
 Blessings to
 Our HHPC Family!

**STEWARDSHIP
 SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

2 SESSION



Thank you so much for the lovely fellowship hours you hosted on Sunday, October 15th after the 10 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. services. The food was good and the company excellent.

I am settling into my new home in Peoria. The church office has my new address.

I also left extra hearts with Bernie for those who missed getting one.

**Blessings,
Rev. Laura**

WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

It is a way Presbyterians share equally, responsibly, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (USA), no matter the size of their churches.

Per capita contributions are:

- requested from every congregation; and,
- based on each church's total active membership.

PER CAPITA HELPS CHURCHES

Through per capita, Presbytery of Chicago churches:

- help congregations with pastoral transitions;
- train and support interim ministers;
- resolve congregational conflicts;
- Care for ministers, Christian educators and their families; and,
- help prepare people for service as ordained ministers.

The per capita for 2017 is \$33.38 per member.

Jones Center
100th Anniversary Gala
Saturday,
November 4, 2017

For more information,
call 708 - 757 - 5395
or visit www.jonescenter.org

It's not too late to sign up --
do it today!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
JONES CENTER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9



Thank You, LORD!

4 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE Updates *(by Linda Lavaretto)*

The Fall Fellowship celebration held on September 29th was a huge success! Thanks to Debbie and her team for setting up the tables, games and logistics for the evening. Lucky for us, Brittney Brown, Sara Flynn, Nancy Snyder, Mike Swearingen and Dianne Flynn were willing to help supervise the crafts and games. Thank you to Janet “Chuckles the Clown” Pawlicki for creating such collectable balloon creations. Thank you to Laura Villarreal for the beautiful face and arm designs on all the visitors. Thank you to Linda Lavaretto for getting all the visitors signed in and being sure they entered the raffle. Congratulations to our winners: Hailey, Nathan, and Victoria. Everyone left with a smile on their face, a juice box and a bag of freshly popped corn.

Are you ready for the Christmas celebration yet? **The All Church Advent Christmas Party** will be held on Friday, December 1. It's such a great way to begin the holiday season. A pot luck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by crafts to make as decorations or gifts at 7:15. Please remember to bring a favorite dish to share with everyone who attends.

Look for samples of the crafts we'll be making outside Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Be sure to sign up so we can have enough seating for the evening. Everyone is welcome to attend so invite your friends and family for this great night of fellowship and crafting.

Dave Delaney has about 8 people attending the **Adult Sunday class**. It is held on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Anyone interested in discussing books from the Bible and the current events of the day should consider joining the group. They have some lively conversations and would welcome your input.

Arlene Pearson reported that the first meeting of the **Women's Bible Study** had 10 members join them. The entire group misses former members very much and knows without a doubt they are in God's loving hands. The group has begun a study of 2 Corinthians. If you are interested in Paul's message to the church, this would be an ideal time to join the discussions and be a part of this study.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** was busy in September providing gifts to 2 people. They were kind enough to thank us for our prayers and thoughtfulness. We are continuing to create lap blankets. We miss Eva Mason and her talented crocheting. If you would like to learn knitting and help us with our goal of 160 blankets for Providence in Palos Heights, please join us on Sunday mornings after the worship service at 10 a.m. We would be happy to Teach you the basic stitches. Anyone who is interested in learning the art of crocheting will be happy to hear there is also someone who can teach you this too. Yarn is available as well as knitting needles. We do not have a supply of crochet hooks so you will be asked to bring your own.

The Stampers met on October 18th. They are making cards for celebrating birthdays as well as thinking of you cards and get well cards. We are happy to provide cards to the Christian Education committee, the Prayer and Care group, and the Women's Bible Study. Many of the Stampers also attended the card workshop held with Evelyn Garlic on Saturday, October 21.

Mark your calendars for the **Women's Christmas Tea**. It will be held on **Sunday, December 10**. We are having it at 1:00 p.m. with the hopes that more people can attend in the daylight hours. We will enjoy table games, tea, fellowship as well as entertainment by Jonathan Gray, a multi-instrumental musician and singer, who has performed throughout the United States and has appeared at many popular venues in Branson and Vegas.

Don't forget to bring in a donation of your favorite cookies for everyone to share. Join us for the tea and be sure to invite a friend and your relatives to this annual event.

**GRATITUDE HELPS
US
TO SEE WHAT IS THERE
INSTEAD OF WHAT ISN'T.**





If you are interested in helping or would like more information on Kids' Club, please contact Dianne Flynn at the church office at 708-598-3100.

***Trust in the Lord will all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.***
(Proverbs 3:5)

This has been a month of discussion, interactive games and sharing during the Christian Learning time here at Kids' Club. As we studied stories of Isaac, Abigail, Jacob and Esau, we discussed peace, kindness and forgiveness. Our learning time in November will center on the topics of Accepting Others Who Are Different, Telling Others About Jesus, Being Happy When Others Succeed, and Learning to Pray.

We continue to be active in the mission of ***Kids Helping Kids*** with the donation of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. This month we congratulated **Alyssa M. as she brought in a large bag of tabs** which almost filled a collection jar. Keep up the good work, kids!

We also reached out to the residents of the Hickory Nursing Pavilion. This month with the planning and guidance of Shirley D., the kids made Halloween cards for those living in this facility. Can you imagine the

excitement the residents felt when they opened a card made by one of our kids here at Kids' Club!

Our **Halloween Party** was a successful event. The afternoon of games, crafts, face painting, Halloween music and snacks was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to McKenzie L., the Snicker Balance winner for the month of September. Her name was drawn from the list of kids who had perfect attendance for the month at Kids' Club.

Mark your calendars for our **All Church Christmas Party to be held on Friday, December 1.** It will be an evening of good food, holiday crafts, and fellowship for all ages. **The potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.** The sign-up sheet and display of crafts is located on the lower level of the church. Remember all are welcome, so invite a friend to join you.

Peace and Jov. Dianne



6 PRAYER AND CARE

Reflections

I rejoice because I have perfect confidence in you.
(Corinthians 7:16 (NRSV))

Paul continues to justify his ministry to the badly-split church. His letter began with salutations, thanksgiving and forgiveness of the offender, who headed the revolt against Paul's leadership and authority. After explaining his ministry as triumphant, honest tried, courageous, dedicated and reconciling, he pleads for fellowship with the believers by opening their hearts to him and Titus.

(by Arlene Pearson)



You can now send prayer requests online through our new website at www.hickoryhillspres.org/prayer-request/

Requests made through this link will be sent to the church office who will forward it to Prayer and Care if designated as such.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MEETS EVERY MONDAY
KNITTING ROOM - 1:00 PM**

Enjoy Crocheting or Knitting?

Join the ladies of our Prayer Shawl Ministry for this prayerful and enjoyable experience.

**SUNDAYS AFTER 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
KNITTING ROOM**

If you or someone you love needs a hospital visit, please call the church office at 708-598-3100 and leave a message on the office mailbox. Due to federal privacy regulations, the hospitals never call the church, even if they ask for your church membership information.

We Lift in Prayer

Those in need of healing and with health concerns.

Jerry and Joan Panko, Cliff, Mary Orr, Francine, Shirley D's sister Shirleen, her friend's son Brian, her husband's cousin Karen, Kevin, Eleanor Watson, Jean Somerstorfer, Bob D, Sawyer, Lucy D and Tom, Barb M, Aunt Sherry, Don (Ivy), Erik's son, Dave & Dar, Leah (Karen), Diane's great nephew Colton, Cheryl H, Gail (Ar), Michelle (Mel), Stephanie (Katie), Jeni, Kyle W, Renee & Chris, Gracie & 3 gals (Gerry), Adeline.

Those in need of strength.

Susan's cousin Randy, Donna's sister Shirley, Billy, Jeni's mom Wanda & Bob, Annette (Adeline), Theresa and her niece Beth, Aunt & Carol, Debbie Vaughn, Dave Johnsen, Rick & his dad, Dick, George (Charley), Bernie's daughter Natalie, Rhiannon & Jim (Charlie), Betty (Huenecke), Corey and Jordan (Grace), Rachel (Debbie Dennis)

Those in need of strength and healing or with health concerns.

Lori and her mom, Judy, the entire Cassiello family, Donna's friend Ken, Grace's relative Edith, Laura A, Eva M, Ar's brother Richie and brother-in-law Howie and sister Gerry, Joann J, Ramon and Laura, Donna (Karen), Julie's brother (Evelyn), Jackie (Ivy), Uncle Tony (Mary Ann), Brother-in-law Bob (Susan), Ciaron Conrad REV)

Groups around our country and around the world.

Those attending to the Southwest fires, Hurricanes Maria, Irma and Harvey victims, Israel, our children and youth ministry, Christians in the Middle East for strength and protection; people of other faiths; our country's divisions; policemen and firemen, persecuted Christians, our enemies, Syria, Chapel Church, TN victims, Las Vegas victims and those affected by the massacre, Somalia bomb victims.

Those in need during miscellaneous circumstances.

Shirley D's friend Pat Z, Karl Haack and Mark Gulotta in the Marines, Shannon for peace and direction, Jimmie & Jimmie's aunt for comfort and strength, Laura V's friends Debbie and Chris for direction, Lauren for seeing the light and strength, Joe for direction and strength, Joe, Jen DelPrete and family, Gloria (Laura V), Rachel and Juan, Karen for guidance and strength (Debbie) Cassie (Laura V), Larry (Ivy), Mike (Roy's brother), Dave & Debra

Those who mourn.

Family and friends of Carol, Debbie's mom, who died Sunday, October 22, 2017.



HHPC HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 2017
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

- Food served all day
- Penny Social Raffle

We welcome any and all
baked goods' donations.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL GRACE
708-990-0739**



ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017
6:30 P.M**

**Pot Luck Dinner ~ Christmas Crafts ~
Fellowship**

COST: Bring a dish to share for our meal and
a free will donation for craft projects.

Sign up today for this All Church event!

An Invitation to All Ladies of our Church and Community

*Start a holiday tradition and fill
your heart with love, laughter and
joy. Invite a friend and share in the
warmth and love that is Christmas.*

“A Cup of Christmas Tea”



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017
HICKORY HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1:00 P.M.**

**Holiday Entertainment provided by
JOHNNY GRAY**
*(Multi-instrumental Musician,
Singer and Showman)*

Please bring a plate of your favorite
Christmas cookies or sweets to share
on our refreshment table.

**A free will donation will be accepted
for the program.*

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RSVP Requested
Questions? Call Dianne Flynn
708-598-3100

**COMING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AFTER THE 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
“LIVING CHRISTMAS WREATH” (WATCH FOR DETAILS)**

8 NEWS FROM THE PEWS



*We celebrate those who are
having birthdays in November.
May God shower them
with blessings!*

- 1 Erik Meyer
- 3 Michelle Krumpolc
- 5 Katie Huenecke
- 6 Steve Porter
- 6 Delorus Freiberg
- 6 Jean Swearingen
- 8 Brittany Maranto
- 8 Renee Meyer
- 8 Mitchell Huenecke
- 14 Ramon Villarreal
- 26 Alissa Raschke-Janchenko
- 26 Beth Ann Kommenich
- 26 Lynda Rys
- 27 Mandy Rodriguez
- 28 Shaylin Rys
- 30 Amanda Kowalcze
- 30 Gordon Home



**If you have a change to your
personal contact information,
please call the church office
at 708-598-3100 or send an
e-mail to:**

hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org

**Please report any omissions or errors
on the birthday list to the church office.**

Phone: 708-598-3100

E-mail: hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR 9



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 AM - Prayer & Care	2 Office Open 11:30-5:30 PM 4 PM - TOPS 7 PM - Yoga	3 10 AM-4PM Craft Show Setup	4 9 AM - 3 PM Holiday Craft Show & Bake Sale Jones Center 100 th Anniversary Gala
5 9 AM Adult Class 10 AM Worship & Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM - Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & CE 5 PM - REV Worship	6 1 PM - Women's Bible Study 3:30-5 PM - Kids' Club 7 PM - Arab Men's Prayer Group	7 Office Open 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 7 PM - Worship & Music	8 9:30 AM - Prayer & Care 7 PM - REV Planning Meeting	9 Office Open 11:30-5:30 PM 4 PM - TOPS 7 PM - Yoga	10 4 - 6 PM - Arab Women's Fellowship	11
12 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9 AM- Adult Class 10 AM - Worship & Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM - Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & Outreach/Comm./Website 5 PM - REV Worship	13 1 PM - Women's Bible Study 3:30-5 PM - Kids' Club 7 PM - Arab Men's Prayer Group 7:30 PM - Session	14 Office Open 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	15 9:30 AM - Prayer & Care	16 Office Open 11:30-5:30 PM 4 PM - TOPS 7 PM - Yoga	17	18
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NOTE: The most updated calendar of events at HHPC can be found on our new website at www.hickoryhills.pres.org/news-events/