

# THE CONNECTING LINK

## HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### JUNE 2017

#### *June Worship Schedule*

**June 4** Acts 2:1-13 **I Corinthians 12:3b-13** "64 Is the New....."  
at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

**Communion** at all services

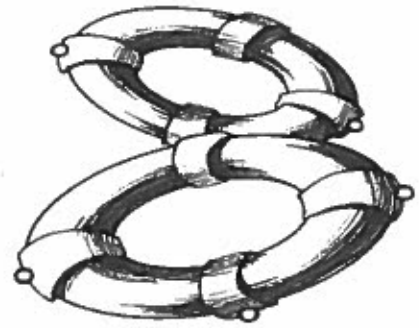
**June 11** Psalm 8, **Romans 5:1-5** "Therefore..." at 10:00 AM  
**REV** at 5:00 PM

**June 18** Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19, **Genesis 18:1-15** "A Promise Kept" at 10:00 AM  
**REV** at 5:00 PM

**June 25** Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17, **Genesis 21: 8-21** "The Best Laid Plans"  
at 10:00 AM  
**REV** at 5:00 PM

*We will be on our summer schedule of **Worship** at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM through Labor Day Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Session has voted for Communion to be served each Sunday of the summer at the morning service.*

# MISSION COUNCIL



May 22, 2017

To the Session and Church Family of Hickory Hills,

I am writing to express my gratitude and appreciation for your willingness to share your building and your REV service with Mission Council 8. Bringing information and awareness of mental illness to our churches became a priority for the four of us that attended the Mental Health Conference last fall. We are so grateful that others in MC 8 thought that it was important enough to have this special event. I was happy to see so many come and hope that something happens in our churches to make individuals struggling with mental illness feel safe and comfortable and not feel so alone.

A special thanks needs to go out to Laura Reason for her help with the organizing; Scott Zimmerman for doing the sound board; Matt Witek for his musical gifts; Debbie Zimmerman for setting things up; and to Melanie Swindle and her daughters for the beautiful trays of food. All of you made the day flow very smoothly and helped people feel welcomed in your space.

Thank you again for your openness and for your vision with this endeavor. Once again we have seen that when we work in collaboration good things happen.

In gratitude and love,

Debbie Dennis

The 2017 Per Capita amount is \$33.38 per church member in your household. There is a blue envelope in your box of envelopes for this purpose. Thank you for assisting us in supporting this mission giving to the larger church.



**CONGRATULATIONS, 2017 GRADUATES!**

**Brittany Brown, Conrady Junior High School**

**Kevin Lorenz, Conrady Junior High School**

**Hollie Fox, Highland Middle School**

**Evan Grisko, Wilkins Junior High School**

**Petar Ilic, Stagg High School**

**LeAnne Kommenich, Oak Lawn High School**

**Stacey Lorenz, Stagg High School**

**Riley McKinney, Stagg High School**

**Justin Rellinger, Lincoln Way West High School**

**Veronica Swindle, Thornton Fractional High School**

**Sarah Swearingen, Bachelor of Science in Middle Level Education  
Illinois State University**

**Andrew Witek, Masters of Architecture  
Judson University**

**Matt Witek, Bachelor of Science in Business Operations Management  
DePaul University**



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Monday through Thursday

June 12 - 15

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

**Special Guests - Tricia and Company**

**Mark your calendars  
And tell your kids to invite their friends!!!**

We invite kids from our church and community to join us for the exciting VBS Adventure, "Galactic Starveyors – Discovering The God of the Universe".

We hope your children join us for the fun, excitement and learning this week will bring. We'll hear Bible stories, play games in the gym, have lots of great music, crafts, and of course snacks.

Our four day adventure will find us searching the visible to discover the invisible. We discover how the God of the universe wants a relationship with us.

All of this takes place here at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church with special guests Tricia and Company. *This program is open to kids age 4 through grade 6 (Completed).* Cost for this week is \$6.00 and 1 package of cookies for snack time.

For registration or more information contact Dianne at the church office 708 598-3100



**Super God**

**Super Me**

**Super Possibility!"**



Age 9-13

Sponsored By Presbytery of Chicago Together Outdoors Work Group

***“What is the Presbyterian Youth Camp for Leaders (PYCL) about?”***

This Ministry as a MISSION of The Presbytery of Chicago will endeavor to serve the DIVERSITY of our Presbytery as we prepare youth for **leadership** at camp, in our church and in the world. PYCL is a week long outdoor camp, leadership training and worship experience for youth at Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana.

The Presbyterian Youth Camp for Leaders is **FOR YOU!** The camp needs:

- Youth as campers
- Youth as leaders (activity coordinators)
- Adults as camp counselors (**Age 21 and older**)



***1. “When is the Camp?”***

The 2017 Presbyterian Youth Camp for Leaders will be July 30 - August 4th Leaving Chicago at 2:00 p.m. (after last pick-up) – **Transportation provided**

Arrival at Geneva Center Sunday, July 30<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Departure day & time Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. **Arrive back in Chicago around 2:00 p.m.(contingent on traffic conditions)**

***2. “What will I do at camp?”***

The Presbyterian Youth Camp for Leaders has lots of fun activities including:

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|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Arts & Crafts       | Bible Study                | Swimming     |
| Worship             | Camp Fires                 | Field Games  |
| Rap Sessions        | Ice Cream Making           | Nature Walks |
| Leadership Training | Lifetime Friendship Making | Talent Show  |



**For More Information Contact the office of the Presbytery of Chicago  
Jacqueline Murray-Kennedy at 312-488-3000 ext. 106 or  
See any member of the Together Outdoors Workgroup**

**MISSION  
COUNCIL**



*"Anchored in Christ!"-- Hebrews 6:19*

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**6/2/2017 Jonathan Beyer in Concert at Orland Park Presbyterian @ 7:30pm.**

**6/3/2017 MC8 Meeting @ Faith United Tinley Park 9am to 11am**

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS**

**Dakota Mission -- June 24-30, 2017**

Need any towel, swimsuit or financial donations by **June 15th.**

**Kentucky Mission--July 8-15, 2017** – There is a meeting at Hickory Hills on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. The registration forms must be turned in at that time

**2017 Presbyterian Youth Camp for Leaders -- Geneva Center Rochester, Indiana.**

July 30-August 4, 2017 - See the flyer on the previous page

**10/28/17 Feed My Starving Children -- Aurora location. 11:30 am-1:30pm**

Start saving your quarters now! Each church will be setting a participation goal amount for this packing event.

**11/4/17--Jones Center 100th Year Anniversary Gala**

**UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**School supplies drive will begin at the end of July – basic school supplies, organized by the Christian Education Committee**

**Feed My Starving Children Food Pack for Mission Council 8 churches – offering begins now**

**Looking ahead:**

**Tree of Warmth**

**Christmas presents for children and youth at Jones Center**

## ***Prayer and Care***

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:26-27 RSV

None of us pray as much as we should. The Holy Spirit turns our sighs into petitions and our tears into entreaties. He speaks for us! This gives us a quiet confidence knowing it's not up to us.....

**Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 28, for World Day of Prayer.**

*There will be no Prayer and Care meetings at the church for the month of June.*

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

2 Ed Zabelka  
3 Ivy Taebel  
3 Mark Gulotta  
8 Barbara Monczynski  
11 Katelin Wheeler  
12 Amanda Swindle  
14 Cheryl Huenecke  
14 Alvin Swearingen  
15 Ryan Krueger  
16 Karen Hoffman  
16 Albert Netter  
19 Bob Nordstrom  
20 Leonard Van Vossen  
23 Mary Richer  
23 Megan Zimmerman  
27 Linda Lavaretto  
29 Hanna Treccani  
29 Thomas M. Morrell  
29 Joe Simone

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BRIA  
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## **PRAYER LIST**

*For June, we will not meet for prayer at 9:30 a.m. in the library.*

**We pray for those in need of healing and those with health concerns:** Jerry & Joan Panko, Cliff, Mary Orr, Cos & Francine, Shirley D's sister Shirleen, her friend's son Brian, her husband's cousin Karen, Kevin, Eleanor Watson, Blanche Barker, Jean Somerstorfer, Bob D, Sawyer, Lucy D & Tom, Barb M, Aunt Sherry, Kyle W, Cori & Don (Ivy), Erik's son, Paul and Maureen (B. Brown), Dave and Dar, Leah (Karen) Debbie's mom, Carol, Diane's great nephew Colton, Matt's dad, Daniel

**We pray for those in need of strength:** Susan's cousin Randy, Donna's sister Shirley, Billy, Jeni's mom Wanda, Eva N's friends, Jane, Dorothy & Marge, Maryann's friend, Jack M & Uncle Tony, Annette, Theresa's niece Beth, Debbie Vaughn, Dave Johnsen, Rick's Dad, Dick, George (Charley)

**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, the entire Cassiello family, Donna's friend Ken, Grace's relative Edith, Laura A, Eva M. Ar's brother Richie and brother in law Howie, Pat (Jeni), Eva N, Bob N, Joann J, Ramon and Laura

**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, Syria, Praise for the 82 Chibok girls freed in Nigeria (113 still missing), United Kingdom explosion victims

**We also pray for those in need during miscellaneous circumstances:** Shirley D's friend Pat Z, Karl Haack and Mark Gulotta in the Marines and Tanya in Afghanistan, Shannon for peace & direction, Jimmie & Jimmie's aunt for comfort & strength, Laura's friends Debbie & Chris for direction, 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), Rachel and Juan

**We pray for those who mourn:** Family and friends of Dave Pearson (Lou's bro) who died at the end of April. Family and friends of Beverly Kahn who died May 21.

**If you or someone you love needs a hospital visit, please call/text Rev. Laura on her cell (815) 822-0557. Due to federal privacy regulations, the hospitals never call the church, even if they ask for your church membership information upon admission.**



# June 2017

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.

—Fred Rogers

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Office open 11 to 3 4 – TOPS 7 – Yoga Forest View 1	Office closed 2	MC8 – FUPC, TP 9 to 11 Bev Kahn – 9-11, 11, 12 4-LeAnne’s grad party 3
<b>Pentecost</b> 9 adult class 10- worship 4 – KY trip @HHPC 5 - REV 4	Office open 10 to 2 Steinke – River Forest 8:30-5:00 5	11-Staff mtg 6	P & C in our homes Office open 10-2 7	4 – TOPS 7 - Yoga 8	Office open 10 to 2 9	Leadership meeting 9- 12 CAT report 10
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9-adult class 10-worship 11:15- Outreach 5-REV 11	Office open 10 to 2 VBS 6:30 to 8:30 12	11 – Staff meeting VBS 6:30 to 8:30 13	<b>Flag Day</b> P & C Office open 10 to 2 3 – Synod VBS 14	4 – TOPS 7 – Yoga VBS 6:30- 8:30 15	Office open 10 to 2 16	17
9-adult class 10-worship 5-REV 7	Office open 10 to 2 7:30 SESSION 19	11 – Staff meeting 20	<b>First day of summer</b> P & C – homes Office open 10 to 2 21	4 – TOPS 7 – Yoga 22	Office open 10 to 2 23	Dakota Partnership trip to Sisseton leaves 24
9-Adult class 10-Worship 11:15- Mission 5:00-REV 25	Office open 10 to 2 7:30 DEACONS 26	11 – Staff Meeting 27	P & C – homes Office open 10 to 2 28	4 – TOPS 7 – Yoga 29	Office open 10 to 2 Dakota Trip returns 30	