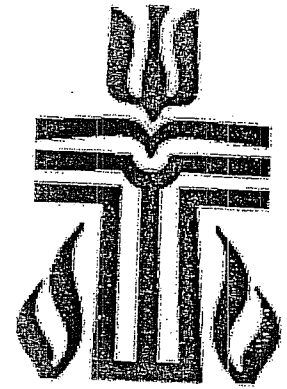




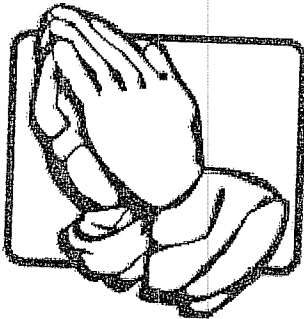
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MAY 2010

PRAYER & CARE



“Now to him, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 (RSV)

The above verses emphasize the greatness of our Heavenly Father at all times.

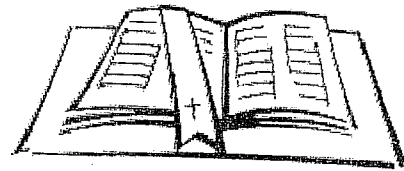
Many of our church family are hurting. When one of us hurts, we all hurt. Sometimes we cannot find the right words. Sometimes we feel so inadequate. Sometimes we question. Sometimes we flee.

But then something or someone comes into the picture. Sunday morning: a young man, (out jogging), comes through the church door and stays for the 9:00 service. Friday morning: a mother of two, (expecting her third), comes through another church door and asks for prayer. Friday evening: Many come through the church door. Escorted into the gym, just before the sun set, a subtle transformation takes place. Total darkness has been challenged by subtle electrical lights. Candles flicker, adding light and warmth.

The Senior High youth begin lovingly serving the guests who have lovingly served them for years. Some couldn't attend because they had to work. Some couldn't attend because of their circumstances. Some couldn't attend because of the Women's Retreat in Saugatuck.

I'm grateful there are many doors at HHPC and in our lives.

“...knock and it will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9



TWILIGHT PRAYER

Father, you gave to me in my youth a flashlight for my path and I have strayed very little, realizing this diversion is not for me or who I represent.

Surely I returned to my path and today I must say the batteries are still good and that light shines brightly and takes me along my path of peace and understanding.

Prayer is like a candle that we all light when we speak to God, we are careful not to let that light flicker or go out. We keep that flame alive in our hearts where we have the eternal flame.

Let us bring our lights together Tuesday evenings.

Who knows what we can ignite?

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson

PADS UPDATE



The kitchen is closed and will not be opened again until October. Many hands and many hearts have been opened to our PADS neighbors this past season and I thank you all for your many vehicles of help. I dare not mention an individual lest I forget one who gave, and I did not mention by name. You all know who you are and how you supported this mission.

Many hands make light of the task and our task this season is history. We know history repeats itself. So next year, let us all look forward again with gusto, to serve our fellow men and women in need. A neighbor in need is a friend indeed.

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson

MISSION COMMITTEE

Plans and preparations were in progress but the final outcome was questionable. This concept was something new and there existed no solid proof to its success or demise. Diligently we trudged forward with enthusiasm and prayed for the best. Great expectations were met with great results.

Our "April Showers" event was well received, and one and all enjoyed a memorable evening of food and song.

Working together with vim and vigor is seldom disappointing. Thank you Senior High Youth Group for your attitude of servitude. A special thank you to all those behind the scenes who made the evening such a memorable event.

Shall we look forward to our next event with anticipation rather than apprehension? I am sure we all agree when we say YES!

Regards,
The Mission Committee



A Note from the Editor:

Last month, there was an error on the prayer list. Pastor Emily Rosencrans lost her father, not her brother. And also, a short time later, she lost her uncle. Our prayers are with her and her family in their losses, and my apologies to them for my mistake.

HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS

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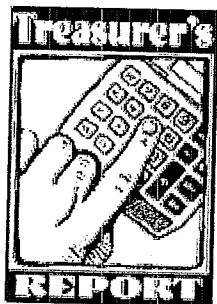
- The family of Lelia Keene, on her passing
- The family of Mary Lewington, on her passing
- Gerry Waller and family on Joyce's passing
- Renee Meyer and family in the loss of her Mother
- Rich & Bev Kahn in the loss of their son Harold
- Marie Hoffman for health concerns and continued improvement
- Kyle Krueger, in Marine Corp Boot Camp, for encouragement
- Evelyn Garlic's sister, Gloria Thomason, in Indiana, for health concerns (cancer)
- The country of Poland
- Aliya wants prayers
- Darlene Delaney's mother, Kaye, for health concerns
- Shannon Bastien's father in California & others due to earthquake
- Carol Sack's brother-in-law, Wayne, for healing and strength
- Lil Resner for recovery from a stroke
- Art Davis for health concerns
- Maryann Fellers for health concerns & recovery from surgery
- Marilyn Betterton for health concerns
- Cindy Treccani's Aunt in W. Virginia, Shirley King, for health concerns, and continued improvement
- Kevin McGuire undergoing stem cell surgery for cancer
- Harry Hermansen, for healing from a fractured hip

- “Georgie- Porgie” Vinalek for health concerns
- Sue Olson for recovery from surgery
- Debbie Raschke for recovery from upcoming surgery (at time of this printing)
- Nicole (Huenecke) Erickson for recovery from upcoming surgery (at time of this printing)
- Charley Huenecke for recovery from upcoming surgery (at time of this printing)
- Private concerns too severe to share
- Sarah Wreza’s brother, Jason Smith, for massive stroke at age 40
- Our DPNC for Fruits of the Spirit
- Betty Kitching for healing
- Pete Richardson for health concerns
- Donna Bredlau’s friend, Ken, for rehab/ healing
- Sally Harris during Chemo Treatments, for strength & healing
- The Vogl’s neighbors, Joanne & Bob Pappas for health concerns
- Richard Larson for strength during treatments
- Dennis & Mary Tarter for continuous healing
- Carol Sack’s sister, Ruth, for healing & strength
- Dorothy Allen for strength
- Tasha Swindle’s friend, Josh Crosby,

Josh is cancer free!

Thank you for all your prayers these last 4 years.
Halleluia!

- People experiencing hard times/ job loss
- Our service men and women and their families
- DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during Jen’s battle



March 2010 Treasurer’s Report

General Fund Income	\$14,268.00
General Fund Disbursements	\$12,133.00

MARCH 2010 SESSION MINUTES

Minutes of the stated meeting of the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, Hickory Hills, Illinois held on March 8, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Elders present forming a quorum:

Shirley Brunell, Karen Hoffman, Gordon Home, Cheryl Huenecke, Sue Orsic, and Scott Zimmerman.
Arrived Late: Terry Brock
Excused: Susan Frangella, Tom Pearson, Cindy Treccani, Rick Raschke, Jeni Vogl.
Also present: Moderator Rev. Del Meester and Dianne Flynn, Director of Children Ministry.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes were received and approved.

CLERK’S REPORT: Communion was served March 7th at all three services. Communion is always served at the 9am service.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer’s report was received and approved.

DEACON’S REPORT: Clusters were reviewed. Discussion was held about different strategies to be more effective with their clusters. There are so many people in each cluster it is hard for the Deacons to get through their list every month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: LENT PROGRAM: Jerusalem Market Place. First week- 47 children, 2nd week – 51, 3rd week 6 new. Percentage high in lower grades.

PALM SUNDAY- Holy week packets – kids bring in palms – Youth choir/kids sing – Confirmation Sunday.

CONFIRMATION– March 21- Session meets with Confirmands and parents.

PALM SUNDAY– Confirmation Sunday.

Confirmands will participate in worship service.

Alyssia Kommenich will be baptized.

All Confirmed will receive Teen Study Bibles.

Stampers are making cards to go with the Bibles.

EASTER; Worship schedule: 8:30 & 10:30am – 9:30 breakfast/Jr. Highs will serve.

No Sunday school/will have videos for preschool – 3rd graders. Worship packets available for kids remaining in sanctuary.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Mailed off first “Care Package”.

YOUTH GROUPS: Jr. High – Prepared Pads Meals for last night.

Participate in Feed My Starving Children – March 13th.

Sr. High – Saugatuck retreat – February 26 -28th – study on prayer.

Participate in Feed My Starving Children – March 13th.

CAMP MEETING: Held yesterday, few in attendance, but more have indicated they will attend. No bus this year – carpool only.

WORKSHOP: Dianne attended a workshop February 27th presented by “One Way Street”.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The plumbing has been fixed in basement.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: REV band participating in Praise-A-Palooza at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church (Burbank), Sat. April 17th. We are going to encourage the congregation to attend.

FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH: Sunday May 23rd – concert/picnic.

June 27th participating in Hickory Hills Street Fair. Updating brochures.

MISSION: Jr. High help make meals and served at PADS. April 4th will be last PADS.

April 9th and 10th Senior High fundraising dinner.

CREW work weekend will be June 5th.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC/COMMUNION

SERVERS: Maundy Thursday dinner.

Communion servers; Rick R.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE/ENDOWMENT: One Great Hour of Sharing coming up.

DPNC: Looking at candidates in the initial stage.

NEW BUSINESS: It was VOTED to accept the Confirmation Class as listed and the baptism of Alyssia Kommenich on Palm Sunday.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

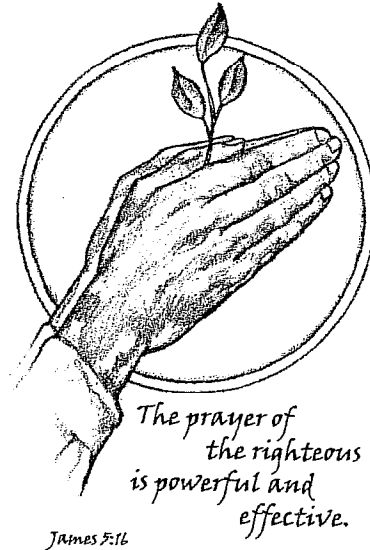
Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Brunell
Clerk of Session

Minutes were amended at the April 12, 2010 Session Meeting: REV Praise Team is not participating in Praise-A-Palooza due to schedule conflicts. All congregation is still encouraged to attend. Communion Servers were Rick Raschke, Jeni Vogl, and Scott Zimmerman.



Do You Have A Pastor Visit Request or A Prayer Request??

It is important for anyone with any concern, prayer request or a need for pastoral visit, to contact the church office at 708-598-3100, their Deacon or any one of the Church Elders.



Please Pray For and Write a Note to an HHPC Member in Marine Corps Boot Camp

Kyle Krueger, the third son of David and Darlene Krueger, is in the U.S. Marine Corps Boot Camp stationed in San Diego, CA.

Please keep him in your prayers during this very difficult time in his life.

Also, if you are able, please write to him as often as possible. Here is his address. Please address the envelope exactly as follows:

RECRUIT KRUEGER, KYLE
2ND BN ECHO CO PLT 2110
36001 MIDWAY AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92140

Please remember that it takes about 10 days for a letter to reach him. Please only cards and letters of encouragement. No care packages at this time. Thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers.

What do we do while we wait, and while we are without a Pastor during our Designated Pastoral Nominating Committee (DPNC) Search period?

Well it's obvious that we are already doing it folks! We as a family have continued working together in growth and the life of our congregation. Praying for our DPNC to be led, and have insight to find the right candidate for our Pastor.

We have been blessed by Pastor's Andrew and Emily Rosencrans, our Pulpit Supply Pastors, that have gone way beyond their call of duty and what is to be expected of a Sunday Pulpit Supply Preacher. They have visited with the ill and shut ins, officiated meetings, weddings, baptisms, and our confirmation class of new members. They have led our Wednesday evening Lenten services, on top of leading our morning worship services with stability, and sincere caring.

Our REV Service structure has become strong and stable, with messages brought forth by wonderful Pulpit Supply Pastors, Lay Speakers, and dramatic interpretations by our Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups.

Upon several requests, family members and visitors have had support and follow up from our Deacon's, Outreach Committee and Prayer Groups.

Many joys and concerns are regularly shared and spread through our morning and evening prayer groups, and lifted in Prayer.

It is a blessing to see all of this happening, and to know that without a Pastor - while we wait - in the Interim - we ARE doing our best and trying to do what it is we are called to do.....

*To Seek God's Word
To Share and Celebrate God's Love
and
To Serve Jesus Christ in the World.*

May you continue to be blessed as part of this church family, and may we all continue to grow together in Christ.

Cheryl Huenecke

Hymning and Hawing

Appropriate Showmanship

by G. R. Snow

(Author's note: last month's column has sparked many responses, and it was suggested that I continue with some examples and commentary on appropriate ways of using visual effects and other techniques as appropriate worship enhancements rather than distractions to worship. This column is a response to these requests, though it does concentrate more on the philosophy than on the mechanics of "showmanship". —GRS)

One must recognize that we have a fine Example of appropriate showmanship in several places in the Bible. Korah and his family protest Moses's leadership, so the earth opens and swallows all their belongings. A star and troops of angels forecast and attend Christ's arrival in Bethlehem. Moses spends forty days and nights with God, and has to put on a veil for people to be able even to look at him. A dove appears over Jesus's head at the Jordan. Moses and Elijah, as representatives of the Law and the Prophets, appear on the Mount of Transfiguration with Christ, symbolizing his fulfillment of both. These special effects, while not as convenient to our control as a laptop and projector or a sound system and soundboard, are unquestionably enhancements to the Message rather than distractions. Executed by the Master Showman, God Himself, how could they be otherwise?

The Bible also provides us examples of distractions to the Message, and examples we may not immediately recognize as such. At the Transfiguration, Peter becomes distracted from the power of what is being shown them, and starts to babble: "Master, it is well that we are here—let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah—" One can almost hear an at-the-end-of-His-rope God slamming down a cloud to cover the holy moment and bellowing, to stop the hapless babbling, "This is my beloved Son. LISTEN to him!"

Another example was the girl possessed of a demon who kept shouting about Paul and those who accompanied him, "These men are servants of the most high God." She was accurate, and it may be hard for our modern ears to recognize why this was such a threat to their ministry, or why Paul became angry. But the threat was in her distraction from the Message—she was readjusting the hearers' focus from the *Message* to the *messengers*, from "Jesus Christ" to "these men". Paul blew his stack, rebuked the demon, and healed the girl.

In worship at HHPC, there are many unavoidable distractions. An acolyte may not be present on time, a pastor may find a children's

sermon prop doesn't work, a very young attendee may start crying. However, these are just a part of the human condition—they aren't the kind of distractions we need to guard against. Do we get so lost in the beauty of the music we hear that we ignore its Message? Are we so distracted by what's on the screen that it gets in the way of what's in our hearts, and the Message from Holy Spirit to each of us? In short, are we so lost in the mechanics of "doing church" that we forget to worship? If so, is the fault with the planning of those who minister to us, or in our interpretation of the ministry?

A considerable amount of energy and planning goes into our services at HHPC, and I speak both of the traditional morning services and the alternative REV service. In that planning, a substantial effort is made to eliminate whatever may be distracting from the Message, and to add or maintain whatever may be an enhancement. Much thought goes into the presentation of music which carries the Message, not what may be a way of presenting how great Gabby, or Matt, or Sue, or Charlie, or Cheryl, or any of the others are—even though we all know they are wonderful! Much thought goes into the graphics Scott projects, so that they are enhancement rather than distraction, and inspiration rather than entertainment. For it's not a performance—it's a collaborative worship experience, and the participants' dedication is to carrying the Message to the hearts of worshipers, not promoting themselves. Likewise, in the traditional services I play, I try very hard always to leave the "performer" behind and be only the "ministry professional" and the "instrument". Our choir also attempts to carry the Message in what it sings, its priority not to seek applause but a clearer understanding in the hearts of worshipers of the Message of Christ.

A recent *American Organist* magazine article identified as inappropriate and distracting anything in worship which is "self-serving, self-indulgent, self-congratulatory, banal, or trite." I would further suggest that anything in worship which does not have as its focus the Message of Christ needs a re-think. And, to reiterate what I said last month, the contemporary world of worship needs pastors who are committed to being *messengers* rather than *masters of ceremonies*, and musicians who are *witnesses* rather than *performers*, and the *Message of the Holy Spirit* rather than *purposeless entertainment to kill an hour*. What do you as a worshiper get out of the services you attend, at HHPC and elsewhere? I hope it's the former, in every case (messenger, witness, Message)—and that in your regular church attendance you are *worshipers* rather than *members of an audience*.

2010 Confirmation Class Statements of Faith

(Due to the large confirmation class, the Faith Statements will be split between 2 newsletters. They are all in the online edition.)

To me Jesus is the Savior of my sins. He takes away all the bad that I have done throughout my life. He does this because He knows I am a good person and he knows I will never do it again. If Jesus never forgave any of us for our sins, then everyone would be in sorrow and pain because no one had ever forgiven them for their wrongs. Also Jesus is someone who you can tell all your problems to no matter how embarrassing it is and Jesus won't judge you. When you are telling Jesus about your problems, he doesn't always answer you does not mean He is not listening, He is just thinking about everything you just told Him about.

To me a church is a place where you confess your sins. When you go to church you are there to worship God. When you worship God you should thank Him for everything He has ever done for you. When you are thanking Him you should also pray for your loved ones going through horrible things right now. They will be thankful that you are praying for them. When you confess your sins to Jesus in church you wanna tell Him everything that has been bugging you.

To me God is the creator of the world. God created you and me and everyone on this planet. If it wasn't for God we wouldn't be alive. The first two people that God created on this earth was Adam and Eve. You can also confess your sins to God if you want. God also helps you go through everything that you think is horrible and you can also tell God about all the good things in your life. God will always listen to your problems no matter what they are.

To me the Holy Spirit is the bond between Jesus dying and going back to His father God. Everyone has a Holy Spirit inside of them. What the Holy Spirit does is it either tells you to do good for others or do bad to others. When your Holy Spirit tells you to do good usually you will be rewarded for doing good for others. If your Holy Spirit tells you to do bad things to others you won't be rewarded you will be punished.

That's what I think Jesus, God, church, and the Holy Spirit are.



This is my statement of faith. In it six questions will be answered. First is who is God? To me God is the Creator of the heavens and earth. God is also very loving and has lots of power. Next question is who is Jesus? To me Jesus is our Savior who takes our sins away. He is also a man of great miracles. This is Jesus to me.

Third question is who is the Holy Spirit? To me the Holy Spirit is full of knowledge. It is a messenger of God. The Holy Spirit is also powerful. This is the Holy Spirit to me.

Fourth question is what is the church? The church is a place you go to worship. Also you go there to help yourself solve problems and pray for others. The church is a worry free place to me.

Fifth is what is the church called to do? To me the church is called to help people worship. It also is called to help people get through hard times. This is my view on the church.

My last question is what am I called to do? I am called to worship almost every Sunday. I'm also called to learn about the Bible. This is what I'm called to do.



God; my Savior, my Lord, and my Protector. Who sent us Jesus, His Son who sacrificed Himself to show us the ways of the Lord and grant us eternal life. Good things that happen to us come from the Holy Spirit, who is inside us all. The church helps me assemble with my fellow Christians to hear the word of the Lord. The church is called to show and guide us throughout our lives, and direct us in the way of the Lord. I am called upon by the church to follow His word and lead a good example in His name.



I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. He died for me on the cross to cleanse me of my sins. I wish to join this church to spread the Word of Jesus Christ and to help the church by offering my talents to benefit the church and its followers.



I believe that God is everyone you know and don't know. He is amazing in a multitude of ways. He is in your soul, heart, and mind so He can always be with you whether we want Him/Her or not because He/She cares about every single one of us even if we aren't sure about Him/Her. This, I think, is absolutely wonderful.

I believe Jesus is our brother. I don't mean he is a blood brother but a spiritual brother. I believe that He is God dumbled down. Meaning that he is God in a "form" that we can understand and relate to. We can understand and relate to what He is going through or what they will or might go through.

To me the Holy Spirit is a baptizer. It is a guide for those who get lost and confused. It guides us back to a path when we stray from one. I believe the Holy Spirit has no specific being or form (body) it's just surrounding us. It is in our minds telling us right from wrong. I think that the Holy Spirit is our conscious. I think this because that is our mind saying, "Hey, dude this isn't right. You shouldn't be doing this." and similar stuff. I also believe that the Holy Spirit is power. It is the power that willed and guided God in creating this earth trillions upon trillions of years ago. I see the Holy Spirit as an eternal flame of all colors including the dark ones like black and grey. I imagine the spirit this way because all along as you keep "feeding the fire" it will keep burning and there will always be at least one person feeding the Holy Spirit's fire by believing.

A church is a place to worship though it isn't the only place to worship. Church is a place to come together with family and friends. Just because you are in a church doesn't mean you have to talk about God. It is kind of like a place where you can go vent. You can talk about your difficulties in life with God, Jesus, or anyone who'll listen. A church is a place to talk to God about anything. Church is usually the most comfortable place to talk to God besides your house because there are familiar faces around you so you do not feel awkward and out of place or unsure if you should be there.

It is my belief that the church is called to try and provide answers for questions about faith, God, and other stuff like that. The church is called to provide a place for those who are unsure about what is going on with their faith, beliefs and judgment.

I believe that I am called to give those people in Kentucky my kindness, share my faith in Jesus and much more. I believe that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are calling me to do more than just be a plain, ordinary person. I believe that they are trying to tell me that I need to stand out and be different. I believe that they want me to take my art skills and make something beautiful with them. I believe that I am called to believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God.



God is the Savior of the world, the Father of Jesus, and us. Jesus is the Son of God, the One who tells us right from wrong. The Holy Spirit is all that is in you; love, hate, strength, and weakness. Church is where I go to talk to our Father God and hope He relieves me of my sins. I am called to church to be a better person. The church is called to be a place of love, hope, and praise; God's home.



God is my Savior and my helper, who guides me in need, Jesus is made of three parts: The son, the father and the holy spirit, he is a person who came down to us in a Human form sent from God. Church is Where we all come to worship our lord and help us see through someone else besides ourselves, and believe there is a God. Today, I am called here to be confirmed as a member of this church and to do my part in serving Jesus Christ.



God is my Savior and I worship Him. Jesus is Lord, he came down to earth to save us from our sins. The Holy Spirit is the One who gives us power and love. The church is where I go to learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The church is called to help people get to know God and come closer to Him. I'm called to help people and help them come closer to God. This is my faith statement.

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Faith Statement

God created everything on this amazing planet, including people. He is the One we look up to, he is our wonderful Father. God inspired his followers and disciples to record history and his deeds, which is now known as the Bible. The Bible is the perfect instruction for life which tells us to how to live and what direction to follow. God is Jesus in human version. He was crucified on the cross to provide forgiveness for our sins. He is there through life when we get trapped in situations or when we just need someone to talk to. The church is a nice place for people to worship the Lord. The church brings people together from all around, to worship the Lord all in one place together. I am called to serve the Lord to appreciate all the wonderful things he had created and gave me.

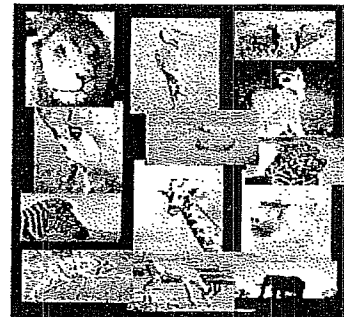
Wonderful things God has given me!!!!!!



Mountains and the Valleys



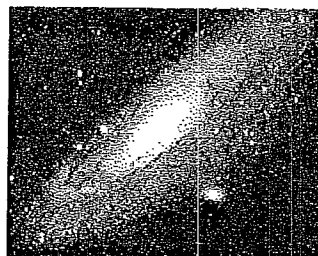
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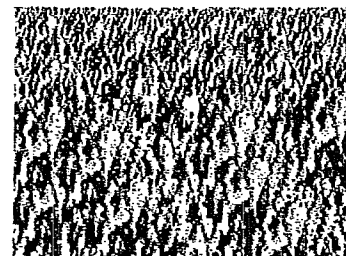
Animals



People Worshiping God



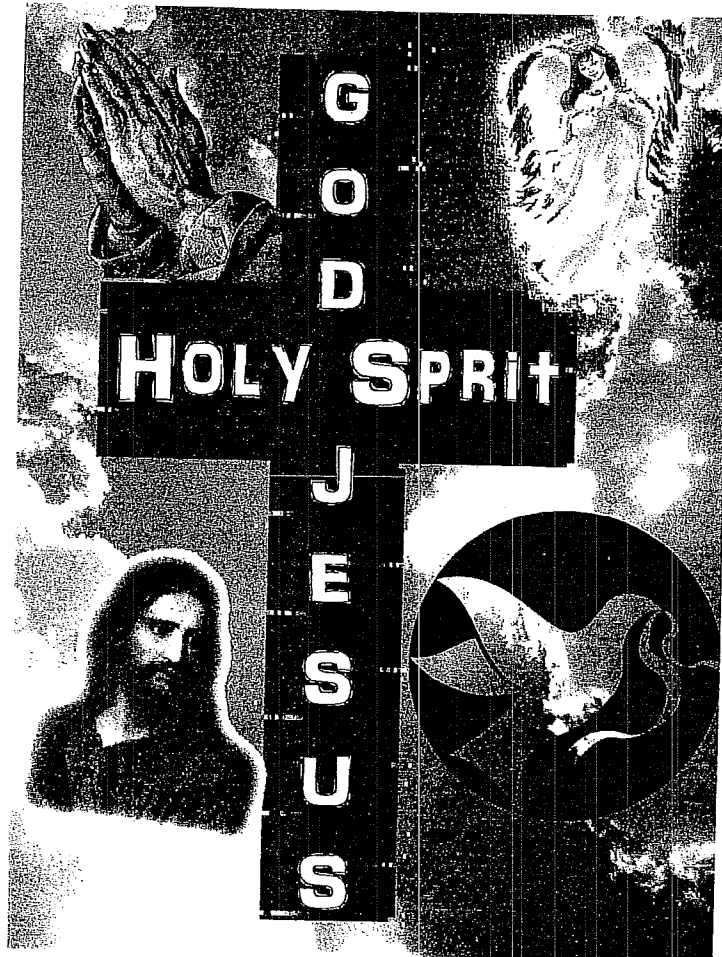
The Universe



People

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!!!

God is our savior, creator, and protector. He doesn't judge us for our looks because we are all his children and he knows what we are really like on the inside. In God's eyes we are all just as beautiful as the next person. God knows what is truly right and wrong and, as long as we ask for forgiveness, he will forgive our sins. God sent his only son, Jesus, to us. He sent him to be our teacher and to rid us of our sins. God sacrificed his only son to save people from their sins. Then when Jesus was resurrected he sent the Holy Spirit to us. The Holy Spirit is our bridge to God. With the Holy Spirit living within us we can feel a closer attachment to God. The church is a place of Godly worship. When we go to church every Sunday we learn of the ways of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. As part of the church, it is my job to learn from what the church teaches and never give up on religion. We should always have God in our hearts no matter what life throws our way because God will never give up on us and he will always be there to listen our prayers.



I believe that our God is our father and creator. He created us in the image of himself. I also believe that God loves us like his sons and daughters and will help us when we make mistakes.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is anything and everything. It is something that fills you up and calms your troubled soul. It can work through any being to help a certain person.

I believe that Jesus is my lord and savior. He is God's son and loves us all like our aunt or uncle would.

I think this church was created for people in need of help or worship. We are called as a church to spread Christ's love through the world and do good deeds in his name.

I am called to help the church complete these things. I am also called to preserve the earth that God, our father, created for us to have a life in.

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God
Powerful, Creator
Creating, loving, watching
Heaven, Heart, Earth, Soul
Sacrificing, working, loving
Savior, Son of God
Jesus

The Holy Spirit is the air that I breathe, the ground I walk on, and even my friends and family. Many people imagine that the Holy Spirit looks like a ghost, but I see it as anything and everything.

I believe that church is a place to learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and about the bible. I also believe that I am called to spread the Word of the Lord with others. And that church is called to shelter ones who are on the path to find or learn about God.

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Who is God to me? God is the creator of heaven and earth. He is the maker of all people. God is the one that calls us to follow his word. To me I see him as a Father and a Leader.

Who is Jesus to me? Jesus is my Savior. Jesus is the one who died on the cross to save us from our sins. Jesus is the one who rose from the dead to prove he is God's Son. Jesus is a Friend, Helper and Healer.

What is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit that fills us up with Gods presence. The Holy Spirit makes us feel good and happy.

What is a church? A church is a place we worship God and Jesus. A church is a place people go to seek help and comfort. A church is a place you will always be welcomed in. A church follows in God word.

What is a church called to do? A church is called to worship God and follow in His word. A church is called to do missions and help people in need. Lastly a church is called to make people feel safe and help people's relationship grow stronger with God.

Lastly what am I called to do? I am called to worship God. I am called to follow God's word and to help all those in need of help.



God is not a man or a woman. He sent His only Son down for us so that we may have eternal life. He has the most power in the world.

Jesus died for our sins. He was God's Son. God sent Him down because Jesus was human.

The church is a small community of faith. They help each other. We share our faith.

The church is called to gather with their church community to express one's faith.

I am called to help someone who needs help.

The Holy Spirit helps us make miracles.



God. God is the almighty being that was here before anything or anybody. He made the universe out of nothing. He was the creator of all life.

Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God. He has done many miracles in His life to spread the Word of God to the people. He was the spreader of the name of Jesus and He even sacrificed Himself to wash our sins away.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God which dwells on earth. It surrounds all of us and helps cleanse us of sin. It cannot be seen, however.

The church is the place where people go to get enlightened by God, and to ask for His forgiveness. The people at the church are supposed to help spread the Word of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to those dwindling in faith.



God is the Father of Jesus. He gave us His only son.

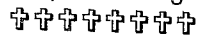
Jesus was born to be the Savior of all mankind. He died on the cross and suffered so that we could have eternal life after our death.

The Holy Spirit is the third person in God. The Holy Spirit fills our hearts and helps us believe the truth about Jesus. If we believe in Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit within us.

The church is the people. It is where we gather to hear the Word of God, where we learn to be good Christian people.

The church is called to preach the Word of God, to share in Holy Communion and fellowship. To open the doors to help people in need.

I am called to follow and learn about God, and try to be a good Christian, to help others when they need me. Right now, I don't know what my calling is. I hope when I get older I will understand more.



Who is God? God is my creator. He is the reason I am living. He is my protector. He is amazing. He is the highest above all names. God is always with me. I am never alone.

Who is Jesus? Jesus is my savior. He died for me.

Who is The Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the spirit inside of me that helps me live a Christian life. It is a part of Jesus that I cannot see, but I can feel it.

What is the church? The church is a place that teaches and preaches about God. It helps people understand that God is our creator, and that His love is never-ending.

What is the church called to do? The church is called to make people feel like they can come and be themselves and worship God together. And pray and feel like they can come and confess their sins and refresh themselves and be children of God.

What am I called to do? I am called to be a friendly and loving Christian.



Outdoor BBQ Fun!

Come join us for a special afternoon of fellowship after church on **Sunday, May 23** (Recognition Sunday).

We will be enjoying music from the REV praise band along with food and drinks provided by the Christian Ed. and Outreach Committees.

Stay for REV at 5pm also!!

Mark your calendar!

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 13, 2010

6:30 p.m. after REV

This year we're planning the program themed around "New York City".

Selections from the choirs and soloists will include many pieces inspired by various locales in New York, both traditional and Broadway-style selections. Come and celebrate the end of the choir year with us in HHPC's version of the "Big Apple"!



MISSION COUNCIL 8 WORK DAY

Saturday, May 1, 2010
@ 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

At Jones Memorial
Community Center

A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. More specifics will follow, but we want people to mark the date on their calendars now. Spread the word! Join other MC8 churches for a day of fellowship and mission as we work together at Jones Center.

Questions? Call Lynn LaBine at 708-429-0099

Jones Center is located at 220 E. 15th Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411
708-757-5395 Call for Directions

The Jones Center Mission Statement:

It is the primary mission of The Harold Colbert Jones Memorial Community Center to meet the needs of people on the physical, spiritual, and social levels. As a non-denominational, non-sectarian, non-profit organization, the "Jones Center" strengthens family ties, emphasizes the worth of God's children, and answers human needs. The Jones Center aims to improve the physical and economic well being and spirit of the neighborhood and community.

*Just a Reminder
Sign up Today*

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 dinner followed by entertainment from 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.

Cost for the evening;

Adults - \$6.00
Students (12 and under) - \$3.00
Children (4 and under) - no cost

**Maximum of \$20.00 per
immediate family**

Questions? - Call the church office and ask for Dianne

YARD SALE DONATIONS

It is time again for HHPC's Annual Indoor Yard Sale to raise money for the Kentucky Mission Trip!!

We will be accepting donations during the following days and times:

Friday, May 21st thru Sunday, May 23rd
DROPOFF ONLY-please place donations in
PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN classroom only!!

DROPOFF AND PRICING (we need helpers)

Monday, May 24th 9:00am to 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 25th 9:00am to 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 26th 9:00am to 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 27th 9:00am to 5:00pm

ACTUAL YARD SALE

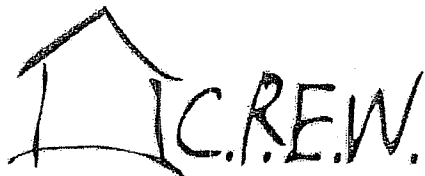
FRIDAY, MAY 28 9:00AM—3:00PM

SATURDAY, MAY 29 9:00AM—1:00PM

IN ADDITION TO DONATIONS, WE ALSO NEED
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE SALE THE WEEK OF
MAY 24TH THRU MAY 29th.

TOGETHER WE CAN HOST A WONDERFUL FUNDRAISER!!!!





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

Directors: Dennis Kirscher, Chris Fryzek, Jason Tooth

Community Restoration by Ecumenical Workers

www.pmcucc.org pmcCREW@gmail.com

10300 W. 131st St. Palos Park, IL 60464
Phone: (708) 448-7833 Fax: (708) 448-0824

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 Orsick if you are interested or email: Swinkl@midwestern.edu.

Sacrament of Holy Communion- May 2, 2010

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS
May 2, 2010	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney	
May 9, 2010	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman	Rick Vogl	
May 16, 2010	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman	
May 23, 2010	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Terry Brock	
May 30, 2010	S. Zimmerman	Kim Ambrosat	
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	NURSERY	
May 2, 2010	Susan Frangella	Sarah Adams	
May 9, 2010	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	
May 16, 2010	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	
May 23, 2010	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	Carri McKinney, Lori Haack	
May 30, 2010	Susan Frangella, Grace Muszynski		

COMMUNION SERVERS- T. Brock, S. Brunell, C. Huenecke, P. Pilgrim, J. Vogl, R. Vogl



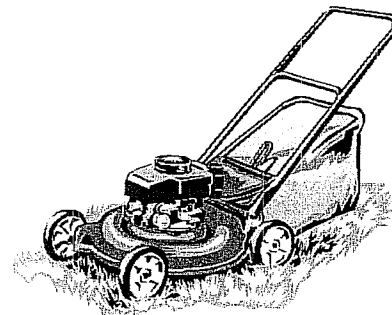
Volunteers Needed This Spring & Summer

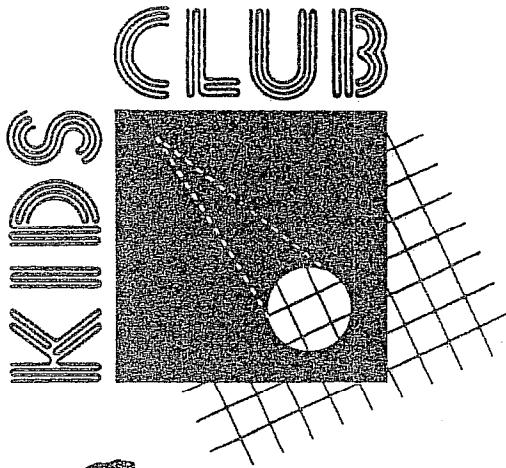


We need volunteers to mow the lawn at the Manse this Spring & Summer. This expense had to be cut from our budget for 2010, so we are in need of someone to help out with this job.

If this is something you are interested in, please contact Charley Huenecke at 708-598-2342, Tom Pearson at 708-598-5198, or Scott Zimmerman at 708-458-1662, or leave a message at the church 708-598-3100.

Thank you!





Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church
8426 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, Illinois 60457
708/598-3100

Dianne Flynn, *Director*

Our time has almost come to a close at KIDS CLUB for this year. We have one month left before we take a break for the summer. Don't miss the exciting things that are planned for you this month.

During the month of May our weekly lesson time will center around the story lines:

Peace and Quiet - God gives wisdom to His own
Family Matters - God loves us as His children
God's No Featherweight - God cares for us

Congratulations to Danielle T. for winning the "Crunch Balance" for the month of March. During April, the contest will also be open to our Jr. Leaders.

Just a reminder that our Spring Family Night will be held Friday, May 7th. Beginning at 6:30 PM we will enjoy dinner and the entertainment provided by Christian educator and performer "Master Ron" (Ron Fugle). This is an evening that will be enjoyed by all ages! Invite friends to join you for this event. Reservations are now being accepted.

Start planning now for a wonderful summer experience at our Vacation Bible School which will be held during the evening hours, June 14th - 18th. Our theme for this year is "Saddle Ridge Ranch - Roundin' Up Questions, Drivin' Home Answers". If you have been a part of our V.B.S. program here, you know this is a week not to be missed!! Call and register today.

Our last day of KIDS CLUB will be May 24th. KIDS CLUB will resume September 13th. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Peace and Joy,
Dianne

KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB

Christian Education



The committee took an in-depth look at the Child Protection Policy which was formed to protect the children of the church as well as the adults who work with them. It was decided that the policy will be reviewed annually with a revision made as the need arises. The committee hopes the policy will be approved and accepted in its entirety at the next session meeting. Thank you to everyone who helped create this policy using various efforts from the surrounding community churches.

The Senior High fund-raiser was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended the dinner. The Sr. High students were happy to serve you and entertain you. A great big thank you goes to their organizers and to Lou Pearson who made the suggestion as a way to raise extra money to fund their various activities.

Have you purchased your tickets for the Family Night scheduled for May 7th? Adult tickets will be \$6.00 and children's tickets will cost \$3.00. A cap on the family tickets will be \$20.00. Dianne and Jean will work with their staff of cooks to prepare a delicious dinner. Entertaining for the evening will be Master Ron. He is an illusionist, balloonist and storyteller. If you have not taken time to see this creative and entertaining man in the past, you need to come to this Family Night. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Be sure to tell your neighbors, friends, and relatives. It is a wonderful evening. Tickets are on sale now.

Our annual Cookie Monster Bake Sale is scheduled for May 9th. There will be a variety of cookies on sale following the 10:30 AM worship service. Money will be used for Camp Scholarships and Jr. High activities. Anyone interested in baking cookies for the sale

should contact Dianne. The more cookies we sell, the more people can have camp scholarships to Camp Saugatuk.

Recognition Sunday is scheduled for May 23rd. All people who have helped with Children's Ministries will be recognized at the 10:30 AM service. All Graduates will be recognized for their success in completing another milestone. Perfect Attendance for the entire year of Sunday School will be announced. Both the Youth Choir and the Kids Sing will participate in this service. We hope the weather will cooperate and we can have our fellowship outdoors while the REV band serenades us.

The Jr. High Youth group will attend AWOL on May 7-8. They will spend the night at 4th Presbyterian Church and then divide into work groups for the following day's work in the Roger's Park area.

The Sr. High Youth group led the REV service on April 11th. They did a tremendous job. Thank you for your dedication and energy to this service. The Sr. High and Jr. High Youth groups also led the Stations of the Cross at the REV service in March. They did an excellent job. Thank you to their dedicated leaders.

The Women's Bible Study is still discussing the book of Psalms. They will have their last meeting on May 24th. They will have a luncheon on this last meeting day. Contact Arlene Pearson with any questions.

Kids Club has seen a drop in attendance all year long. Our children are anxious to see who will win the Crunch bar balance. For the month of April, we have included our teen

helpers to be one of the lucky names drawn for the challenge. Anyone who has perfect attendance during the month of April will be given a chance to have their name drawn as the only one to try the challenge. In the month of May, any member of Kids Club, teen helper or adult leader who has perfect attendance for the month may have their name drawn for the challenge. We hope everyone will come see us and spend the last few months of Kids Club 2009-2010 with us. We have some fun and interesting things planned for you.

Stories and More has had an average of 8 students each week. We are listening to a story each week. We have active play with songs, finger plays and actions to match the music. We are identifying shapes, drawing shapes and creating pictures by combining shapes this last 6 weeks. Our ending day will be May 11th. Thank you to all the adults who have made this new program such a success. We especially wish to encourage parents with children ages 4-5-6 to join us next year when we hope to see even more success. This year we concentrated on counting 0-10, identifying numerals, identifying colors, identifying alphabet letters, matching upper case and lower case letters, sequencing alphabet letters, writing color names, and identifying shapes.

Registration for Camp is underway. The children will travel to and from camp via car pool. Be sure to have your down payment and registration completed so your child has a place reserved at camp this year. It is a wonderful experience for children.

The Flower Sale is underway. Anyone who wishes to have beautiful flowers this summer should look into the great variety of flowers that are offered. Any money raised will be added to the Camp Scholarship fund. Thank you to the Fund Raising Committee for having this Flower Sale. Pick up is scheduled for May 2. Get you orders in early! Orders must be

prepaid by April 18th.

Do you know what is scheduled in a mere 8 weeks? Are you checking the calendar right now? VBS is coming June 14-18. Any child age 3 to grade 6 is invited to spend evenings this week with Tricia and Co. They are the VBS leaders for the entire week. We will have music, games crafts, snacks, a Bible Study, and build great friendships this week. Our theme is Saddle Ridge Ranch so grab your cowboy hats, boots, and lasso a great time. Remember VBS is June 14-18. the only cost will be \$6.00 and a donation of cookies. The cookie donation is used throughout the week as a snack. Registration is now open for anyone who wants to pre-register. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Parents are welcome to stay for the opening dialogue or to come for the closing each night.

Women's Bible Study

"Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God, with loud songs of joy!" Psalm 47:1

REV service participants and music makers take heed. What a testimony to the praise service here at HHPC.

The Psalms continue to fill us with surprising recollections, references, resonances. We are learning so much from one another's perspectives. It is an absolute joy to lead this group of inquisitive women. Thanks for the opportunity.

On May 24th we will hold our end of the year luncheon. We will begin the study again in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Grades 3- 5 Sue Orsic

We have had a busy month starting with visiting our local nursing home on March 21st. We brought each resident an Easter basket filled with goodies and a thoughtful message. The baskets were decorated and filled by our Sunday School classes and Kid's Club. The children all did a wonderful job greeting the residents and bringing them smiles. The class was able to be present at the Confirmation service this year and gathered together to watch a video on Easter Sunday. Now that spring is officially here and the Easter season is past, we are back on track with our classes. If you have not been here for awhile, please come and join us!

Adult Class - Dave Delaney

Every Sunday morning at 9:00 am a dedicated group of adults meets in the church library. This group is not strictly a bible study group. Some mornings a study of a few bible verses leads to discussion of what our response should be as a Christian. We might also discuss what our response should be to people who do not uphold the Christian tradition. Other Sundays we might study and discuss some pressing topic recently in the news, both locally and from the world at large. Again the emphasis is on the Christian message and how we should respond to these newsworthy events.

We welcome any and all to join us on Sunday morning. Come and see what we are all about. I would hope you will like what we are doing in this class. We are always open to new attendees who will bring us new insights into our lives. The class will meet during the summer months, so there is no break in the class schedule.

STORIES & MORE

Since September we have had 5 six week sessions to teach kindergarten preparation to 4, 5, and 6 year olds We met on Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM..

We conclude our first year and our 5th six week session on May 11th 2010. It has been a great first year and our numbers have grown to 13 registered preschoolers. We look forward to bigger numbers next year.

Some of the stories we read this month are

- Jody's Beans, by Malachy Doyle
- I Love It when You smile by Sam Bratney
- The Tallest of Smalls by Max Lucado

Topics we covered over this first year were:

Alphabet (recognizing Upper and Lower case letters),

Numbers (counting and recognizing the spelling of numbers),

Colors (colors and recognizing the spelling of colors) and

Shapes (looking at shapes, learning their names and recognizing shapes within pictures of things).

We have music and dancing every session. Some of our songs are learning songs and some are just for fun. At each lesson we have a story and a learning project to reinforce the story read or the topic of the day. We have baked and/or decorated cookies), colored Easter eggs, colored, practiced writing letters, planted seeds and played matching games. It has been a great time for all.

We will begin again in September, 2010. We welcome all age 4, 5, and 6 year old children to **STORIES AND MORE**.

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

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

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.

Our May calendar is as follows:

May 1, 2010 mission project

One day work day at Jones Center

May 7 & 8, 2010 A Work of Love (A.W.O.L.) mission project

Forms given to Junior highs at youth group Thursday night meetings. Registration is \$25.00. Scholarships are available. All junior highs must have a signed registration form. Call if you did not get a registration form.

- Friday leave HHPC and drive to Fourth Presbyterian Church in downtown Chicago. We will meet other junior highs have a program learning more about poverty and what we can do and spend the night in the church.
- Saturday after breakfast and devotions we will ride the EL train together to the North side Half the group working with "Good News Partners" helping homeless families and half the group doing minor repairs at Rogers Park Presbyterian church.
- We will have lunch finish working by 5:00PM on Saturday evening and come back to HHPC.

May 9, 2010 fundraiser

- Mother's Day cookie sale at HHPC to raise money for Camp at Saugatuck, Michigan this summer.

May 20, 2010 party

- End of the Year Pot Luck dinner for junior highs and their parents at the

church. Junior high leaders provide hamburgers and hot dogs and each family brings a dish or dessert to share.

- See or call Patt Pilgrim (815-370-0687), Katie Treccani (708-650-6618), or Bryan Ambrosat for more information on any of the above programs.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The Senior High Youth Group was busy during the last weeks of Lent. On Saturday, March 27, some of us visited Moraine Valley Church to see **The Borrowed Tomb**. Members of their congregation, and some outside volunteers, performed this musical presentation of the Passion story. A large choir, soloists, actors, and an orchestra came together to present this moving production. Put on by Moraine Valley Church. *One man gave his tomb.... The other man gave his life.... The result can change you.*

On Palm Sunday, the Youth Group celebrated 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. Although we didn't have a full meal, there was much meaning and symbolism. No one really liked the bitter herbs. My guess is that the Israelites didn't like the bitterness of their captivity and slavery either. This could also symbolize the bitterness of our slavery to sin, as well.

On April 11, the Youth Group led the REV worship service. They performed a skit to the song **Everything** by LifeHouse. Their presentation moved a few of us in the congregation to tears. The story is simple but is too often true in our lives. A young woman is shown the beauty of the world while she dances with the Lord. Soon the distractions and evils of the world get between her and God. You can see the pain she is in because of her separation. It is Jesus that pulls her back to Himself. It is Jesus, whose death on the cross, gets between these evils and true happiness. We are blessed to worship a risen and forgiving Lord that cares so much about us.

Although, this year is drawing to a close, there is still time to join us. We are looking at some recreational bike rides, and more of those boring discussions. If you are in high school and wish to join us, we meet on 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

PERENNIAL SALE



Second Annual Perennial Sale
Memorial Day Weekend
May 28 & 29
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

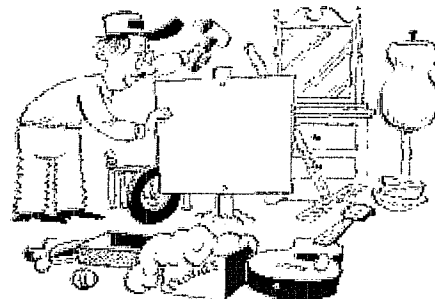
In the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church
parking lot
All plants \$5.00-\$10.00

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Please Remember:

Sunday, May 2 is the Flower Sale Pick Up
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.



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.

COOKIE MONSTER BAKE SALE

May 9

Immediately Following Worship Service

*Hosted by the Junior High Youth to
Benefit the camp scholarship fund*

- * Remember, it is Mothers Day! Wouldn't it be nice to surprise her with a gift of homemade cookies?
- * Stop by on your way out of church and pick up some cookies to enjoy all week!! The money raised from this cookie sale will help to fund the week of summer camping at Camp Saugatuck.
- * If you are interested in making cookies for this event, please contact Dianne at the church office 598-3100

How to Use the Bible

When in sorrow - read John 14
When people fail you - read Psalm 27
When you have sinned - read Psalm 51
When you worry - read Matthew 6:25-34
Before the church service - read Psalm 84
When you are in danger - read Psalm 91
For the blues - read Psalm 34
When God seems distant - read Psalm 139
When discouraged - read Isaiah 40

When doubts come - read John 7:17
When you are lonely or fearful -
read Psalm 23
When you forget your blessings -
read Psalm 103
For Jesus' idea of a Christian -
read Matthew 5
For the Bible's idea of religion -
read James 1:19-27
If faith needs stirring - read Hebrews 11

We Celebrate Birthdays And Perfect Attendance

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 John Kemp
8 Noah Krueger
9 Adam Fox
17 Tom Krumpolc
20 GiGi Gianana

MARCH PERFECT ATTENDANCE

3rd and 4th Grades

Danny Orsic
Shaylin Rys

5th Grade

Frank Rodriguez
Veronica Swindle

Junior High

Leslie Ambrosat
Tristan Grisko
Alyssia Kommenich
Tom Krumpolc
Becky Kusina
Ashley Maranto
Natalie Orsic
Mandy Rodriguez
Kaylee Rys
Natasha Swindle
Katelin Wheeler
Kyle Zimmerman

Senior High

Gabriella Ciametti
Brittany Maranto
Danny Rodriguez
Amanda Swindle
Andrew Witek
Matthew Witek



Beware of Terrorist Groups In the Church

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complicinin, and Bin Missin.

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the Name Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT!

(However, you can spot them if you bin lookin and bin goin.)



YOUTH CHOIR NEWS

This month for our Youth Choir Anthem took on a bit of a change in style. We came up with a mix of 2 songs that combine a traditional yet spiritual feel to reinforce a message we are familiar with but often seem to forget.

We are not alone! In our times of trouble, when we hurt and struggle, and even when we are excited and filled with Joy He is there right along side of us.

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley 2nd Stanza by Erin Moorman/Soon and Very Soon by Andrae' Crouch

As we walk our lonesome valley, we do not walk it by ourselves

For God sent His Son to walk it with us

We do not walk it by our-selves

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, we're goin' to see the King

No more cryin there, we are goin' to see the King

No more cryin there, we are goin' to see the King

No more cryin there, we are goin' to see the King

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, we're goin' to see the King

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King

Hal - le-lu - jah, Hal - le-lu - jah, Hal - le-lu.... jah



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Monday through Friday
June 14 - 18
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Special Guests - Tricia and Company

TALK ABOUT ADVENTURE!!!

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

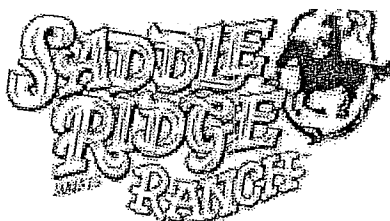
Vacation Bible School - A Week Not to be Missed!!

For a week kids from our church and community will join together for "Saddle Ridge Ranch - Roundin' Up Questions, Drivin' Home Answers".

God has a way of herding us in the right direction when we pray for his guidance. At VBS Saddle Ridge Ranch kids can ask questions and discover the answers found in God's Word. Each evening the kids will visit Worship Rally Valley and Bible Study Bunk House. They will also enjoy crafts at Blazing Star Stables, music at Campfire Creek, recreation at Mustang Mountain, and snacks at Big Sky Grill.

All of this takes place here at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, with special guests Tricia and Company. It will be an outstanding week. *This program is open to kids age 3 through grade 6.* Tell others about this week.

Cost for this week of fun is \$6.00 and 1 package of cookies for snack time. Call the church office (598-3100) to register.



MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2 9 am- 1 pm- Flower Sale Pick Up 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	3 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir	4 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E.	5 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 10:30 a.m. Stampers 7:30 p.m. Choir	6 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	7 6:30 p.m. Spring Family Night Jr. High/Sr. High AWOL (May 7-8)	8 8am-1pm Jones Center Work Day 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
9 Mother's Day 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education 11:45 a.m. Cookie Monster Sale 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 June Newsletter Deadline	10 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	11 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	12 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Choir	13 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	14 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	15
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30 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV	31 Memorial Day					

May Birthdays

May 2 – David Hall
3 – Courtney Freiberg
3 – Myrnalyn Delalamon
4 – Adam Schwake
5 – Ken Dritz
6 – Mildred Neil
6 – Kady Raschke
9 – Jennifer Ross
10 – Francine Costello
10 – Colleen Hall
11 – Wilda Duncan
13 – Kathleen Freeman
14 – Paulina Zharare
15 – Ginger Mercer
25 – Terry Brock
25 – Pat Crowley
26 – Greg Majersky
27 – Darlene Kibort
29 – Karen Golema

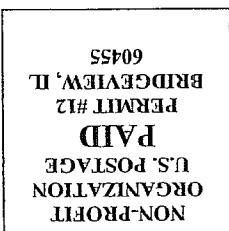
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