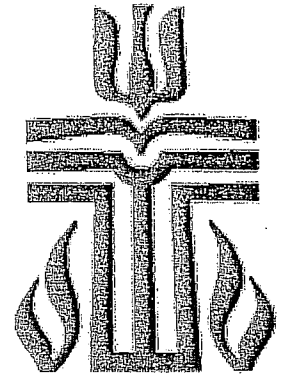




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NOVEMBER 2010

Minor Ministerial Musings

The other day, during a discussion of upcoming events at the church, someone leaned over and whispered to me, "October is a big food month here." And then we thought about it, and discovered that November and December were big food months, too. In fact, these three months are "big food months" in a lot of churches, with Halloween and Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas and New Year's, and all the festivities that tend to surround them. And it's not just for churches, apparently. Have you ever noticed that around January 2, we start seeing all the commercials for specials on diet plans, exercise studios, and gyms, promising to help us take off that "holiday weight" and reminding us that it's never too early to start preparing for swimsuit season?

Maybe it's the fact that the weather is getting colder, and hot soup and big steaming plates of macaroni and cheese, or spaghetti, start to sound so warm and inviting. Maybe it is just about the many holidays that come so close together in the last quarter of the year. And holidays just aren't holidays without special holiday foods and candies.

But did you ever stop to think about how much of we do as a Christian community has to do with food – eating, preparing, serving, and sharing it? Not just during the holidays, either. When there is a memorial service here at the church, we bring food. Whenever there is a time of fellowship, we bring food. When there are celebrations, there is food. It might well be said that "Wherever two or more are gathered in Christ's name, there will be food among them." And it's not even just in churches. Whether it's because someone in the family is in the hospital, or someone close has died, neighbors and friends tend to bring casseroles, eager to make sure their friends and loved ones are well-fed in their time of need.

Offering and sharing food is a very human way of caring for one another. After all, food and water are our most basic human needs. Knowing how much we ourselves need food, we are very aware that those around us need food as well. But it is also a very uniquely Christian way of caring. A seminary professor once challenged our New Testament class to find a story, or even a mention, of food or meals in every chapter of the Gospel of Luke. And it's not just in Luke's gospel. Not only is Jesus constantly eating with sinners and feeding hungry people and providing hospitality, but Abraham prepared a meal for three strangers who suddenly showed up at his tent; the people of Israel ate unleavened bread to commemorate their deliverance from Egypt, and then survived on the manna and quail that were provided by the Lord; David ate the bread of the Presence when he was in need and there was nothing else; the Psalmist invites us to "taste and see that the Lord is good", and talks of God's law as sweeter than honey; and the prophet Isaiah invites the people of God to "come, buy and eat." When Jesus was asked why his disciples did not fast, he answered, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they?" And Jesus' first miracle recorded in the Gospel of John is the turning of water into wine at a wedding celebration and feast.

So eat up. Cook and serve, especially for those who are in need. Show hospitality, particularly to the stranger in your midst. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

In Joyful Anticipation,
Pastor Lara

HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS



- Lucy's brother-in-law, Bob, for healing
- Ivy Taebel's son, Larry, for health concerns
- Peggy Smith for health concerns
- Enid Scholefield for her eyes
- The Family of Ilomay on her passing
- Betty Kitching for health concerns
- Daniel Murray for health & safety concerns
- Dean Georgetti for health concerns
- Shannon Bastien for health concerns
- John Bredlau for continuous healing
- Gert Vickers for healing
- Daniel Esparza & family for health concerns
- Richard Larson for strength
- Dennis & Mary Tarter for strength & direction & health concerns
- Mary Tarter's nephew, Dillon, for healing
- Marie Hoffman for health concerns & continued improvement
- Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, & brother-in-law, Wayne, for healing and strength
- Kevin McGuire for healing & strength
- Kyle Krueger, in Marine Corps
- Dorothy Allen for strength
- Our service men and women and their families
- Our policemen, Firemen, & their families
- DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during Jen's battle

Prayer Groups meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. We encourage you to attend this Vital Ministry of our church.

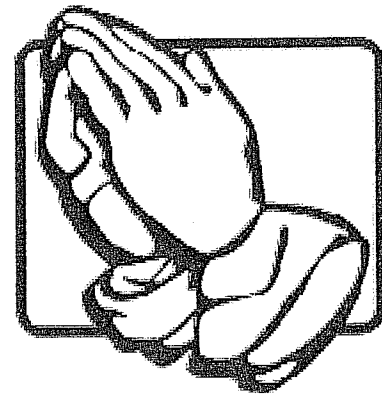
PRAYER is the ENGINE of the CHURCH

TWILIGHT PRAYER

Are you a guiding light? Are you a beacon or perhaps a search light, maybe a flashlight or even a candle? Many times in life we are like a guiding light to others who find themselves in a dark place.

Let us all shine forth as bright examples of light as we gather together in prayer to support one another in times of need. You know the time. You know the place. Please show your face.

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson



PRAYER & CARE

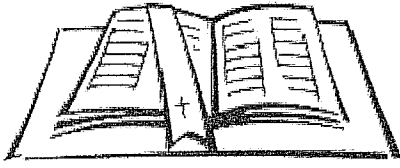
“When Jesus had spoken...” John 17:1-26 (RSV)

In John 16, Christ begins with the coming of the Holy Spirit and his illuminating power. He bids farewell to his disciples.

When you read the 17th chapter, please meditate on what Jesus says/ prays. Are we to partake in privileges and obligations?

One of our obligations is to pray for one another. The library is where we gather every Wednesday morning.

Love 'N' Hugs,
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We began Book III on October 11.
Psalm 73- the end of the prosperous wicked.

There will be no class on November 22.

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Many, Many Thanks



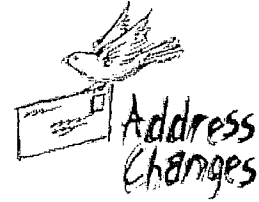
Since November is the month where we celebrate and emphasize giving thanks for our blessings, it is only appropriate to take a few moments to thank all of you, the members and friends of Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for all of your help in moving us to Hickory Hills. Thank you for the love and care and hours of sweat invested in making the manse our home. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality, for Kentucky T-shirts, Honduras crosses, Hickory Hills polos, and camouflage stoles.

Thank you for your prayers, and for a lovely prayer shawl. Thank you for an installation service more precious than you can imagine. Thank you for your openness to new voices and new ideas. Thank you for your support of Kirk in his new job. Thank you for being a congregation of Christ followers, passionate about ministering in Christ's name.

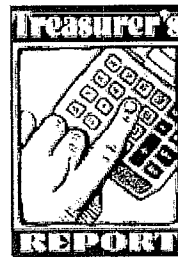
Thank you for seeking God's word, sharing and celebrating God's love, and serving Jesus Christ in the world. Thank you.

In the Name and Service of Jesus Christ,
Lara and Kirk MacGregor



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September 2010 Treasurer's Report



General Fund Receipts:
\$17,313.00

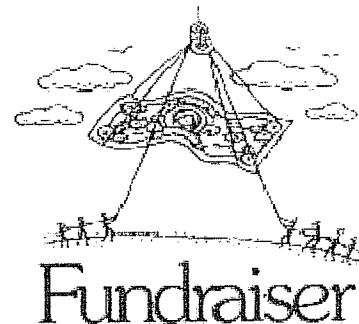
General Fund Disbursements:
\$14,456.00

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Please join us on Saturday November 6th from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for our Annual Craft Bazaar. Not only will you find great gift ideas and crafts, but you can enjoy some of Grace's chili, Wilda's and Shirley's sloppy joes and Debbie's delightful soups. For those with a sweet tooth, we will have plenty of baked goods for you to enjoy.

Hope to see you on the 6th!!!!

Thank you, Fundraising Committee



SCRIPT:

Don't forget about our Script service. This is an easy way for us to raise money and for you to save on shopping trips. Jewel certificates can be given to you on the spot and the others, which are ordered, will be given to you the next week. This is a very easy way for us to earn some money for our church to help us to be able to have events like the bazaar and the yard sale. So if you have any birthdays, anniversaries, graduations coming up, or early Christmas shopping, this is certainly a great gift that anyone would enjoy receiving. How about yourself – I love to buy them for myself and then feel like I have a good reason to go shopping and after I worked up an appetite I can get something to eat!

PADS UPDATE



The PADS season is once again upon us. Our church serves the first Sunday of each month from October to April. We started our mission this year on Oct. 3rd and served 40 men & women & no children.

Most faces were recognizable from last season with a few fresh faces, mostly young men caught in the financial straits of our economy. As always, our guests were appreciative of the Sunday evening meal, and breakfast and a bag lunch the next morning. Life on the streets is never a life of choice, but of circumstances beyond the reach of these individuals.

Thanks to the dedication of our faithful supporters. We can provide for the needy in such a wonderful way. If you are not able to participate in our PADS program, a contribution is always welcome.

Thanks again one and all as we serve together, our fellow man in need.

Regards, C. Lou Pearson

"A Christmas Carol"



Come one, come all!
We're planning a trip to see
A Christmas Carol
at Stagg High School
Sat. December 11, 2010
Dinner & Show \$25.00
Show only \$5.00
Dinner 5:00 pm, Show 7:00 pm
Don't wait...sign up today!

Stories and More

By: Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell, Linda Lavaretto, Dianne Flynn and Patt Pilgrim

All 4, 5, and 6 year olds are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm for music, stories, and kindergarden preparation activities.

Some of the stories we read October are:

1. Silly Sidney by Morgan Matthews
2. K is for Kissing a cool Kangaroo By Giles Andreae
3. The Lonely Moose by John Segal
4. We're Going on a Ghost Hunt by Marcia K. Vaughan

Some activities we did are baking cookies, alphabet games of matching of words and letters from the treasure box and alphabet line up. Also we did cutting and pasting projects. Please come and join us. The music and dancing starts at 1:00 pm with the Bean Bag dance and other songs like 10 in a Bed.

Hymning and Hawing: Women in Church Music III
“Zion’s Poetess”: Her Witness In
Song Spanned A Continent

by G. R. Snow

While many pioneer women could claim to have traveled across much, or all, of the North American continent, the majority did not write their testimonies in Christian praise while doing so. If they did, even fewer were uniquely placed so that they came into the spotlight of their church, and their songs could so easily be propagated throughout their denomination. Yet this is the unique legacy of Eliza R. Snow—hymntext-writer, wife of not one but two prominent pioneers of church establishment and sister of a third, at a time when their denomination was hungry for testimonial texts to witness to their hard-won faith.

Eliza Roxcy Snow, the second daughter of Oliver and Rosetta Snow, was born January 21, 1804 in Becket, Massachusetts. In 1806 the family moved to Mantua, Ohio, and accepted every available educational opportunity for their children. Eliza worked as a secretary for her father, the local justice of the peace, and received acclaim for her poetry, winner of local contests and published in local newspapers.

Though she had been reared as a Baptist, Snow found every religious belief of some worth and grew to embrace the growing religion of Joseph Smith, Jr. She is believed to have married him in 1842, though accounts differ regarding this. It is certain that she influenced her brother Lorenzo (later the fifth president of the Mormon church) to join the new religious movement; her mother and sister had already joined. She herself became president of the Nauvoo Females Relief Society and became a strong advocate for women’s rights and self-sufficiency in the new land of pioneer America. She was widowed in 1844 and is known to have married Brigham Young and to have traveled with him and his followers to the Salt Lake Valley, arriving there in 1847. Though she had no children, she was an inspired schoolteacher, a tireless organizer of subsidiary branches of the Relief Society, and one of the strongest guiding agents in the formation of the Young Women’s Mutual Improvement Association in 1870. She continued to serve as Relief Society President until her death on December 5, 1887. It is worth noting that in 1888 the Relief Society is recorded to have had more than 22,000 members.

Her writings reflected her experiences as a pioneer as well as her Christian testimony, and so “*My First View of a Western Prairie*” stands in her writings beside “*Be Not Discouraged*”, “*Awake, My Slumbering Minstrel*”, and others. Her poetry, in keeping with the custom of the times, is florid, wordy, and effusive, as evidenced in this excerpt from “*My First View of a Western Prairie*”:

*O, no: the scenery around was not Enchantment.
 'Twas the bright original
 Of those fair images and ideal forms,
 Which fancy's pencil is so prompt to sketch.*



*Instead of treading on Ionian fields,
 I stood upon Columbian soil, and in
 The rich and fertile state of Illinois.*

By contrast, her hymn-writing is skillful, unencumbered with devices to make the poetic pattern function at the expense of meaning. One of her best-known appears in the current LDS hymnal as “*O My Father*”, written by her soon after the death of her (earthly) father, Oliver Snow, and after the death of Joseph Smith in 1844. One verse of this poem is particularly poignant:

*For a wise and glorious purpose
 Thou hast placed me here on earth,
 And withheld the recollection
 Of my former friends and birth.
 Yet oft-times a secret something
 Whispered, "You're a stranger here."
 And I felt that I had wandered
 From a more exalted sphere.*

Another text, “*Be Not Discouraged*,” parallels Martin Luther’s great Battle-Cry of the Reformation, “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.” A few of the text’s similarities may be seen in the brief excerpt below. With this forceful statement of witness, this fervent profession of faith, again let the woman termed by the church in Nauvoo as “Zion’s Poetess” have the last word, as she so often did in life:

*Though Satan rage, 'tis all in vain;
 The words the ancient Prophet spoke,
 Sure as the throne of God remain;
 Nor man nor devils can revoke.*

*All glory to His holy name
 Who sends His faithful servants forth
 To prove the nations, to proclaim
 Salvation's tidings through the earth.*

Sacrament of Holy Communion- Nov. 7, 2010

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER
Nov. 7, 2010	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney
Nov. 14, 2010	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman	Rick Vogl
Nov. 21, 2010	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman
Nov. 28, 2010	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Terry Brock
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	
Nov. 7, 2010	Susan Frangella	
Nov. 14, 2010	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	
Nov. 21, 2010	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	
Nov. 28, 2010	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	

COMMUNION SERVERS: Terry Brock, Ivy Taebel, Jeni Vogl



HHPC Sound System Fundraiser Concert

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010
5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

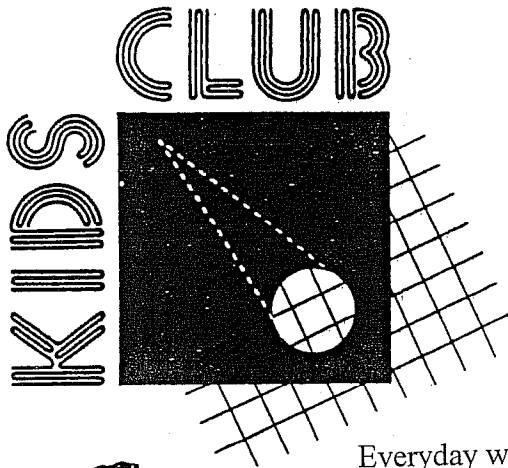
Musical Gifts presented by:

Classic Act Choral Ensemble

Guest Conductor: Dr. Keith T. Hampton
Founding Director: Fabienne C. Christian, M.A.

The Concert will include works in:
Classical, Spiritual, Gospel, and Christian Contemporary genres.

A free will offering will be collected for our Sound System Fund



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Dianne Flynn, *Director*

Everyday we are challenged to make choices between right and wrong. During Christian Learning time we explore Bible Stories and learn guidelines by which to live.

The themes for our study in November are;

Navigating with God - God created us to have a relationship with him.

Crew Rations - God created us with the freedom to make healthy choices.

Sailors' Sick Bay - The strength to make good choices comes from a right relationship with God..

Nautical Network - God wants us to have relationships with others.

Charting a New Course - God wants us to grow in our understanding of His people around the world

Yes, the popular Snicker Balance Contest is back at Kids Club. Only requirement for eligibility in this contest is perfect attendance for the month. Winner for the month of September was Norma C. We congratulate her on winning all those candy bars! Want to know more this popular contest, ask any of the kids.

Recently the kids participated in a surprise activity called "Meet the Pastor". During this time we were given the opportunity to visit Pastor Lara's office, ask questions, learn what she does here at our church, and we even tried on some of her many stoles. It was an awesome day. Check out the pictures of the many happy faces on the way in the fellowship hall.

Final preparations are underway for our Halloween Party to be held on Monday, October 25th. This is always a day with good safe fun shared with friends. It will be an afternoon filled with 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'. If you wish costumes are the dress for the day.

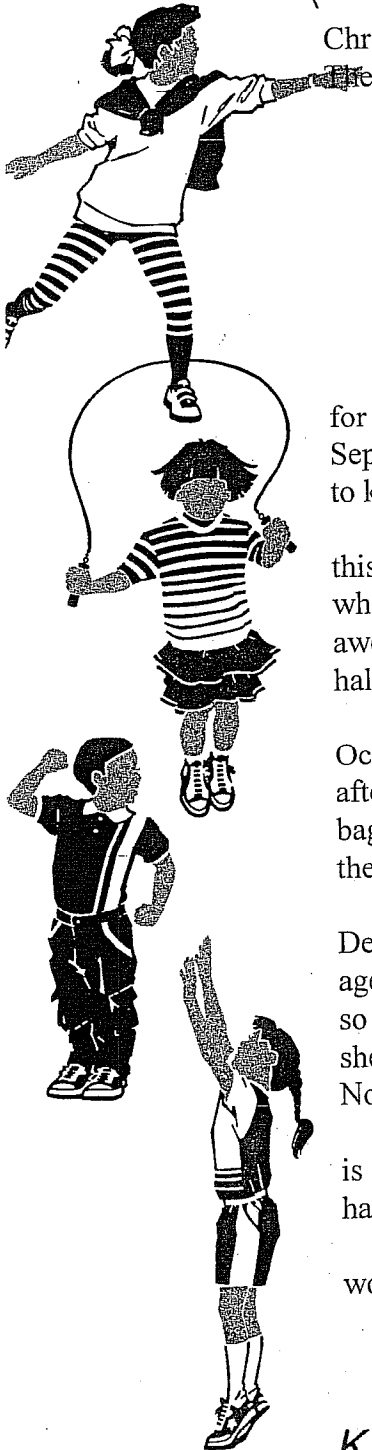
Our Family Advent Night is coming up so mark your calendar now for Friday, December 3th at 6:30 p.m. We will feature a shared potluck dinner, holiday crafts for all age groups, and singing of favorite Christmas carols. This is a great evening for everyone, so plan for it now. What a wonderful way to 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 7th. 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



The question of how to **improve attendance** for Sunday School classes came up again. It seems that earlier in the month of September there were no children attending the primary and intermediate classes with only a handful of students upstairs in the Junior and Senior High classes. If you only invite one student to join your child on Sunday mornings it may help to boost the attendance. Speak to your friends and neighbors to see if there is a family near you who may be looking for a church. The more word of mouth recommendations we have the better for the boost in Sunday School attendance. We **welcome our Winter quarter teachers**. A transition meeting will be held on November 21st at 9:15 AM. A special thank you to the teachers who have volunteered to work the winter quarter. Thank you to Lou Pearson for teaching the Sr. High, Cheryl Howell for teaching the Jr. High, and Megan Zimmerman for taking the children of Pre-K-K-1-2-3-4-5. You have our profound appreciation and respect.

The Kids Club is experiencing an influx of neighborhood children. It has become a true community mission. The attendance has been hovering around 20 children each week. The children are excited about the activities and seem to especially enjoy their time in the gym. During the month of September the children celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday. They made applesauce and had that for part of the snack. They have been learning about creation and their responsibility in taking care of the earth. There is a wall in the Fellowship Hall which has pictures of the staff and students who attend. Dianne has begun attaching pictures of the activities we do so everyone who is in the Fellowship hall will know what wonderful times we have experienced during our time on Mondays 3:30-5:00 PM.

Youth Choir has graced us with beautiful music for many years. Check out their article and see what's new for this year.

The new Child Protection Policy is in effect. Anyone who has not signed their copy of the policy should contact Dianne and do that as soon as possible. If you are interested in working with the children of this church, I recommend you read the policy carefully before signing it. Anyone who is asked to be a driver for the youth outings must be approved, have the proper license and insurance on file. A criminal background check will be made before your approval. The committee has asked all youth leaders and teachers to have parent permission slips signed before viewing media with questionable language or actions. This is due to the increase of using technology to prompt discussions in the classrooms and youth groups.

A tree at the **Brookfield Zoo** has been furnished by an anonymous donation again this year. Families who are interested in helping to decorate the tree should contact Dianne. A group will be out at the Zoo on November 20th. The group usually carools to the Zoo and then after the tree decorating, goes their separate ways to see the Zoo for the remainder of their day.

A Family Night to celebrate Advent is scheduled for December 3rd at 6:30PM. During this annual celebration, there will be a dinner followed by time to create crafts which can be used to decorate the home or use as presents. At the end of the evening, favorite Christmas songs are usually sung around the piano. It is an evening filled with joy and should not be missed. There is something for the entire family to enjoy.

"**The Hanging of the Greens**" will take place on December 5th during the 10:30 AM worship service. Our children tell the story of Christmas as well as explain some of the symbols we have adopted to celebrate the birth of Christ. Our sanctuary is decorated during this time and the Tree of Warmth is filled with scarves, hats, gloves and mittens which the congregation so generously donates. Mark your calendar to attend this beginning of the Advent season.

Ladies, the date for the annual **Christmas Tea** is December 16th. We hope this change in the date will not conflict with your busy schedule and that it is an event you will make every effort to attend. The Stagg Madrigal Singers from Stagg High School will perform, there will be games, fellowship, and laughter as we enjoy the message presented by guest speaker Alice Collins. Ask anyone who has ever come to the Tea and you should only hear praise for the night. We are looking forward to having you come to the Christmas Tea.

The Jr. High Youth Group has had a great time planning their future activities with the leaders, Patt Pilgrim, Bryan Ambrosat, and Katie Trecanni. They spend time in the gym, move to tables for snacks and discussion and then to a circle of chairs for more discussion and games. Check out the walls of the fellowship area where they are displaying some of the amazing work this group is participating in.

A new year has started for **The Sr. High Youth Group** and the discussion this year is centered around the theme, "I Believe." As a committee we were honored to view the finished product of an activity from last years group. Beautiful music fills the ears of these young adults and gives all of us a glimpse of their future. If you have not seen the finished booklet or heard the CD of some of their favorite music, ask a member of this group about this.

The Women's Bible Study has begun again. The ladies who attend are serious in their study and would like to invite anyone who is interested in discussion of Psalms to join them. Arlene Pearson is the discussion leader. Join them on Mondays at 1:00 PM. The **Meal and Movie** will begin on November 18th. A potluck lunch is served and the movie is viewed with discussion afterwards. Patt Pilgrim has offered The movie, *Letters from Juliet*, for this first meeting. Any questions should be directed to Dianne Flynn.

Dr. Kirk MacGregor is offering his class on "**Developing a Christian Worldview**" two times on Sunday mornings. The 9:00 AM class meets in the room at the bottom of the stairs and the second class is offered to you in the Jr. High classroom upstairs at 11:45 AM. Anyone interested in learning about the Christian Faith, supporting your choice in following the faith, the choice of make-up for the Books in the Bible or how to share your faith with non-believers should attend this class.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been very busy sharing with others in the congregation. 8 shawls were presented in the month of September. New labels have arrived to sew into the future shawls. These labels will remind friends and family of the dedicated crafters who have knit and crocheted the shawls and blankets. We celebrated a birthday, two weddings and also supported the life and death struggles of our congregation and their survivors. The group has decided to adopt Warm Up America as our new mission. We will be creating 7 x 9 inch rectangles to use for sewing blankets as donations to the Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House, and Salvation Army. If you are making squares at home for donations to our mission, please make the 7 X 9 inch rectangles to help us add them to the blankets. Once again the group is getting ready to make scarves, hats and mittens for the **Tree of Warmth**. Any items on the tree are donated to the Jones Center and the needy people of

that community. You are asked to donate any items which will also help warm a child during the Chicago Winter. Boxes to accept your donations should be found near the sanctuary doors. Please try to bring your items to the church on or before November 28th.

The Stampers are meeting and creating a bounty of cards this year. Ruth Hill has joined the group again this year. She provided some new ideas for layering paper to make some adorable cards. The Stampers meet on alternating Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. October meetings will be on the 13 and 27. If you are interested in exploring your creativity and wish to make something new, come join the Stampers and see how much fun you can have.

Stories and More is in the fourth week of class. We have had a very small number of students return and hope they will be able to bring in friends to join us. We started the first six week session discussing the Alphabet and Fall. The children have made paper projects with leaves, baked cookies, played find the alphabet letters and pictures, danced and exercised. The hour flies by and before you know it the parents are at the door waiting for their children to go home. This class is held on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM. If anyone knows of a family with a child ages 4-6 years old, you should let them know of this great opportunity for their child on Tuesday. Any questions can be directed to Dianne Flynn, Director of Children's Ministries or Patt Pilgrim, Leader of Stories and More.

There are approximately 5 dedicated ladies who come once a month to the church to sew pads for Cancer patients. These dedicated ladies have made a world of difference in the care of the patients as well as their hospice workers. More hands who sew are always welcome to the **Cancer Sewing group** which meets at the church once a month. A special thank you and God Bless You from the

committee and especially from the Zimmerman Family. Who knew something so simple could be such a gift?

A special **Christian Education Committee meeting** is scheduled for November 9. It will be a time to assemble the Advent projects and get them ready for the special Family Night on December 3. The meeting can begin whenever you come. Dianne will be at the office setting up by 6:00 PM. Be sure to bring friends along for helping so the evening will be filled with laughter and hard work.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 3rd

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 5th

9:00 a.m. Practice for Advent Program

10:30 a.m. Advent Program Presented
"Hanging of the Greens"



Sunday School News

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

The fall session of Sunday School is in full swing. We have been studying passages from the Old Testament, specifically 2 Samuel. We started out talking about when David became the King of Israel, and have moved on to the story about Absalom rebelling against King David. Absalom is defeated by King David's army and is killed. We have learned that we can rely on God, that being kind to others honors God, and that having a self-centered attitude hurts God and others. Stop by our classroom to see some of our work.

It has been great to see Jacob, Shaylin, Danny and Gabby this year! We have also welcomed Holly and Jessica to our class this fall! We have been having a lot of fun and learning at the same time. Please join us if you have not been to Sunday School this year and bring a friend.

Sincerely,
Sue Orsic

Junior High - Patt Pilgrim

We are reading about King David and King Solomon. We have been reading from the Old Testament books of Samuel and Kings. Some of the lesson themes have been:

- God wants us to be faithful to Him
- God forgives when we are truly sorry
- God gives us gifts like wisdom if we ask.

Katie, Madie, Kyle, Natalie, Leanne and Ashley have been great students as we study the Old Testament. Several of the girls put together a one page newspaper about Absalom, a son of King David who was not faithful to God. **Look for the "Junior High Gazette" in this month's HHPC newsletter.** We welcome all junior highs to come join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 for fun and learning in Sunday school.

Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth Group is back in the house, the House of God that is. We have several meetings already under our belt. The group is large, about 12 to 14 youth on any given Sunday.

This year we have adopted the theme of "I Believe." We are starting with a look at our personal beliefs and those of the Presbyterian Church USA. As our focus shifts from inward to outward, we will also look at the more general Christian beliefs, including other Christian denominations. Our plan is to also learn a bit about other non-Christian religions and their interaction with Christianity in the world around us.

The Senior High YG will be serving at PADS the first Sunday in December. Last year we made sloppy-joes and mac-and-cheese. We thought we might be able to get away with not cooking, this year. It seems like our menu went over so well, we have been asked to prepare the meal as well as serve it, again this year. Another PADS project we are undertaking is Christmas Gift Bags. We plan to assemble bags of useful gifts items for distribution. We hope to collect/purchase small items like; hand sanitizer, Kleenex, deodorant, toothbrushes, hats, gloves, and socks. It is estimated that we will need about 100 bags. We are very open to any donations you might be able to make. A collection box will be made available once the Haunted House festivities are completed.

Our Group is, once again, supporting the Haunted House. We will participate in the building, staffing, and break-down of the house. We will also provide the concession stand. We hope to see you there.

Senior High Youth Group Leaders,
Rick Vogl, Jeni Vogl, Mitch Huenecke

Junior High Youth Group November

Tentative Junior High Calendar of Events for 2010-2011	
September 16, 2010	Start of junior High Youth group
October 28, 2010	Halloween Party
November 19, 20, 2010	Lock In (tentative)
November 25, 2010	thanksgiving - no meeting
December 16, 2010	no meeting - Women's Christmas Tea
December 9, 2010 or December 18, 2010	Ice Skating downtown and Christmas Windows
December 23, 2010	Christmas holiday - no meeting
December 30, 2010	Pizza and movie night
January 28, 29, 30, 2011	Junior high retreat, Bloomington, IL
February 19, 2011	Feed My Starving Children, Aurora, IL (one day mission)
March (tentative)	P.A.D.S. meal
April 15, 16, 2011	A.W. O L. (a work of Love), overnight mission at Fourth Presbyterian Church Chgo, IL
May 12, 2011 (tentative)	End of the year party with parents

We welcome all junior Highs to join us on Thursday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for games, Christian learning and snacks.

Bryan Ambrosat, Katie Treccani, Patt Pilgrim

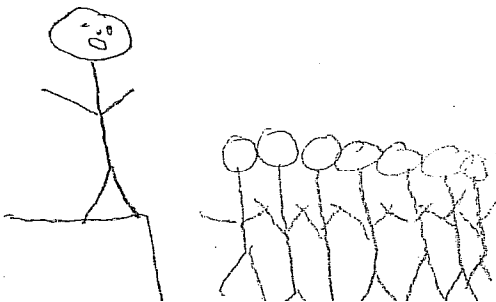
The Junior High Gazette

Absalom talks to the people!

By: Ashley Maranto

Breaking News! Absalom is talking to the people of Jerusalem and says he wants to overthrow the king! He wants to overthrow the king David (his father) because he wants all the power. Absalom even built a monument for himself.

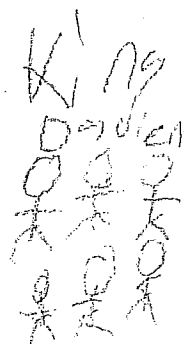
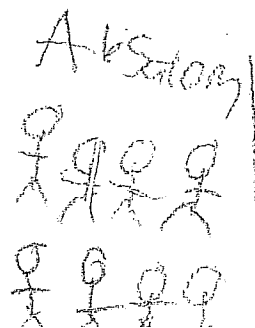
Absalom talking to people!



Absalom
assembles an
army

By Leanne Kammion

Absalom chose twelve thousand men. I would attack David while he is weary and weak. I would strike down the king and bring people back to you. The plan seemed good to Absalom and to all elders of Israel.



Absalom has Been killed!

By: Natalie Ossie

King David said to his three generals "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." The king wished for the general's men to kill his son. As the two armies were fighting, Absalom got stuck in a tree when he was riding his mule. One of General Joab's men found but did not kill him. Joab was outraged when he heard this, so he went to find Absalom. Joab went and killed Absalom. Then he and his troops threw Absalom in a pit and covered him with rocks. The war ended.

Youth Choir



Youth Choir's new plan this year!

We now meet at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings, downstairs in the fellowship hall for 30 minutes of practice. It is our hope that this new arrangement will work better for everyone and especially allow for the busy schedules that our members have once they are beyond grade school.

If you have thought about joining us, come on over and be a part of the group. We welcome first grade through college age!

We hope to grow and gain new members while at the same time relying on the solid base built by our long term members.

Our new music choices challenge the experienced singers, but also include a basic melody for younger and newer members.

Regular practice is important to be able to use these songs to be for the Glory of God.

So set your calendar reminder and join us.

Starting our first season we have looked to a couple of our favorites with little time to learn a new song for our first couple Anthem's.

If you missed last month's Anthem, here is a medley presented in worship. It serves as a reminder of our daily walk with God...

*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 going to see the King
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,
Ha le lu jah, Ha le lu jah, we're going to see the King*

*No more crying there, we are going to see the King
No more crying there, we are going to see the King
No more crying there, we are going to see the King
Ha le lu jah, Ha le lu jah, we're going to see the King*

*No more dying there, we are going to see the King
No more dying there we are going to see the King
No more dying there we are going to see the King
Ha le lu jah, Ha le lu jah, we're going to see the King*

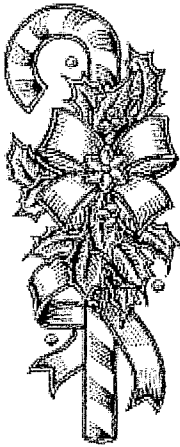
Ha l- le -lu—u- jah. Ha l- le -lu—u- jah. Ha l- le -lu—u- jah

Please Join Us for our

Annual Craft Bazaar

Saturday, November 6, 2010

9 AM- 3 PM



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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!!!

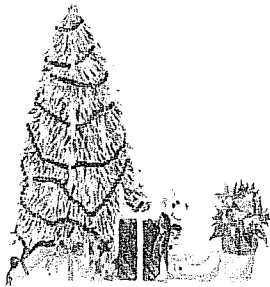
See you on November 6th!



ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, December 3

6:30 P.M.



POTLUCK DINNER
CHRISTMAS CRAFT

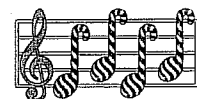
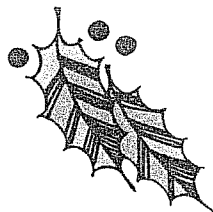
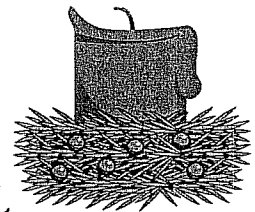
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AROUND THE PIANO

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HANGING OF THE GREENS



ADVENT PROGRAM

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



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 5
10:30 a.m.
WORSHIP
SERVICE



We Celebrate Birthdays And Perfect Attendance

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Erik Meyer
- 3 Michelle Krumpole
- 6 Brittany Maranto
- 12 Jessica Panko
- 14 Leo Wreza
- 15 Jacob Morrell
- 22 Jason Countryman
- 24 Karol Chandler
- 27 Shaylin Rys
- 28 Mandy Rodriguez

SEPTEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Junior High
Natalie Orsic

Senior High
Jarrett Ambrosat
Gabriella Ciametti
Brittany Maranto
Andrew Witek
Matthew Witek

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 provided by
Guest Speaker - Alice Collins
and
Music by the Madrigal Singers of Stagg High School*

*Place: Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church
Date: Thursday, December 16th
Time: 7:00 p.m.*

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

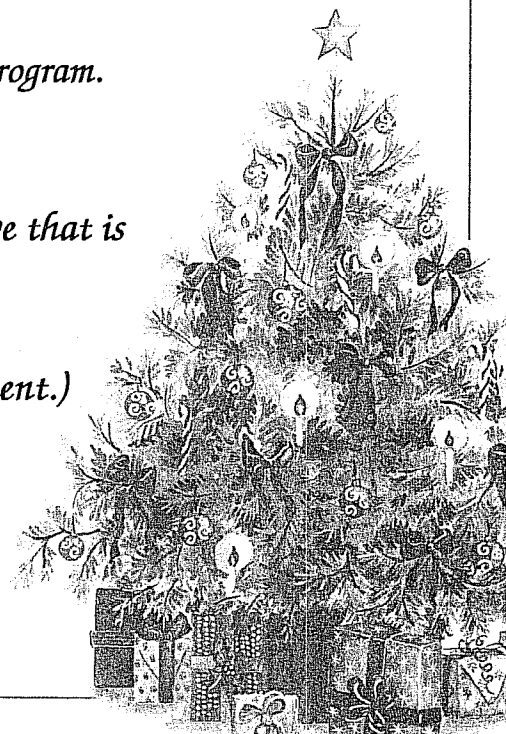
A freewill donation will be accepted for the program.

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

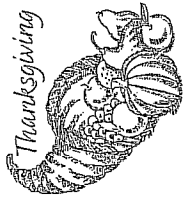
RSVP Requested (Sign up sheet located in Church basement.)

Questions:

Please contact the Church office 598-3100



NOVEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club	2 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	3 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Choir	4 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	5 Saugatuck Adult Retreat---	6 BAZAAR 9am-3pm
7 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 9:00 a.m. Developing a Christian World View 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 11:45 a.m. Developing a Christian World View 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REY 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group	8 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 7:00 p.m. Session	9 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting	10 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 10:30 a.m. Stampers 7:30 p.m. Choir	11 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	12 Saugatuck Adult Retreat---	13 Saugatuck Adult Retreat--- 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
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November Birthdays

- 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
- 17 – Selorm Atiedu
- 26 – Beth Ann Kommenich
- 26 – Linda Rys
- 26- George Vinalek
- 27 – Lorraine Mead
- 27 – Mary Tartar
- 30 – Jacqueline Morgucz
- 30- Amanda Kowalcze

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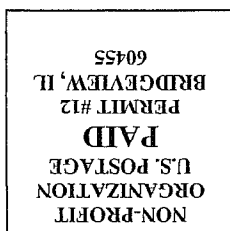
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