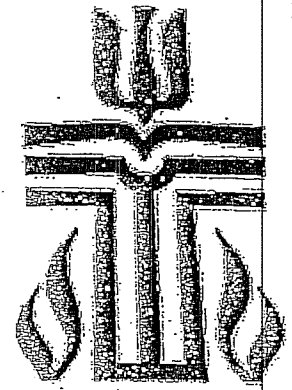


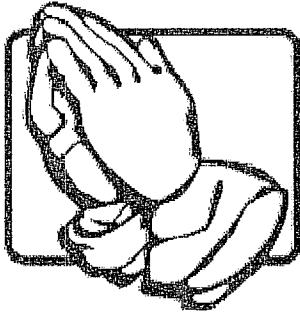
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PRAYER & CARE



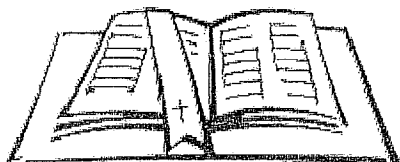
“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulations, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12 (RSV)

As we approach April showers and Easter, let us not forget our Lenten Reflections. The bondage of a stressful schedule and the time-devouring demands of multi-tasking can blind us to what is really important.

As an old hymn reminds us, Take Time to Be Holy (on page 457 of our Hymns for the Family of God), so does our Heavenly Father.

“Be still, and know that I am God...” Psalm 46:10

Love ‘N’ Hugs,
Arlene



Women's Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

“I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”

Psalm 32:8

On February 22, we began our lesson with this Psalm. The word SELAH (Hebrew *s l l*, “to lift up”) occurs three times. It’s generally agreed that the word is a liturgical or musical sign. Its precise meaning remains uncertain. It could have been a direction to the orchestra who had been playing softly to “LIFT UP LOUD” their music to the singers’ voices.

Come join us as we lift up loud our thoughts.

PADS UPDATE



The Junior High students this month employed their creativity in making cookie “masterpieces.” Our PADS guests delighted in the array of colored cookies and the crispy bite into each creation.

The evening progressed smoothly and we served approximately sixty five people. We thank the Junior High students for their making and decorating those wonderful treats. We are sure they will long be remembered by our guests as a labor of love.

Please consider for next season to repeat this wonderful treat as often as you would like, maybe you have some other thoughts in the area of treats... Continue to be creative. Continue to serve. AMEN!

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson

TWILIGHT PRAYER

Quite often we have phone conversations where the conversation is one-sided. Your role being the listener or the communicator. These roles change as does the conversation, so we find ourselves both listener and communicator.

In prayer, we become the communicator and “He” becomes the listener. “He” may have little to say at the moment. But He listens most intently. The actions of his listening may not readily be seen, but the seed has been planted. Join us Tuesday evenings when we plant the seeds of our desires in the sacred ground of his love for us.

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson



Getting to know YOUth...

My name is Andrew Witek.

My church is comprised of some of my favorite people in my life.

I love *because He first loved me.* (1 John 4:19, NIV)

I am Presbyterian because I was brought to HHPC first, and now that I know the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church, I still call myself Presbyterian.

I believe in the power of prayer.

I am passionate about learning to live my life for Jesus Christ.

One thing that makes me sad is seeing people suffer on account of the cruel actions of others.

One thing that makes me happy is seeing people’s lives change for the better on account of the actions of others.

I hardly ever swear.

I always try my best in all I do.

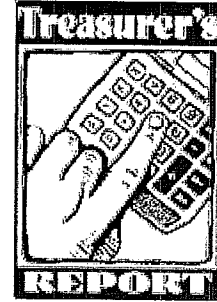
The Bible is my favorite book in the whole world, because it tells me what God wants, and how He wants me to live.

God is love. *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.* (1 John 4:8, NIV)

My prayer is that all who have yet to find Christ Jesus will do so before it is too late.

I like to read the Word of God.

If I ruled the world... That is funny, because I would never take that position.



Treasurer's Report

HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray For:

- Pastor Emily Rosencrans' and family in the loss of her brother
- Kyle Krueger, in Marine Corp Boot Camp, and for healing
- "Georgie- Porgie" Vinalek for health concerns
- Sue Olson for health concerns
- Private concerns too severe to share
- Camp Saugatuck situation
- Sarah Wreza's brother, Jason Smith, for massive stroke at age 40
- Shannon Bastien and her grandma, Cathy, for health concerns
- Mary Lewington for rehab & health concerns
- Our DPNC for Fruits of the Spirit
- Betty Kitching for healing
- Pete Richardson for health concerns
- Donna Bredlau's friend, Ken, for rehab/ healing
- Haiti and Chile and the relief efforts
- Sally Harris during Chemo Treatments, for strength & healing
- Frank Esparza's sister, Ruth, for healing
- The Vogl's neighbors, Joanne & Bob Pappas for health concerns
- Richard Larson for strength during treatments
- Dennis & Mary Tarter for continuous healing
- Gerald & Joyce Waller for strength
- Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, for healing & strength
- Dorothy Allen for strength
- Tasha Swindle's friend, Josh Crosby, for strength while battling leukemia
- People experiencing hard times/ job loss
- Our service men and women and their families
- DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during Jen's battle

General Fund Income	\$13,661.00
General Fund Disbursements	\$13,663.00
Year to Date Income	\$39,090.00
Year to Date Disbursements	\$28,815.00

The Confirmation Class
Thanks the Congregation for all of your support!

*Thank you!!! Love you
 Thank you so much, I hope the retreat will be fun!
 Natalie & ...
 Thanks! -halimah
 TOM Kampala
 Bechy Vasindav*

*Dear Congregation of HHPC,
 Thank you for supporting us in our retreat fundraising efforts and for your continual prayers. Peace,
 Nelson Shindler*

Confirmation News

Submitted by:

Melanie Swindle and Rick Vogl

We just returned from the Chicago Presbytery confirmation retreat at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck Michigan. Sixteen of the seventeen confirmands were healthy enough to travel with us. The snow was gone and spring breezes allowed us to walk around without winter coats. It was a terrific weekend and the only complaint we heard was, "I wish we could have stayed a whole week."

Under the leadership of Fourth Pres's Rev. John Vest, we explored what it means to each of us to believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There were 5 or 6 other churches in attendance and we met as a large group and then broke off into smaller "home groups" for more in depth study and discussion.

We look forward to learning how these young people perceive the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit and how their faith has affected their lives.

It was stressed to them that this is an important step in their lives but they have not reached a destination. They are beginning their journey of faith. Let us all pray for them as they take this first step that they may stay on the path that God has planned for them.



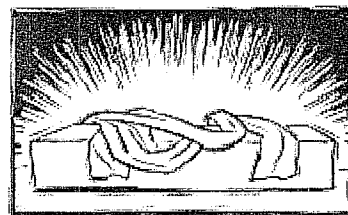
Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 1, 2010

Catered Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Worship at 7:30 p.m.

See Sign up Sheet at HHPG for more information.

Please Join Us!



EASTER

PLEASE JOIN US ON EASTER!

**8:30 a.m. Worship
& Adult Education**

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

**10:30 a.m. Worship
& Children's Education**

5:00 p.m. REV Worship



A NOTE FROM C.E.

Even though we are still in the midst of our Lenten celebrations, I am thinking about our upcoming Advent season.

As many of you know, for our Family Night we prepare crafts for our children to make and take home. A project I'd like to complete, involves many "chip" paint brushes. I will need as many as I can get ahold of. My hope is that as you are doing your spring cleaning, sprucing up your house, or buzzing about this summer perusing garage sales, you will keep an eye out for 1, 2 or 3 inch wide wooden (preferably flat) handled chip paint brushes - used condition is perfect!

Please leave them in the box in the Narthex.
Thanking you in advance,

Kim Ambrosat, Christian Education Committee

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISING
EVENTS**

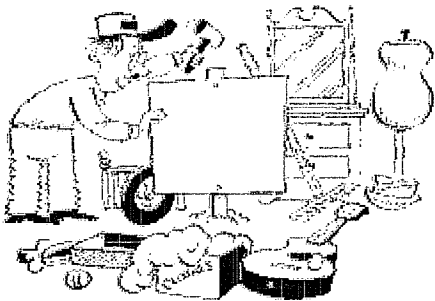
FLOWER SALE

YARD SALE – NEW DATE



Please mark the following fundraising events on your calendars. We need everybody's help in order to make these events as successful as possible.

The **annual flower sale forms** will be **available beginning Easter Sunday**. Flowers will be available for **pick up on May 2nd**. Proceeds will benefit the Camp Scholarship fund.



Spring-cleaning time is just around the corner. We have a **NEW DATE** this year for the **annual yard sale**. It will be held on **MEMORIAL WEEKEND**. The dates are **Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th**. Proceeds will benefit the Kentucky Mission Trip.

Again, we thank everyone who has helped us make these successful events in the past and hope for another successful year in our fundraising efforts.

**Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church
Senior High Class**



“April Showers Gourmet Dinner”

Benefits the Senior High Youth Group

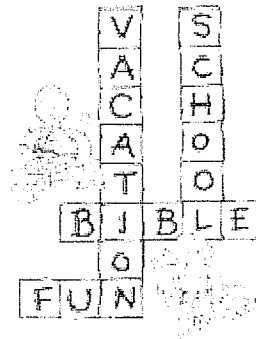
April 9 & April 10- 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$16.00/adult, and \$5.00/child.

The 9th is Adults Only.

See Andrew Witek for more information.

VBS is Coming!!



Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be

Monday-Friday

June 14-18, 2010

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Hymning and Hawing
THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH: "THAT'S
ENTERTAINMENT"

by G. R. Snow

At one point in human history, social pressures on people of all classes, from king to serf, to be in communion with the church were tremendous. One-to-one confession to priests was a regular obligation, and a priest could withhold absolution if he was not convinced of the sincerity of the penitent. The impact of being out of communion with the church can be projected when we read Paul's exhortation to one of his churches to shun a man who was involved in an immoral relationship, and the obvious corollary is that the man would thus be forced to give up his unChristian practices and repent in order to resume communion with the church of God. To function societally and psychologically, being in communion with the church was a necessity.

In contemporary church society, if a person were shunned by the members of his congregation he would probably either stop attending church or start attending another one—which would immediately assure him they were glad to have him even if he were an unconfessed axe murderer.

Don't misunderstand my point—I sincerely believe the grace of Jesus Christ is sufficient to save axe murderers as well as every other sinner, and I unhesitatingly acknowledge their need of such grace. My point, however, is that the focus of accountability has changed from the church of several hundred years ago to the church of today. Instead of the individual being accountable to the church, the priest, and by extension to God, it appears that the individual now demands accountability on a regular basis from the church, the priest—and, by extension, from God.

Pastor Rosencranz in a recent sermon referred to congregants who were outraged because of a phrase in an affirmation of faith in which the affirmands stated that they were sinners heartily deserving of God's condemnation—that instead they should affirm that they deserved "review" or "evaluation". The contemporary Christian seems to be moving in the direction of, not being judged by God, but judging God. The concept of accepting authority, whether of the church, of God, or even of parents or guardians, is being eroded catastrophically in today's society. The "trumpet of doom" now is switching from a penalty for the unrepentant sinner to a penalty for the unpopular church: the high card now is not condemnation to hell fire but bankruptcy and unemployment for pastors and other

"unpopular" church staff members, and door-closing for unpopular churches.

A variety of descriptions has been coined for the new relationship between the Christian and his/her God. Not only does he/she claim God as a personal Creator and Savior, a faithful Guide, but (disturbingly) as a personal genie, a magic lamp you rub to get an unending number of wishes. One author has a frustrated priest vent, "It's all *Jesus-is-my-buddy* and the *Holy-Spirit-is-my-voodoo!*" to describe the relationship. Another wrote "The Unoriginal Sinner and the Ice-Cream God", positing a God who gives you ice cream whenever you want it. The way many contemporary Christians seem to view God, regrettably, is not as a Supreme Judge you face with fear and trembling, but as a supernaturally-powered pet who does their bidding.

How does this new attitude in contemporary church-going affect the music ministry? Well, like the minister of the Word, the minister of music is forced to adopt less of a focus on music that worships and witnesses, and more on music that entertains. Fewer and fewer make the commitment to the ministry of singing in a choir—to learn to sing parts, to present the glorious old traditional music which would be lost forever if it weren't for centuries of the Church being its protector and archivist. The minister of music is pressured to produce music that the choir members like, regardless of whether that liking is based on musical knowledge or not. If he does not—if he continues to try to educate volunteer musicians rather than letting them impose their varied tastes on him—he risks decreased numbers in the volunteer choir, less scope for presenting glorious musical experiences, and ultimately rejection and unemployment in favor of a praise team and pre-recorded music with multi-screen visual effects during the sermon and a sound-board controlling emotions and energies of worshippers. In short, the ministries of the Word and of music are becoming show-biz rather than witness, and the church of solemn tradition and conviction of sinners is now becoming the church of the holy show-tune.

Again, don't misunderstand—I do not denigrate the sincerity of praise bands or the practical witness of contemporary pastors who use special effects to enhance their sermons. My point, however, is that when churches reject the message of Jesus Christ unless it is dressed up in a 3-D graphics show, and when church members see themselves as supreme rather than God, those churches have a considerable ways to go if they expect to fulfill God's mission on earth. They (or, *we*) should be coming to church to worship—not to be entertained.



A community outreach ministry of
Peace Memorial Church
United Church of Christ

Directors: Dennis Kirscher, Chris Fryzek, Jason Tooth

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What is C.R.E.W.?

C.R.E.W. is an acronym for Community Restoration by Ecumenical Workers. We are a faith based organization sponsored and supported by Peace Memorial Church (PMC), a United Church of Christ in Palos Park, Illinois. We were founded and organized to be an outreach ministry of PMC into the Chicago metropolitan area. Our goal is to provide assistance to homeowners who may not be able to maintain their property. It is our plan to have labor provided by various sources including church groups, high school community groups, corporate outreach, and concerned volunteers who are willing to help deserving individuals and families.

Presently, we sponsor a yearly event called the "Big Build Weekend" which allows volunteers from PMC and the community to experience a mission work trip atmosphere without leaving home. At last year's "Big Build Weekend" over 200 volunteers from all over the community constructed the interior and exterior walls of four homes in the parking lot of Peace Memorial Church. The structures were later transported to a Habitat for Humanity build site in Riverdale, IL and to The Millard Fuller Center, a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Alabama. These homes were finished to completion by the recipient family and other local volunteers.

As a result of support from church groups, high school community groups, corporate sponsors, and individuals from the surrounding community, C.R.E.W. will be sponsoring the construction of THREE homes in the parking lot of Peace Memorial Church on the weekend of June 4th-6th, 2010.

Future plans for C.R.E.W. include the establishment of a retreat/mission center to house groups from other parts of the country who want to experience this type of mission outreach, and to expand our services to deserving families and individuals in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Want to change the life of an entire family in just 2 days?

How about 3 families?



Presents the BIG Build Weekend!

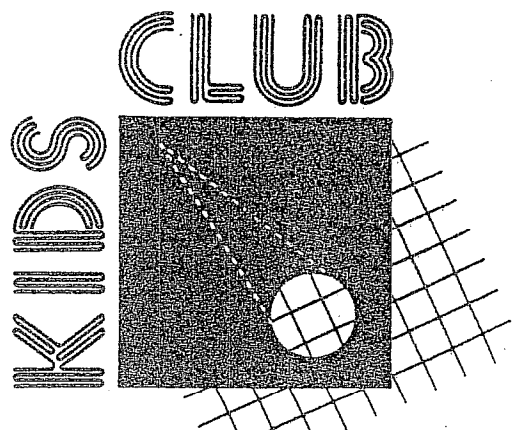
We need your help on the Big Build Weekend to frame the walls of 3 homes that will be donated to Habitat for Humanity and change the lives of 3 different families forever!

Join us in the parking lot of Peace Memorial Church located at 10300 W 131 ST, Palos Park on June 4th at 4:00pm for the wood cutting and then on June 5th from 8:00am to around 5:00pm where we will construct all the walls of 3 homes! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, lunch will be provided Saturday. Then please join us on Sunday June 6th at 11:00am for a small dedication of the homes followed by a free celebration picnic.

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please make checks payable to PMC
CREW and mail to 10300 W 131 ST, Palos Park 60464.

For More Information Contact: Chris Fryzek 708-448-7833 or email pmc.CREW@gmail.com

Mission Committee will be forming work teams. Please see Sue Orsic if you are interested or email: Swinkl@midwestern.edu.



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Dianne Flynn, *Director*

As I am writing this we are about to begin our fifth week at Jerusalem Marketplace - Lent 2010. It has been an amazing time, filled with fun and learning. Weekly our shop leaders stop by the attendance board to check how many kids they will have in their group. Our attendance has reached 63. Thank you to our shop leaders: Kim A., Donna B., Dan C., Jeanette G., Hanna H., Cheryl H., Beth K., Linda L., Patt P., Linda R., Melanie S., Scott Z., Debbie Z. Your weekly contribution of time and talent has made this series possible.

Jesus is the light of the world. Our lessons, led by Linda, help us learn to live our lives in a manner that pleases Him in all we say and do. This month our study time centers around:

New Beginnings- God brings life from death

1st Place - We desire to put God first

He's Our Shepherd - God seeks out His lost

The Carmen Miranda Effect - We learn what the fruit of the spirit is.

The celebration of St Patrick's Day is always fun at Kids Club. This year we made a craft of shamrock pinwheels, shared open gym time, made and tasted shamrock shakes, enjoyed "green" refreshments at snack time, used the rainsticks at music time, and participated in an active learning time as we explored what it means to put our faith in God.

Mark your calendars now for our Spring Family night which will be held on Friday, May 7th at 6:30 PM. The evening offers a catered meal and entertainment by Master Ron. This will be special treat for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Ticket sales for this evening will begin April 11th.

VBS 2010 is on its way and will be a H.H.P.C. June 14th - 18th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Our theme this year is "*Saddle Ridge Ranch - Roundin' up Questions, Drivin' Home Answers.*" Tricia and Co. will again be the featured presenters for this week long summer time adventure. Mark your calendars with this date and watch for further information.

We only have two months left of Kids Club before we break for the summer. We hope that you will make it a priority to be with us each week as we have many exciting activities planned. Remember to invite a friend.

Peace and Joy,
Dianne

KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB



Christian Education Meeting

The Wednesday worship services for noon and 7:00 PM have been well attended. The evening Program has close to 60 students each week. They are enjoying delicious soup provided by some of the best cooks in town. Thank you to everyone who has set-up, taken down, and cooked. What a great way to share with the Church family. The children seem to be very proud of their creations at the woodshop. They are eager to sell their baked goods from the bakery. Several children have created beautiful pots to plant the seeds common in the early days of Jerusalem. There have been children walking in the Marketplace with colorful new neck warmers. Some of the baskets coming out of the weavers are very professional looking. I think it is safe to say the children are enjoying their time in the Marketplace each week.

Palm Sunday will have Holy Week Packets available for students who attend the worship service. The Youth Choir and the Kids will sing. Children will bring in Palms and distribute them after the worship service. Our Confirmation Class will become members of the Church and participate in the worship service. It will be a very crowded worship service with many items on the agenda.

Easter Sunday there will be a breakfast. Breakfast begins at 9:30 AM after the 8:30 AM worship service and just before the 10:30 service. Thank you to everyone of the Jr. High Youth Group who will help serve the breakfast. Thank you to those who set-up and take-down for this event. A very special thanks to the cooks who turn the donations into something delicious for those who come to eat. No Sunday School is scheduled for this day. A video will be presented for children ages 3 to grade 2 downstairs in one of the classrooms. The Nursery will be

staffed for any child who is not old enough to attend the video.

The C.E. Committee has been discussing some way to keep in touch with the students who are away at college and in the military. We packed several kinds of "goodies" into boxes to send to the students who are attending college or the military. Thanks to Cheryl, the boxes were stuffed with all kinds of treats and mailed out to those who are away at school. The committee is planning to continue this effort for the rest of this year. A note accompanied the box to let the students know that we support their efforts and pray for their success.

The Jr. High Youth Group served at PADS on March 7th. They provided the entire meal including the dessert. On March 13, a group of combined Sr. High and Jr. High Youth Groups went to *Feed My Starving Children* to box food for delivery to the Haiti victims.

The Sr. High Youth Group had an outstanding experience on their retreat. Reports of playing in the snow, sledding down Mt. Baldy, and watching the movie, *Godspell*, are just a few of the activities they enjoyed. Sharing in fellowship and learning more about themselves was also a part of the experience.

The Senior High has been brainstorming ideas to raise money to use towards youth activities. On April 9-10 they plan to have a gourmet dinner complete with entertainment. Fliers and announcements about the weekend should be out shortly.

A Camp information meeting with Sue Orsic and Dianne Flynn was held after worship on March 7th. There is still time to fill in your application and hand it in. Students who

require a scholarship donation for the camp must see Dianne for the required forms which will be needed.

Check your calendar for May 23rd. Our Recognition Sunday will honor all the people who have worked to make the year a success with the children of the church. Plans are being formed to have this be an outdoor celebration with the music of the REV band.

The committee writing the Child Protection Policy for the Church had a meeting on March 16th. The purpose of the committee is to form a policy which will set standards of conduct for the leadership and help ensure the safety of all the children who participate in our programs. After the policy is written, the Session will be asked to approve it and then put it into action.

NEWS FROM OUR Sunday School Classes

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade - Sue Orsic

The spring session of Sunday School has started and we have many exciting events planned! On March 14th, we made baskets filled with goodies for the residents of a local nursing home. These will be delivered on March 21st when our 3rd – 5th graders make their annual trip to the nursing home to visit with the residents. Our kids really enjoy this event every year. Palm Sunday will be a special day for our class this year as we will witness the older youth make their Confirmation. During this Easter season, our Bible lessons will focus on Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection. It has been great to see Gabby, Mariah, Danny, Shaylin, LeAnne, Stacey, Yasmine, Frankie, and Ronni! I hope

to see others as the flowers start to bloom and we feel some welcome warmth in the air!

Junior High - Cindy Treccani

This quarter has certainly been a challenge for me, albeit a good one. I have been blessed to have an extremely large group in class each Sunday morning. While it is sometimes hard to keep everyone focused, the lessons and conversations have been outstanding! It has been wonderful to have those students we haven't seen in a while joining us. This awesome group of young people will be taking a major step in their Christianity on March 28, when they are confirmed into our church. I want them all to know how happy I am for them. I truly hope they take "ownership" in the church by being involved and voicing their opinions while continuing their attendance in Sunday School. Aly, Ashley, Becky, Brian, Halimah, Katie C., Katie W., Kaylee, Kyle, Leslie, Mandy, Natalie, Stephanie, Tasha, Tom and Tristan, I wish you all of God's love and blessings as you begin this new chapter in your lives. I'm very proud of you all.

Stories and More

On Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM we have 13 registered 4, 5 and 6 year olds who come to hear a story, dance to music and participate in kindergarten preparation projects and games.

We begin with music. Some favorites are "Going on a bear hunt", "The beany bag dance" and "Ten in a bed".

Some of the stories we read are:

- The Night the Moon Blew Kisses by Lynn Manuel
- The Lemon Sisters by Andrea Cheng
- Betty Lou Blue by Nancy Crocker

- Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato (an Irish Folk) by Tomie DePaola

We talk about the story and may do a reinforcement activity like marching around in huge daddy size shoes, making of lemon ices or making kites to fly.

Each session is six weeks long. This 6 week session we are teaching colors and letters. Each week the class has spelled and written one of six colors in the rainbow. We are teaching the difference between upper and lower case letters of the alphabet and play a matching game where each member of the class takes a turn to find a match. We are teaching - wait your turn, follow directions and listen to others.

We welcome all new children to this "learning is fun" program.

Patt Pilgrim, Dianne Flynn, Linda Lavaretto, Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell

Junior High Youth Group

Lots of Good times for Junior highs at Youth Group. At the end of February Bryan cooked and served dinner to the junior high youth group. Everyone loved his spaghetti and garlic bread. What a feast!!! We had a Christian movie going during dinner and we had a fun time. Thanks Bryan for all you hard work and yummy treat!!

We made cookies for PADS and decorated them with Easter candies. These were BIG cookies. On March 7th we brought cookies, mashed potatoes and Brown's chicken to the PADS site. We also had mostaccoli thanks to a wonderful donation by Diane Ciarnetti. Alyssia Kommenich and her mom, Beth, met us there and we worked with Lou Pearson and his staff to serve over 70 people a wonderful

dinner which also included soup, salad, bread and coffee.

On March 13th we went to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, Illinois. We worked with other the groups there from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM filling bags with food. We prayed over the pallet of food FMSC will send abroad to one of the 60 countries they serve. We packed enough food to feed 56 children for a year. We had two new people with us this trip, junior high C. J. and Cheryl Huenecke. Thanks to both of them for helping with this great mission.

We welcome all junior highs and their friends to join us at the church on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. We have Christian learning, games and snacks. Please come join us.

We are so proud of all the junior highs making their confirmation on Palm Sunday. God bless you and congratulations to all 17 of you.

Patt Pilgrim, Katie Treccani, and Bryan Ambrosat.

Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth Group had a wonderful time in Saugatuck the weekend of February 26 – 28. "Prayer" was the topic of this winter retreat. We explored; What is Prayer, Why we Pray, and Ways to Pray. We each felt that our prayer life was a little more enriched after putting some thought to this topic. It was a wonderful weekend in a wonderful place. By the way, when and how do YOU pray?

We just started to view and discuss the movie, **Jesus Christ Superstar**. Will the youth of 2010 relate to a movie from 1973? Will the message of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ come across to our youth in 2010 like it did to followers of Jesus in 33? Last year, we

shared **The Passion of the Christ**. That movie very brutally portrayed the agony and pain our Savior endured to save us from our sin. It evoked deep emotions and much thoughtfulness. **Jesus Christ Superstar** takes a different view to the events leading up to the crucifixion. It is a musical that looks at some of the other personalities that surrounded Jesus and might offer a glimpse into why Jesus' friends and disciples did what they did during Jesus' final days in human form. Was Judas a bad guy, or a good guy in a bad position? Was he just a normal guy with a dirty job? I think it will be interesting to hear what the youth have to say. Perhaps you might ask one of them.

On Palm Sunday, the Youth Group will celebrate a Seder meal. A Seder is the Passover meal. This ceremonial meal has been celebrated by Jews since before the time

of Christ. It is at this Passover Meal that Jesus and His Disciples met in the upper-room, the day we now call Maundy Thursday. As Christians, it is our belief that this is the meal where Christ introduced the Eucharist, or Holy Communion.

On April 11, the Youth Group will again lead the REV worship service. Please feel free to join us and celebrate God's love and forgiveness.

If you are in high school and wish to join us, we meet in Sunday evening, at 6:30 pm, following the REV Praise Worship service. If you know of some one outside of our HHPC church community that would like to join us, please let us know.

Rick & Jeni Vogl, Noelle Larsen,
Mitch Huenecke

Mark Your Calendars



SPRING FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, May 7
6:30 p.m.



Mark your calendars now and begin planning for our Spring Family Night, the last family night for this year.

On Friday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m., we will host a fun filled evening complete with a catered dinner and entertainment by Christian educator and performer Ron Fugle. This is an evening that you will long remember. Master Ron who is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians as well as the International Jugglers Association, uses his talents of juggling, balloon art, magic, and other surprises to teach strong Biblical messages and keep kids and adults on the edge of their seats. He has conducted numerous workshops, as well as performing throughout the country and on mission trips to Southeast Asia. We are blessed to have him a part of this family night.

This evening is open to everyone. The tickets can be purchased after church on Sundays, or during KIDS CLUB hours on Mondays. Ticket sales will begin April 11th.

Questions? - Call the church office and ask for Dianne



God Bless the 2010 Confirmation Class

Leslie Ambrosat

Kathryn Crowley

Tristan Grisko

Brian Haack

Alyssia Kommenich

Thomas Krumpolt

Bekezela Kusina

Stephanie Lorenz

Ashley Maranto

Natalie Orsic

Halimah Prunty

Daniel Rodriguez

Mandy Rodriguez

Kaylee Rys

Natasha Swindle

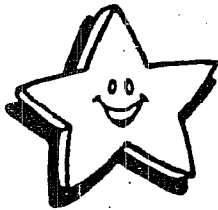
Katelin Wheeler

Kyle Zimmerman

We Celebrate Birthdays And Perfect Attendance

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Celina Panko
Vittorio Simone
20 Charlotte Gambra
21 Jessica Leake
23 Veronica Swindle
25 Petar Ilic
26 T.K. Knox
28 Draven DelPrete



FEBRUARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE

1st and 2nd Grades

Jacob Morrell

Junior High

Leslie Ambrosat

Tristan Grisko

Alyssia Komenich

Becky Kusina

Natalie Orsic

Natasha Swindle

Kate Wheeler

Kyle Zimmerman

Senior High

Kyle Wheeler

Andrew Witek

Megan Zimmerman

Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck

Mark Your Calendar!

Mini camp (completed grades 1st - 4th)

June 20 - 23 or June 23 - 26

Mission Council 8 Camp Gray (grades 3rd - 5th)

August 1 - August 7

Mission Council 8 Camp Kema (grades 6th - 8th)

August 1 - August 7

This Year's Camp Curriculum is "*Celebrating Creation Again*"

Sacrament of Holy Communion- April 4, 2010

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS
April 4, 2010	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney	Easter Breakfast- G. Home
April 11, 2010	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman	Rick Vogl	Crowley
April 18, 2010	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman	G. Vickers, S. Fogg
April 25, 2010	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Terry Brock	Pilgrim
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	NURSERY	
April 4, 2010	Susan Frangella	Sarah Adams	
April 11, 2010	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	
April 18, 2010	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	
April 25, 2010	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	Carri McKinney, Lori Haack	

COMMUNION SERVERS- Rick Raschke, Jeni Vogl



Flower Sale for Camp Scholarships

Spring is here! and what better way to raise money for camp scholarships than to have a flower sale? The Fundraising Committee is offering annual bedding flats, hanging baskets, geraniums, and potted plants. The 12" Deco-Pot geraniums, gorgeous hanging baskets, and hydrangeas make wonderful Mother's Day gifts!

Order forms will be available Easter Sunday, April 4. Flower orders must be prepaid and received no later than **Sunday, April 18th**. Please return your order form with payment ASAP to Debbie Zimmerman, Grace Muszynski, Susan Frangella, or the church office. 708-598-3100.

Pick up will be on Sunday, May 2, 2010, in the gym.

Please mark your calendars for this pick up date.

Just in time for Mother's Day!

A limited quantity of extra flowers will be available for purchase on the pick up date.

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>Maundy Thursday</u> 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Catered Dinner 7:30 p.m. Worship	2 <u>Good Friday</u> 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	3
4 <u>Easter</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV	5 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club NO Youth Choir	6 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E.	7 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Choir	8 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	9 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	10 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
11 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group <u>May Newsletter Deadline</u>	12 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir 7:30 p.m. Session	13 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	14 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 10:30 a.m. Stampers 7:30 p.m. Choir	15 12:00 p.m. Meal & Movie 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	16 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	17 1-3 p.m. Praise-A-Palooza at Burbank Lutheran Church
18 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group	19 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir 7:30 p.m. Outreach	20 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. REV Committee Meeting	21 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Choir	22 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	23 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education REV Band at 9 & 10:30 Services 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group	26 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir 7:30 p.m. Deacons	27 12:00 p.m. Friendship Group 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	28 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 10:30 a.m. Stampers 7:30 p.m. Choir	29 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	30 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	

April Birthdays

April 4 – Lottie Gambla
5 – Cecily Schilling
5 – Zhenita Semani
7 – Sharon Molton
8 – Grace Muszynski
10 – Josh Treccani
11 – Laura Curtis
11 – Christopher Kupka
12 – Kyle Krueger
13 – Lelia Keene
14 – Kelly Bredlau
15 – Kim Brock
17 – Eva Mason
18 – Linda Haag
20 – David Krueger
24 – Michael Dragas
25 – Stacy Flynn
28 – David Koch Jr.
30 – Marie Robison

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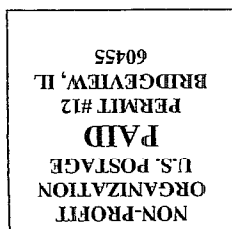
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