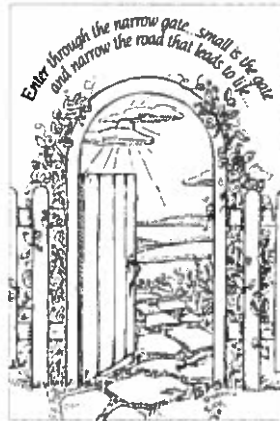


# HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## February 2017



Here's what lies ahead for February and a sneak preview for March and Holy Week:

**February 5** - Communion at 9:00, 10:30 and 5:00 Ps. 112:1-9 & I Cor. 2: 1-16

Officers ordained and/or installed at all three services

**11:30 Souper Bowl Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships**

Come enjoy a variety of soups, make a free will offering to send kids to camp

Take the **CAT survey** on a printed copy if you want, instead of on line

**February 12** – 9:00 (Communion) and 10:30 – Mike Welf, guest preacher

5:00 PM – Love Like Jesus, Part 1: The Power of Touch – Rick Vogl

**February 19** – 9:00 (Communion) and 10:30 – Mike Welf, guest preacher

5:00 PM – Love Like Jesus, Part 2: Loving Like Your Father Loves – Rick Vogl

**February 26** – 9:00 (Communion) and 10:30 – Transfiguration of the Lord

Matthew 17:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:16-21 "As To a Lamp Shining"

5:00 PM – Love Like Jesus, Part 3: The Mark of a True Christian – Rick Vogl

ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday March 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

Noon – Soup and Worship – Fellowship Hall

7:00 – Ash Wednesday service in Sanctuary

(NOTE: there will be no Wednesday evening Lenten programming this year)

**Lenten Saturdays in March – Youth and Adult special events**

**March 4:** *A conversation with Diana Butler Bass*

Flourishing Together as Disciple-Leaders:

Cultivating a Pattern of Life in Community

**Saturday, March 4 from 8 am - 3 pm**

Christ Church Oak Brook

a Presbytery of Chicago Leadership Development day where we will examine *Structure and Spirit: Relocating Theological Imagination*, as well as what it takes to cultivate a pattern of life in community that leads our communities to flourish. Registration information coming soon!

**March 18: Along the Road with Jesus – a Lenten retreat at HHPC**

**Does the world ever exhaust you, disappoint you, stress you?**

Do you have endless lists of things to do?

Do you ever dream of taking a Lenten retreat?

**Who:** High School through adult, Men and Women

**What:** Lenten Spiritual Retreat

**Where:** Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street

**When:** Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:00 to 3:30

**How:** Pre-registration by March 15<sup>th</sup> - \$10.00 per person

**Why:** For spiritual renewal on the way to Jerusalem with Jesus

**Sundays, March 5 - March 26**

9:00 and 10:30 – Delicious fruit; a new home; water in the desert; the youngest becomes the king – what do these grand old stories say to us today?

5:00 - The REV team presents an **amazing Lenten series** for all ages with interactive lessons, activities and music.\* If you've been looking for a way for everyone in your family to worship and learn together, try out REV for the 6 Sundays of Lent!



**Holy Week**

**Sunday 4/9 – PALM SUNDAY**, Easter Egg Hunt at 3:30 leading into REV

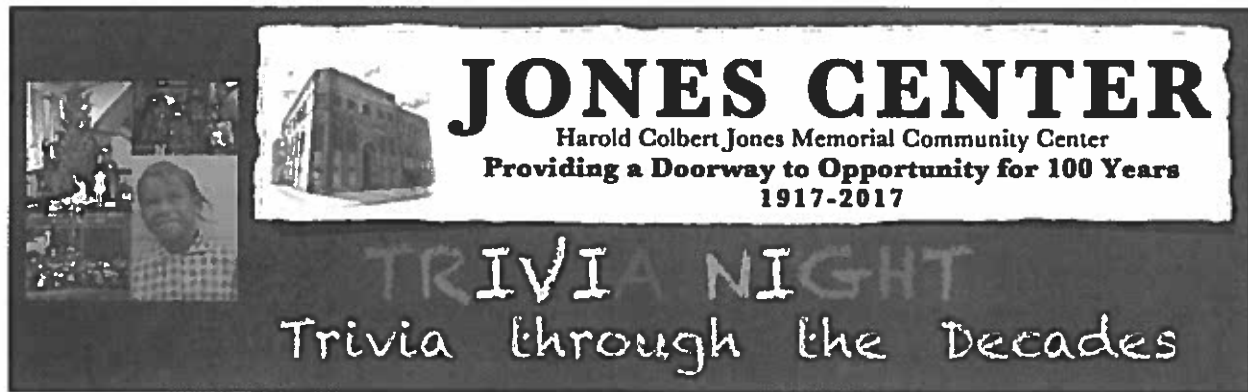
**Thursday 4/13 – Maundy Thursday** service at 7:00 in the sanctuary

**Friday 4/14 – Good Friday** prayers from noon to 3:00 p.m. Won't you come and pray during the time that Jesus hung on the cross? Stop in as you are able.

**Sunday, 4/16 – EASTER** Morning services at 8:30 and 10:30, with the Easter breakfast at 9:30. REV at 5:00 p.m.



\*Please help us get ready for this special Lenten family time by saving empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes and empty coffee cans. There will be collection bins outside the sanctuary and in the entry to Fellowship Hall for these items.

**When**

Friday February 17, 2017  
from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM  
CST

[Add to Calendar](#)

**Where**

Jones Center  
220 E. 15th Street  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

**Driving Directions****Contact**

Debbie Dennis  
Harold Colbert Jones Memorial Community Center  
708-757-5395  
[debbiedennis@comcast.net](mailto:debbiedennis@comcast.net)

**Trivia Night 2/17/17**

Join us on Friday, February 17, 2017 for Trivia Night - Trivia through the Decades, sponsored by the Beautification Committee.

Doors open at 6 pm. Trivia at 7 pm. Come decked in your vintage wear from your favorite decade.

Cost is \$10 per person or \$75 for team of 8.

Prizes for top 3 scoring teams, best costume, and best decorated table.

Bring your own food, drink, and decorations.

Proceeds will be used to support the 100-Year Anniversary beautification efforts.

[Register Now!](#)

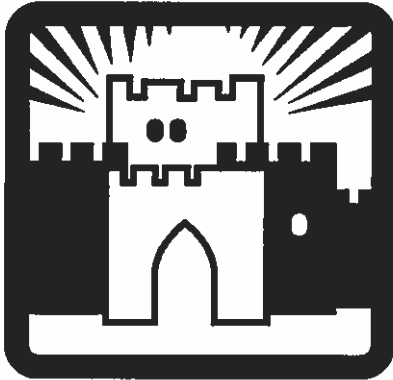
When registering, don't forget to purchase our 100-Year Anniversary Note Cards. \$5 for a packet of 8.



The books are Amos, Mark, Luke, John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Esther, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus, Matthew, Genesis, Philemon, Chronicles, Daniel, Nahum, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi, Peter, Exodus, Kings

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a **most remarkable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much; he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**. **Elaine** Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving; **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**; **especially** since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana **humbly** puts it, "the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**; also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are **normal**. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**. There are (really) 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

*"Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for in thee I find delight." Psalm 119:34, 35*



As I am writing this article the Christian Education committee is busy planning for the popular Lenten program "Jerusalem Market Place". This year we are making some changes and will host this program during Kids Club on Mondays, beginning **March 6**. Please mark your calendars now, invite friends and come see the exciting things we have planned.

During the month of February we will be exploring the message of following God's Word in our lives. The topics of our lesson time are

*Following God's Leadership* - God has a plan for our lives.

*Following God's Rules* - The Ten Commandments tell us how to live the Christian life.

*Making Wise Choices* - As we study the story of Daniel we are reminded of the importance of caring for our bodies by choosing the right foods.

*Loving God* - The Greatest Commandment is found by when reading

Matthew 22:37.



On **February 13** we will celebrate Valentine's Day. This day is always filled with fun and surprises. Come join us as we look for ways of reaching out and caring for others.

Again we say thank you to those who have provided snacks or other supplies for the kids and this program.

We continue to welcome new kids to this program, so if you know of someone who would like to join us at Kids Club, please invite them.

Peace and Joy,  
Dianne



## Birthday Train

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Josh Krueger
- 5 Scott Zimmerman
- 5 Sam Swearingen
- 5 Mike Swearingen
- 7 Julie Witek
- 16 Beverly Kahn
- 17 Barbara Brown
- 18 Amy Simone
- 18 Karrington Wreza
- 20 Alyssia Kommenich
- 22 Chris Pilgrim
- 23 Eva Nester
- 25 Austin McKinney
- 27 Shirley Dragas
- 27 Rick Vogl
- 28 Ryan Brandt
- 28 Sandy Beal
- 28 Kevin Lorenz

## Women's Bible Study

*"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God."*

ROMANS 5:1-2 (RSV)

In spite of the bad weather on Martin Luther King Jr Day, there were seven women attending our class. A few of them said "I needed to be here." Why? To share? To pray?

Ivy read highlights of the Tribune "Myths of Christmas" article which resulted in a lively discussion. Diane Ciametti informed us she won't be able to attend any future classes since she will be teaching at MVCC on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1pm. We will miss her strong faithful attendance, beautiful smile and positive hope in God's control of circumstances.

To those women who could not attend class, we understand. When conditions change we will welcome your return.



## Prayer and Care

**"Oh Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. For thou has no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, Oh God, thou will not despise."**

**Psalm 51:15-17 (RSV)**

God accepts our broken and contrite hearts. As we continue to press forward during these stressful times, thank you for sharing your requests with us.

**"But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."**

**LUKE 21:36**



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**PRAYER REQUESTS for February**

*Please consider joining us for Prayer and Care group each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.*

**We pray for those in need of healing and those with health concerns:** Cheryl, Gert's nephew, Norman, Christopher (Gordon), Rick V, Jacob M, Katie H, Jerry & Joan Panko, Andrew's friend Jacob, Cliff, Mary Orr, Cos & Francine, Shirley D's sister Shirleen and her friend's son Brian, and Kevin, Dawn R's friend, Debbie, Eleanor Watson, Blanche Barker, Jean Somerstorfer, Adrian's brother, Bob D, Sawyer, Lucy, Barb M, Aunt Sherry, Cathie W, June, Cori (Ivy), Alice, Brett, Larry B, Gert V

**We pray for those in need of strength:** Susan's cousin Randy, Tom & Sharon M, Donna's sister Shirley, Gigi & Katrina, Billy, Jeni's sister Kathie, friend, Lou and mom Wanda, Eva N's friends, Jane and Dorothy, Marge, Maryann's friend, Jack M, Annette

**We pray for those in need of strength and healing, or with health concerns:** Lori and her Mom, Judy, Lou's Family, Kim, Kiana, Howie & Elaine, Wilda & Susan's friend Tracy, the entire Cassiello family, Donna's friend Ken, Grace's relative Edith, Bev, Laura A, Eva M. Ar's brother Richie and brother in law Howie

**We pray for groups:** Israel, Our children & youth ministry, Christians in Middle East for strength & protection; people of other faiths; our country's divisions; policemen and firemen, persecuted Christians, Our enemies

**We also pray for those in need during miscellaneous circumstances:** Shirley D's friend Pat Z, Karl Haack and Mark Gulotta in the Marines, Shannon for peace & direction, Jimmie & Jimmie's aunt for comfort & strength, Laura's friends Debbie & Chris for direction, Cindy for guidance & strength, Lauren for seeing the light & strength, Joe for direction & strength, Joe, Uncle Bob & Pat, DelPrete family for strength, faith & hope as Jen awaits a new trial, Gloria (Laura V)

**We pray for those who mourn:**

Elsie's family and friends, Sue's dad and family, Dan C.'s cousin Dorothy's family and friends, Dan C's dad Vincent's family and friends, family of Bob, Patt's brother-in-law, Aggie's family and friends, Elaine's husband Harry's family and friends, Dick Anderson's family and friends.

**If you or someone you love needs a hospital visit, please call/text Rev. Laura on her cell (815) 822-0557**

# February



# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	WBS 1pm Kids Club 330 Rev Laura Presbytery all day SURVEY OPEN	Office Open 1:30  ONLINE =====>	Prayer & Care 930am Office Open 930 am =====	TOPS 4pm Yoga 7pm =====	----->	MC8 Meeting @ HHPC 9am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wor/SS 9am Wor/SS 10:30am Souper Sunday 1145 REV 5pm SURVEY	WBS 1pm Kids Club 330 Session 730pm  SURVEY OPEN	Office Open 1:30 Sertoma Thanks HHPC  ONLINE =====>	Prayer & Care 930am Office Open 930 am Rev Laura =FL =====	TOPS 4pm Yoga 7pm =====	----->	Family and Friends Scrapbooking Day 10am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Wor/SS 9am Wor/SS 10:30am CE 11:45 Outreach 1145 REV 5pm	WBS 1pm Kids Club 330 Session 730 Rev Malak  SURVEY OPEN	Rev Laura Back from Florida  =====	Prayer & Care 930am Rev Laura here =====	TOPS 4pm Yoga 7pm =====	Jones Trivia night 600pm  ----->	Card Workshop 10 am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Wor/SS 9am Wor/SS 10:30am REV 5pm	WBS 1pm Kids Club 330 Deacons 700	Office Open 1:30	Prayer & Care 930am Office Open 930 am	TOPS 4pm Yoga 7pm	Set Up for Presbytery	Presbytery at Pullman 900
26	27	28				
Wor/SS 9am Wor/SS 10:30am REV 5pm	WBS 1pm Kids Club 330	Office Open 1:30				