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OCTOBER 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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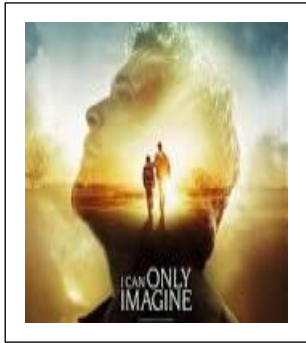
Need a Hospital Visit?

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.



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Join us at REV 5:00 p.m.
for the final two Sundays
of the series

“I Can Only Imagine”

October 7

Imagine Going Home, part 1

October 14

Imagine Going Home, part 2



An Autumn Prayer

Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
and in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns.
The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help me let go of things that I have no control over
and surrender them all to your loving care.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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, OCTOBER 7 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Communion)

Readings: Job 1:1-2:1-10; Ps. 26; Heb. 1:1-4; 2-5-12; Mark 10:2-16

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

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

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

5:00 p.m. REV Worship (*Imagine Going Home, part 1*)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Readings: Job 23:1-9; 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15; Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

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

11:15 a.m. Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & Outreach/Comm/Website

5:00 p.m. REV Worship (*Imagine Going Home, part 2*)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Readings: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35; Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

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

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

5:00 p.m. REV Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Readings: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22); Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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

KIDS CLUB UPDATE

Welcome back to Kids Club!

The kids and staff have been away for the summer and now we are back. Our first day was a great beginning with 23 kids in attendance. Together we enjoyed gym time, craft time with eye dropper painting, lessons on being righteous and, of course, the favorite snack time. Thank you to Marietta and Tamera for providing the snacks for this day.

This year we have made an addition to the Monday afternoon program. Thanks to Debbie, we are also providing a time for discussion and study with the Junior High youth.

STUDY TIME



Our topics of study during the month of October include:

- **Be caring.** As we study Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, we learn to become aware of the needs of others around us.
- **Be accountable.** We learn what it means to take responsibility for our actions.
- **Be prayerful.** We are taught that prayer is an important part of our daily lives.
- **Be knowledgeable.** We explore the value of knowing Scripture.



The Snicker Balance is back!

Check the newsletter next month to see who the lucky winner for October was.

On Monday, October 29 we will host a fun and safe Halloween party for the kids. We invite kids to wear their costumes to this party. If possible, we ask those attending to bring a bag of candy to share in the “take home” bags.

Please join us for the **Fall Festival celebration on October 5th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Feel free to invite others to join this evening of fun.

KIDS ARE



Have you invited a child to be a part of this program? Do you want to help at Kids Club? Contact Dianne Flynn at 708-598-3100.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Learn. Grow. Proclaim. Serve.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

All children and youth ages 3 through high school are invited to join us for Sunday School during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Our discussion and study will be enhanced with the use of puppets, crafts, flannel boards, and games. The first quarter of study will include lessons on the lives of Joseph and his brothers, Moses, Aaron, and Pharaoh. It will conclude with lessons on the Ten Commandments.

Reflecting on the Colors of Fall *(continued)*

Red. Red represents love, passion and desire. Having a heart full of passion draws us closer to God and others.

- What makes me feel passionate in my faith life?
- How do I think God can use my passion to reach out to others?
- What do I find really easy and fun?
(This could be my passion!)

Brown. Brown represents stability and anchors all those other beautiful colors of fall. In our lives,

Reflecting on the Colors of Fall

As the leaves begin to change into an array of beautiful fall colors of yellow, orange, red and brown, we are reminded of how we, like the leaves, are changing throughout the seasons of our lives.

Let's look at some of the meanings of color that have been written about and how we might apply them to our faith life.

Yellow. Yellow represents joy and happiness. If we have God in our lives, joy is present in our hearts and will shine forth.

- Am I essentially happy and are others drawn to me because they see joy and happiness in me?
- In my relationship with God, when do I feel the most joyful?
- What makes me happy in my faith journey with others?

Orange. Orange represents warmth and symbolizes thoughtfulness and sincerity. As a Christian, I am asked to be a warm and inviting person who cares about others.

- Do I portray an image of warmth, thoughtfulness and sincerity and can others see these qualities in me?
- In Colossians 3:12, it is written: "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Do I "clothe" myself with these traits?

(continued below)

we have God as our anchor and we can depend on Him for strength and security.

- Do I remember to be God-anchored when I feel unstable and insecure in my life?
- When I am worried and overwhelmed, I will remember these words:

*I won't tell God how big my storm is.
I'll tell my storm how big my God is.*

Take time to reflect as you experience God's awesome gift of Fall colors.



ILWAIYA

(Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa Youth Assembly)

ROLLIN' ON THE ROCK 2018

(A Middle and High School Retreat)

**STRONGHOLD CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**(Registration form and \$60 per person
deposit due November 1)**

Fun - Fellowship - Music - Worship

**For more information, e-mail
ryan@strongholdcenter.org**

Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

MC8 EVENTS COMING SOON

OCTOBER 6 – 9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

MC8 MEETING

**PULLMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
550 E. 103rd St., Chicago, IL
773-928-9568**

OCTOBER 14 – 11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

Pumpkin Patch Opening

**Faith United Presbyterian Church
6200 West 167th St., Tinley Park, IL
708-532-8877**

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. For further information, contact Kim Ambrosat.

THE PRESENCE THE *Promise* THE POWER

WE LIFT IN PRAYER



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Sharing at the Table"

By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith, among them Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. (1 Timothy 1:19-20 RSV)

After devotion and prayer, we engaged in discussion. There were 8 in class. We finished chapter 1 with the above verses. They seem to mean remedial discipline referring to excommunication from the fellowship of the church. After our treat, the HHPC Prayer Requests list was read and our prayers were spoken. We missed those of you who weren't able to come. We'll look for you on upcoming Mondays.

Love and Hugs, Arlene Pearson

**Always pray to have eyes that see the best,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad
and a soul that never loses faith.**



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

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), Cliff (Patt), Cori (Ivy), Natalie (Bernie), Gert, Lori T. (Grace), Anthony (Bernie), Katey (Shirley D & Karen G), Pat P (Shirley D), Rosie (Dave B), Aurora (Dave B), Robbie, Michael & Roy

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, Danny, son Greg, Debbie Vaughn, Dave Johnsen, Rick & his dad, Dick, George (Charley), Rhiannon & Jim (Charlie), Raymond (Diane), Lori (Debbie), Janet (Barb), Matt, Allison & 2 children (Theresa), Susie (Bernie)

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), Uncle Tony & Jack M & wife (Mary Ann), Ciaron Conway (REV), Alia (Laura V), Wilda's mom Doris, Don, Cindy & Alexandria (Debbie), Carol S & Julie (Ar) Vince (Bernie), 6-year old Addy (Karen H), Gina and grandson Brian (Grace), Donna (Karen H), Jeana (Ar)

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, all leaders in authority, Japan typhoon, those affected by Hurricane Florence, gas explosions in northern Boston, China, Philippines

We pray for those in need during miscellaneous circumstances: Karl Haack and Mark Gulotta in the Marines, 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), Matt, Darlene K

We pray for those who mourn: For victims and their families affected by violence in Chicago. For family & friends of John Morgucz who passed away September 5 (God's comfort to Dawn and Jackie)

We praise God for leading us. Shannon's great nephew's birth.

PRAISE GOD! GOD IS IN CONTROL!

SPECIAL EVENTS (Too good to miss!)

JOIN US!

HICKORY HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8426 WEST 95TH STREET

FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 5, 2018
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

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!

~~YOU'RE INVITED~~

ANNUAL HICKORY HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

For more information, contact
Grace 708-423-6378

You can't pour from an empty cup. . . take care of yourself first.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018 – 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon
“A COOL CUP OF WATER”
MINI FALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S GATHERING



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1936 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO

To register, call (312) 225-4951

Self-care is essential in today's busy world. In this interactive workshop we share steps to bring a balance of mind, body and spirit.



GREAT WAYS TO CELEBRATE SOMEONE'S BIRTHDAY

- Take the time to write a meaningful message in the person's birthday card or make a handmade birthday card.
- On small slips of paper, write down memories (one memory per slip) of times shared with this person for as far back as you can remember. Fold each slip of paper in half (*for added suspense*) and place them in a decorative box. When the person opens the box, you can reminisce on these memories together.
- Say it with flowers. Bring the birthday person a simple bouquet of flowers that are in season from the grocery store or florist.
- Tie balloons on their door knob to find in the morning or to their car door or desk chair.
- Buy them a bible verse or adult coloring book and a set of colored pencils.
- Put "Happy Birthday" confetti inside a card.
- Call the birthday person and sing "Happy Birthday." If they are not home, leave your song on voice mail.
- Offer to bring the birthday person their favorite breakfast, lunch, or dinner!

Make A Birthday A Special Day!



Any content you would like published in the HHPC monthly newsletter should be submitted by the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Please e-mail your submissions to:
hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org
or drop them at the church office.

**IF YOU HAVE SOME NEWS TO SHARE,
SHARE IT IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!**



Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating their birthdays in October. May God bless each of them on their special day and all year through.

1	Leslie Ambrosat	26	Chris Rellinger
1	Haley Netter	28	Lori Haack
3	Michael Pettis	28	Scott Flynn
5	Rob Nordstrom	28	Karen Korzeniewski
6	Larry Haack	29	Daniel Ciametti
8	LeAnne Kommenich	31	Susan Cunningham
8	Sarah Swearingen		
16	Arlene Pearson		



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

Phone: 708-598-3100

E-mail: hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org



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

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 them to “Prayer and Care” if designated as such.



HHPC Pulpit Supply Preachers for the Month of October

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

October 7
10:00 a.m.
(To be determined)

October 21
10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Liz Hulford

October 14
10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Emily Rosencrans

October 28
10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Emily Rosencrans

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; and,
- based on each church’s total active membership.

Through per capita, Presbytery of Chicago churches:

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

PER CAPITA FOR 2018 IS \$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

Deadline for Newsletter Content
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 – 5:00 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
(Currently from our homes at 9:30 AM)

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

OCTOBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 1:00 PM - Women's Bible Study 3:30-5:00 PM- Kids Club	2 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 7:00 PM - Worship & Music	3 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes	4 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 4:00 PM - TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	5 FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	6
7 9:00 AM - Adult Education 10:00 AM - Worship (Communion) & Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM - Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & CE 5:00 P.M. REV "I Can Only Imagine" series continues ... Imagine Going Home," part 1	8 1:00 PM - Women's Bible Study 3:30-5:00 PM- Kids Club 7:30 PM - Session	9 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	10 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes	11 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 4:00 PM - TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	12 4:00 – 6:00 PM - Arab Women's Fellowship	13 Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack 11:30-1:30 PM Trinity Lutheran Tinley Park
14 9:00 AM - Adult Education 10:00 AM - Worship & Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM - Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & Outreach/Comm/Website 5:00 P.M. REV "I Can Only Imagine" series concludes ... "Imagine Going Home," part 2	15 1:00 PM - Women's Bible Study 3:30-5:00 PM- Kids Club	16 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	17 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes	18 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 4 :00 PM – TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	19	20 10:00 AM Evelyn's Card Workshop
21 9:00 AM - Adult Education 10:00 AM - Worship & Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM - Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & Missions 5:00 PM - REV DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER CONTENT	22 1:00 PM - Women's Bible Study 3:30-5:00 PM- Kids Club 7:30 PM – Board of Deacons	23 10:00 AM – Newsletters mailed Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	24 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes	25 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM 4:00 PM - TOPS 7:00 PM - Yoga	26 4:00 – 6:00 PM Arab Women's Fellowship	27
28 9:00 AM - Adult Education 10:00 AM - Worship & Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM - Fellowship & Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 PM - REV	29 1:00 PM - Women's Bible Study 3:30-5:00 PM- Kids' Club	30 Office open: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	31 9:30 AM - Prayer and Care in our homes HAPPY HALLOWEEN!			

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