

THE CONNECTING LINK

Connecting together to worship and praise our God!



MARCH 2019

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.



Make Lent an opportunity to hit your reset button.

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Lent: An Opportunity for Change and Renewal

As we begin our Lenten journey, we might consider making some positive changes in our lives which can bring new ways of living and loving which reflect the tender heart of Jesus.

Instead of worrying, trust God.

Instead of complaining, focus on gratitude.

Instead of bitterness, turn to forgiveness.

Instead of hatred, try love.

Instead of focusing on our faults,
focus on remedies.

Instead of being negative, be positive.

Instead of gossiping, choose not to.

Instead of giving up, endure.

Instead of anger, be more patient.

Instead of reliving struggles, learn from them.

Instead of focusing on all the bad,
thank God for all the good.

As we embrace change, we will be renewed!

*Is there some behavior
I would like to change or modify?*

Live
Lent
with Love



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, MARCH 3, 2019 – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Communion)

Readings: Exod. 34:29-35; Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Deur. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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, MARCH 24 – 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

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

11:15 a.m. Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry & Board of Deacons

5:00 p.m. REV Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. One Congregation, One Service

11:15 a.m. "Get To Know Your Deacon"



KIDS CLUB

THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we've made.
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

**A bag full of jelly beans
 colorful and sweet,
 is a prayer, is a promise,
 is a special treat!**



MARCH STUDY TIME

As we look ahead, our learning time during the month of March will center on the following topics:

Be Honorable – It is important to God for us to live an honest, honorable life and just as important to learn to make good choices.

Be Dependable – Follow God's ways and always be dependable.

Be Kind - We study the story of the Good Samaritan.

Be Humble – We study the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.



Interested in knowing more about Kids Club? Call Dianne Flynn at the church office at 708-598-3100.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Sharing at the Table"

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

(Hebrews 10:11-14 RSV)

In the tabernacle and in the Temple the priests performed their functions standing. The high priest who entered the Holy of Holies once a year did the same. When Christ accomplished His work of redemption, he sat down at the right hand of God signifying a perfect and completed work.

Our study will continue with faith defined and those who had faith. Join us! *--Love & Hugs, Arlene Pearson*

A Simple Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus, free me from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy or self-pity. Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heavy heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me. Amen.



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.

We pray for those in need of healing and those with health concerns.

Five-year old **Abigail** (Bob N); **Alyssa** (Deb); **Aurora** (Dave B); **Barb M**; **Bob D**; **Bob Noel** (Ar); **Bob G** (Bernie); **Brian** (Shirley D's friend's son); **Bruce** (Jeni); **Colton** (Diane's great nephew); **Lieutenant Clint Sanders** of Roberts Park Fire Protection District (Karen G); **Don & Carol** (Ivy); **Eleanor** Watson; **Erik's son**; **Francine**; **Gail** (Ar); **Gert**; **Grace's child** (Beth); **Jean** Somerstorfer; **Jerry & Joan** Panko; **Julie** Witek; **Kailie** (Karen G); **Karen F** (Ar); **Katey** (Shirley D & Karen G); **Kevin**; **Kyle W**; **Leah** (Karen); **Linda** (Marcia); **Lucy D & Tom**; **Lynn & Greg** (Diane); **Mary** Orr; **Michael**; **Michelle** (Mel); **Natalie** (Bernie); **Pat P** (Shirley D); **Pete** (Angie); **Robbie** (Gert); **Ron** (Greg); **Rosie** (Dave B); **Roy**; **Sawyer**; **Sean**; **Shannon**; **Shirleen** (Shirley D's sister); **Stephanie** (Katie); **Susie** (Karen G); **Tom L.** (Ivy); **Virginia** (Karen G)

We pray for those in need of strength.

Allison & two children (Theresa); **Annette & Kristina** (Adeline); **Billy**; **Bob G** (Jen's friend); **Danny**; **Debbie** Vaughn; son **Greg**; **Dick V**; **Grace F** (Ar); **Lori** (Debbie); **Patti** (Jeni's sister); **Randy** (Susan's cousin); **Rhiannon & Jim** (Charley); **Sean** (Ar); **Shirley** (Donna's sister); **Sue H**; **Theresa**; **Tom**; **Wanda** (Jeni's mom)

We pray for those in need of strength and healing or with health concerns.

Six-year old **Addy & Grandma Barb** (Karen H); **Carol S** (Ar); the entire **Cassiello** family; **Chris** (Bernie); **Ciaron** Conway (REV); **Don**; **Cindy & Alexandria** (Debbie); **Dan** Ciametti; **Dee** (Mel); **Donna** (Karen H); **Doris** (Diane C); **Eva M**; **Evelyn G**; **Gina** (Grace); **Jack M & June** (Maryann); **Jan** (Jeni); **Jeana** (Ar); **Justin** (Karen H); **Linda D** (Ar); **Nicole O**; **Pat Z** (Shirley D); **Ramon & Laura**; Ar's brother **Richie & Gracie**; **Rindi** (Shirley D); **Robert**, Hollie's grandpa (Evelyn); **Shirley A**; **Shirley B**; **Terry & son Nick** (Laura V); **Uncle Tony** (Maryann)

We pray for groups.

All leaders in authority; Israel; Nigerian women; our children and youth ministry; our country's divisions; our enemies; people of other faiths; persecuted Christians; policemen and firemen; Syria; those affected by natural disasters (hurricanes, floods, wildfires, tsunamis, earthquakes, snow storms, volcanoes)

We pray for those in need during miscellaneous circumstances.

Anthony in the Marines; **Becky** (Karen G); **Bill** (Bernie); **Bob & family** (Jeni); **Darlene K**; **Dave & Debra**; **David & Kiera** for direction (Laura V); **Debi & Chris** for direction (Laura V); **Gerry, Olivia, Holly & Megan** (Toni); **Gloria** (Laura V); **Janet & Jim** (Jean); **Jennifer** Del Prete; **Jimmie** for comfort and strength; **Karl** Haack in the Marines; **Kyle** for direction; **Lorre** (Evelyn); **Mark** Gulotta in the Marines; **Matt**; **Mike** (Roy's brother); **Mike & Stacey (Flynn) Brenz** for their recent house fire; **Rachel & Juan**; **Rellinger family** (Karen); **Samera**; **Sylvia** (Sandy D); **Tanya** (Evelyn)

We pray for those who mourn.

Family and friends of **Kathy Salus** who died February 17th (Carol S); for victims and those injured in the Aurora shooting and their families; for victims and their families affected by violence in Chicago

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



SOUP, SALAD & SCRIPTURE

(A Lenten series lead by Arlene Pearson)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
(ASH WEDNESDAY)
THROUGH APRIL 10, 2019
12:00 NOON – 1:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019 - 2:00 P.M.
CWS HYGIENE KIT PACKING**

**CALVARY UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH
425 NORTH ORCHARD DRIVE
PARK FOREST, IL**

We will be packing our set goal of 200 **CWS hygiene kits** as our first joint MC8 mission for this year. **Worship will follow the packing session.** Calvary United in Park Forest will be hosting this year.

HHPC has been asked to donate wide-tooth combs, which Melanie Swindle has purchased in bulk. It is our goal to collect enough funds to ship the kits and to reimburse Melanie for her purchase. There is a basket near the double doors for donations.

Any questions, contact Kim Ambrosat.



One Congregation, One Service Sunday March 31, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.

On the fifth Sunday of March, we will gather together for a time of joint traditional worship at 10:00 a.m.

Following worship will be a special time of fellowship where you can “Get to Know Your Deacon.”

(See page 7 for details.)

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To those celebrating their birthdays in March, we ask God to bless each of them and shower them with love and happiness on their special day and all year through.

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Hollie Fox | 14 Amanda Gulotta |
| 2 Cooper Huenecke | 15 Kim Ambrosat |
| 2 Mike Monczynski | 15 Danny Orsic |
| 4 Joyce McKinney | 16 Lizbeth Ramos |
| 5 Dave Barker | 16 Pat Lorenz |
| 5 Donna Bredlau | 16 Roy Hoffman |
| 7 Mary Fellers | 18 Darlene Krueger |
| 11 Michael E. Dragas | 22 Frank Esparza |
| 12 Lucy Manyenje | 23 Victoria Pettis |
| 14 Karl Haack | 28 Jeanette Grisko |



We thank our "Newsletter Ladies" (Grace, Barb, Esther and Linda) who assemble and mail out "The Connecting Link" each month. May God bless them for their time and dedication in getting the news out to everyone!



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

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“Get to Know Your Deacon”

Do you know who your deacon is?

Whether or not you know who they are, if you're a member of the church or attend worship regularly, you have a deacon.

The Board of Deacons has planned a time for fellowship on March 31 (a fifth Sunday) following the 10:00 a.m. traditional worship service. So whether you have no idea who your deacon is (or what a deacon even does) or talk with your deacon on a regular basis or anywhere in between, we'd love to take this special time to get to know you better.

If you don't know who your deacon is, we'll help you find out. And, if by chance, you don't have a deacon, we'll make sure you get one that morning. We look forward to spending time with you in this way. Hope to see you all there!

WHAT:

“GET TO KNOW YOUR DEACON”

WHERE:

HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHEN:

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

11:15 A.M. FELLOWSHIP

Light finger food will be provided.
Families are welcome to bring
a dessert to share.

COMING SOON!



**Start hauling out all those
unnneeded items from your attics,
basements, and closets
and donate them to the**

HHPC Annual Rummage Sale

May 16, 17, & 18, 2019

More details to follow.

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 March

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

March 3
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Zach Pryor

March 17
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Zach Pryor

March 10
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Emily Rosencrans

March 24
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Emily Rosencrans

March 31 (Fifth Sunday)
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Emily Rosencrans
One Congregation, One Service
followed by “Get To Know Your Deacon”

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 2019 IS \$34.22 PER MEMBER.

SHARE SOME NEWS IN THE HHPC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

The Connecting Link is always looking for interesting articles, stories or pictures from our HHPC members and friends. Submit your content by the 3rd Sunday of each month to hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org or drop off your submissions in the church office. Thank you.



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 (*September-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
Deadline for Newsletter Content

Fourth Sundays

Board of Deacons
11:15 A.M. – Location to be determined

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

TUESDAYS

Office Open
11:30 AM – 7:30 PM (*New hours*)

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 – 7:30 PM (*New hours*)

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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