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**Happy
Fathers
Day!** ★



The Connecting Link

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JUNE 2018

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS AND GROUP MEETINGS

The Scripture readings shown below are ones that many churches across the world will focus on during these upcoming Sundays. You are invited to use them as passages of study in your personal devotional time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Readings: 1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

9:00 AM Adult Education

10:00 AM Morning Worship

11:15 AM Fellowship & Christian Education

5:00 PM REV Worship Service (Rev. Dr. Liz Hulford)

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)

Readings: 1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15); 16-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138;
2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

9:00 AM Adult Class

10:00 AM Morning Worship (Rev. Dr. Liz Hulford)

11:15 AM Fellowship & Outreach/Comm./Website

5:00 PM REV Worship Service (Follow Week 04 - Melanie Swindle)

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 (4th Sunday after Pentecost)

Readings: 1 Sam. 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Cor. 5:6-10,
(11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

9:00 AM Adult Class

10:00 AM Morning Worship (Kathleen McKenzie)

11:15 AM Fellowship & Missions

5:00 PM REV Worship Service (Follow Week 05 - Melanie Swindle)

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

Readings: 1 Sam. 17 (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20; or
1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Psalm 133; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

10:00 AM Morning Worship (Rev. Emily Rosencrans)

11:15 AM Fellowship

5:00 PM REV Worship Service (Follow Week 06 - Katie Huenecke)

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.



**9:00 A.M. Adult Study
(all year round)**

**10:00 A.M. Traditional
Worship with Youth
Sunday School (during
the school year for
ages 3 through high
school)**

**5:00 P.M.
REV Contemporary
Worship Service**

Newsletter content is always welcomed and can be e-mailed to hpsc@hickoryhillspres.org or dropped off in the office.

2 REFLECTIONS

God took the **strength** of a mountain,
The **majesty** of a tree,
The **warmth** of a summer sun,
The **calm** of a quiet sea,
The **generous soul** of nature,
The **comforting arm** of night,
The **wisdom** of the ages,
The **power** of the eagle's flight,
The **joy** of a morning in spring,
The **faith** of a mustard seed,
The **patience** of eternity,
The **depth** of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities.
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was
complete,
And so, He called it:
Dad.

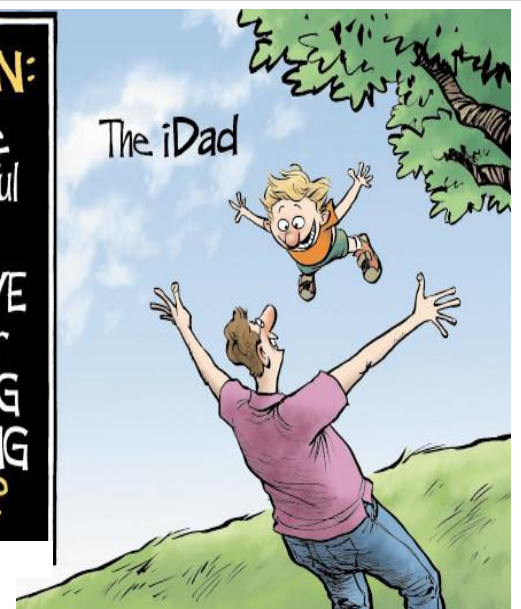
TRAITS OF A GOOD FATHER

Lover of God
Provider
Protector
Teacher
Friend
Role Model
Patriarch
Disciplinarian
Spiritual Leader

A toast
to all Dads
at HHPC!



QUESTION:
What is the
Most powerful
WIRELESS,
INTERACTIVE
device for
LEARNING
and GAMING
available?





HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!

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.

**KIDS CLUB
IS TAKING ITS
SUMMER BREAK.**

**HAVE A
GREAT SUMMER.**

**SEE YOU
IN SEPTEMBER!**

Peace and Joy, Dianne



"GAME ON!"

(Gearing Up for Life's Big Game)

--2 Peter 1:3

**HICKORY HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 4 - 7, 2018**

**Ages 4 years to
completion of grade 6**

**Cost per Child: \$6 plus
a donation of 1 bag of cookies**

**CALL TODAY TO PRE-REGISTER
708-598-3100**

4 PRAYER AND CARE



Women's Bible Study "Sharing at the Table"

*May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of
God and to the steadfastness of Christ.*

--2 Thessalonians 3:5 (RSV)

We have learned a great deal of the early church during our study. Paul urges his followers to preach the truth and live the Christian life in unity. We are not told to build unity. We are told to keep unity. Unity has to be protected as we grow together as Christ's family by getting rid of the baggage we carry.

Being a part of the women's group brings me such joy as we continue to reach out to one another, pray together and share our lives. Our bond is real. We will start again on September 10th with Paul's letter to Timothy. The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the *Pastoral Epistles* since they deal with the qualifications and duties of church ministers. See you then.

Peace and Love, Arlene Pearson

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace
at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all."*

--2 Thessalonians 3:16 (RSV)



Thank you to all who attended the
recent National Day of Prayer
service at HHPC.

GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS!



We Lift in Prayer

Please continue to pray for those listed in the following prayer requests from your home on Wednesday, at 9:30 A.M. until further notice. Prayer is what disciples do!

We pray for those in need of healing and those with health concerns: Jerry & Joan Panko, Mary Orr, Francine, Shirley D's sister Shirleen, her friend's son Brian, Kevin, Eleanor Watson, Jean Somerstorfer, Bob D, Sawyer, Lucy D & Tom, Barb M, & Carol (Ivy), Erik's son, Dave & Dar, Leah (Karen), Diane's great nephew Colton & sister Lynn, Gail (Ar), Michelle (Mel), Cheryl H, Gail (Ar), Michelle (Mel), Stephanie (Katie), Kyle W, Adeline, Sean, Jackie (Ivy), Aunt Jane & Bob, Jr. (Gordon), Dave and Darlene Delaney's granddaughter, Savannah, Lieutenant Clint Sanders of Roberts Park Fire Protection District (Karen G), Lorrie Cunningham (Ar); Julie Witek, Ella (Lorrie), Marge (Bernie), Cindy T, David (Laura V's son), Cliff (Pat), Rev. Emily, Cori (Ivy), Natalie (Bernie), Gert, Lori T. (Grace), Suzanne (Bernie), Rachel (Karen G), Jonathan (Bernie)

We pray for those in need of strength: Susan's cousin Randy, Donna's sister Shirley, Billy, Jeni's mom, Wanda & friend Bob, Annette & Kristina (Adeline), Theresa and her niece, Beth, Aunt & Danny, Debbie Vaughn, Dave Johnsen, Rick & his dad, Dick, George (Charley), Rhiannon & Jim (Charlie), Corey & Jordan (Grace), Jim (Grace), Raymond (Diane), Charlie (Barb), Lori (Debbie)

We pray for 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, brother-in-law Howie and sister Gerry, and Gracie, Joann J, Ramon and Laura, Donna (Karen), Julie's brother (Evelyn), Uncle Tony (Mary Ann), Ciaron Conway (REV), Alia (Laura V), Steven and Ted (Grace), John (Grace's son); Lisa (Bernie), Joanne (Barb), John Morgucz (Toni), Wilda's mom Doris, Don (Debbie), Lisa (Grace), Erin (Charlie S)

We pray for groups: Israel; our children & youth ministry; Christians in the Middle East for strength & protection; people of other faiths; our country's divisions; policemen and firemen; persecuted Christians; our enemies; Syria; Nigerian women; Hawaii volcano

We also pray for those in need during miscellaneous circumstances: Karl Haack and Mark Gulotta in the Marines, Shannon for peace & direction, Jimmie & Jimmie's aunt for comfort & strength, Laura V's friends Debi & Chris for direction, Lauren for seeing the light & strength, Jen DelPrete and family, Gloria (Laura V), Rachel and Juan, Karen for guidance and strength (Debbie), Cassie (Laura V), Mike (Roy's brother), Dave & Debra, Gerry, Olivia, Holly, Megan (Toni), Salvino (Debbie), Rellinger family (Karen)

We pray for those who mourn: For the victims and their families affected by violence. For victims of Cuba's airline crash. For victims of Santa Fe, TX high school shooting and their families and friends.

We praise God for leading us. God is in control.

BEDS PLUS PROGRAM

Faith United Presbyterian Church in Tinley Park has asked us to help support their BEDS PLUS program. They are in need of toiletries in order to support homeless individuals and families to come in from the cold and get back on their feet. You will find a collection box in the Narthex.

Thank you.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MISSION EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
MC8 MEETING
ORLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
13401 WOLF ROAD
ORLAND PARK, IL

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 - FRIDAY, JUNE 29
DAKOTA PARTNERSHIP MISSION
TO SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA
(Registration closes June 1.)

SUNDAY, JULY 29
2:00 P.M.
HHPC MISSION COUNCIL 8
KIT PACKING FOR CWS



**FOOD PANTRY
COLLECTION BOX**

On the first-of-the month Sundays as we come to our Lord’s Table for Communion, we share the gift of food for another’s table. Kindly remember to bring a non-perishable food item with you on these Sundays.

The Food Pantry collection box is located in the narthex and is always available for your donations.

*Thank you and God bless you
for your generosity.*



**Check out the bulletin board
in the narthex for additional
information on HHPC events
and other happenings in the
area.**

6 HONORABLE MENTIONS

Thursday, April 26, 2018

"The Reporter" Newspaper

Prayers and handmade blankets are crafted for residents of healthcare and rehab center

By Dermot Connolly

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church have completed their latest project — knitting and crocheting 142 lap blankets for residents of a Palos Heights rehab facility.

The colorful handmade blankets have been displayed on the pews of the church at 8426 W. 95th St. for the past week and were blessed and prayed over during services on Sunday. Temporary Pastor Kathleen McKenzie read the blessing.

Dianne Flynn, a founder of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and director of the Children's Ministries at the church, explained that during the prayer service, members of the congregation laid their hands on at least one of the blankets. Church members plan to deliver them on May 6 to residents of Providence Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, at 13259 S. Central Ave. in Palos Heights.

The blankets won't be just dropped off at the front desk either. Instead, church members will go around and present them individually to each resident. All the blankets, carry a label stating that they were handmade by the Prayer Shawl Ministry as well.

"We will personally place one in the hands of every resident. We really want a connection to let people know they are being prayed for. Each stitch is really filled with our love," said Flynn.

A longtime member of the church, which is currently looking for a new pastor, Flynn helped found the Prayer Shawl Ministry about 10 years ago. Since then, the group has donated hundreds of handmade blankets to Bria in Palos Hills and numerous other nursing homes and rehab facilities throughout the area.

Flynn, who explained that about a dozen women meet after Sunday church services to knit and crochet, while others do their



Photo by Dermot Connolly

Dianne Flynn, a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, holds up one of the 142 lap blankets that her group made for residents of Providence Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Palos Heights. The blankets were displayed in the sanctuary of the church at 8426 W. 95th St., where members of the congregation prayed over them during Sunday services.

work from home. She said it often takes more than a year to make enough blankets for donation to nursing facilities. In addition to making the blankets, members also make individual prayer shawls, which are presented as gifts to people who experience both happy and sad occasions, everything from welcoming a newborn child to grieving the loss of a family member.

"It's a team effort. Just because you come up with the idea doesn't mean it is going to be a success. You need people to get involved. Thankfully, this is a very mission-focused church. You have a passion for what you do. While you are making each rug or shawl, you are thinking of the people it will be given to," said Flynn.

"We welcome knitters or crocheters of all abilities," she added. "If they don't know how to do it, we will teach them."

Grace Muszynski, of Chicago Ridge, another founding member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, said she was one of those with a lack of knitting experience before getting involved.

"I knitted a pair of socks for my husband while he was in the Army years ago," she said. "The socks never got finished. But I've learned a lot and made a lot of blankets since starting this. What keeps me coming back is, it's all about wanting to do good for people. It's like a mission, and we're a mission-focused church," said Muszynski.

Dianne Flynn was interviewed by **THE REPORTER** newspaper and proudly displays handmade blankets made by HHPC's Prayer Shawl Ministry.



HHPC congratulates the following individuals on their graduation. Our prayers are with Ramiro and Stephanie for success in their future accomplishments.

Ramiro Ramos
Oak Lawn High School

Stephanie Lorenz
Bachelor's Degree in Business
Robert Morris University



Debbie Zimmerman was recently honored at a ceremonial dinner where she was presented with the "Service to Mankind Award" by The Sertoma Club for outstanding community service. Congratulations, Debbie!

(See page 8 for more information about The Sertoma Club.)

Happy Birthday!



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

- 2 Ed Zabelka
- 3 Ivy Taebel
- 3 Mark Gulotta
- 7 Brittany Brown
- 8 Barbara Monczynski
- 11 Katelin Wheeler
- 12 Amanda Swindle
- 14 Cheryl Huenecke
- 14 Alvin Swearingen
- 15 Ryan Krueger
- 16 Karen Hoffman
- 16 Albert Netter
- 23 Megan Zimmerman
- 27 Linda Lavaretto
- 28 McKenzie Lorenz
- 29 Hanna Treccani
- 29 Tom Morrell
- 29 Joe Simone

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

**Phone: 708-598-3100
E-mail: hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org**

A Birthday Prayer for Our Friends

We pray for all on their special day,
May every blessing come their way.
May the warmth of loved ones
lift their hearts,
and the treats and gifts play their part.
But most of all, may they truly know
how they are treasured and loved
the whole year through!

**No one is too young or
too old to be used by God.
You are always the
perfect age.**



**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**

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS

You can now send prayer requests online through our 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.



HHPC Pulpit Supply Preachers for the Month of June

Shown below are the pulpit supply preachers who will conduct our morning worship services for the month of June:

June 3 & REV	Rev. Dr. Liz Hulford
June 10	Rev. Dr. Liz Hulford
June 17	Kathleen McKenzie
June 24	Rev. Emily Rosencrans

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 2018 is \$33.61 per member.



HICKORY HILLS SERTOMA CLUB: A community connection

They are men and women just like you from all walks of life, occupations, religious backgrounds, as well as ethnic backgrounds. Good people working hard to support disadvantaged individuals and giving back to the community. We have meetings twice a month, pay some dues, go to dinners and dances, golf outings, and conventions, just to name a few.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month for dinner at Mama Luigi's on 74th and Harlem. We have our business meeting at the Hickory Hills Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month.

The club is always looking for interested individuals 18 years and older to help us service our community.

If you are interested in helping out with our fundraisers or joining our club, please contact us at info@hickoryhillssertoma.com or call Jerry at 630-215-3250.

HHPC GROUP MEETINGS 9

SUNDAYS

Adult Education (Year-round)

9:00 AM - Library

Prayer Shawl Ministry (Sept-May)

11:15 AM – Back Room, Downstairs

First Sundays

Christian Education Committee

11:15 AM – Library

Second Sundays

Outreach/Communications/Website

11:15 AM – Junior High Classroom

Third Sundays

Missions

11:15 AM – Fellowship Hall

MONDAYS

Women's Bible Study (September–May)

1:00 PM – Back Room, Downstairs

Kids Club (during the school year)

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM - Whole Lower Level

Arab Men's Prayer Group

7:00 PM - Library

Meets most weeks

Second Mondays

Session

7:30 PM - Junior/Senior High Room

Fourth Mondays

Deacons

7:30 PM - Back Room, Downstairs

TUESDAYS

Office Open

11:30 AM – 5:30 PM

First Tuesdays

Worship and Music

7:00 PM – Library

Fourth Tuesdays

Newsletters prepared for mailing

10:00 AM - Junior High Room

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer and Care

9:30 AM – Library

Stampers

10:00 AM – Downstairs Knitting Room

(Dates scheduled by participants)

THURSDAYS

Office Open

11:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)

4:00 PM – Back Room, Downstairs

Gentle Yoga

7:00 PM – Gym

FRIDAYS

Second and Fourth Fridays

Arab Women's Fellowship

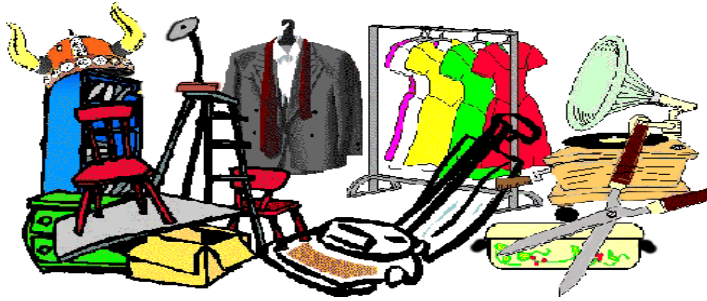
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen



**HHPC ministries
and groups at work
for the glory of God.**

10 SPECIAL EVENTS



Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make our Annual Yard Sale a success. We also thank our customers for their continued support.

HHPC looks forward to next year's event where we hope to have more "treasures" for all to find.

"FOLLOW"

Join us at REV for the "Follow" series.

Every Sunday through July 15th (except for Communion Sundays)



As summer begins, let us put ourselves into God's hands, pray that God will bless us and our families and friends during the wonderful months ahead, keep us safe as we travel and mindful of His presence always.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Office Closed	2
3 9:00 AM - Adult Education 10:00 AM – Traditional Worship 11:15 AM – Fellowship & CE 5:00 PM – REV Contemporary Worship Follow Series	4 Office Closed 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS (Through June 7)	5 Office Open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7:00 PM - Worship & Music	6 Office Closed 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	7 Office Open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LAST DAY OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 4:00 PM - TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	8 Office Closed 4:00 PM - Arab Women's Fellowship	9
10 9:00 AM - Adult Education 10:00 AM – Traditional Worship 11:15 AM – Fellowship & Outreach/Comm/Website 5:00 PM – REV Contemporary Worship Follow Series	11 Office Closed 7:30 PM - Session	12 Office Open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	13 Office Closed 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes	14 Office Open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 4:00 PM - TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	15 Office Closed 4:00 PM - Arab Women's Fellowship	16
17 9:00 AM Adult Education 10:00 AM – Traditional Worship 11:15 AM – Fellowship & Missions 5:00 PM – REV Contemporary Worship **Deadline for Newsletter Content** Follow Series **Newsletter Content Deadline**	18 Office Closed	19 Office Open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	20 Office Closed 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes	21 Office Open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 4:00 PM - TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	22 Office Closed 4:00 PM - Arab Women's Fellowship	23
24 9:00 AM - Adult Education 10:00 AM – Traditional Worship 11:15 AM – Fellowship & Missions 5:00 PM – REV Contemporary Worship Follow Series	25 Office Closed 7:30 PM - Board of Deacons	26 Office open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 10:00AM - Newsletter prepared for mailing	27 Office Closed 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes	28 Office Open - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 4:00 PM - TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	29 Office Closed	30

NOTE: The most updated calendar of events at HPC can be found on our website at www.hickoryhillspres.org/news-events/

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