

# THE CONNECTING LINK

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to SEEK God's Word, to SHARE and CELEBRATE God's love and to SERVE Jesus Christ in the world.



Enjoy the season and all the blessings it brings!

JULY-AUGUST 2022

### Worship with Us

**Note:** As of March 14, 2022, masks are optional in the HHPC building. If you are not vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to continue to wear a mask. If you are not feeling well, please stay at home. Changes to this policy may be made by The Session as numbers dictate. More information can be found at [www.hickoryhillspres.org](http://www.hickoryhillspres.org) or contact the church office. Sunday worship continues to be livestreamed on our Facebook page at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church and is also recorded and then available for viewing on our website at [www.hickoryhillspres.org](http://www.hickoryhillspres.org) on Sundays by noon.

### Pray with Us

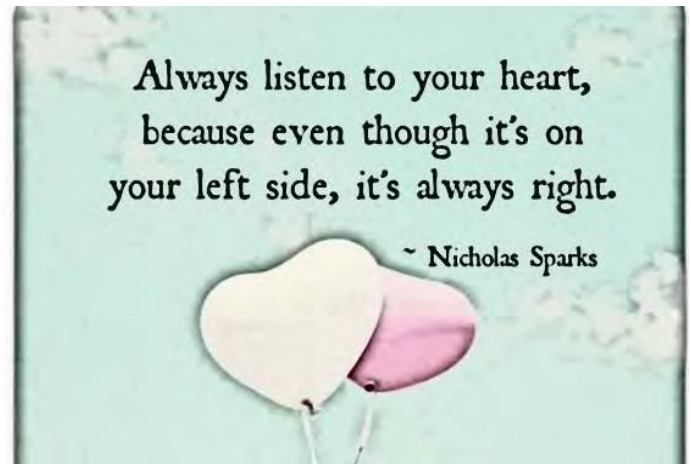
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## A Letter from Rev. Edie



Rev. Edie Lenz, Pastor

We live in a world where it is increasingly difficult to hold fast to a belief in something and stay in dialogue, or even have a relationship with people who see the world differently than we do. We are being told in big ways and small that to disagree fundamentally with another person requires that you cease to be in relationship with them or that it is your job to convert the other person to your thinking by any means necessary, or until they cease speaking to you.

The other alternative in “polite” society is to just stop talking about things you disagree on, though the impossibility of that task seems to increase by the day. What are we as followers of Jesus to do? How are we to live our lives?

As denominations split over disagreements, as churches divide over issues, as we watch even

close-knit families cut off or stop relating to each other, what is the faithful response to disagreement?

I want to start by confessing that I have no easy answers to this; staying connected is just plain hard. At the same time, distancing ourselves, cutting off those who don’t agree with us, is often just as painful as staying connected. When I watch people I love violently disagree on big and small things, I get anxious. I really would prefer we all just figured out how to get along. Then, again, there are times when we can’t just sweep the conversation under the rug, can we?

When I find myself in a space where I believe I am supposed to take a stand, to say something, to hold my beliefs, I want to do so with respect, but also with clarity. When I

think about being able to show up in the world like this, when I think of people I deeply respect who could hold beliefs and still stay connected to those who disagree, I think of Jesus sitting at the table with Simon the Pharisee while Mary wept at his feet and washed them with her tears. In this moment Jesus is able to hold Simon accountable for judging her while also staying connected to him. Jesus is able to honor and connect with Mary as well. I think of Jesus’ ability to sit with tax collectors and preachers, leaders and nobodies. I think of the ways that Jesus challenged the status quo, upended the world and still remained in relationship, even with

*A Letter from Rev. Edie (cont'd)*

those who would later kill him. Jesus spoke the truth and stayed connected. We are told that Jesus even looked a man who would reject him in the eye and loved him.

I don't know that I can do that...

I want to, I want to be brave like Jesus and stay connected. I want to be clear and faithful in my beliefs while staying connected to people who don't see things the way that I do, but who are deeply committed to their beliefs.

In a world that tells us to divide, and divide, and divide, what does it look like for people of faith to emulate Jesus and seek ongoing connection? How do we grow in faith and maturity, how do we grow as disciples to live the sort of life Jesus showed us?

I am increasingly convinced that it is going to have to start with discipleship, and by discipleship, I don't mean just reading and studying the bible (though that is very important). Rather, I mean learning to practice with one another the kind of life modeled by Jesus. A life deeply connected to God in prayer, a life of living in community, not isolation, a life where we intentionally choose to connect and continue to connect with

those who do not see the world the way we do. A life that helps us to become very clear about our own beliefs, while also being willing to sit with those who don't see the world like we do or whose experiences show them a very different world than ours.

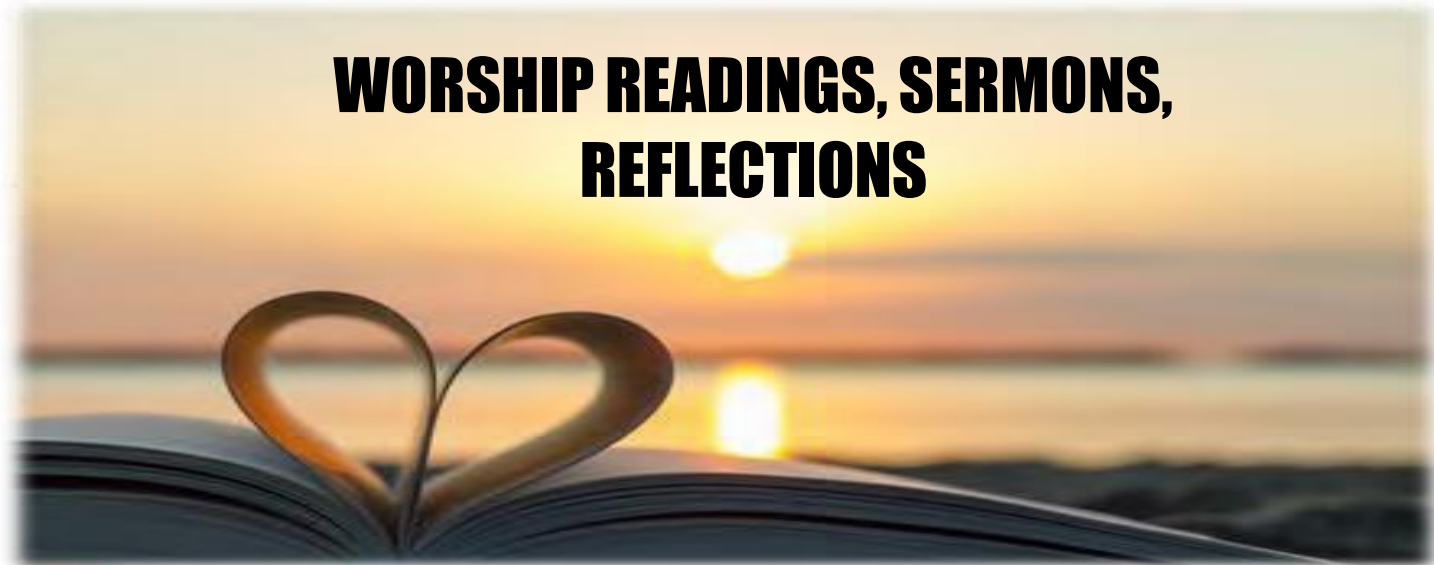
I am not suggesting that we are going to do this perfectly, or even consistently. I can always tell when I am holding back what I want to say and when I am insisting on stating my case rather than listening to the other person. What I am suggesting is this: one of the things that the church has to offer a broken world is connection. One of the things that we, as disciples of Jesus, have to share in a broken world is the power of relationship. The smaller we make our world, the more we divide ourselves, separate ourselves, or hide ourselves away, the less connected and the less powerful our witness.

How do we grow in connection to one another? How do we grow in our ability to sustain connection? I think it starts with practice; I think it starts with seeking to connect more and more with Jesus.

*Grace and Peace in Christ,*

*Rev. Edie*

# WORSHIP READINGS, SERMONS, REFLECTIONS



## JULY & AUGUST READINGS

JULY	AUGUST
<b>Sunday, July 3, 2022</b> (Rev. Jewel Willis Thomas) 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Psalm 66: 1-0; Matthew 5: 13-20 Sermon Title: Salt and Light	<b>Sunday, August 7, 2022</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Psalm 33: 12-22; Luke 12: 32-40 Sermon Title: What Did Jesus Say?
<b>Sunday, July 10</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37 Sermon Title: And Who is MY Neighbor?	<b>Sunday, August 14</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Psalm 82; Luke 12: 49-56 Sermon Title: What Did Jesus Say? (cont'd)
<b>Sunday, July 17</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42 Sermon Title: The One Thing	<b>Sunday, August 21</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Isaiah 58: 9-14; Luke 13: 10-17 Sermon Title: What Did Jesus Say? (cont'd)
<b>Sunday, July 24</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Colossians 2: 20-23; Luke 11: 1-13 Sermon Title: Prayer	<b>Sunday, August 28</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Psalm 112; Luke 14:1; 7-14 Sermon Title: What Did Jesus Say? (cont'd)
<b>Sunday, July 31</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Rev. Linda Wygant to select reading and sermon.)	



## Reflections

**Over the course of the next two months,** I want to invite you read and reread our scripture passages. Take time to read the words of Jesus to reflect on how you understand his teachings.

What do you notice about the passage? What stands out to you?

What do you wonder about the teaching? Is there anything you don't understand or that you haven't read before?

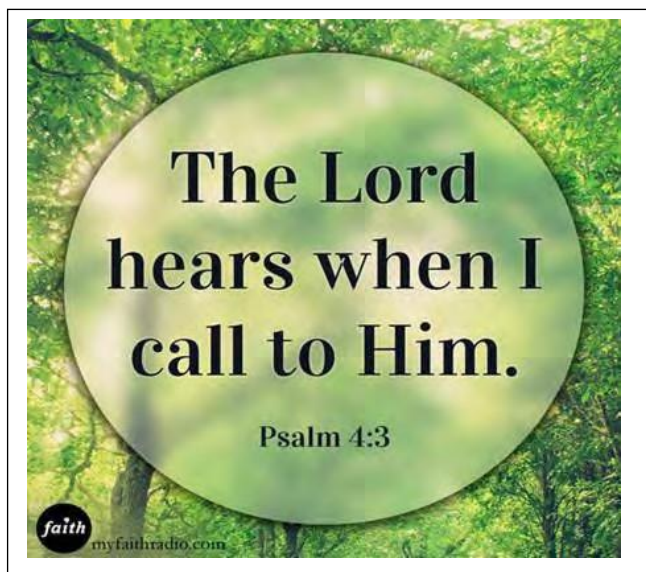
Many teachings of Jesus are deeply challenging. What do you do when you are challenged by these teachings? Do you reject, ignore, wonder?

How are you convicted by the words of Jesus?

What do you think it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus in today's world?

*Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Edie*





**Prayer Requests**

The following is a complete list of those we are remembering in prayer. If you are on this prayer list and wish to be removed or you would like to be added to the list, please call the church office at 708-598-3100 or e-mail us at [hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org](mailto:hhpc@hickoryhillspres.org).

You can also send prayer requests online through our website at [www.hickoryhillspres.org/prayerrequest/](http://www.hickoryhillspres.org/prayerrequest/)

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS**

Addy; (Karen H); Ali (Susan); Bay (Rick); Benjamin (Kim A); Bob; Bob (Tom K); Bobby (Mel); Brad (Andrew); Bruce (Jeni); Craig (Bernie); Danny F (Jeni); David (Karen H); Diana (Wilda); Doris (Diane's Mom); Esther (Grace); Francie (Karen G); Frankie (Bernie); Gary and Valarie (Kim); Gert; Glenda (Melanie); Gordon (Diane); Ira (Scott); Jane (Jean); Janet (Evelyn); Jay (Susan); Jenette L (Sandy B); Jill (Jeni); Jim V (Bernie); Joe (Katie); Joe (Shirley D); Justin (Karen H); Karen H; Kathy (Bernie); Kathy (Linda L); Kim B (Jeni); Leanne (Karen H); Linda L; Liz (Evelyn); Mark (Dianne); Matthew (Karen H); Michael (Karen H); Michael (Shirley); Michele (Katie); Neil S (Sandy B); Pam (Darlene); Papa John (Jeni); Pat (Karen H); Pete (Esther); Rae (Karen G); Randy (Susan); Rick V (Jeni); Rick W (Sandy B); Ryan (Karen H); Ruth S (Jen); Sandi (Karen G); Sandy (Mel); Shannon; Sharon (Tom M); Sharon R (Sandy B); Sherry (Peggy); Shirley A (Karen G); Sonja (Nick); Suzanne (Bernie); Tammy (Gordon); Tierney (Shirley D); Tim (Charlie); Todd (Charlie); Tracy (Debbie Z); Victor M (Debbie Z); Wanda (Jeni);

**WE PRAY FOR GROUPS WHO ARE IN NEED**

For Dali, Nafe and Yanko as they continue with the legal process of obtaining their green cards; for the people of Ukraine and all those who have been injured or who have died during this war; for ongoing repair and cleanup in Western Kentucky; for firefighters injured in the line of duty; for healthcare providers; for those in hospitals and facilities with health needs; for those unemployed, under-employed and those seeking workers; those in isolation; those living in domestic violence situations; those battling addiction; fire and police departments tasked with keeping the peace; systemic racism and social challenges in our country; victims of abuse and their abusers; mental health

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF STRENGTH AND HEALING**

Angela (Katie); Bill (Bernie); Brian K. (Debbie); Bob (Dave D); Bob (Grace); Bree's Mom (Evelyn); Carol S; Dina and Al (Cindy); Douma Family (Evelyn); Edward (Evelyn); Irene and Tiffany (Katie B); Isaiah (Kim); Howard (Karen); Janet (Evelyn); Janice (Gert); Jessica (Joan); Joan P; Joellen (Mel); Joyce W (Sandy B); Family of David Jorgensen (Sue D); Kirsten (Kim); Lacy (Melanie S); Lisa, Lorrie (Debbie Z); Marj (Charlie); Michelle (Katie); Mike B (Jeni); Pam (Katie); Patti (Jeni); Renee M; Robert (Gert); Sean (Kim); Sharita (Bernie); Shirley D; Slava (Katie); Stephanie, Mackenzie and Savino; Sue Grace); Susanne L (Sandy B); Tara (Mel); Tina (Evelyn); Yolanda (Bernie)

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN**

For the Marietti family on the death of Antionette (Mel); for victims and families affected by violence; for those who are being impacted by disasters and other environmental challenges

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED DURING VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES**

For churches who are struggling to reach members and care for people; all those who tested positive for COVID-19 even without symptoms; for Elise (Karen H); for Tanya who is deployed (Evelyn); those who provide essential services we need; Ethiopia, Haiti; Holly (Evelyn); Kaitlyn (Karen G); for those who are struggling mentally and emotionally at this time; for students and teachers; for all those affected by the multi-state tornadoes and for those who died in these tragedies; violence against civilians and those living in fear

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD!**

# THE HHPC BOARD OF DEACONS presents

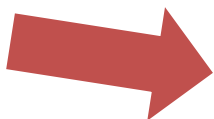


**IT'S MOVIE TIME!**

Come join us Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
after Morning Worship  
for a family-friendly movie . . .

## “HARRY AND THE HENDERSONS”

We'll provide not only a blast from the past (1987) movie,  
but you can munch on hot dogs and all the fixin's  
and, of course, popcorn!



Please let us know if you will attend  
by signing up on the sheet in the narthex.

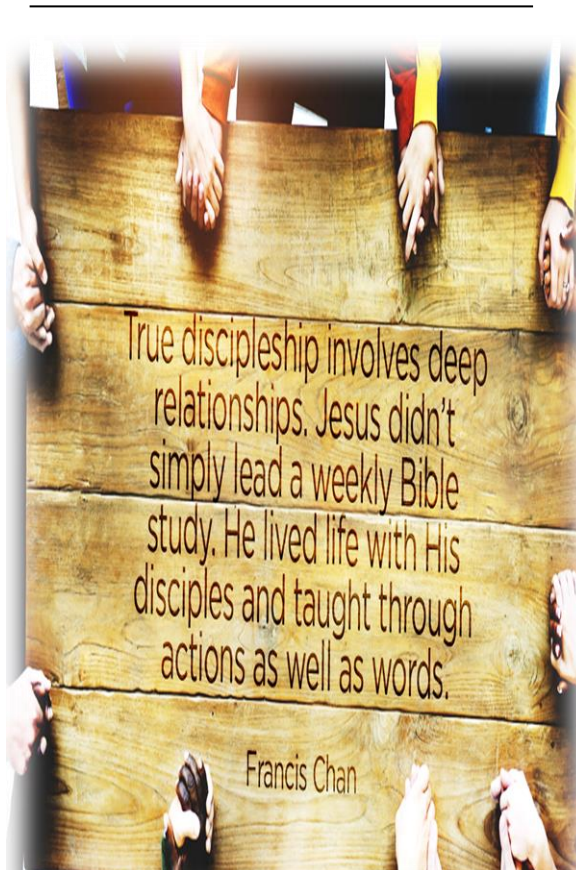
## **DISCIPLESHIP REPORT**

*by Jean Swearingen*

**Your Discipleship  
Committee hopes  
you are all enjoying  
your summer!**

**We wish you a Happy  
July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

**Be well! Stay Safe!**



**Hey! Did you hear?** Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church held its **Vacation Bible School** June 13-15, 2022. We thank Dianne Flynn for overseeing this endeavor. We faced and survived challenges in the planning process. Last minute adjustments required great creativity and flexibility by our staff.

As pastor texted,  
*If there is one thing we do,  
it's improvise!*

We had fun! We thank everyone who helped!  
**Please see the pictures  
and VBS report on pages  
9 and 10.**

**Fall Plans** are being made. The Discipleship Committee is your committee. We are waiting to hear thoughts from our Task Force meeting to be held July 10 after worship. We do welcome your thoughts and ideas. Join us!

Halloween will bring **TRUNK or TREAT**. Plans are in process for Sunday, October 30, 2022. It is time to start planning your theme!

HHPC is planning for the return of our **CHRISTMAS TEA** in December!



Some of our volunteers at Vacation Bible School took some great pictures of the fun-filled event. Take a look on pages 9 and 10.





## **MISSIONS REPORT**

*by Jeni Vogl*

*The Missions Committee did not meet in June.  
Watch the bulletin for the next meeting.*

### **HHPC COMMUNITY MEAL**

The Drive-thru Community Meal has been cancelled for the month of July due to the Fourth of July holiday.

June had another successful turnout with 52 meals served and 11 to the servers, totaling 63 meals. A special thank you to Dan Ciametti for grilling up the burgers for us. The burgers smelled wonderful outside. Also, thank you to Diane Ciametti for making the delicious cranberry bars, Debbie Zimmerman for the baked beans and, of course, Mike Swearingen for setting up the tables and getting out the necessary items used monthly. Special thanks to Diane Ciametti, Andrew Witek and Ashley Fiedor who helped pack up and hand out meals. This is definitely a "team" event and everyone's help is much appreciated.

### **GRACE SEEDS MINISTRY/SHARE THE HARVEST**

I hope that everyone's plants and seeds are doing good. My tomato and pepper plans are flowering, the beans are coming along and the basil and oregano doing great as well. Please send me any pictures of your garden that you have so that I can share with Rev. Linda Wygant of the Grace Seeds Ministry

### **CARE PACKAGES FOR MILITARY**

Evelyn Garlic has been receiving items for the packages being sent out. Thank you to all who participated. I will have a count of how many packages were sent out in the next newsletter in September.

### **MICRO-PANTRY**

A big thank you to Mike Swearingen for keeping an eye on the pantry and filling it when needed. I have not been able to check on it as regularly as planned on some days and Mike has stepped up

for me. Also, Pastor Edie and Bernie have helped as well. I will be putting out a sign-up sheet for any of you who would like to help in the task of checking and filling the pantry, as necessary. With the cost of food rising, our pantry is being stocked more. I also want to thank all of you who have added to the items being put into the pantry.

Currently, we are in need of canned fruits (all kinds), canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned chicken. For the time being, we have enough cereal. *Watch the bulletin for updates on needed items.*

### **FUNDRAISING FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

We are using the M&M containers and basket for fundraising with a goal of \$500. More information to follow after we meet again.

***Anyone who would like to be on the Mission Committee, please join us on the third Sunday of every month.***



**The last paper towel on the roll**--the one nobody wants. Some say it serves no purpose with all that glue on it. It was the foundation for all the other paper towels on that roll and now it has no purpose.

Now think of a family member. A grandparent perhaps. For some they are like the last paper towel on the roll. We may think they have no purpose, yet they have been the glue that's held the family together for many years. They were the foundation for who we are. Hold on to those grandparents and make sure they know their importance. Without the last paper towel of glue, we'd all be napkins!

*(submitted by Jeni Vogl)*





## ‘Round Our Church: Vacation Bible School 2022

**From June 13-June 16**, kids from our church and community were invited to join us for a week of Vacation Bible School. The week is over, but the memories remain!

Through exciting Bible lessons, music, crafts, games and snacks we learned how God provided for people in the Bible and were reminded to trust that God provides for our daily needs. We were challenged to remember how we can reach out to help others. With the use of sign language, our lesson time was closed with the following prayer: "God is great, God is good. Let us thank God for our food. By God's hands we all are fed. Give us, Lord, our daily bread!"

On Thursday evening, family and friends of our VBS

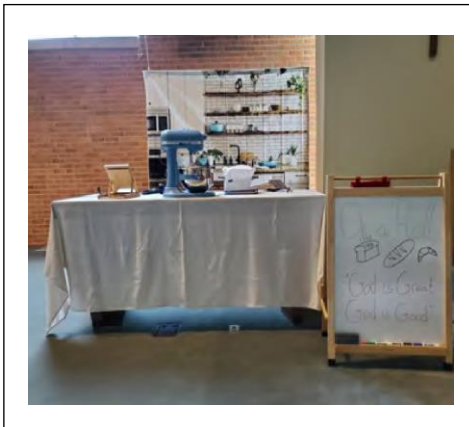
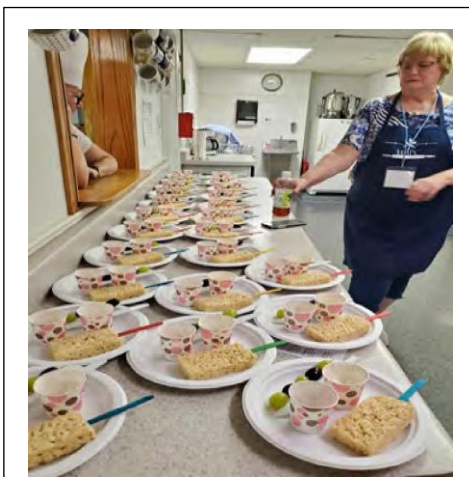
attendees were invited to join us for a program of fun and adventure featuring some of the amazing songs, lessons and skits from this week. Following the program, all met in Fellowship Hall for a Food Truck Party featuring a meal of walking tacos, beans, rice, and all the extras.

Thank you to all who cooked, served and helped make our Food Truck Party possible. A special thank you to the group of dedicated volunteers who donated their time and talents to help bring this summer ministry alive for all those in attendance. We are blessed!

We look forward to seeing you next year at VBS 2023.

--Dianne Flynn

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Vacation Bible School – (cont'd)

Learning!



Crafting!



Having Fun!

# What's Happening

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT HHPC

**SUNDAY  
JULY 10**

**Task Force Meeting: Deeper Discipleship**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**(After Worship)**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 17**

**Task Force Meeting: Community Meal**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**(After Worship)**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 24**

**BOARD OF DEACONS**  
**MOVIE TIME:**  
**“HARRY AND THE HENDERSONS”**  
*(See details on page 6.)*

**MONDAY  
AUGUST 8**

**HHPC DRIVE-THRU**  
**COMMUNITY MEAL**  
**5:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

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As the first Monday of the month of July is the Fourth of July holiday, the Community Meal will not be held, and will resume in August.



Lord of the worlds,  
 guide this nation by  
 your Spirit to go  
 forward in justice and  
 freedom. Give to all our people  
 the blessings of well-being and harmony,  
 but above all things give us faith in you, that  
 our nation may bring glory to your name and  
 blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ,  
 our Savior and Lord. Amen. (ELW Prayer Book for the Armed Services, p. 68)



## July and August Birthdays

May God bless our friends celebrating their birthdays in May with joy and peace on their special day and always.

### JULY

Amelia Huenecke	July 1
Mike Korzeniewski	July 3
Robert Swindle	July 4
Toni Kenealy	July 6
Gabriella Ciametti	July 7
Bernie Roche	July 9
Kyle Ambrosat	July 21
Jarett Ambrosat	July 21
Dianne Flynn	July 22
Diane Ciametti	July 23
Steve Zabelka	July 24
Cindy Treccani	July 27

### AUGUST

Anthony Lavaretto	August 1
Susan Frangella	August 2
Jeni Vogl	August 2
Shannon Bastien	August 3
Molly Netter	August 9
Gertrude Vickers	August 11
Agnes Davidson	August 13
Abigail Rellinger	August 23

## Update Contact Info



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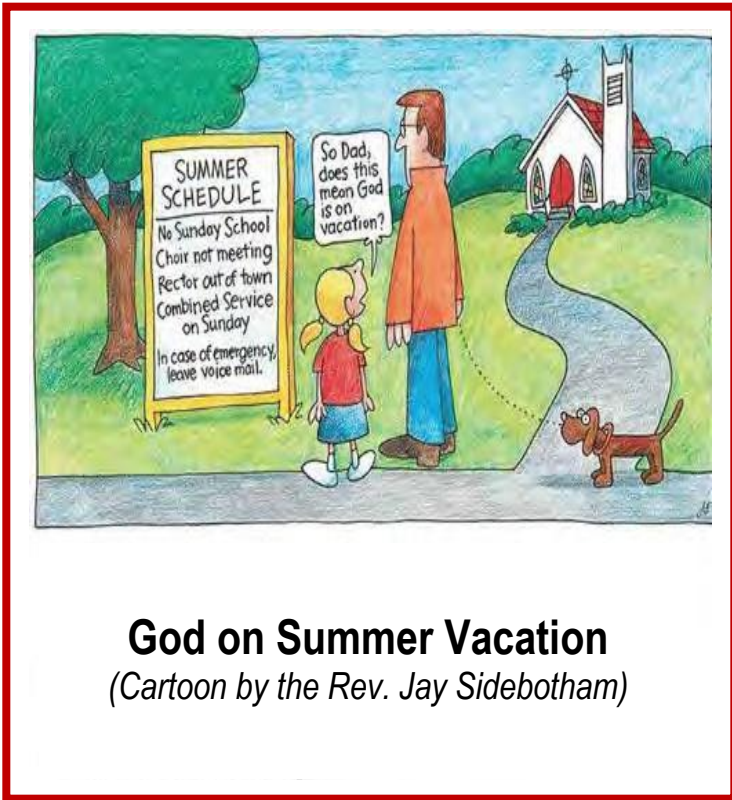
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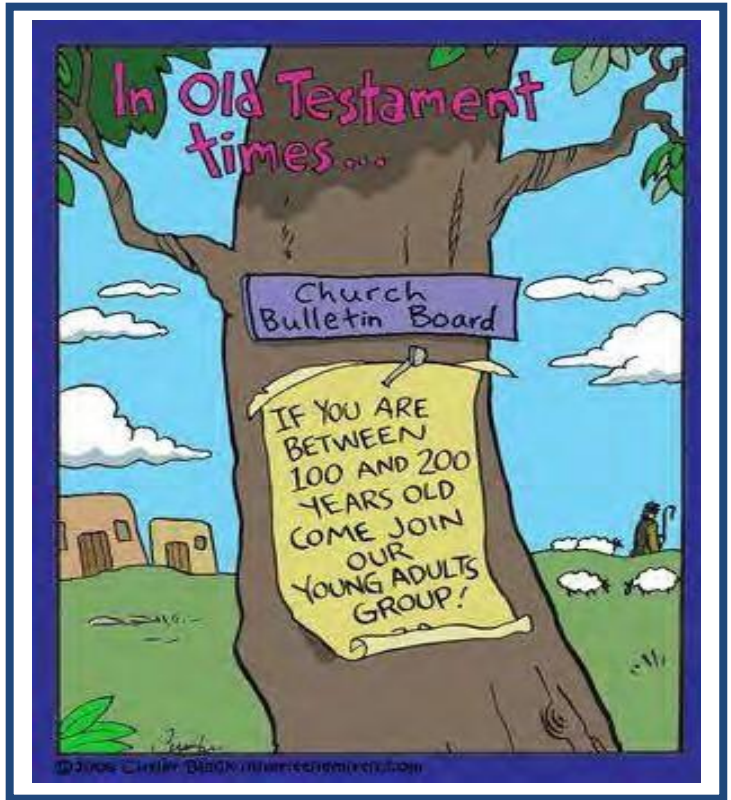
**GOT PICTURES?** Send in some of your summer cell phone pics of family, friends or a fun vacation time (include a caption). Our readers will enjoy them! E-mail them to the church office at [hnpc@hickoryhillspres.org](mailto:hnpc@hickoryhillspres.org).



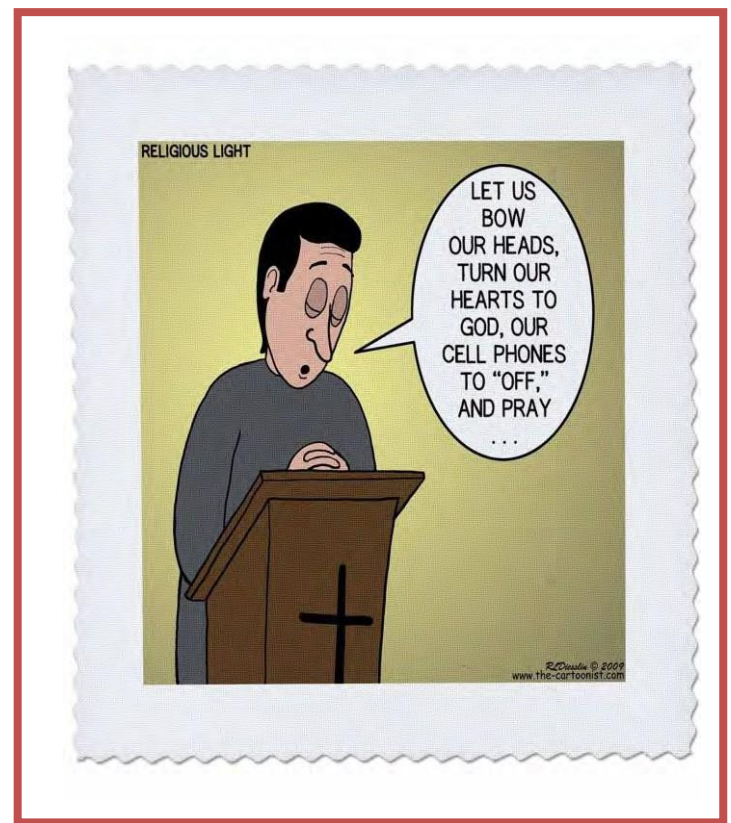
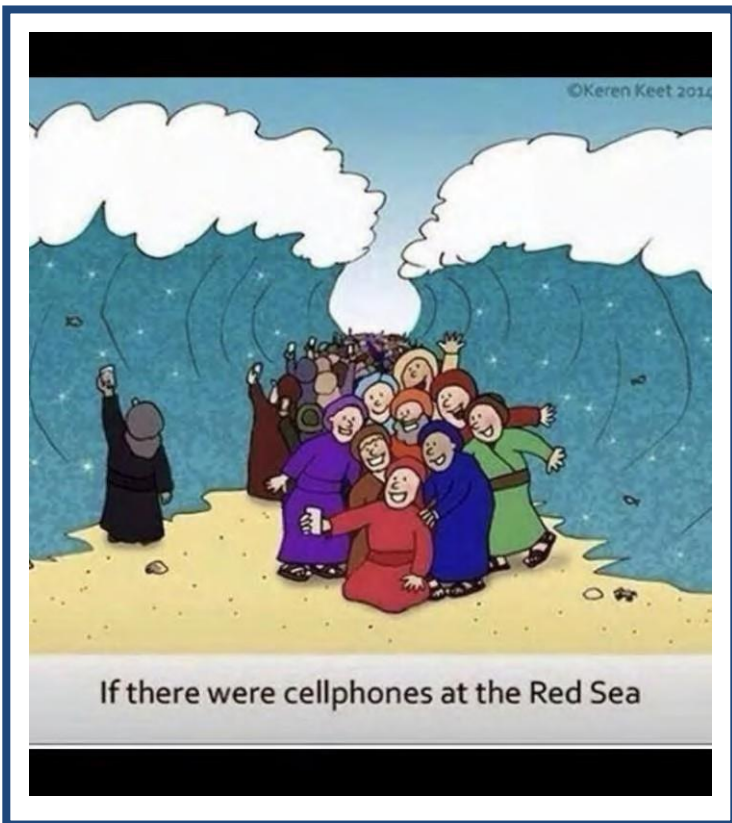
# LOL Time!



**God on Summer Vacation**  
*(Cartoon by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham)*



What did one flag say to another? Nothing it just waved!





## FEELING TIRED?

# a meditation before bedtime

We all feel tired and run down at one time or another. Maybe it's because we put in a hard day's work, didn't get enough sleep the night before, etc., but did you know that the higher temperature in the summer makes it harder for the body to balance internal temperature and may leave you feeling more exhausted as well.

Let's get some sleep by trying this meditation. It may help us to enjoy a good night's rest.

1. **Start while lying down**, allowing your legs to rest in a comfortable posture, hip-width apart. You can place your arms by your side or your hands on your belly.
2. **Begin by noticing your breath.** Pay attention, as best as you're able, to the physical movement related to breathing, such as your belly rising and falling. Or, if you prefer, focus your attention more closely on the air moving in and out of your nose and mouth.
3. **It's normal, expected even, to have thoughts**—lots of them. Your mind rehashes the day or gets caught up in worrying about tomorrow. Recognize those habits, and then practice letting them be. Label whatever grabs your attention, and come back again to noticing the breath. Breathing in... and breathing out.
4. **Notice if you get caught up** in effort, or frustration, or fear, with compassion for yourself. Catch thoughts of self-criticism or frustration, and come back to just one breath, one more time. Thoughts are only thoughts. Breathing in... breathing out. There's nothing you need to fix or change right now in this moment. Notice where your thoughts go, and label them "thoughts." Come back to one next breath, over, and over again.
5. **Shift attention to sensations in your body.** Start by moving your awareness to physical sensations in your feet. You don't need to wiggle your toes or move your feet, just notice them—the temperature or the pressure of your heel against the blanket or mat beneath you.
6. **From your feet, move your attention into your lower legs**, noticing whatever there is to see. Letting go of a sense of effort or needing to make anything happen. And then, from your lower legs, through your knees, and into your upper legs. If you feel any sense of stress or tension, aim to relax and let go.
7. **Then move your attention through your buttocks and pelvis, and into your belly and abdomen.** You might notice a sense of your breath moving up and down, or other physical sensations, or sometimes even reflection of emotion (perhaps an emotion like fear or anger reflects in the stomach in the form of tension or tightness). And as you move from your belly and now into your chest, note each time your mind gets caught up in thoughts of discomfort or distraction. And then gently and with patience, guiding it back one more time.
8. **Move around into your back**, certainly a place many of us hold tension in different ways, relaxing your muscles as best as you're able, lowering your shoulders from your ears. If you feel a need to make an adjustment, allow that to happen with intention, pausing and choosing your next action. Shift your attention into your hands and lower arms, again, without actively needing to move or change anything, observing and letting go.
9. **Then moving through your neck and into the muscles of your face**, perhaps noticing any locations of tightness or pinching, and then with gentleness, as best as you're able, relaxing those muscles. And then for a few moments, have a general awareness of physical sensations throughout your body.
10. **And now, if you're still awake, bring your attention back to the breath**, each time the mind wanders into the past or into the future, or wherever it chooses to go. If it's a useful anchor for your attention, you can count breaths, breathing in, one, breathing out, one, breathing in, two, breathing out, two... When you reach ten, start at one again.
11. **If counting becomes a distraction, then just stay with the sensation of breathing**—wherever you feel the breath entering or leaving your body, or the rising or falling of your belly and chest. Continue on your own now, counting breaths up to ten, patiently returning your attention whenever you become distracted. If you lose track of counting, that's fine. Start over wherever you last remember.





## Summer Fun!

At your next summer get together, have your guests play "Great Minds Think Alike." They will have a fun time connecting and seeing just who thinks like them! Afterwards, serve up some summer-delicious Strawberry Pretzel Pie to reward them for their efforts and for just for having a good time together!



MICE MAKERS

### GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE

Divide guests into 2 teams, and provide a pen and paper to each player. Call out each category one by one. Each player writes down the first 3 things that come to their mind in each category. No peeking allowed!

After every category has been read, count how many people on each team wrote a word that another of their team members wrote down.

Points are awarded based on how many people have similar words; for example:

3 points for every word that 3 people have in common, 4 points for every word that 4 people have in common and 5 points for every word that 5 or more people have in common. *Feel free to adjust point values by the size of your teams.*

**Categories:** *(Feel free to make up some on your own, too!)*

Expensive type of car  
 Something you would find at a carnival  
 Popular TV show  
 A movie title with the word LOVE in it.  
 Something you eat during the summer  
 Song with a person's name in the title  
 Something you might see up in the sky  
 Famous person who has red hair  
 City that starts with the letter "C"  
 A sport without a ball involved



### Strawberry Pretzel Pie

Total Time: Prep: 45 min. + chilling

Yield: 16 servings.

#### Ingredients

- 4 cups miniature pretzels
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 1 package (6 ounces) strawberry gelatin
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled, divided
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, divided
- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
- 2/3 cup whipped cream cheese
- 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk

#### Directions

- 1. Place pretzels in a food processor; pulse until chopped. Add butter and sugar; pulse until combined. Reserve 1/3 cup pretzel mixture for topping. Press remaining mixture onto bottom of a greased 9-in. springform pan. Refrigerate 30 minutes.
- 2. Meanwhile, in a bowl, add boiling water to gelatin; stir 2 minutes to completely dissolve. Stir in lemon juice. Refrigerate 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 3. Chop half the strawberries; slice remaining berries and reserve for topping. In a large bowl, beat 1 cup heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Beat marshmallow creme, cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk into cooled gelatin mixture until blended. Gently fold in chopped strawberries and whipped cream. Pour into crust.
- 4. Refrigerate, covered, until firm, 4-6 hours. Beat remaining 1 cup heavy cream until stiff peaks form; spread over pie. Top with reserved strawberries and pretzel mixture.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Morning Worship & Fellowship No REV Worship today	<b>4</b> <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!</span>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Rev. Edie is on vacation; back in office Monday, July 18.						
<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Morning Worship (w/ Edie) 11:30 AM Deeper Discipleship Task Force Mtg. 5:00 PM REV Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Morning Worship (w/ Edie) & Fellowship 11:30 AM Community Meal Task Force Mtg. 5:00 PM REV Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Morning Worship followed by Movie & Snacks 5:00 PM REV Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Bernie is on vacation; back in office Wednesday August 3.						
<b>31</b> 10:00 AM Morning Worship 5:00 PM REV Worship						

# AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Rev. Edie is on vacation; back in office Monday, August 8.						
<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Morning Worship 5:00 PM REV Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Morning Devotion on Facebook Live	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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