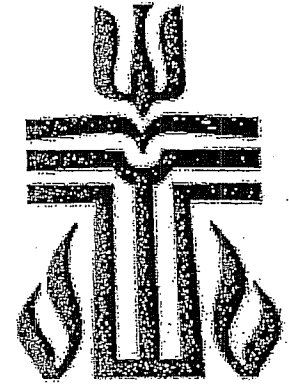


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NOVEMBER 2009

Transitions are hard and we sure have had a lot of them over the last several years. BUT I believe that it makes us stronger and more sure of who we are.

Just as Scripture tells us, God is with us always and He will carry us through those times we don't know what to do. That will make us more aware of God's presence. More aware of what we do and what we need to continue and what we may need to re-evaluate.

At this point we do not know all that is in order ahead of us, but if we all work together for the good of the whole church family, and work through each step prayerfully; we will be where God wants us to be.

Session will meet with Presbytery's Committee on Ministry in two weeks from this writing and we will be acting as quickly as possible, not only to get a solid plan, and work toward getting a Pastor as a stable leader and guide for

us, but also to keep the congregation informed as much as we can along the way.

Session will work to keep you informed and to accomplish the tasks ahead of us quickly and to the best of our ability.

Have a blessed day.
Cheryl Huenecke

(Note from the Editor)
The day this was typed, "The Verse of the Day" on Biblegateway.com was:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."-
Jeremiah 29:11

TWILIGHT PRAYER

Fall is a time of departures and expected changes. We find ourselves adjusting to the coolness of fall and the glorious colors nature displays in a most spectacular way.

Are you anticipating a change this fall? Do you find yourself full of gratitude and love for family and friends? Do you wish to thank God for the small rewards of life that come your way daily? How about that sick neighbor who lays heavy upon your heart? Do you find yourself going through a difficult time and you need a friend to share the experience with?

Change is good for the soul. Change revitalizes, change alters lives. Change the boredom of your Tuesday evening routine. Share an hour of warmth as you let go of yourself and wrap your self in His love. We all have different needs but we all speak the same language and "HE" has an engaging ear.

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 p.m. It's time for a "CHANGE."

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson

PRAYER & CARE

"But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding." JOB 32:8

As Thanksgiving draws near, may the spirit within us overcome the disappointments we are experiencing. The prayer room is open. Come.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10

Love 'N' Hugs,
Arlene

PADS UPDATE

My experience has always been to think of autumn as the end of the season, "Wrong." Autumn is the beginning of the season and the reason for PADS.

With the sound of rusting leaves under foot and a coolness in the air, many times our thoughts linger to festive home-cooked meals shared with loved ones and friends. Thanks to you, loyal supporters, that's exactly what we did.

On Sunday Oct. 4, the first Sunday of the month, we shared our bounty with 48 needy friends. They arrived via foot, bike, bus, or vehicle, all anticipating a nice evening meal, lest I say none were disappointed. In the morning, breakfast was served at a leisurely pace as many prepared to face another day without the security of family ties and rewarding activities. Upon departure all received their brown bag containing lunch for the day and a fond farewell from the caregivers who prepared their breakfast and lunch. So the process repeats itself. And in the evening their day's journey ends at the doorsteps of yet another church with open doors and hearts to help those in need.

For those who wish to donate to this ministry there is a sign up sheet downstairs for the remaining six months of the season. If you cannot prepare a meal, but you wish to donate, please see Sue Orsic or myself. Thank you for thinking of your fellow man in their hour of need.

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson



HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray For:

- Rev. Andrew Rosencrans for health concerns
- Michael Pettis' daughter, Amber McNulty and family for the loss of Amber's grandmother Connie
- G.R. Snow's friend, Roman Segal, as he faces back surgery
- Darlene Delaney's grandson, Alex, for upcoming surgery
- Rob Swindle's friend, Alex Petrou, for health concerns
- Shirley Brunell for recovery from surgery
- Al & Mary Lewington for healing
- Grandma Fern Lapp for health concerns
- Erin Rose Prunty for healing after skin cancer surgery

- Grace Muszynski's friend, Dennis Weithman, for health concerns
- Patt Pilgrim's sister, Pauline, for health concerns
- Jackie Gehle for health concerns
- Fran Nelson and daughter, Kay, for health concerns
- Dennis & Mary Tarter for continuous healing
- Helen Recktenwald for health concerns
- Larry Haack's father, Bill, for health concerns
- Gerald & Joyce Waller for strength
- Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, for healing
- Dorothy Allen for strength
- Jim Kupka, for healing
- Tasha Swindle's friend, Josh Crosby, for strength while battling leukemia
- People experiencing hard times/ job loss
- Our service men and women and their families
- DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during Jen's battle



September 2009 Treasurer's Report

General Fund Income \$22,738.00

This amount includes \$5,000 transferred from the Money Market

General Fund Disbursements \$19,887.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Church Bazaar November 7

Advent Family Night December 4

Hanging of the Greens December 6

DATE CHANGE:

Women's Christmas Tea December 17

Getting to know YOUTH...

My Name is Mitch Huenecke. I am 19 years old, and a sophomore at Moraine Valley Community College. I am going to school to be a welder.

I Love Doing Mission Work.

I am Presbyterian because that is where my parents go.

I believe in being a follower of Jesus Christ.

I am passionate about my friends and family.

One thing that makes me sad is missing time at youth group.

One thing that makes me happy is riding my dirt bike.

The person I most admire is my friend Clayton Case.

I never deny that I am a Christian.

I always try to witness to people and talk about my missions.

The Bible is something that I try to live by (it goes everywhere with me).

God is my Number One Love.

My prayer is non-believers find Christ.

I want to be the best I can be at what I do.

I read Motocross Magazines and My Bible.

The Deacon Board

In this newsletter is the complete list of family clusters and the name of each family's deacon. Please contact your deacon with any care giving concerns or need for prayer that you may have.

If you are not listed in a family cluster please contact Patt Pilgrim, deacon moderator, at home 630-679-0963 or at the church 708-598-3100.

We would like to make sure everyone has a deacon and is part of a family cluster. Thank you.

Patt Pilgrim

Hickory Hills - Family Lists - Deacons

7/01/2009

LAST	First	DEACON	
Adams	Barbara	Kim	Brock
Adams	Sarah, Jeremy, Alexander	Kim	Brock
Allen	Dorothy	Katic	Treccani
Ambrosat	Kim, Leslie	Chris	Maranto
Ambrosat	Rich	Chris	Maranto
Ambrosat	Bryan	Chris	Maranto
Ambrosat	Kyle	Chris	Maranto
Ambrosat	Jarett	Chris	Maranto
Anderson	Jane	Harold	Zimmerman
Anderson	Rich& Kathy, Jared	Patt	Pilgrim
Apitz	Phyllis	Chris	Maranto
Arif	Hamet, & son	Katie	Treccani
Atiedu	Theodore & Beatrice, & Akpene, Selorm	Charley	Huenecke
Barker	Dave	Patt	Pilgrim
Bastien	Shannon	Debbie	Zimmerman
Beal	Sandy	Debbie	Zimmerman
Bentley	Alan & Phyllis, & Hannah, Alan	Debbie	Zimmerman
Betcher	Ellen	Charley	Huenecke
Betterton	Marilyn & Melber, & Andy	Debbie	Zimmerman
Brady	Pat & John	Rick	Vogl
Brandt	Ryan	Debbie	Zimmerman
Bredlau	Donna & Paul	Rick	Vogl
Brock	Terry & Kim (and Mark Gulotta)	Patt	Pilgrim
Brown	Barb	Katie	Treccani
Brown	Rachel	Debbie	Zimmerman
Brumis	Marge	Patt	Pilgrim
Brunnell	Shirley	Charley	Huenecke
Ciametti	Dan, Diane, Gina, Gabriella	Patt	Pilgrim
Crowley	Julie & Mike, & Pat, Mike, Katie	Chris	Maranto
Cunningham	Lorraine	Rick	Vogl
Curtis	Laura	Harold	Zimmerman
Davis	Art & Mary	Rick	Vogl
DeForest	Jean	Debbie	Zimmerman
Delalamon	Myrnalyn	Dorothy	Allen
Delaney	Dave & Darlene	Rick	Vogl
Delprete	Jennifer, Tia, Draven	Kim	Brock
Dragas	Michael	Chris	Maranto
Dragas	Shirley	Katie	Treccani
Dritz	Ken, JoAnn Jackson	Chris	Maranto
Dumke	Lucy	Katie	Treccani
Duncan	Wilda	Dorothy	Allen
Esparza	Frank	Harold	Zimmerman
Fellers	Maryann	Harold	Zimmerman
Fikac	Jim	Dorothy	Allen
Flynn	Scott & Agnes, & Sara & Victoria	Patt	Pilgrim
Flynn	Stacey	Dorothy	Allen
Flynn	Stan & Dianne	Dorothy	Allen
Fogg	Shirley	Patt	Pilgrim
Fox	Christine, & Adam, Jasmine, Jenah	Katie	Treccani
Frangella	Susan & Pat	Dorothy	Allen
Freiberg	Delorus, & Courtney, Kyle	Kim	Brock

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Gehle	Scott and Jackie & Rebecca, Sarah	Rick	Vogl
Gleespen	Tanya, Hollie (Fox)	Chris	Maranto
Grisko	Jeanette, & Gessica, Tristan, Evan	Debbie	Zimmerman
Gulotta	Amanda [Brock]	Patt	Pilgrim
Gust	Alice	Harold	Zimmerman
Haack	Lori and Larry & Karl, Brian	Katie	Treccani
Haag	Linda	Harold	Zimmerman
Hall	Colleen & John, & David, Joshua	Kim	Brock
Hepburn	Barb, & Trevor, Jordan	Chris	Maranto
Hermansen	Harry	Charley	Huenecke
Hill	Ruth & Granville	Rick	Vogl
Hillenbrand	Mark	Harold	Zimmerman
Hoffman	Karen	Debbie	Zimmerman
Hoffman	Marie	Debbie	Zimmerman
Home	Gordon	Harold	Zimmerman
Howe	Cheryl	Patt	Pilgrim
Huenecke	Charley & Cheryl	Dorothy	Allen
Huenecke	Hanna	Patt	Pilgrim
Huenecke	Mitch	Debbie	Zimmerman
Janchenko	Alissa & Luke	Debbie	Zimmerman
Kahn	Beverly & Rich	Debbie	Zimmerman
Kemp	Lynn & John, & John	Charley	Huenecke
Kenealy	Toni	Katie	Treccani
Kibort	Darlene	Dorothy	Allen
Kitching	Betty	Katie	Treccani
Kluska	Micki	Charley	Huenecke
Kommenich	Beth & Ray, & Alyssia, Leanne	Katie	Treccani
Kowalcz	Amanda	Kim	Brock
Krajewski	Leslie, Amani	Kim	Brock
Krbecek	Norene	Patt	Pilgrim
Krueger	Dave & Darlene, & Noah	Rick	Vogl
Krueger	Josh	Kim	Brock
Krueger	Kyle	Harold	Zimmerman
Krueger	Ryan	Chris	Maranto
Krumpolc	Judy, & Michelle, Tommy	Debbie	Zimmerman
Kupka	Jim & Marcia, & Jim & Chris	Debbie	Zimmerman
LaCognata	Dave	Debbie	Zimmerman
Lane	Tom & Cora & T.K.	Charley	Huenecke
Larson	Noelle	Debbie	Zimmerman
Lavaretto	Linda	Charley	Huenecke
Lavaretto	Tony	Charley	Huenecke
Leake	Karen & Jessica, Jacob	Rick	Vogl
Lewington	Al & Mary	Harold	Zimmerman
Lopinski	Gwen	Rick	Vogl
Lorenz	Pat & Terri, & Stephanie, Stacey, Kevin	Kim	Brock
Majersky	Greg & Lynn	Rick	Vogl
Maranto	Mark & Christine, & Brittany, Ashley	Charley	Huenecke
Mason	Eva	Rick	Vogl
Matke	Dawn, & Grace, Mark	Charley	Huenecke
McKinney	Carrie & Austin, Riley	Charley	Huenecke
McKinney	Doug & Susan, & Austin, Riley, baby	Debbie	Zimmerman
McKinney	Joyce	Debbie	Zimmerman

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Mead	Lorraine	Rick	Vogl
Meyer	Rene, & Erik, Gabriel	Debbie	Zimmerman
Mocarski	Laverne	Chris	Maranto
Molenaar	Elaine	Katie	Treccani
Morgucz	Jackie	Patt	Pilgrim
Morgucz	John & Dawn	Charley	Huenecke
Morrell, Jr	Tom & Sharon, & Jacob	Dorothy	Allen
Morrell, Sr	Thomas & Mary	Dorothy	Allen
Murray	Mike	Rick	Vogl
Muszynski	Grace	Chris	Maranto
Neil	Mildred	Debbie	Zimmerman
Nelson	Fran	Rick	Vogl
Nestor	Eva	Chris	Maranto
Nilles	Tammie & Michael, & dau	Debbie	Zimmerman
Nordstrom	Bob	Harold	Zimmerman
Nordstrom	Rob	Harold	Zimmerman
Orsic	Sue & Scott, & Natalie, Danny	Charley	Huenecke
Panko	Joan	Katie	Treccani
Panteleo	Marge	Harold	Zimmerman
Pearson	Lou & Arlene	Rick	Vogl
Pearson	Tom & Nancy	Patt	Pilgrim
Petkus	Colleen & Paul, & Jennifer	Kim	Brock
Pettis	Mike & Tanya, & Victoria	Dorothy	Allen
Pilgrim	Chris	Charley	Huenecke
Pilgrim	Cliff & Patt	Dorothy	Allen
Porter	Steve & Aga Rosa	Debbie	Zimmerman
Pretto	Dave	Harold	Zimmerman
Prunty	Erin Rose, & Halimah, Nellie, Eamon	Kim	Brock
Radetski	Lisa	Charley	Huenecke
Raschke	Kady	Patt	Pilgrim
Raschke	Rick & Debbie, & Emily	Rick	Vogl
Recktenwald	Helen	Katie	Treccani
Rehbock	Jimmie	Harold	Zimmerman
Rellinger	Dawn, & Justin, Abby	Dorothy	Allen
Resner	Fred & Lil	Debbie	Zimmerman
Richer	Harry	Rick	Vogl
Richer	Mary	Rick	Vogl
Robison	Marie	Rick	Vogl
Rodriquez	Mary, & Danny, Mandy, Frank	Dorothy	Allen
Ross	Jennifer, & son Petar Ilic	Kim	Brock
Rys	Linda & Don, & Kaylee, Shaylin	Katie	Treccani
Sack	Carol	Kim	Brock
Schilling	Cecily	Rick	Vogl
Scholefield	Enid, Dorothy	Patt	Pilgrim
Schwake	Adam	Rick	Vogl
Schwake	Candice	Rick	Vogl
Seeger	Heather	Chris	Maranto
Shenbarger	Betty	Katie	Treccani
Simone	Angie	Patt	Pilgrim
Smith	Breona, Ashley	Katie	Treccani
Snow	G. R.	Dorothy	Allen
Snow	Eloise	Dorothy	Allen

Somerstorfer	Jean	Chris	Maranto
Swearingen	Jean & Alvin, & Sam, Mike, Sarah	Katie	Treccani
Swindle	Melanie & Bert & Amanda, Natasha, Veronica	Debbie	Zimmerman
Taebel	Ivy	Kim	Brock
Tartar	Mary	Katie	Treccani
Taylor	Fen	Patt	Pilgrim
Treccani	Cindy & Tom	Kim	Brock
Treccani	Josh	Rick	Vogl
Treccani	Katie	Patt	Pilgrim
Turner	Kathleen	Rick	Vogl
Ulrich	Dave	Charley	Huenecke
Van Vossen	Len	Patt	Pilgrim
Van Vossen	Norm	Patt	Pilgrim
Vickers	Gert	Patt	Pilgrim
Vinalek	George	Katie	Treccani
Vogl	Jeni & Rick	Patt	Pilgrim
Waller	Joyce & Jerry	Harold	Zimmerman
Waller	Megan	Harold	Zimmerman
Warren	Lenora	Charley	Huenecke
Watson	Carolyn & Kent, & Michael	Dorothy	Allen
Watson	Eleanor	Patt	Pilgrim
Wheeler	Cathie, & Kyle, Katie	Charley	Huenecke
Witek	Julie & Chris, & Andrew, Matt	Katie	Treccani
Wreza	Sarah & Bryant, & Hailey, Leo	Kim	Brock
Zabelka	Ed & Carla	Harold	Zimmerman
Zabelka	Virginia	Rick	Vogl
Zharare	Pauline, & dau Becky Kusina	Chris	Maranto
Zimmerman	Debbie & Scott, & Megan, Kyle	Kim	Brock
Zimmerman	Harold	Kim	Brock

Sacrament of Holy Communion- Nov. 1, 2009

SUNDAY	USHERS	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	LAY READER
Nov. 1, 2009	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Tom & Nancy Pearson	Dave Delaney
Nov. 8, 2009	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman		Rick Vogl
Nov. 15, 2009	F. Esparza, C. Maranto, M. Murray		Scott Zimmerman
Nov. 22, 2009	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell		Terry Brock
Nov. 29, 2009	S. Zimmerman		
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	NURSERY	GREETERS
Nov. 1, 2009	Susan Frangella	Sarah Adams	
Nov. 8, 2009	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	
Nov. 15, 2009	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	D. Kibort
Nov. 22, 2009	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	Carri McKinney, Lori Haack	
Nov. 29, 2009	Susan Frangella, Grace Muszynski		

In Praise of the Organ

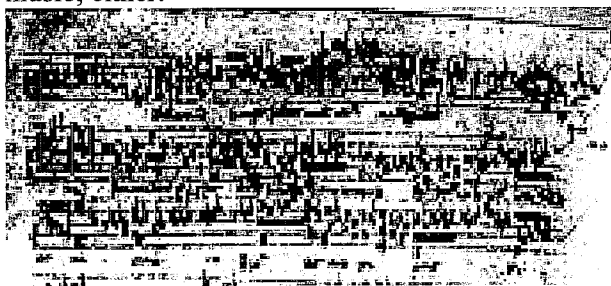
by G. R. Snow

When we think of Biblical instruments, we think of those enumerated in the book of Psalms—the lyre, the harp, the flute, the pipes, the timbrel—but there are also translations which make reference to “Praise Him on the organ and stringed instruments”.

The organ as we know it today would look a bit out-of-place in the time of David, or of the renowned choirs of the sons of Asaph or the sons of Korah. Electricity was in short supply, Allen and Hammond and Rodgers weren’t just in the next suburb over to come and repair the instrument when it got out of tune or had a cipher (a key keeps making sound even when no one is playing it), and as for installing pipe organs with their stop-tablets or drawknobs, their blower chests and their multiple ranks of pipes—well, that wasn’t about to happen.

Or was it? It might not have been the first year after David or the next choir season after the sons of Asaph finished the last Psalm inscribed to them, but it was definitely before the time of Christ that experiments were done to create water pressure forcing air through tuned reeds. And, lest we believe that the Emperor Nero spent all his time fiddling while Rome burned, let the record be set straight—he also played a version of the organ. It didn’t have Leslie speakers or a keyboard anything like what we know today, of course. But it was a “hydraulic”, a water-pressure driven organ.

Organ music, by comparison, is not really known until the advent of the Robertsbridge Codex (ca. 1360 A.D.). Six dance movements called estampie (cf. “stamp”, as in stamping your foot), have survived as the earliest organ music known to contemporary musicology. It is almost certain that organ music existed before this Codex, but none has survived so far as modern historians are aware. They didn’t look much like contemporary organ music, either.



Most pipe organs in America today show definite influence of some particular nation’s organ development. Stops with names like “Röhrgedeckt” and “Nachthorn” demonstrate some German influence, while names like “Cor de Nuit” and

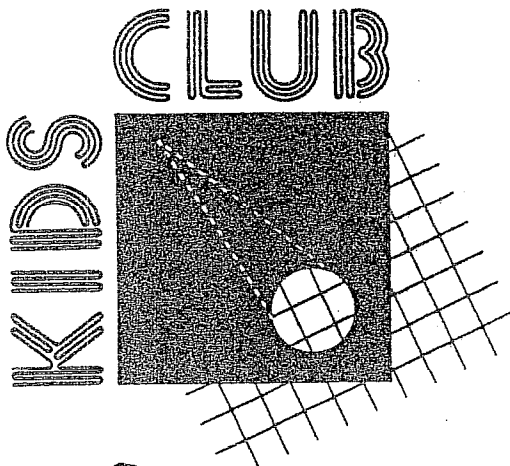
“Voix Celeste” show more French influence. Though many American churches have organs with keyboard names like “Great”, “Swell”, and “Choir”, it is possible to find organs with a “Hauptwerk”, an “Oberwerk”, a “Ruckpositiv”, and a “Brustwerk” (as in House of Hope Presbyterian in St. Paul, Minnesota). The four divisions each have specific purposes and a complement of sounds and stops appropriate to these purposes, though of course it is possible to set the different manuals with different registrations for variety from verse to verse of hymn accompaniments.

Before organs achieved the features and stage development they enjoy today, different organ development schools of thought took different turns. Sometimes a single manual was all an organ had, but different registrations could be set for the upper half and the lower half. Sometimes an organist who wanted a low B, below the lowest note on the pedalboard, would sacrifice a low C# and have it tuned a step flat so he could play the low B. And, of course, there were no electrical outlets or extension cords in the time of Buxtehude and Tunder—instead, the organ bellows was pumped by hand all through the operation of the organ, whether for hymnleading (yes, the organ traditionally leads the hymns, not accompanies them) or for service music such as prelude or postlude. Pumping those long wooden levers may have been the chosen punishment for altar boys or choir boys who had misbehaved during a previous service.

Pumping bellows, of course, doesn’t occur in this age of electrification except as a novelty. Our church’s Allen organ has never required bellows pumpers, because it is electronic. Most electronic organs manufactured today contain digital sampling, a highly-sophisticated way of making each stop quite accurately simulate the sound of classic pipe organ stops or, sometimes, the orchestral instrument imitated. With all the different stops and stop-combinations how easy it is to see why the organ is historically termed “The King of Instruments”!

BRAIN-TEASER: Can you guess what each organ stop listed below is meant to sound like by its name?

1. Trompette
2. Hautbois
3. Voix Humaine
4. Nachthorn
5. Basson
6. Vox Angelicus
7. Flöte
8. Clairon
9. Trombe
10. Cornet (be careful--this is a trick one)



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"Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." Psalm 62:8

God is at work in our hearts and in our lives. Our time together on Monday afternoon helps us to grow into a wonderful child of God. The themes for our study in November are;

A Bountiful Harvest - God blesses His people.

Seed Selection - God is like the potter and we are the clay.

A Major Transplant - God's purpose prevails regardless of our actions.

Preserving the Fruit - God preserves His people.

Weeping Willows - God hears His people cry.

Congratulations to the following kids for their achievement as winners of the Bible Verse Memorization for the month of September. The Silver Medal was presented to Frank R. and Savino S. Receiving Gold Medals for memorizing all the verses for the month are Maya G., Danielle T., Jasmine F., LeAnne K., Christy C. and Angel F. Great work!!

This year we are celebrating with those who receive perfect attendance for the month. Each month we have an exciting and unusual activity planned for the winner. This month Michael was chosen to participate in the Candy Bar Balance. Want to know more this ask any of the kids. Michael was able to balance 7 Snickers, which he then got to take home, but because we were celebrating everyone received a candy bar.

Final preparations are underway for our Halloween Party to be held on Monday, October 26th. This is always a day with good safe fun shared with friends. It will be an afternoon filled with games, crafts, face painting, lots of music, and surprises! If possible, we ask those attending on this day to bring a bag of candy to be shared in the take home 'trick or treat bags'.

Our Family Advent Night is coming up so mark your calendar now for this favorite family night to be held on Friday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. We will feature a shared potluck dinner, holiday crafts for all age groups, and singing of Christmas carols. This is a great evening for everyone, so plan for it now. What a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent! The sign up sheet and a display of crafts will be located on the lower level of the church beginning November 8th. We encourage you to invite family and friends.

If you wish to provide snacks, juice or other supplies for our kids, a sign up sheet is located at KIDS CLUB. This is a favorite time and thank you for helping to make it happen.

We continue to welcome new kids to this program, so if you know of someone who would enjoy sharing Monday afternoons with us at KIDS CLUB, please invite them.

Peace and Joy,
Dianne

KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB

Christian Education

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There was a great turn-out for the *Fall Harvest Celebration*. Everyone seems to have had a great time creating their own pumpkins for the pumpkin patch. The people who made the scarecrow face have something cute to decorate their doors and celebrate fall, too. Did you ever think anyone could carve a pumpkin as intricately as Dan Ciametti? What a special time to play some games. Did everyone manage to get a picture to celebrate the night? Wasn't singing around the piano the most fun you've had in years? Thank you to all the volunteers for the decorations, clean up, food, crafts, pictures and music. It was a night for the entire family to remember.

Attendance for *Sunday school* this month has been lower than in the past. Perhaps the word has not reached all the members' families. Our Sunday classes for the children are scheduled at the 10:30 worship service. Children from age 3 thru Seniors in High School are welcome to attend these classes. Adults meet at 9:00 AM each Sunday for their class. If you know a child or adult who would enjoy these classes, please pass along this information. **A teacher's meeting will be held on November 22, at 9:30 AM.** All current teachers and those who will teach the winter quarter are asked to make this a priority and attend. Dianne will have a delicious treat for you accompanied with hot coffee, tea, or juice.

A special thanks to all the older *Youth Choir* members who have donated their time on Sunday mornings to help work out harmony for the younger Youth Choir members. You are a valuable asset to this young singing group. Thank you so much for helping out.

Kids Club is going again. Children who are familiar with the program are bringing friends to join them but more children are always

welcome. New to the program this year is a special time set aside to knit, cook and hear stories. Children are still welcome to play in the gym, make a craft, play table and computer games, as well as sing and experience a lesson in Christian Learning. A Celebration of Perfect Attendance in each month has been added. In September, Michael was chosen from the children with Perfect Attendance to do the Candy Bar Balance. He managed to balance 7 full size Snickers Bars before they all came tumbling down. Everyone who attended that day received a candy bar. Who knows what stunt Dianne will think up for next month?

Planning for the ornaments to place on the *Zoo Tree* is underway. Children in Kids Club will be asked to help design ornaments to place on our tree. Families interested in coming to help decorate are asked to contact Dianne. We will be decorating at the Zoo on Saturday, November 21.

A wonderful family night is planned for December 4. There will be over a dozen crafts to make. Some will require adult supervision while others will be simple enough for children to finish independently. The night usually ends with a sing-a-long around the piano. Come and start your holiday decorating with us on the *Advent Family Night* at 6:30 PM.

Did I mention that we will begin our holiday celebrations? On December 6th, we will again present *The Hanging of the Greens*. The children will help decorate the church and retell the story of Christmas. They will explain some of the familiar traditions and get everyone into the holiday mood with familiar songs. Come, join us for a spectacular worship service at 10:30 AM, December 6th.

Our annual *Christmas Tea* will be held on December 17th. It begins promptly at 7:00 PM. We will enjoy fellowship, games, singing by the Stagg Madrigal Singers, a special speaker, and of course, delicious baked goodies with our tea. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite friends to this annual event. It is a great way to relax after the hectic activities to prepare for Christmas.

The Youth Groups invited Doug Orbaker to speak on October 10. He told the audience many stories about his experiences in Nicaragua. There was a pizza party after his talk on real missionary work. Everyone who came on Saturday had an eye-opening experience.

The Women's Bible Study is currently studying the book of Psalms. It meets every Monday at 1:00 PM. Monday, December 14th, the ladies will celebrate Christmas with a special luncheon. Talk to Arlene for more information. No meetings will be held on November 23 or December 21 and 28th.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is back working in the fifth grade classroom every Sunday after the 10:30 AM worship service. The group is working on items for the warming tree, squares for Africa, as well as Prayer Shawls, afghans, and lap blankets. The group sent 425 knitted squares to Africa. A special thank you to all the people who helped make these squares. Don't panic if you still have squares at home and did not make the first mailing. We will send more accumulated squares in about six months. Just keep knitting and bring them down to the fifth grade classroom for storage or drop them off with Dianne or Linda. Anyone who is interested in knitting or crocheting is welcome to join in the discussions and fun. You do not need to be an expert to join us. There is plenty of yarn and a variety of needle sizes if you do not have your own.

The Stampers are also meeting on a regular basis again. They meet every other Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Jr. High Classroom upstairs. Several people have

brought new and creative ways to the group so you can learn new techniques and share your own creativity with others. Come join us on October 28 or November 11. See what the buzz is all about.

Stories and More is off to a great start. The children ages 4,5, and 6 are offered a story, activities for the story, a time to move to music, lessons in color identification, counting, and letter identification. The children have used puppets to retell the story, made cookies, and retold the story using face masks. Everyone, including the teaching staff is having a wonderful time learning together. *Stories and More* is held on Tuesdays 1-2 PM and has a class size limited to 12 children. Please pass this information on to anyone with children who would benefit from learning kindergarten skills. They can contact Patt Pilgrim the program director at www.hickoryhillspres.org. or Dianne Flynn, Director of Children's Ministries at 598-3100.

TREE OF WARMTH

This is commonly known as our Scarf and Mitten Tree. The articles on this tree help to physically warm a child who comes to the Jones Center in need. It emotionally warms our souls to be able to provide this necessity to someone less fortunate than ourselves. So, this holiday season try to remember these kids.

Our own kids will be decorating the tree with these items during the "Hanging of the Greens" program on December 6th. Please try to bring your items to the church on or before November 29th. Remember-our warming tree can be decorated with anything that can keep a child warm - hats, earmuffs, socks, scarves, etc. You too will feel warmth in this giving.



✠ SUNDAY SCHOOL ✠
You're always welcome! - 10:30 Every Sunday

During worship service, a fully staffed nursery is available for infants and toddlers. The nursery is on the lower level of the church. It is equipped with cribs, swings, high chairs, toys and books to keep the children happy and content while their parents participate in the worship service. The volunteer staff members find great joy in watching the children grow.

Preschool/Kindergarten –

Debbie Zimmerman

Grades 1 and 2 - Cheryl Huenecke

Hi -

This year has started off a little slow. Ms. Cheryl and I have been team teaching. We have had some fun learning how, like the Israelites we must trust in God to provide us with what we need, like parents to care for us. The last two weeks we've been working on the 10 Commandments, God's rules for his people, and how we should do our best to keep them. Thanks to all the parents who make it a priority to bring these beautiful kids to our class; Katrina, Karrington, Leo, Jayden and can't forget Jacob.

Great Job Kids.

Love,

Ms. Debbie

Ms. Cheryl

Grades 3 and 4 - Jeni Vogel

We have had between 3-5 kids so far. Having fun getting to know them and get into the routine of teaching again.

Grade 5 - Linda Lavaretto

What an exciting time to be studying the Ten Commandments. We have been talking about how the first four commandments show us how to honor God and the last six commandments help us to honor others. It was so nice to see LeAnne, Frankie, Veronica, Riley, and Kyle. I am a bit

disappointed that we have not seen the other children on the class list. Perhaps you will come visit us soon. It is so much more fun to have discussions and play games when there are more than one or two of us.

Hope to see you sometime in the future.

Linda

Junior High - Patt Pilgrim

OK it wasn't fair but it did get the message across. I put pretzels and popcorn out for the class to eat – as much as they wanted. After a few minutes they started getting thirsty. There was nothing to drink in site.

It was then we opened our bibles and began our lesson (Exodus 17:1-7) about the Israelites in the desert complaining to Moses about being thirsty after God sent manna and quail when they complained about being hungry. Moses went to God and asked what to do. God told Moses to go to a rock and reach out his staff and water came out. We reenacted the passage and like the Israelites we found water (a pitcher full hidden in the credenza). It was a relief not to be thirsty anymore.

We then talked about how the Israelites felt and how God provided. We talked about times in our lives when we were going through hard times and family, friends and God were there to talk to and help us through stuff.

We will be studying the Ten Commandments the next few weeks. It is such a pleasure to

have Ashley, Natalie, Tasha, Leslie, Alyssia, Kyle, Tom and Katelin, Jessica, Erik and Kate in class. We miss Halimah, Tristan, Kaylee, John, Brian, Jordan, Becky, Stephanie, Rebecca, Celina, Danny and Mandy. Hope to see you all next week.

God bless you,
Patt Pilgrim

Senior High – Gordon Home

The Senior High Class is working on a project with a camera taking pictures of what God created. This helps gives them a better appreciation of what God created and how it

affects their own lives. They are also creating a Holy Scroll depicting each lesson they learn in the classroom. The Holy Scroll helps them focus and record their thoughts in a spiritual manner and keeps them drawn to the Scripture. The Holy Scroll will be held in the Archives.

Adult Class – Tom Lane

To our Church,
We continue to gain wisdom and seek God's righteousness. Please come and join us. We meet Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Church Library. In this room everyone speaks freely and learns from one other.

Adult Sunday School Class

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, December 4

6:30 P.M.

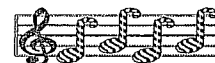
POTLUCK DINNER
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AROUND THE PIANO

COST:

FOOD DISH TO SHARE FOR OUR MEAL
AND
FREE WILL DONATION FOR CRAFTS PROJECTS



Sign up today for this wonderful family event



Junior High Youth Group

All 6, 7 and 8 grade students and their friends are invited to join us on Thursday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the church for Youth Group.

FOOD: Thank you Leslie and Mallory for wonderful homemade cake and chex snack these last few weeks. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for one week of treats for snack time.

GAMES : Games we have played so far are Nuke um, Spud, towel toss, Shoe golf and Tag on chips. Next week we are playing Salamander which is almost everyone's favorite game.

LEARNING: Once a month we plan to show a video. Several weeks ago we watched a video entitled "Rain" about God being with us in hard times. We are also using "Known", a Christian curriculum.

We enjoyed hearing missionary Rev. Doug Orbaker from Nicaragua, speak to us about mission work on Saturday October 10th at the church. We had pizza afterwards.

Upcoming events are:	Date
Haunted House Outing	October 17
HHPC Haunted House	Oct. 23, 24, 30, 31
Downtown Ice Skating Outing on	December 13
Youth Retreat to Bloomington, Il.	January 29, 30, 31

For further information - leave us a message at the church and we will get back to you as soon as we get the message (708-598-3100).

Patt Pilgrim, Katie Trecanni, Bryan Ambrosat

Senior High Youth Group

The 2009 – 2010 Season is off to a good start. A regular group of involved and excited youth are meeting on Sunday nights, after the REV service. After an organizational meeting to get ourselves oriented, we have jumped into learning more about our relationship with God and those around us. We might even be learning more about ourselves in the process.

Our first topic was “Which way do I go?” We discussed having God as a companion on our decision-making journey. As Christians, we make decisions about which directions we take in our lives, every day. It seems the senior high years are jammed full of choices and cross roads. A Christian method of decision making is called Spiritual Discernment, a process we use in seeking God to be part of the decision-making journey. It is not so much problem-solving, but rather listening for God’s voice as part of the decision process. We learned that it is less important that we always know the “right” choice and more important that we continue to consciously seek God in the decision process.

Another activity we have introduced to our meetings is sharing music. If you haven’t noticed, music is a big part of, and influence on, our youth, today. Each week, one of the youth presents a song to the group. They share their thoughts on why they like it, what it says to them, or how it presents Christ in the world. We are only a couple weeks into this and we are already hearing a good variety of musical styles, and seeing God and his grace in many places.

The Sr. High Youth Group is planning some outings, a retreat, a lock-in, and concessions for the Haunted House. We are also thinking about that wonderful spaghetti dinner we had last year.

If you are of high school age, please come and join us. If you know someone that might like to join us, please let them know about us, or let us know who they are. We would love to reach out to them and share the fun with them.

Rick & Jeni Vogl, Mitch Huenecke, Noelle Larsen,

SQUARES FOR AFRICA

So many of you have been generous with your time and talents. We collected 435 squares for Africa. Beginning knitters as well as the more experienced ones have made this mission very well received. Our problem now, is the cost of the postage. UPS asked for \$1600 to ship the squares in two boxes. Fed Ex asked for \$1200 to ship them. Our USPS estimated \$400 for the boxes and wants them packed into boxes which are no more than a total of 79 inches HxWxD. This will probably raise the cost for sending them through the USPS. We still believe this is a mission we should continue to support. There are over 11 million children orphaned in sub Saharan Africa due to the extreme poverty and HIV/AIDS epidemic. Our squares may not seem like a great amount when you compare it to the need BUT they can help make a small difference in the life of a child who is cold and alone. Please fill the colored squares you find in the bulletins and hand them in at the time of offering. Even a small donation of \$1 will help us to raise money to keep sending Squares for Africa.

Yours through Christ,

The Knitters for the *Squares for Africa* mission

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS



Red Yellow Black and White

Je - sus

Loves the little children

All the

Children of the wo-rld

Red Yellow Black and White, they are precious in His sight.

Je-sus Loves, Je-sus Loves

The Children of the World

This is a strong message in such simple terms going back to the old days of "Jesus love me this I know for the Bible tells me so"! So do we believe it? Sometimes maybe, but our kids help us to remember with these words. God has made each and every one of us in His sight – that means we are perfect. Not in the way that we see each other or even in the way we see ourselves, but the way HE sees us – we are perfect.

Our message at REV last week echoed this too. So in respecting others we are showing the respect that God deserves -because He is Perfect.

Peace,

Cheryl & Dianne

Jesus Loves Me - The History

This popular song has been loved among children and adults alike since it was written in 1860. Anna B. Warner wrote the original version and later David Rutherford McGuire added stanzas two and three. Anna's sister Susan had asked her to write a song for a Sunday School teacher who wanted to cheer a dying boy. No wonder the lyrics have brought a smile to many children and assurance to adults! The song first appeared in a novel, *Say and Seal*. In 1862, William B. Bradbury composed the music and added the refrain.

We Celebrate Birthdays And Perfect Attendance

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Erik Meyer
- 3 Michelle Krumpole
- 5 Sebastian Blankenship
- 6 Brittany Maranto
- 14 Leo Wreza
- 15 Jacob Morrell
- 23 Mandy Rodriguez
- 27 Shaylin Rys
Alan Bentley

KIDS CLUB BIBLE VERSES NOVEMBER

God will bless us. Psalm 67:7



It does not, therefore, depend on man's
desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

Romans 9:16



God reigns over the nations.

Psalm 47:8



For this God is our God. Psalm 48:14



Trust in him at all times. Psalm 62:8



PERFECT ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER

1st and 2nd Grades
Jacob Morrell

3rd and 4th Grades
Danny Orsic

5th Grade
LeAnne Kommenich

Junior High
Alyssia Kommenich
Natalie Orsic
Kyle Zimmerman

Senior High
Kyle Ambrosat
Gabriella Ciametti
Sarah Swearingen
Andrew Witek
Matthew Witek
Megan Zimmerman



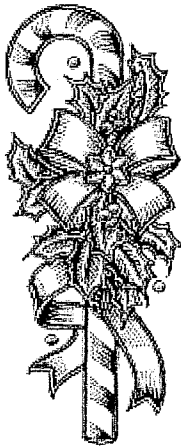
Please Join Us for our

Annual Craft Bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 2009

9 AM- 3 PM

HHPC
8426 West 95th St.
Hickory Hills
708-598-3100



There is something for everyone—

Great Gift Ideas and Crafts, a Bake Sale, “The Penny Social,” and of course our “Snack Shop” where you have several options for lunch such as:

Chili, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Soups, Slice of Pie etc.

Stop by and enjoy a great day of fellowship and good food!!!

See you on November 7th.



ADVENT PROGRAM

Our kids tell the story of the Nativity and our sanctuary comes alive with the sights and sound of Christmas.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 6
10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 4th



5:30 p.m. Children meet in Sanctuary to Practice for Advent program

6:30 p.m. Advent Family Night
Potluck Dinner and Crafts

Sunday, December 6th

9:00 a.m. Practice for Advent Program
10:30 a.m. Advent Program Presented
"Hanging of the Greens"



God sees us as we can be,
but loves us as we are.

Just for Kids

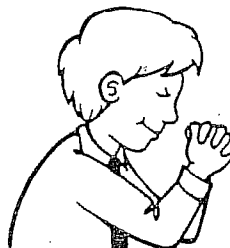
Give thanks

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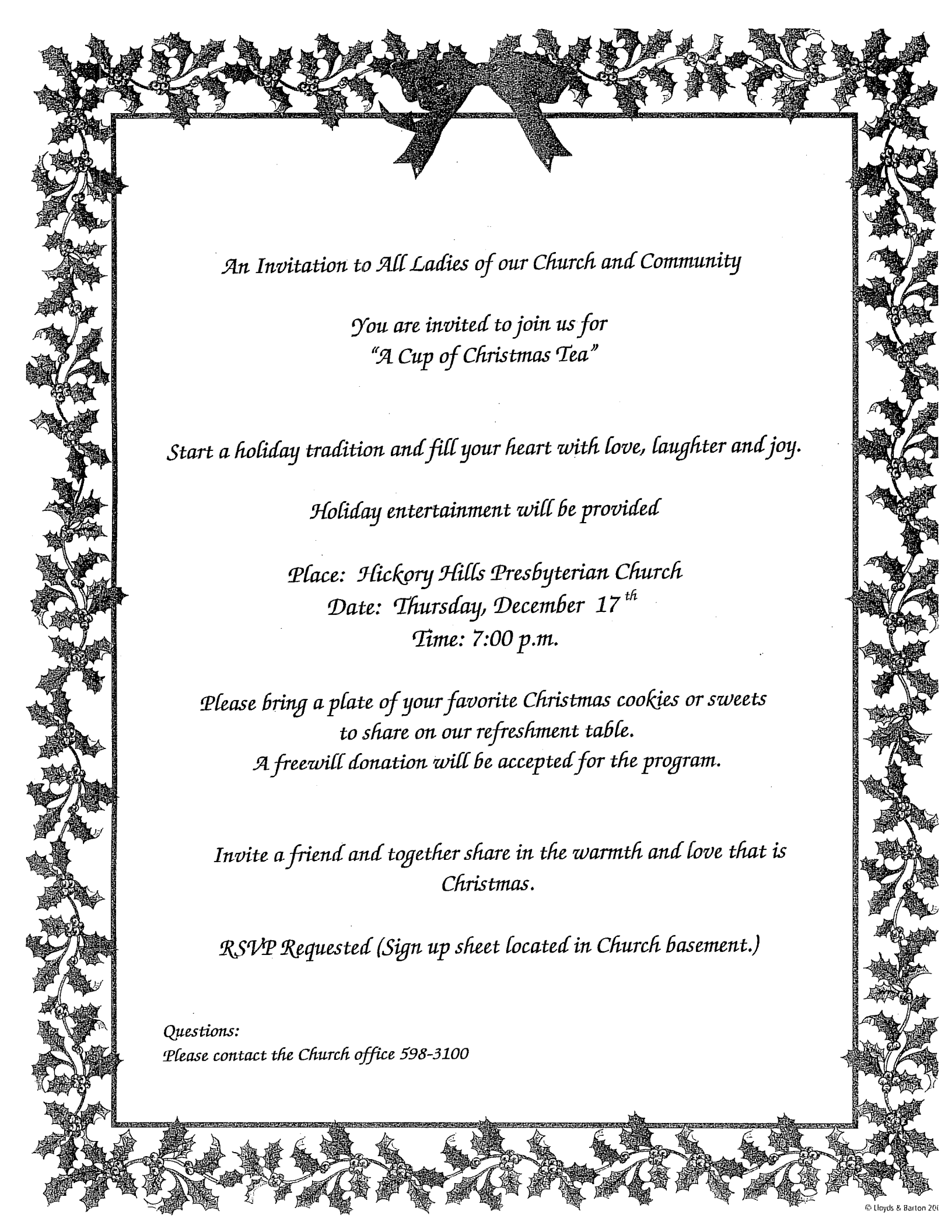
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2) "Be $\frac{3,10}{1,6} \frac{1,11}{2,10} \frac{1,4}{1,11} \frac{1,4}{2,9} \frac{2,4}{1,11} \frac{2,8}{3,5}$ with the $\frac{2,4}{2,4} \frac{3,6}{3,6} \frac{2,4}{2,4} \frac{2,9}{2,9} \frac{1,9}{1,9} \frac{3,5}{3,5} \frac{2,6}{2,6} \frac{1,11}{1,11} \frac{1,7}{1,7} \frac{1,8}{1,8}$... always and for $\frac{3,5}{3,5} \frac{2,6}{2,6} \frac{3,4}{3,4} \frac{1,7}{1,7} \frac{2,7}{2,7} \frac{1,6}{1,6}$ " giving (Ephesians 5:18, 20)

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An Invitation to All Ladies of our Church and Community

*You are invited to join us for
"A Cup of Christmas Tea"*

Start a holiday tradition and fill your heart with love, laughter and joy.

Holiday entertainment will be provided

Place: Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church

Date: Thursday, December 17th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

*Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies or sweets
to share on our refreshment table.*

A freewill donation will be accepted for the program.

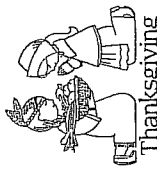
*Invite a friend and together share in the warmth and love that is
Christmas.*

RSVP Requested (Sign up sheet located in Church basement.)

Questions:

Please contact the Church office 598-3100

NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Dawnlight Savings Time Ends 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</p>	<p>2 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir</p>	<p>3 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care</p>	<p>4 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>5 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>6 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>7 BAZAAR 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.</p>
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November Birthdays

November 1 – Marcia Kupka
 5 – Katie Treccani
 5- Steve Porter
 6 – Delorus Freiberg
 6 – Jean Swearingen
 7 – Fen Taylor
 8 – Renee Meyer
 8 – Mitchell Huenecke
 11 – John Freeman
 14 – Alissa Raschke-Janchenko
 16 – Marge Pantaleo
 17 – Selorm Atiedu
 24 – Danielle Koch
 26 – Beth Ann Kommenich
 26 – Linda Rys
 27 – Lorraine Mead
 27 – Mary Tartar
 30 – Ken Naujoks
 30 – Jacqueline Morgucz
 30- Amanda Kowalcze

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Please recycle this newsletter when you are finished enjoying it. There are recycling bins located around the church. Thank you.

Fundraising

Please join us on **Saturday, November 7th** from **9am to 3pm** for our **Annual Craft Bazaar**. There is something for everyone—great gift ideas and crafts, a bake sale, large raffle area otherwise known as “The Penny Social,” and of course our “Snack Shop” where you have several options for lunch such as: chili, sloppy joes, hot dogs, chili dogs, soups, slice of pie etc.

So stop by and enjoy a great day of fellowship and good food!!! See you on November 7th.

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