

HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**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.

**OCTOBER 2024**

## WORSHIP WITH US

Morning Worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our services are also recorded and made available later. You can find us on *Facebook* at *Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church* and on our website at [www.hickoryhillspres.org](http://www.hickoryhillspres.org).

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## A Letter from Rev. Edie

As most of you are aware, I am in the process of earning my Doctor of Ministry degree, my goal is to graduate in May of next year. I wanted to take a little time to share with you what this process looks like and to ask for your prayers. You have been supportive and encouraging, even willing to help with surveys and other “homework” over the past 3 years, for this I am grateful. I mean it when I say that I could not be doing this without your blessing and support. I have turned the page from learning in a cohort with other students to the independent work of a dissertation.

My first submission of three chapters and an introduction were submitted on September 24 for feedback. This is an opportunity for my content reader (professor who will give my grade) to encourage, correct, and give feedback on my work so far. It is an opportunity to ensure that I am answering the questions I have said I intend to answer. In November, I am taking two weeks of study to work on the other three chapters and the conclusion. I will be spending one week at my aunt and uncle’s in NC and the rest of the time at home. The goal for November is to complete a full rough draft of my dissertation.

If all goes well, I will have a full draft to hand to a school approved editor by January. Once our annual meeting is completed here at HHPC I will take another two weeks of study to focus on final edits, changes to be made and getting the format just right. If I am to graduate on time, I will need to submit a final draft by March 1. The content reader can then approve, approve with changes, or tell me I need revision. I will then also complete an oral defense of my project via Zoom. A final draft of my approved dissertation must be turned in by June 1. Graduation is June 14. This is the plan, to be modified of course when and if necessary.

What does this mean? Well, it means there will be some weeks including Sundays I am gone. Session has been generous to grant me an extra study week this year and next for writing. It means I am asking for your prayers; it is scary and exciting to be this



*Rev Edie Lenz, Pastor*

close AND as my classmates and I have talked about more than a little intimidating. It is one thing to do the work day by day, week by week, that feels manageable but it is something else to take a step up in the balcony and to look at the big picture. Your prayers for the words to come, for the focus I need, for the process as a whole are greatly appreciated.

What am I writing about? I am working on the theory that one of the things that keeps congregations stuck where they are is that they have not learned to grieve and let go. I believe churches need to do a better job of helping people mourn and that congregations need to learn to do it together. I am creating a “tool box” of different ideas and practices of mourning in community. I am drawing on work I have done in each of the churches I have served and drawing on wisdom from other writers and pastors. My hope is to create something that a congregation that has experienced deep loss could use to journey together in grief and begin to imagine a future. My hope is to create something that allows congregations to learn from their past, celebrate what has been and step with hope and faith into the future God is preparing – even when that future feels uncertain.

As I continue this journey your prayers and support are invaluable. I should also note that if any of you want to read the final product it will be available for you to read, you will just have to wait until the final draft.

Grace and Peace in Christ,  
*Rev. Edie*



Shown here are the theme and Scripture focus for September. You can prepare for worship by reading and reflecting on them before Sunday worship.

Join us on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in person or virtually. If you miss a service, they are available on our website at:  
[www.hickoryhillspres.org](http://www.hickoryhillspres.org)

**October 6**

20th Sunday after Pentecost

**Readings:** Psalm 139:1-12;  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**Sermon Title:** *Psalm 23 Verse 4*

**October 13**

21st Sunday after Pentecost

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
Romans 12:9-21

**Sermon Title:** *Psalm 23 Verse 5*

**October 20**

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Readings:** Philippians 2:5-11;  
Luke 19:29-40

**Sermon Title:** *Psalm 23 Verse 6*

**October 27**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**Readings:** Psalm 126;  
Mark 10:46-52

**Sermon Title:** *What Do You Want Me to Do for You?*

# PSALM 23

*Join us at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 15, thru Sunday October 20, for a study on Psalm 23*

*Selah*

to pause  
to reflect  
to take note

Through the first half of October we will continue our walk through Psalm 23. Please take some time to reflect on the words of the Psalm. Read it in a few different translations, what speaks to you?

- What words resonate?
- What words are uncomfortable?
- Why do you suppose this Psalm in particular is so well known and loved?



DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO  
*Prayer.*  
C O L O S S I A N S 4 : 2

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING...

**Ally** (Toni) **Benny** (Toni) **Bernie** (Barb K) **Chris** (Mel) **Christy** (Debbie Z) **Dan** (Evelyn) **Danny** (Jeni V) **Diane** (Toni) **Everleigh** (Jeni V) **Fran** (Jeni V) **Jaden K** (Toni) **Jay** (Susan F) **Jerry** (Toni) **Jill R** (Jeni V) **Kathy & Jim** (Jeni V) **Kristen** (Charlie) **Lori** (Deb) **Lori** (Evelyn G) **Maria's Mom** (Sandy) **Mike & Suzanne** (Sandy B) **Raymond** (Diane C) **Rick & Ruth S** (Jeni V) **Lois** (Darlene D) **Drew** (Evelyn) **Jason** (Peggy) **Sandy** (Susan) **Sharon S** (Debbie) **Steve & Dawn** (Jeni V) **Karen G** (Grace) **Maria** (Debbie) **Jeff** (Deb H) **Marg** (Bernie) **Devin** (Barb K) **Melissa** (Charles S) **Millie** (Toni) **Nancy** (Debbie Z) **Valentina** (Doral) **Cheryl** (Evelyn) **Arlene** (Doral) **Linda** (Wilda) **Mary Jo** (Debbie H) **Kelsey** (Susan) **Billy** (Mel) **Melissa** (Bernie) **Mary** (Mel) **Robin** (Mel) **Mike** (Bert) **Mave** (Cheryl) **Charlotte** (Deb H) **Rich** (Rick) **Lily** (Kim) **Shirley** (Debbie H) **Todd** (Charlie)

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF STRENGTH...

**Anne C** (Deb H) **Bill** (Bernie) **Bob D** (Dave D) **Bob M** (Grace M) **Carrie** (Deb H) **Cindy** (Deb Z) **David D** (Karen G) **Dee & Joel** (Jeni V) **Don & family** (Jeni V) **Esther E** (Grace M) **Katie & Joe & Kevin** (Cheryl) **Landon** (Jeni V) **Lisa E** (Grace) **Lucy** (Wanda M) **Natalie** (Bernie) **Patti & Randy** (Jeni V) **Savannah** (Darlene) **Stacy** (Deb) **Wanda M** (Jeni V) **Francie** (Karen G) **Loretta** (Wanda) **Jessica** (Susan) **Kaitlyn** (Kim) **Millie** (Toni) **Janice** (Katie) **Faulk Family** (Diane C) **Mary Ann L** (Debbie H) **Jacqui** (Katie) **Mary** (Mel) **Bob** (Edie) **Kathie** (Jeni V) **Madalynn** (Wanda) **McKenna** (Jeni V) **Kieran** (Jeni V) **Maria D. & Family** (Sandy) **Ted** (Grace) **Scott** (Grace)

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF COMFORT...

**Ada S** (Susan) **Doris** (Diane C) **Barbara** (Evelyn) **Janet** (Evelyn) **Mary** (Debbie) **Mike's Loved Ones** (Rick) **Karen & Fam** (Cheryl) **Darlynn's Fam** (Jeni) **Nora-loss of brother** (Deb Z)

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED...

**Dali, Alinafe, Yankho** (Molly) **Diana** (Wilda D) **Kaitlyn** (Karen G) **Chris**

## THE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



LOVE  
GOD



FIND  
COMMUNITY



MAKE  
DISCIPLES



IMPACT THE  
WORLD

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be held the first and third Sundays of each month. A new curriculum awaits our curious youth.

#### **WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, & 23**

HARVEST GATHERINGS will be held the first four Wednesdays of October. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. for food, music by Greg, and lessons by Edie. Being Presbyterian, we will have some fun with our food. Plans are being put into place for attendees to enjoy each week as our Session, Deacons, and committees work together to fill our stomachs.

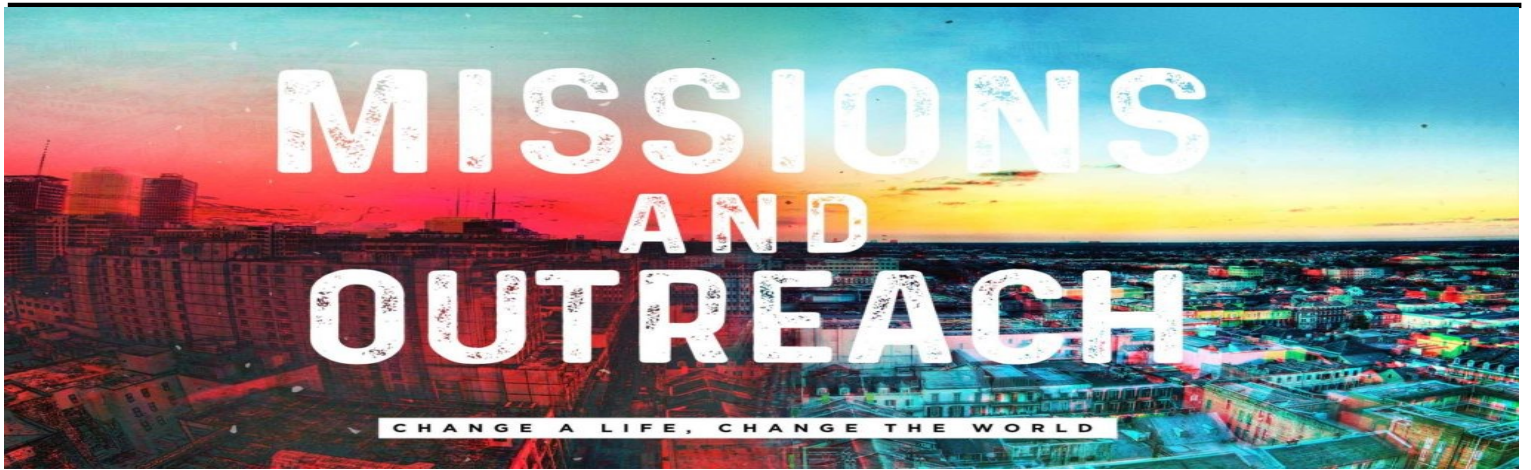
Oct. 2	Taco Bar
Oct. 9	Baked Potato Bar
Oct. 16	Chili Bar
Oct. 23	Pasta Bar

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

TRUNK or TREAT will be held Sunday, October 27, 2024, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine! A sign-up sheet is available. 8 participants must be **registered** to participate by **October 13** in order for this event to occur. Prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated Entry and Best Costume.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

The CHRISTMAS TEA will be held Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendar!



## Mission Committee Report Dave Delaney

### **Feed My Starving Children**

Andrew Witek has volunteered to participate in mobile packs on Saturday October 26 at Hinsdale Central High School. As a church we are still planning to join a mobile pack Saturday November 9 at Christ Church in Oak Brook and Feed the Need March 1-2 2025 at Illinois Benedictine in Lisle.

### **Prayer Shawls**

On August 25 an enthusiastic group of ladies started putting labels on our treasure trove of prayer shawls and lap blankets. This was done in preparation to deliver these items to Bella Terra. The labeling is not complete because we ran out of labels. More labels are on order. So far we have delivered 51 items to Bella Terra with many more labeled and ready to go. We encourage our knitters and crocheters to continue with their efforts. When we again have a goodly supply of these items we will be looking for a place to take them. We are open to suggestions. One suggestion that we already have is Hines VA hospital in Maywood.

### **Plastic Caps**

Also on August 25 another enthusiastic group sorted through some of the plastic caps that Mike had not been able to get to. They were sorted into clean, need washing, and not acceptable groups. We ask that the caps are clean when brought to the Church. This can be done in a dishwasher or a washing machine or hand washing each individually. If the cap is meant to be opened to use contents of the container, please make sure to open the flap/s before washing. We will try to get a total number of pounds accumulated so far.

### **Other Plans**

November brings us to supporting Elsie's pantry. Once again this year we want to provide needed items for this worthwhile endeavor. A list of needed items will be available. At the same time we should not forget our own micro pantry.

We will contact the Jones Center as to what they want from us this year. Two years ago it was blankets and last year it was board games. Items intended for their dime store will be taken to the center at the appropriate time.

Arrangements for Breakfast with Santa will be handled through Mission Council 8.

During Lent in 2025 we will again participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign. That campaign more than met expectations in 2024. We hope to at least match those results, if not to exceed them in 2025.

# Musicians Corner

## A Church Musician You Should Know— Part 2 by Greg Rolla

Back in the 1990's, when I was organist and music director for another congregation, one of the members used to tape the music from a program call The Joy of Music, featuring organist Diane Bish, and forward the cassettes to me about every other month for a number of years. I must have acquired 20-30 tapes altogether and always played them in my car. I became a fan of hers ever since.

Diane Bish (born 1941 and still going strong!) is an American organist, composer, conductor, and executive producer of her show mentioned above. She has performed concerts both in Europe and the Americas, visiting and performing on various organs in churches and universities.

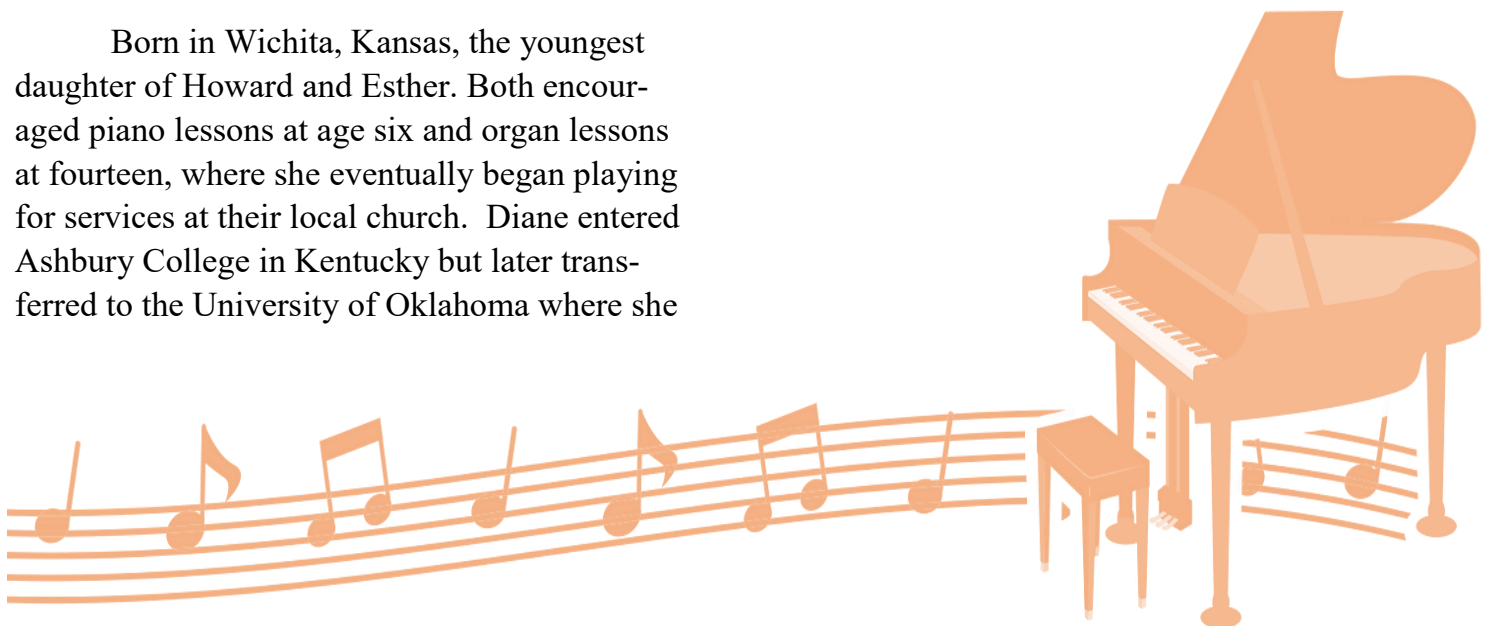
Born in Wichita, Kansas, the youngest daughter of Howard and Esther. Both encouraged piano lessons at age six and organ lessons at fourteen, where she eventually began playing for services at their local church. Diane entered Ashbury College in Kentucky but later transferred to the University of Oklahoma where she

received both her Bachelor and Masters degrees in music. She also studied in Amsterdam and Paris under famed composer and teacher Nadia Boulanger.

Despite a still busy concert schedule at the age of eighty-three, Diane finds time to tape her music program and enjoys travelling, fishing, hiking, skiing, and anima rescue.

In 2016 she was presented the Distinguished Career Award by the American Guild of Organists and Women of Distinction Award for significant contributions in the arts. In 2018 she was honored by her alma mater where she was invited to hold master classes in organ technique and presented a special concert. A special scholarship was set up in her name for future young organists.

Diane Bish was also named organist emeritus of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. Catch her programs on PBS or YouTube.



## upcoming events at HHPC



### **HHPC COMMUNITY MEAL**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 7**

**5:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 4**

**5:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

*If you would like to help at this meal,  
please see Debbie Zimmerman or Evelyn Garlic.*

*We appreciate you!*

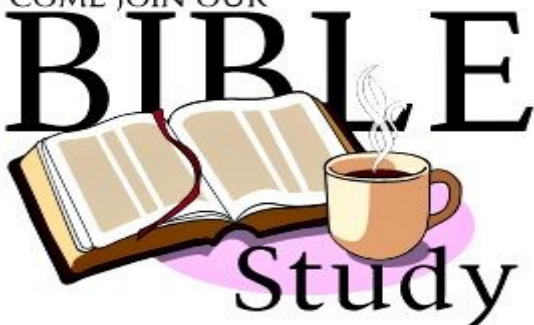
## OCTOBER HARVEST GATHERINGS

Join us on the first four Wednesdays in October at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for fellowship and food. All are invited. We will have lessons by Reverend Edie Lenz and music by Greg Rolla. The theme for the fellowship dinners will be “bar” food. See the list below.

Oct. 2	Taco Bar
Oct. 9	Baked Potato Bar
Oct. 16	Chili Bar
Oct. 23	Pasta Bar

*All free will donations will be used to support Elsie’s Pantry*

COME JOIN OUR



**Monday Afternoons  
@ 1:00 PM  
HHPC Fellowship Hall**

ISAIAH

SEEK THE LORD  
WHILE HE MAY BE  
FOUND; CALL ON HIM  
WHILE HE IS NEAR.

55:6





# Join Us for Trunk or Treat 2024 Fun for Everyone!



**@ HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**  
**1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**  
**8426 WEST 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
*(in church parking lot)*

*Fellowship*  
*Trick or Treating*  
*Prizes for Best Costume & Best Car*



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
KICK OFF SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 15 2024**



# Time to Laugh

Ecclesiastes 3:4

**KNOCK, KNOCK.**

Who's there?

**ANITA.**

Anita who?

**Anita to borrow  
a pencil!**



## To do list-

1- Go to pet store.

2- Buy bird seeds.

3- Ask how long  
it will take for the  
bird to grow.

4- wait for the reaction.



uniquenewsonline.com

Knock, knock! Who's there?  
Spell. Spell who? Sure, W-H-O.





Other Announcements and Observances in October

**NATIONAL  
HOMEMADE  
COOKIE DAY**

October 1st



TEXAS COWBOY COOKIES

**TEXAS COWBOY COOKIES**

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter softened (2 sticks)
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour, spooned and leveled
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup of old fashioned oats
- 1 cup corn flakes
- 1 cup pecans, roughly chopped (and toasted!)
- 1/2 cup coconut flakes
- 1 (6-oz) cup peanut butter chips, (I used Reese's)
- 1 (6-oz) cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

- To toast your pecans chop them up and throw them in a dry skillet over medium heat. Toast for 3-5 minutes, until fragrant. Don't let them burn! Remove from heat and let cool.
- In a large bowl or stand mixer, beat the butter until it is light and fluffy.
- Add eggs and vanilla, beat well.
- Add the flour but don't mix it in. Add the salt, baking powder, and baking soda to the flour and use a small spoon to blend it with the flour a bit. Then mix in the flour, but stop before it's fully incorporated.
- Add the oats, corn flakes, pecans, and coconut to the bowl. Mix in gently.
- Add the peanut butter chips and chocolate chips and mix until everything is incorporated. *Don't over mix, it will make your dough tough.*
- Chill the dough in the fridge for at least an hour, or up to 24 hours.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line sheet with a silpat or parchment paper.
- Use a 1/4 cup measuring cup to scoop these onto the pan. Leave at least a couple inches in between each ball of dough.
- Bake at 350 for 12-14 minutes, until the cookies are golden on the edges and they are not too shiny in the middle. (A little shine is okay.) Let cool

**OCTOBER**

Leslie Noonan	October 1
Haley Netter	October 1
LeAnne Kommenich	October 8
Sarah Johnston	October 8
Chris Rellinger	October 26
Scott Flynn	October 28
Karen Korzeniewski	October 28
Daniel Ciametti	October 29
Andrew Johnston	October 30



STELLAR YOGA

**Stellar Yoga** is paused for 4 weeks beginning September 13

Restart date will be announced

<https://stellaryogis.com/yoga-classes/>



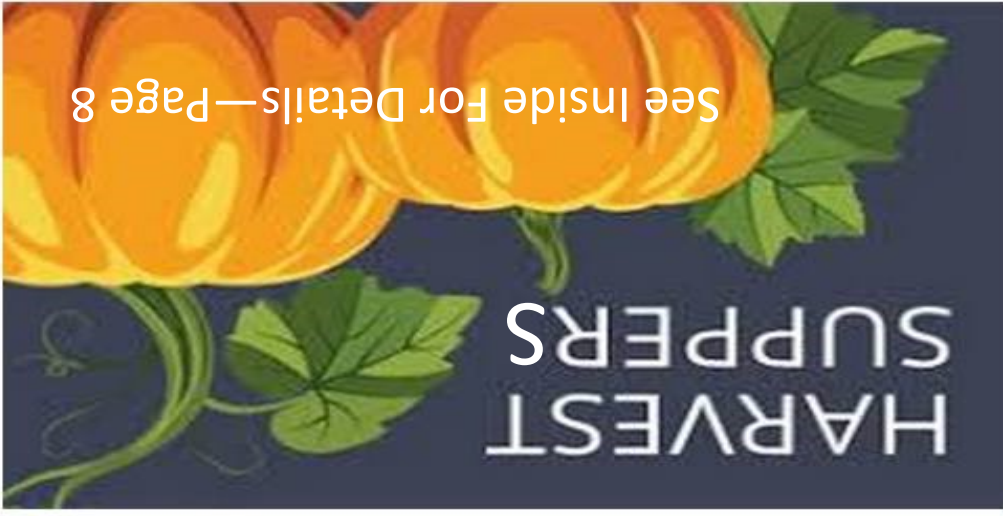
**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS®**

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who support one another in solving their common problem, compulsive eating, and is patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meetings are held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 8607 S Narragansett Ave Burbank, IL 60459 on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM and on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Other meeting locations can be found at [oa.org](http://oa.org). There are no dues or fees. For more information call Mary Ann P. at 708-705-1608

*If you have a fellowship group that you would like mentioned here or you have an upcoming fellowship retreat or convention and would like to get the word out via this newsletter, please contact Barb K at [hpc@hickoryhillspres.org](mailto:hpc@hickoryhillspres.org)*

# October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<p>All Yoga classes are on pause for now. Restart date to be announced. Traditional Yoga Classes are normally held on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 7:00 PM and Wednesday Chair Yoga is held at 11:00 AM</p>			<p><b>6:00 PM</b> Harvest Gathering Taco Bar</p> 			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p><b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship, Fellowship</p>	<p><b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Community Meal</p>		<p><b>6:00 PM</b> Harvest Gathering Baked Potato Bar</p> 			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p><b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship, Fellowship</p>	<p><b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study</p>		<p><b>6:00 PM</b> Harvest Gathering Chili Bar</p> 			<p><b>10:00 AM-</b> Evelyn's Cardmaking Class</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p><b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship, Fellowship</p>	<p><b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Session</p>		<p><b>6:00 PM</b> Harvest Gathering Pasta Bar</p> 			
27	28	29	30	31		
<p><b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship, Fellowship <b>1:00 PM-3:00 PM</b></p> 	<p><b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study</p>					



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