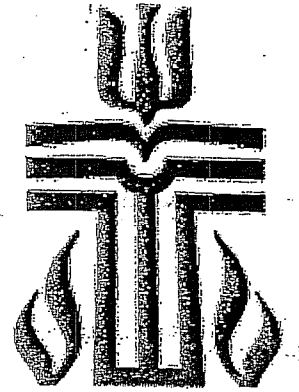


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SEPTEMBER 2009

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## From Your Pastor: "Let the Little Children Come to Me"

A few weeks ago, I was talking one Sunday afternoon to my young granddaughter who is three years old (almost four) about her day. She proudly showed me the craft she had made at Sunday School, and I asked her if she liked Sunday School – she replied "I love my Sunday School!" I know this is true, because on the occasions when I have attended her parents' church, I have observed her as she proudly marches out to her class, after the children's moment in the service, and then afterwards as she rushes into the fellowship hall to show her family what she has learned and the craft she has made that day in her class.

This reminded me of my childhood, being brought up by wonderful parents. My grandmother who I believe was a Christian, persuaded my mother (as my parents did not attend church) to allow me to attend a mid-week meeting called the "Band of Hope", a para - church outreach to children. I do not remember a lot about it, except getting prizes for attendance etc, and the annual picnic, when we all got on a double-decker bus and went to a large park in another part of the city. I do not think I was the most attentive or well-behaved child in the group, but when I became a Christian many years later, the Words of Scripture and songs I had been taught, came back to me. God had used these meetings to plant a seed, which blossomed after all that time had elapsed, which makes the words of Jesus even more poignant to me:

**Mark 10: 13 – 16:** <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them." Jesus is highlighting His call to us all to minister to the children we are under our care in our Sunday School, and midweek Programs. As we start a new church year, we should give our thanks and support to all who have volunteered to teach our children and youth, and consider the possibility of volunteering to help in some way to share the load with them. Also, to those of us who are parents and grandparents, we should reflect very carefully on God's Command in Deuteronomy to bring up our children and grandchildren and teach them His ways.

**Deut 6: 5 – 7:** <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

This presents us with many challenges and competing priorities, with school and sports activities, many of which are now held on a Sunday. It is a matter of evaluating which imparts the most long lasting, even hopefully eternal, values on our children. I would contend that it is our clear duty as Christians to make tough choices at times, which may disappoint our children or a sports coach etc, at this moment in time, but I believe, as in my case looking back, when I thank my grandmother from the bottom of my heart for sending me to the Band of Hope even when I did not want to go, similarly our children may do the same one day. As we approach Rally Day, let us all echo Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me". This means we make them feel welcome and at home in all the activities of our church, including our worship services, reminding ourselves of the old saying: "a Church that has the voices of children in the worship service is a healthy church".

## Sermon Titles - September 2009

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>AM Services</u>
Sept. 6	“Alive But Dead”	Revelation 3:1-6
Sept. 13	“Have Faith!”	Matthew 8:23-27
Sept. 20	“Return to God!”	Luke 15:11-30
Sept. 27	“Who Is Your Neighbor?”	Luke 10:25-37

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### NEWSLETTER NEWS

Newsletter Articles are due to the church office the **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY** of each month, for the following month's newsletter. For example, October articles will be due Sept. 13.

You can turn in handwritten articles to the Newsletter Mailbox in the church office, leave on the Secretary's desk, or email your articles to [HHPC@hickoryhillspres.org](mailto:HHPC@hickoryhillspres.org).

It is imperative that this deadline is followed, to avoid spending time following up, and to get our newsletter out on time.

If articles are not in by the deadline, unfortunately they will be put in the next month.

Thank you everyone, for your cooperation.

### TWILIGHT PRAYER

When I listen, I learn. When I close my eyes to reality, I see not the truth of virtuous actions. If my heart is open to my fellow man, I can do great things through him.

When I bow my head in prayer, the earth slips away and only the words laid upon my heart remain. Father, I give these words to you. Do you have words upon your heart?

Come and give these words to your Creator. Great things can happen.

See you in the Upper Room on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

Regards,  
C. Lou Pearson

### PRAYER & CARE

I dream that I will some day see an over-crowded library.

Eager Warriors gasp for air, Giving God each prayer and care.

Can this become reality?  
Will loving folk respond and be  
The driving force of Victory-  
Proclaiming there's NO VACANCY.

Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Love 'N' Hugs,  
Arlene

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”  
2 Timothy 2:15

With  
Open  
Minds  
Envelop  
New  
Studies

Being  
Inquisitive  
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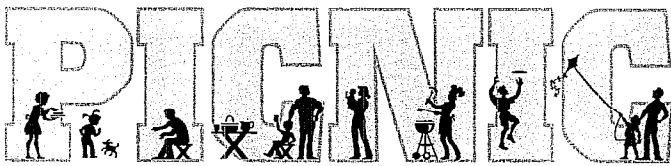
Searching  
Trusting  
Understanding  
Doing  
Yielding

Begins Monday, Sept. 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

## ***HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS***

### ***Please Pray For:***

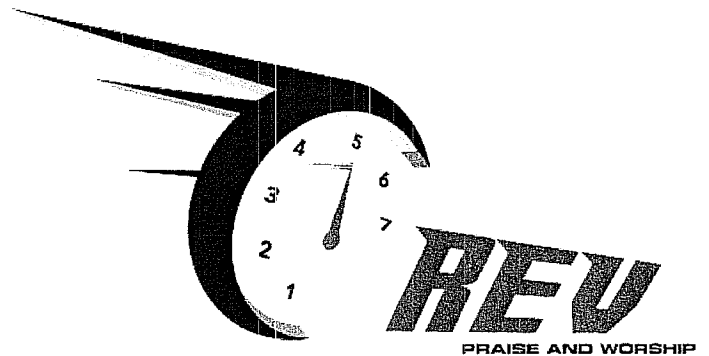
- Christine Fox, her fiancé, and his family in the loss of his mom
- Kim Ambrosat's cousin, Anna Lisa Swagor, for health concerns
- Adam Schwake, Delina, and baby Payton Laura, for health concerns- born premature, on the road to good health
- Mary Tarter for continuous health
- Karen Hoffman's cousin, Elaine, for health concerns
- Grace Muszynski's cousin, Carol Brouwer, for test results
- Matthew Joniak and his Special Forces squadron on current maneuvers in Afghanistan
- Clayton Case's grandma for surgery and follow up treatment
- Amy Edward's sister, Gabrielle, for health concerns
- Helen Recktenwald for health concerns
- Dorothy Scholefield for continued healing
- Larry Haack's father, Bill, for health concerns
- Renee Meyer and kids- concern for father and grandfather
- Gerald & Joyce Waller for health concerns
- Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, for health concerns
- Dorothy Allen for health concerns
- 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



## **It's time for Rally Day!!**

Please join us for an  
"Old Fashioned Family Picnic" on  
**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
following the 10:30 service.  
We'll have food, and games and

tons of fun! Please check out the sign-up sheet downstairs if you would like to bring some delicious picnic food, or if you would like to volunteer to help out. Please join us rain or shine. See you at the picnic!!!!



**Are you looking for a place  
to share your gifts?**

**If so, REV wants you!**

We are looking for people who would like to be a part of the REV worship service team. There are many ways you can glorify God with the gifts He has given you. Training will be provided.

**Come join us!**

Please contact Pastor Derek Morrison if you are interested in being part of the REV worship service team.  
708-598-3100  
[pastor@hickoryhillspres.org](mailto:pastor@hickoryhillspres.org)

***Hymning and Hawing***  
**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost**  
**by G. R. Snow**

*"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,  
"Praise God, all creatures here below,  
"Praise God above, O heav'nly host,  
"Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen."*

Most regular church attendees would read the above verse and recognize it as the words to the Doxology, which we sing at second service every Sunday. However, the words are a little different from what we normally sing. And an awareness of trends in today's doctrines, and socio-political trends in general, lead one to draw the (correct) conclusion that the church using this text is being very careful to observe the non-gender conception of God, in all Three Persons. Hence, they refer to God as Creator rather than Father and Jesus as Christ rather than Son.

Some people are greatly offended by this sort of inclusive language, some are greatly offended by those who don't use it, and some really aren't too offended by it either way. I personally don't find too much that is offensive in the above verse, nor in the traditional one which we sing. I would find it more offensive to see obvious degradation or non-inclusion of women in the church today, or if the modifications made in texts reflected what I feel to be an inaccurate concept of God. He is Creator, so I don't find it offensive to say that rather than Father—but neither do I find it offensive to call Him Father. Jesus is Christ—I find nothing offensive about that, any more than I do to call Him the Son. But, since I am a hymn textwriter and actively compose texts for hymn contests and other events, in several denominations, I find it necessary to be aware of these trends. As responsible churchgoers, it is appropriate that we are similarly aware of concerns and conditions in our brother and sister churches and denominations.

Many respond negatively simply out of familiarity with a certain text or terminology—how many of us would stumble a little over saying, "trespasses" instead of "debts" in the Lord's Prayer? I grew up with "trespasses", so I always feel a little hesitation when I get to that portion of the Lord's Prayer. Some churches have "updated" the language—they start with "Our Father in Heaven" rather than "Our Father, Who art in Heaven". I don't find it offensive, but I do find it unfamiliar.

I read a very interesting essay called "Proper Praise" some years ago in which the idea was defended that God's love for us is both father-like

and mother-like, and that therefore we should address Him as "Father and Mother God". It didn't significantly change the way I worship, write hymntexts, or think of God. In fact, one solo I do sometimes has a phrase, "Father, Mother, God above," and I have consistently changed it to "Father God above", singing the same notes but not on as many syllables. Logic yields to comfort level here, just as I have for many years sung the Malotte setting of the Lord's Prayer and sung "debts" instead of "trespasses"—primarily because the music was composed for that version of the text, and fitting the notes written for "as we forgive our debtors" to the words "as we forgive those who trespass against us" makes one a little crazy.

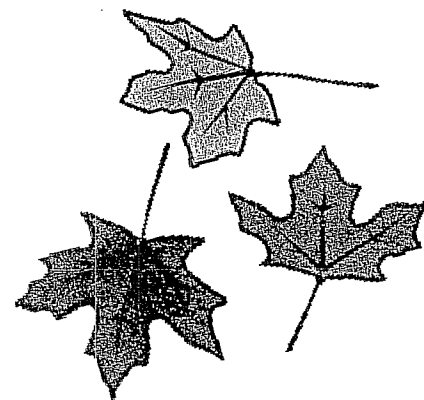
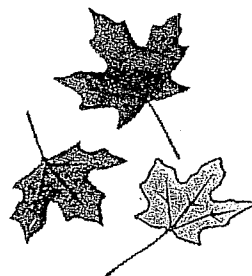
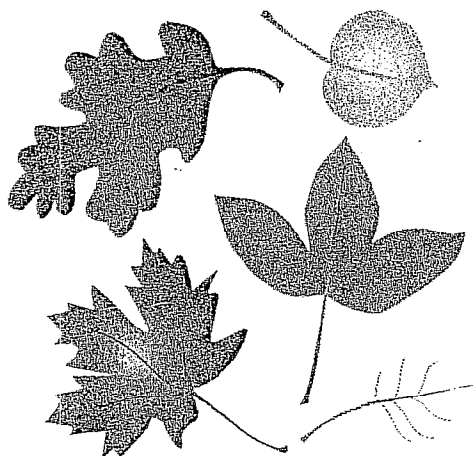
I personally don't find it offensive to realize that God has many natures, and a masculine God was the only God the early Jews would have respected. Christ couldn't have functioned effectively in Jewish society as a teacher and, ultimately, a Messiah candidate had he been born in a female body—women were treated differently then. I also have read St. Paul's comments about women not being allowed to speak in church, keeping their heads covered, and "if they would know any thing, let them ask their husbands at home." I know some people whose centers of worship still keep these practices, and raise their daughters to wear long dresses, never pants, and have their heads covered at all times. But I live in a different time, and am thankful for it.

In spite of the doctrines of political correctness and gender inclusionism, I probably will not rifle through every anthem in the choir library and burn anything that refers to God as Father, or Jesus as Son, or "brethren", or "mankind", or any of the other buzz-words which so inflame many people, lay and clergy alike, in today's church. But neither will I be writing hymntexts that emphasize a strong masculine bias for God, or archaic language such as "Thou" and "art". I further welcome the opportunity to participate in hymntext competitions which emphasize a truly inclusive theme, and any events which recognize the importance of women in the church without in any way decreasing the importance of men in the church. I think it's a little inappropriate to select someone for a task just because they are female, or male, but I do greatly support the presence of women and men both on Session, board of deacons, on nearly all committees, and as caregivers, childcare workers, wedding organizers, and visitors to the shut-in and the elderly. And I would welcome increased participation of men in our senior choir!

## Sacrament of Holy Communion- Sept. 6, 2009

SUNDAY	USHERS	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	LAY READER
Sept. 6, 2009	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke		Dave Delaney
Sept. 13, 2009	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman		Rick Vogl
Sept. 20, 2009	F. Esparza, C. Maranto, M. Murray		Scott Zimmerman
Sept. 27, 2009	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell		Terry Brock
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	NURSERY	GREETERS
Sept. 6, 2009	Susan Frangella	Sarah Adams	C. Sack, A. Witek
Sept. 13, 2009	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffinan	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	C. Sack, T. Brock, C. Treccani
Sept. 20, 2009	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	Linda Rys, Beth Kommenich	C. Sack, G. Home, D. Kibort
Sept. 27, 2009	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	Carri McKinney, Lori Haack	C. Sack, G. Home

Communion in September will be served by Intinction.

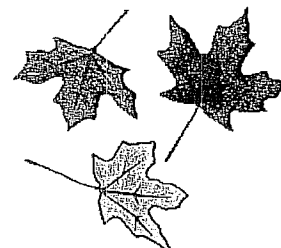
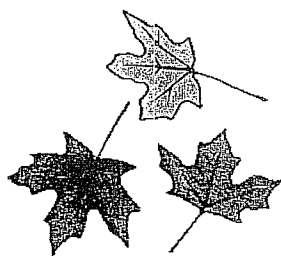


### **Bones of the church**

The "body" of a church has four kinds of bones:

1. The WISHbones are those folks who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
2. The JAWbones are those who do all the talking and very little else.
3. The KNUCKLEbones are those who knock everything anyone else tries to do.
4. The BACKbones are those who get under the load and get the work done.

What kind of bone are you?



A CHURCH FAMILY

# HARVEST CELEBRATION



*The harvest is the Lord's!*

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
and into His courts with praise.*

PSALM 100:4

Dear Parents,

Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time for everything under heaven. The time of planting and growing is gone. We look now to the harvest season, a time of gathering and thankfulness to God.

This year, we want to help you start a special harvest tradition that you will remember for years to come. Come join us as we praise God at our Church Family Harvest Celebration.

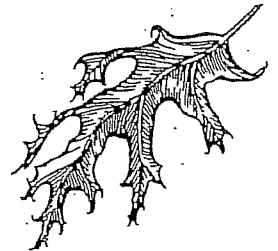
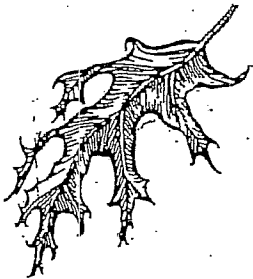
Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to come as we focus on giving thanks to God for the blessings He has given us.



## FALL FAMILY NIGHT AT HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
7:00 PM**

*Souvenir Photos Available  
for \$1.00 donation*



**DEVOTIONS**

**CRAFTS**

**GAMES**

**PUPPETS**

**PUMPKIN CARVING  
DEMONSTRATIONS**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED  
TO A CHURCH FAMILY**

# HARVEST CELEBRATION



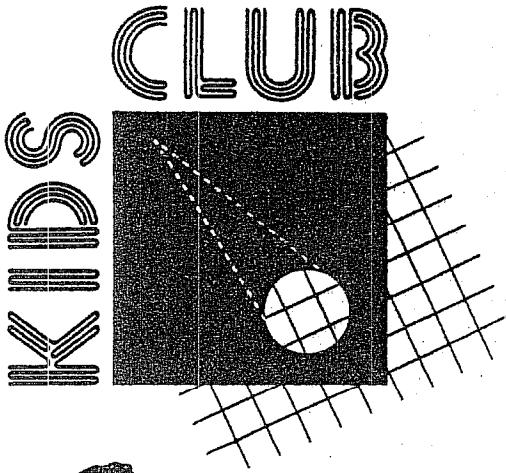
*A special  
Harvest event  
with game booths,  
devotions, singing,  
craft making,  
fun and fellowship  
... for families, singles,  
seniors and everyone!*

**SNACKS**

**MUSIC**

**FACE PAINTING**

**FAMILY PHOTOS**



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Dianne Flynn, *Director*  
*IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN*

## KIDS CLUB

STARTING

MONDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup>

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Laughter, games in our gym, crafts, music,  
snacks, new friends, building a good self  
esteem, and learning more about the love of  
God.

This is what KIDS CLUB is all about!

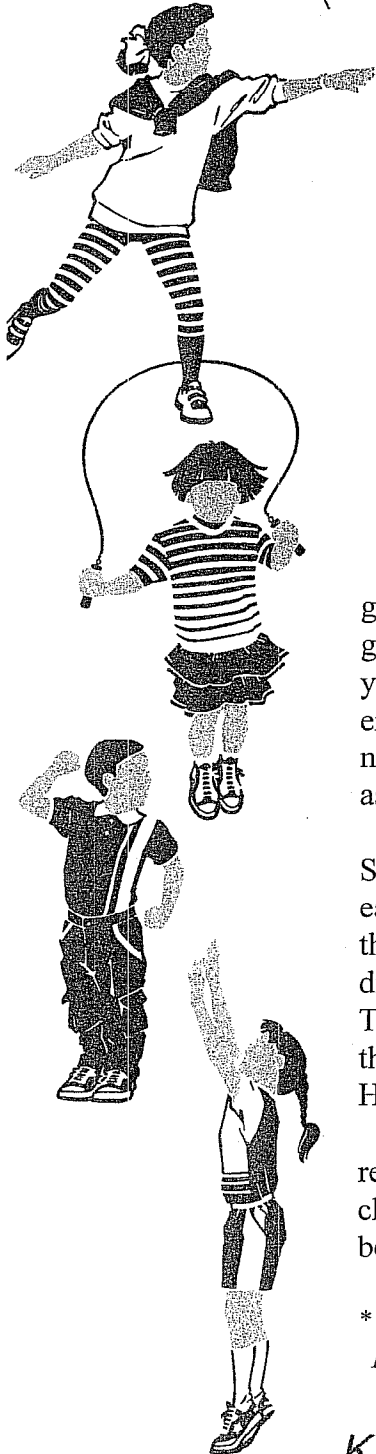
Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> KIDS CLUB begins. We are back with more great activities for all kids age 5 through grade 6. We come together for a time of games in our gym, craft projects, music, snacks, and Christian Life studies. This year we have added time each month to cook, participate in a knitting group, and enjoy stories with our storyteller. This program has been structured in a nondenominational way so that we may reach out to all children in our community as well as those in our church family.

The theme for this year is "In Search of God's Power - The Mystery of the Seed." We will meet the bumbling scientist Ed Ventue who is trying to save the earth. He does not trust in God, he believes science has all the answers. However, through the use of his "virtual-reality device" Ed meets many bible characters and discovers God already has a plan to save the earth through His Son, Jesus. Throughout the year we will learn how God demonstrated His love and power through the loves of many chosen servants. We will discover God wants to work His power in our lives.

Registrations are being accepted in this program now. There is no cost, but registration is necessary. The forms are available in the fellowship room of the church or can be obtained by calling the church office (598-3100). Invite others to be a part of this outstanding outreach of our church.

*\* Mark you calendars now for our fall family night to be held Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.  
More information will be available soon.*

**KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB**



# Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church



## RALLY DAY 2009

Sunday, September 13

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*Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not turn from it  
Proverbs 22:6*

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### Parents:

Our Church School year begins Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us as together we share the joy of this new beginning, a year filled with the learning of God's love and the adventure that is life.

### On This Day:

- ✧ Registration of children in their age appropriate classes for our new year.
- ✧ Classes for all ages 3 years - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are held during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- ✧ Nursery is provided for children under age three during the 10:30 service.
- ✧ Adults grow spiritually in an adult class at 9:00 a.m.
- ✧ Adults share in a time of worship at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- ✧ Rally Day Picnic for the entire family at 11:45 a.m. at the church.

Questions? Call the church office at 586-3100

JOIN US AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR TOGETHER

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Welcome to the Fall Quarter teachers! Your curriculum is in! Dianne is waiting to have you come to get it and begin our new year. Anyone who is interested in teaching the children during Sunday worship should contact Dianne. We need teachers in all areas. Thanks to our Fall Quarter volunteers, we have a place to begin. Pastor Morrison has asked that teachers set an example and attend the morning service along with their students. That means getting the room ready earlier and having a lesson planned ahead of time. He will dismiss the classes in church and the teachers will come to the front to pick up their group. Children will get used to seeing their teachers in worship and that will be beneficial for them as well. **Sunday School** September 13.

Sixteen people took a tour of the new Ronald McDonald House which is located near the Hope Children's Hospital. It can house up to 16 families. Our Church donated over 700 lbs. of pop tops. The children who took the tour poured the **pop tops** from our storage jars into plastic kitchen bags. They loaded and unloaded the vans. The ladies who received the pop tops were so surprised and happy. They said they had never received so many pop tops. Rick and Jenny Vogel took our collection of **school supplies** to three areas. Mission Council 8 is asking for school supplies to help the Pullman Church. Palos Township is asking for school supplies this year, too. Our Kids will be asked to collect pop tops as well as school supplies this year as their mission of **Kids Helping Kids**

With **Rally Day** on September 13th, also begins all the programs our Church sponsors. We will have a picnic following the 10:30 AM worship service. The Sunday School classes will begin that day as well.

**Kids Club** begins on September 14th. Children are treated to a variety of music, crafts, organized

games in the gym, a snack, and a time for Christian education. Changes in the program will include a time each month to cook something with Patt, learn to knit for the mission projects with Linda, or story time with one of the storytellers.

**Youth Choir** will have a change in their program also. Children will begin choir at 5:15 PM and be released at 6:00PM. No dinner will be served. More time will be devoted to learning new songs and music.

The **Junior High Youth Group** welcomes Bryan Ambrosat as a leader. Katie and Patt are excited to have him join the leadership and know he will bring with him many new and exciting ideas for the group. They will have a meeting on Thursday, September 17th. On August 14, the Junior High Youth Group visited Feed My Starving Children where they packed food packages for the day. Plans to return again in February are being made.

The **Senior High Youth Group** will have a meeting on Sunday, September 13th. The meeting will be used to make plans for the year. Please attend to help with the planning.

**Young Adults** have an opportunity to have fellowship as well as delve into the Bible with their group meeting on Fridays at 6:30 PM. Katie has material she thinks will not only interest you but help you grow spiritually. Anyone ages 19 to 29 is welcome to attend and add their opinion to the discussion. New ideas for opportunities to build the fellowship are always welcomed.

Arlene Pearson has agreed to lead the **Women's Bible Study** on Mondays. They will begin on September 14 at 1:00 PM.

Tom Lane has agreed to lead the **Adult Sunday School** again this year. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

The Church will begin a new program which will

focus on children ages 4 to 6 years old.

**Stories and More** is a six week program held on Tuesdays at 1 to 2 PM. The children will be treated to a storytime with associated activities, organized games in the gym, and a time set aside to strengthen basic Kindergarten skills. The program will be limited to 12 children. We hope it will grow in popularity and we will need to increase the days it is offered to fill the demand. Children will be served on a first come basis. Our new program begins on September 22.

Our **Stampers** program will begin again on September 16. Members from last year will recall that you were set a task to create 2 new cards and bring them to the meeting. Don't forget that you now have a reminder and no excuses. Stampers meet in the library at 10:30 AM every other Wednesday. If you are interested, we hope to see you as we learn new and exciting ways to create cards for ourselves and the Prayer and Care Group Ministry.

Anyone interested in Knitting or Crocheting will want to attend the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** which will begin on September 20 at 11:45 AM. We'll be in the fifth grade classroom at the bottom of the stairs waiting for you. This small group of volunteers has created over 10 Prayer Shawls last year. We will work on Squares for Africa, Scarves and Mittens for the Tree of Warmth, as well as the beautiful Prayer Shawls. Don't be shy. If you have a desire to learn a new skill, we even have people willing to help you learn the stitches. We can always find more chairs to fit around the table.

Mark the calendar for the first **Family Night**. We will have the annual *Fall Harvest Celebration* on September 25th. It will be complete with games the children love, as well as a place to take a picture as a souvenir, food, a storyteller, and some music. Don't miss this entertainment for the entire family.

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## Junior High Sunday School

WELCOME back returning Junior Highs!  
WELCOME new Junior Highs! I am so excited about our time together on Sunday mornings in Junior High Sunday School class.

This semester we will be studying stories from the Old Testament in our Bibles. We will **read and do fun things** to learn about how God helped people who had problems long ago and how he helps each of us every day.

We will all **make new friends, work together in small groups and talk about what it means to believe in God.**

So come and bring your friends. All are welcome. I'll be looking for you all – Leslie, Kate, Tristan, Brian, Jordan, Alyssia, Becky, Jessica, Stephanie, Ashley, Erik, Natalie, Halimah, Kaylee, Breona, Natasha, Katelin, and Kyle.

Growing is fun, growing as a Christian is fun, come and join us.  
God Bless You,  
Patt

## Junior High Youth Group

Leaders Katie and Patt will be back this year and joining us is our new leader Bryan Ambrosat. Bryan is currently a student at Moraine Valley College. We are so excited to have him on staff and we know you will be too.

So come and meet Bryan at our first meeting on **Thursday, September 17, 2009**. We meet at the church every **Thursday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**.

We play games in the gym, in the fellowship hall and sometimes throughout the church.

We have a Christian study time and talk about things that concern us and discuss what Jesus would do if he were here. We will have snacks and lots of fun.

In August we went to "Feed My Starving Children." This is our twice a year mission trip to Aurora, Illinois. We package food that is sent to 60 countries where there are starving children. If you could not come this time, we hope you can make the next trip.

Throughout the year we will do various things like Mission, and fundraising activities to fund junior high events. We will go on a retreat to Bloomington, Illinois and have a lock-in at church. We will go ice skating downtown and enjoy the Christmas decorations. There will be parties too, for Halloween and Christmas. There is much more to come. So come join us and bring your friends.

Look for a calendar of events. It will be mailed to you each month starting in October. Any questions call the church at 708-598-3100.

Patt Pilgrim, Katie Treccani and Bryan Ambrosat



**Attention Sr. Highs**

Watch your Facebook, Email, and Snail Mail for information coming your way!

Sept. 13 is the first day of Youth Group!

## **YOUTH CHOIR KICKS OFF AGAIN THIS FALL**

It's the time of year when we begin planning and getting ready for so many new things, and Youth Choir is one of them – and it will be new!

Some changes have been made and we feel it will improve our ability to concentrate on music and getting ourselves ready for the Anthem that we will share with our congregation each month. We will still meet on Monday's following Kids Club but we will not have a dinner factored in. Practice time will be shortened to finish at 6PM. This will allow us enough time to practice and not keep you away from home too long on a weeknight.

Our regular Anthem will be the second Sunday of each month at the 10:30 Worship Service. (with a few exceptions due to days off, holidays, or special events.) We will provide a finalized calendar soon. Certainly there are times when some of us cannot attend, and we understand, but regular participation in the Sunday Anthem is encouraged and it is important to be at practice on Monday's regularly, in order to learn the songs.

We extend this invitation to all our kids **first grade and up. Come join us and sing!**

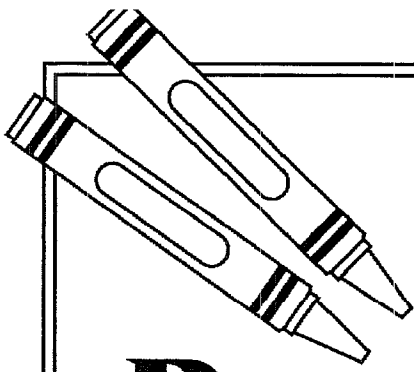
We have a great time learning together, practicing and sharing our gift of voice with others in church each month.

We meet each week on **Monday** from **5:15 until 6PM.**

Youth Choir practice for the new season begins on **September 14<sup>th</sup>** along with Kid's Club. Our members from last season will share a choral anthem with the congregation on Rally Day to give you an idea of what to look forward to if you have not joined us in the past. Please see Dianne Flynn or Cheryl Huenecke with any questions.

# SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E.	2 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS	3	4 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV	7 Labor Day	8 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	9 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS 7:30 p.m. Choir	10 8:00 p.m. Handbells	11 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	12 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
13 <u>RALLY DAY</u> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education RALLY DAY PICNIC 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group Oct. Newsletter Articles Due	14 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	15 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. REV Committee Meeting	16 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 10:30 a.m. Stammers 5:00 p.m. TOPS 7:30 p.m. Choir	17 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	18 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	19
20 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	21 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. Outreach	22 12:30 p.m. Friendship Group 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Mission Committee	23 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS 7:30 p.m. Choir	24 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	25 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Fall Family Night	26
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# Just for **KIDS**

## Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (\*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
x*	p	j*	e*	a	t	m*	t	o*	c*	p*	e	r	k*	n
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r	d*	e	n	h*	s*	o*	e	r*	w	i	t*	n	m*	g
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s*	p	l	m*	e	y*	a	s	o*	r*	i	n	c*	g	n*
p	e	t*	i*	r	f	w*	t*	e	m*	l*	c	d*	a*	t

“Do not \_\_\_\_\_ any longer to the \_\_\_\_\_  
of this \_\_\_\_\_, but be \_\_\_\_\_  
by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_. Then you will be able  
to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ will is — his good,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will.” *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect

## Birthdays

### September

1 – Lil Resner  
4 – Erin Rose Prunty  
5 – Mary Lewington  
7- Noelle Larsen  
7 – Eamon Prunty  
7 – Grace Matke  
8 – Lenora Warren  
8 – Terri Lorenz  
8 – Sarah Wreza  
10 – Frances Nelson  
11 – Debbie Raschke  
11- Aga Rosa  
12 – Evan Grisko  
13 – Kyle Zimmerman  
14 – Marge Hayes  
15- Stacey Lorenz  
15- Cheryl Howe  
16 – Joseph Monczynski  
17 – Shirley Brunell  
17 – Alice Gust  
17 – Norene Krbecek

17 – Kyle Wheeler  
18 – Stephanie Lorenz  
18 – Dawn Rellinger  
18 – Norm VanVossen  
19 – Charles Huenecke  
19 – Andreas Mueller  
20 – Dave Delaney  
21 – Coleen Petkus  
21 – David Koch  
22 – Debbie Zimmerman  
22 – Jessica Moore  
26 – Ellen Betcher  
26 – Akpene Atiedu  
26 – Kathie Wheeler  
27 – Rhett Golema  
27 – Louise Coventry  
29 – Eileen Freeman  
29 – John Morgucz  
30 – Barbara Hepburn  
30 – Doug McKinney

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