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SEPTEMBER 2018

Worship With Us

SUNDAYS

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

5:00 P.M. (Contemporary Worship)

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

HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?

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A MESSAGE FROM SESSION

As the elders of Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, we would like to announce the following:

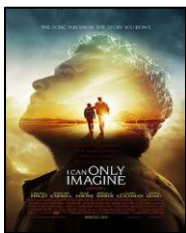
Matt Witek, our REV leader, has resigned from his position here. The Session has accepted his resignation as of August 15. We wish Matt well in all his future endeavors.

Dianne Flynn, our Director of Children's Education, has submitted a letter of retirement from her position. The Session has accepted her last day of employment at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church as of August 18. Dianne will continue to work on the many mission projects here in the church, which we are ever grateful for! We plan on celebrating her wonderful years here at Rally Day, September 9. We hope you will join us in that celebration.

Please continue to keep the Session, Matt and Dianne in your prayers as we move forward with these transitions.

Your Elders,

Kim Ambrosat, Shirley Brunell, Gina Ciametti, Darlene Delaney, Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman, Gordon Home, Tom Morrell, Melanie Swindle, Scott Zimmerman



Join us at REV Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
for the "I Can Only Imagine" Series

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| September 2 | <i>Imagine Forgiveness, part 1</i> |
| September 9 | <i>Imagine Forgiveness, part 2</i> |
| September 16 | <i>Imagine Redemption, part 1</i> |
| September 23 | <i>Imagine Redemption, part 2</i> |
| October 7 | <i>Imagine Going Home, part 1</i> |
| October 14 | <i>Imagine Going Home, part 2</i> |



Worship Services, Readings and Regular Sunday 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, SEPTEMBER 2 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**

11:15 a.m. Fellowship, Christian Education & Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 p.m. **REV Worship**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

RALLY DAY!

Readings: Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship and Youth Sunday School**

11:15 a.m. Fellowship, Christian Education & Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 p.m. **REV Worship**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Readings: Prov. 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-2; Mark 8:27-38

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship and Youth Sunday School**

11:15 a.m. Fellowship, Missions & Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 p.m. **REV Worship**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Readings: Prov. 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship and Youth Sunday School**

11:15 a.m. Fellowship, Christian Education & Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 p.m. **REV Worship**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

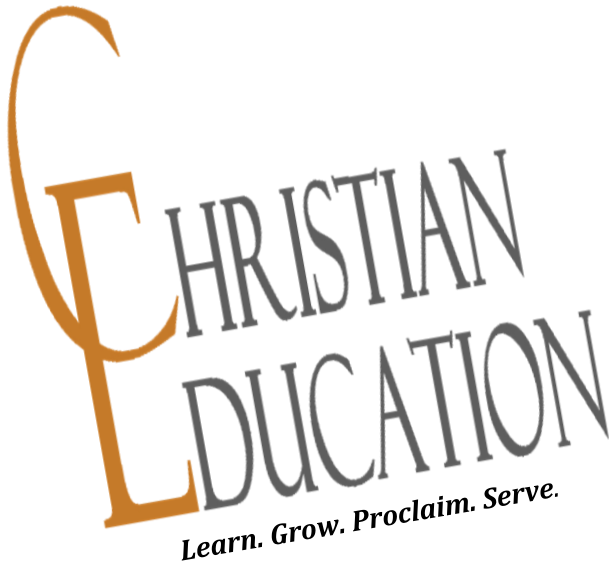
Readings: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship and Youth Sunday School**

11:15 a.m. Fellowship & Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 p.m. **REV Worship**



HHPC Education Programs Resume

Rally Day

We are celebrating the return of our education programs on Sunday, September 9. Rally Day will provide an opportunity for everyone, young and old, to meet after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for food and games, and, of course, fellowship. Our cooks will prepare bratwurst, hamburgers and hot dogs. It is a pot luck dinner so anyone planning to attend will be asked to provide a side dish or dessert. There will be games for the children and the young at heart. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us and bring your friends.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday school classes will begin on September 9. Children ages pre-school thru grade 5 will meet downstairs with Dianne Flynn. Children from grade 6 through high school senior will meet upstairs with Gordon Home. A nursery will be provided for children from ages infant through age 3.

Women's Bible Study

The Woman's Bible Study begins **Monday, September 17.**

School Supply Drive

The children will be collecting school supplies for the local children who need additional assistance gathering supplies for this 2018-2019 school year. Everyone can help by donating supplies and placing them in the boxes near the sanctuary.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

We need approximately 262 lbs. of pop tabs to make a "million collected" which will then be donated to the Ronald McDonald House near Hope Children's Hospital. You can help us meet our goal by collecting the pop tabs and bringing them downstairs to Fellowship Hall.

Kids Club

Kids Club will begin meeting on Monday, September 17 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Parents are asked to register their children on September 17 or ahead of time with Dianne Flynn at the church. The children, ages 4 to grade 6, will play organized games in the gym, make a craft, learn bible stories, and enjoy some snacks.

Once each month, the children who have attended every meeting in that month will have an opportunity to compete in the *Snickers Balance* contest. One child's name is drawn to hold the candy bar in her or his mouth while a friend tries to balance candy bars on it. Several children have already had two years' experience in this task. It is always a highlight of the month. Be sure to send your children for this weekly meeting and have them bring a friend--the more, the merrier. The entire Kids Club staff is returning and all of us are anxious to see the children and learn about their summer activities.

Fall Festival at HHPC

We are planning a **Fall Festival Celebration on October 5 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** to celebrate the new season. There will be popcorn, juice boxes, crafts, games, a bouncy house, face painting, balloon animals, and fun for the entire family. Plan to spend an evening with us and be sure to share the date with your family members and neighbors. Hope to see you there!



THE KIDS ARE BACK!

Kids Club Returns

On Monday, September 17 Kids Club returns.

We are back with great activities for all kids ages 5 through grade 6. We come together for a time of recreation and games, craft projects, music, snacks, and Christian Life studies. Every month we enjoy cooking projects and special events. We also continue to celebrate the children who have perfect monthly attendance by having them participate in the popular *Snickers Balance* contest.

This year we will work with a curriculum from Team Kid titled *Character Challenge*. As we study Bible stories we will focus on the character traits that God wants us all, children and adult alike, to develop.

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year. There is no cost for the program, but registration is necessary. The forms are available at the church and can be mailed or completed on the first day of Kids Club. This program is open to church and community kids. We encourage you to share this information and invite others to be a part of this outstanding outreach of our church.

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.

A Prayer for Our Children as They Head Back to School

Thank you, Lord, for the refreshing times that you have given our family this summer.

Help our children keep these happy times in their hearts.

And as school starts, help them to spend time with their teacher and school friends.

Help them to settle back into this school year!

Help them to learn, to grow in confidence
and to have lots of fun.

*When you help other people,
you help yourself. It's impossible
to not feel great when you
do good for others.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**MOBILE PACK FOR
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
6850 WEST 159TH ST
TINLEY PARK, IL**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the mobile pack. There are 30 spots available but additional volunteers are always welcome.

In addition to helping with the mobile pack, a \$50 donation would be appreciated from those who are able. This donation will help cover the price of the mobile pack items that you will put together in one session. However, no donation amount is required to volunteer.

If you're not able to make this \$50 donation, we ask that you continue placing any of your coins and loose bills in the jar located in the Narthex. Also, M&M tubes are still available-- enjoy something sweet and bring back your tube filled with quarters. Thank you. Any questions, see Kim Ambrosat.

ILWIAYA

(Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa Youth Assembly)

ROLLIN' ON THE ROCK 2018

(A Middle and High School Retreat)

**STRONGHOLD CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018 THROUGH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Fun - Fellowship - Music - Worship**

For more information, e-mail ryan@strongholdcenter.org
More details to follow.



CWS HYGIENE KIT PACKING A SUCCESS!

The Church World Service (CWS) hygiene kit packing event was a success! We had 45 servants in attendance.

Once the gross of nail clippers I ordered arrives, we will complete the last of the kits and deliver 375 hygiene kits to CWS. Our goal was 200. As usual, God had bigger plans.

There are extra toothbrushes, combs, band aids, and soap that will be delivered as well and used at the warehouse to complete other kits.

CWS asks for \$20 per kit to pay for shipping and handling. We have \$330 donated at this point. Any donations can be mailed to me at the address below.

**Ms. Melanie Swindle/MC8
17528 Walter Street
Lansing, IL 60438-2025**

-- Thank You and Peace, Melanie

MISSION COUNCIL 8 MOVIE NIGHT

"All Saints"

A true story of a small church ready to close its doors when the pastor begins to realize that God may have a different plan for them.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
3:00 P.M.**

**FAITH UNITED CHURCH
6200 WEST 167TH STREET
TINLEY PARK, IL
PHONE: 708-532-8877**

*A Thank You
to Our Elders*

Elders, your church family thanks you for the endless meetings you have attended seeking God's will for a new Pastor. It's hard to believe you have sacrificed your time for almost one year!

THE PRESENCE THE *Promise* THE POWER

WE LIFT IN PRAYER

Please continue to pray for those listed below from your home on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. until further notice.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Sharing at the Table"

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus, our hope, To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (1 Timothy 1-2 (RSV))

What an endearing salutation to Timothy who was in Ephesus. Paul had written this letter from an undetermined location. He wanted his "faithful child in the Lord" to succeed in the oversight of the flock. While Paul had every confidence in him, he felt Timothy needed help and guidance. What was the problem at Ephesus? **Please come to our Bible Study to find out.**

As the world continues to shock us, let us remember the bolt of lightning is followed by the sound of thunder. Those who have eyes to see, and ears to hear, praise God!

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. (Matthew 6:22)

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Rev. 2:29)

Love and Hugs, Arlene Pearson

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, Don & Carol (Ivy), Erik's son, Dave & Dar D, Leah (Karen), Diane's great nephew Colton & sister Lynn, Gail (Ar), Michelle (Mel), Stephanie (Katie), Kyle W, Sean, Jackie (Ivy), Bob, Jr. (Gordon), Dave and Darlene's granddaughter Savannah, Lieutenant Clint Sanders of Roberts Park Fire Protection District (Karen G), Lorrie Cunningham, Julie Witek, Ella (Lorrie), Cindy T, Cliff (Patt), Rev. Emily, Cori (Ivy), Natalie (Bernie), Gert, Lori T. (Grace), Suzanne (Bernie), Rachel (Karen G), Katey (Shirley D & Karen G), Pat P (Shirley D), Rosie (Dave B), Aurora (Dave B), Robbie (Gert)

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, Tom, Aunt & Danny, son Greg, Debbie Vaughn, Dave Johnsen, Rick & his dad, Dick, George (Charley), Rhiannon & Jim (Charlie), Raymond (Diane), Lori (Debbie), Janet (Barb)

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, 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), Joanne (Barb), Wilda's mom Doris, Don (Debbie), Erin (Charlie S), Vince (Bernie), 6-year old Addy (Karen H), Gina and grandson Brian (Grace), Jack M and wife (Maryann)

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, California fires

We 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, 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), Tanya (Evelyn), Lorre (Evelyn)

We pray for those who mourn: For victims and their families affected by violence in Chicago. For family and friends of Dave Krueger who died August 13 (God's comfort to Darlene and the immediate family.)

We praise God for leading us. For the nearly 1,200 children being sent back to their families, 370 hygiene kits were provided for disaster victims, John Morgucz's tumor is gone!

SPECIAL EVENTS

(TOO GOOD TO MISS!)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

Seating available inside and outside.



MENU

Bratwursts, Hamburgers,
Chips and Drinks

*Sign up to bring side dishes
and desserts
to add to our pot luck.*

Join us for a great time with your HHPC family!

*(Sign-up sheets are located in the East Room
and downstairs.)*



**HICKORY HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 5, 2018
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

**Please join us for an evening
of fun and celebration.**

**Bouncy House ~ Games for
All Ages ~ Arts and Crafts ~
Face Painting ~ Balloon Twisting ~
Refreshments**

*For more information, contact
Dianne or Jean at the church office
at 708-598-3100.*



**Craft items make
great Christmas gifts!**

**JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL
HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

For more information, call Grace at 708-423-6378

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS

Heavenly Father, bless all of our friends celebrating their birthdays this month. Protect and guide them as they continue along the path You have chosen for them. Give them the courage to follow in your light and feel Your love wherever they go. Make them strong and give them the strength to make good decisions in the coming year. Keep them free from illness and sadness for they are truly good friends who deserve happiness and success in their lives. Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." May the birthday candles that represent the years of your life be a reflection to others of your love for Christ.



**We welcome any news articles
you may have for our monthly newsletter.
Please send your submissions to:**

hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org. Thank you!



**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**

happy birthday

**Happy Birthday to all those who are celebrating their
birthdays in September. May God shower blessings on
them at this special time and all year through.**

3	Mark Maranto	19	Charles Huenecke
7	Noelle Larson	20	Dave Delaney
8	Terri Lorenz	21	Colleen Petkus
8	Sarah Sizemore	22	Laura Villarreal
10	Frances Nelson	22	Debbie Zimmerman
11	Debbie Raschke	23	Ryan Brenz
12	Evan Grisko	26	Kathie Wheeler
13	Kyle Zimmerman	27	Greg Rolla
15	Stacey Lorenz	29	Eileen Freeman
15	Cheryl Nirtaut	29	John Morgucz
17	Shirley Brunell	30	Barbara Hepburn
17	Kyle Wheeler	30	Doug McKinney
18	Stephanie Lorenz		
18	Dawn Rellinger		



**If you should notice any omissions or errors
on the birthday list, please report them
to the church office.**

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E-mail: hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



Online Prayer Requests

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 September

Shown below are the pulpit supply preachers who will conduct our worship services during the month of September.

September 2

10:00 a.m.
Rev. Emily Rosencrans

September 23

10:00 a.m.
Rev. Emily Rosencrans

September 9

10:00 a.m.
Rev. Emily Rosencrans

September 30

10:00 a.m.
Rev. Emily Rosencrans

September 16

10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. REV
Rev. Derek Mason

What is per capita and how does it help churches?

Per capita 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;
- based on each church’s total active membership;
- help congregations with pastoral transitions; and,
- train and support interim ministers.

Through per capita, Presbytery of Chicago churches:

- resolve congregational conflicts;
- care for ministers, Christian educators, and their families; and,
- help prepare people for service as ordained ministers.

**PER CAPITA FOR 2018
\$33.61 PER MEMBER**



HHPC Ministries and Groups at Work for the Glory of God.

Shown below are the ministries and groups that currently meet at HHPC.

SUNDAYS

Adult Education (Year-round)
9:00 AM - Library

Prayer Shawl Ministry (Sept-May)
11:15 AM – Back Room, Downstairs

First Sundays

Christian Education
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

Board of 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

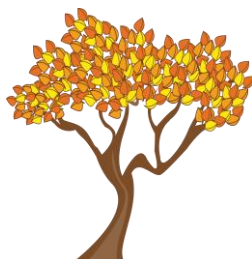
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