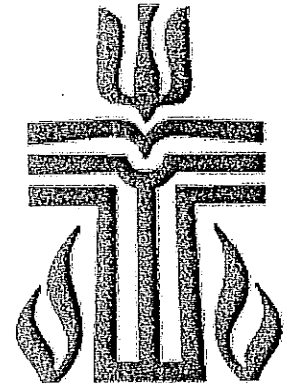




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SEPTEMBER 2010

Minor Ministerial Musings

Several years ago, a good friend of mine began sending out the most unusual Christmas cards. Instead of the typical "newsletter" catching friends and family up on events of the past year, my friend picked out songs that meant a lot to him over the previous year, burned them onto a CD, and sent that out as his "newsletter".

I enjoyed those CD's so much, and I still listen to them. The songs are good, there is a lot of variety, and they remind me of my friend. Since we know each other well, I can tell what my friend is feeling about what is going on in his life, just by listening to the songs he chose to put on the CD. Sometimes, even the order of the songs on the CD gives me a clue about how he is dealing with events in his life.

Music is like that. The music we enjoy listening to, or the music we enjoy making, can say a lot about who we are. And the reverse is true as well. Who we are, and what we are going through in our lives, can influence the music that is meaningful to us.

You may know by now that music is a very important part of my life, and it is an essential part of who I am as a minister. Over the years I have collected many hymnals, old and new, from different denominations, and even in different languages! I have also collected books on the history behind the writing of many popular hymns, as well as thoughts on the meaning and importance of church music through the centuries. Music is so much more than just worship music and hymn planning. I am fascinated by the arrangement and choice of hymns in various hymnals at various points in history, as well as by the name choice for various hymnals. I have found that both hymn choice and hymnal title can be a reflection of the time period in which the hymnal was compiled.

Music is also very important as an aspect of pastoral care. As a musician and a pastor, I seek to challenge people to enrich and expand their knowledge of hymns and church music, feeling certain that their appreciation and love of music will be enriched and expanded at the same time. I seek to educate people on the music and song found in scripture, not only in Psalms, but in other places as well that might be more unexpected. I also understand the importance of familiarity of music as an expression of the security and safety provided by the church and the worshipping community. I have witnessed the comfort that familiar words and tunes can bring in times of sorrow or uncertainty. I have witnessed the peace that music can bring to troubled hearts.

As I prepare and pray over the weekly worship at Hickory Hills, I want to make sure that I am listening to all voices – first and foremost the guidance of the Holy Spirit, but also the voices of those I have been sent to serve and to join in ministry and mission. What are your favorite hymns? Praise songs? Performers? Styles of music? How do you make a joyful noise before the Lord? Write it down. Stick it in my box, or in the offering plate on Sunday. And feel free to stop by the office some morning and take a look at a hymnal that you may have never seen before. Or tell me about a CD or a group I may have never heard before. My prayer is that we can learn from each other about the varied gifts we have been given to praise and worship God.

In Joyful Anticipation,
Pastor Lara

HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS



Richard Larsen for strength
Lillian Johnson's family in Lillian's passing
Lucy Dumke's brother-in-law, Lambert,
for health concerns
Gerald Waller for strength
Jim Guziak for recovery from pneumonia
Shannon Bastien for health concerns
Phyllis Apitz for health concerns
Dennis & Mary Tarter for strength & direction
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
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***

GoodSearch YOU SEARCH, WE GIVE

What if Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our mission? Well, now it can and it won't cost you a penny for your support! GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the

charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine (leaving out the www and .com/net/org), get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up. As of this writing, for the month of August we're over 200 searches which translates to \$2.00!

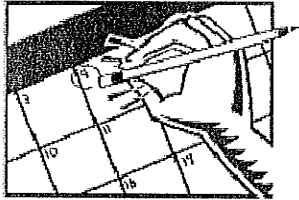
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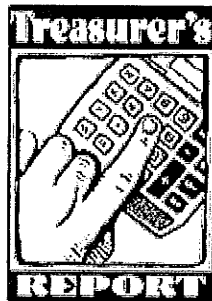
The **Deadline** for the **October Newsletter** will be **Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010.**

(That is Labor Day Weekend)

This is **one week earlier** than the normal 2nd Sunday Deadline.

Articles for the Oct. Newsletter **cannot be accepted any later than Sunday, Sept. 5.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

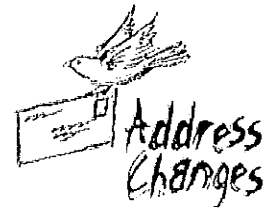


JUNE 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
INCOME	\$15,801
DISBURSEMENTS	\$11,849

JULY 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
INCOME	\$15,763
DISBURSEMENTS	\$14,115



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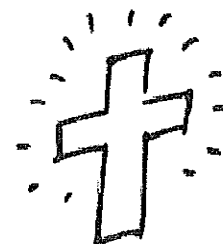
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Attn: All High School Students:

Just a reminder,
Sr. High Youth Group will be starting **Sun. Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us & bring a friend!!





We are looking for someone who would be interested in becoming our church's "Librarian".



See Susan Frangella for details.
Thank you.
Susan Frangella- 708-349-6447



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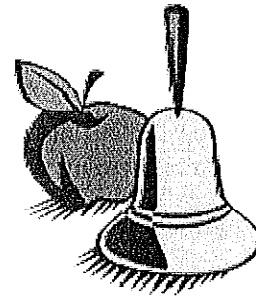
Join us for Rally Day Fellowship

Sunday Sept. 12, 2010

Following 10:30 a.m. Worship

Hot Dogs & Drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share.

Bless the students



Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.

**Something Worth Singing,
Something Worth Singing About**

by G. R. Snow

“Why are you in this class?”

This was the direct and somewhat daunting question posed in 1968 by Professor Lloyd Pfautsch, professor of music composition at Southern Methodist University. Some students stammered and gave uncertain answers. The response of one older student, however, delighted Dr. Pfautsch:

“I want to write something worth singing about something worth singing about.”

The student was Natalie Sleeth, during her life fated to write such choral-repertoire staples as “Joy In The Morning” and “Hymn of Promise” (both anthems our choir has presented on various occasions).

Natalie Allyn Wakeley was born in Evanston, Illinois, on October 29, 1930. A student of piano from age 4, she received an academic major in music and a BA in music theory from Wellesley College in Massachusetts. There she studied piano and organ and sang in the Wellesley College Choir. She married Rev. Ronald E. Sleeth, a minister and an assistant professor of homiletics, in 1952 in Kenilworth, IL, and continued her organ study at Northwestern University. She also served as organist of the Glencoe Union Church in Glencoe, Illinois.



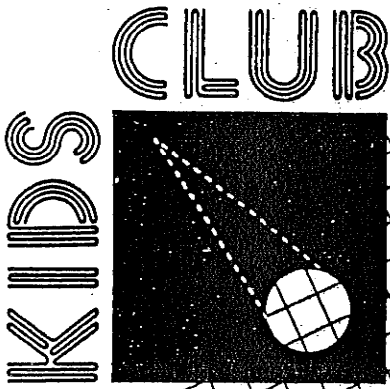
The Sleeths (including the couple’s two children, Molly and David) lived in Evanston; Nashville, TN; and Dallas, TX, among other places. She composed “Joy In The Morning” for the occasion of her husband’s inauguration as president of West Virginia Wesleyan college (1977). Dr. Sleeth had been a 1942 graduate of WVWC and served in his presidential capacity for one year, but then resigned, choosing instead to continue his career in the ministry.

“Hymn of Promise” was composed later, and was dedicated to Natalie’s husband. Shortly after its premiere Dr. Sleeth was diagnosed with cancer, from which he died in 1985 after a lengthy illness. By his request “Hymn of Promise” was performed at his funeral, the only Natalie Sleeth composition to be included in the service.

Natalie herself was a member of the Highland Park UMC in Dallas and for some years served as director of children’s choirs there (beginning in 1965). She was the recipient of an honorary doctorate from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1959, and was similarly honored by Nebraska Wesleyan College in 1990. It was not until 1968 that she began to compose and arrange music, strongly encouraged by Dr. Pfautsch, himself a celebrated composer of church music, and by composer Jane Marshall. She was the composer of over 180 published selections for church and school, as well as the book “Adventures for the Soul”. In addition to the anthems cited above, titles of the most popular of her works include “Go Ye, Go Ye Into The World”; “Go Ye Now In Peace”; “Jazz Gloria”; “Gaudeamus Hodie”; “Were You There On That Christmas Night?”; and “Praise the Lord with the Sound of the Trumpet”. She also composed a very well-received two-volume set of Sunday Songbooks of two-part anthems. When friends inquired about the hectic and active schedule she maintained in spite of increasing infirmity, her spontaneous response was “I’m having the time of my life.”

She died in Denver, CO, March 21, 1992, after some years of ill health, and was buried at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Evanston. She was cited as being “the most consistently successful composer of anthems for children of the late twentieth century” [sic!].

That same year, when Hope Publishing Company celebrated its centennial anniversary, “Joy in the Morning” had sold over 800,000 copies, making it Hope’s best-selling choral anthem of all time. It is still widely used in choral conventions and conferences. “Joy in the Morning” may be measured somewhat differently, since its straightforward simplicity has caused its hymn version to be included in many mainstream hymnals. Thus it will be used by congregations for decades, possibly even centuries, to come.



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Dianne Flynn, *Director*

Check Out Our Program

KIDS CLUB

STARTING

MONDAY, September 13th

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Come see what KIDS CLUB is all about!

Monday, September 13th KIDS CLUB begins. We are back with more activities for all kids age 5 through grade 6. Weekly we come together for a time of

- * Games in our Gym
- * Craft Projects
- * Music
- * Snacks
- * Christian Life studies

In addition, monthly we provide time to cook, participate in our knitting group, enjoy stories with our storyteller, and celebrate with the Snicker-Balance.

This program, which has a religious base, has been structured in a nondenominational way so that we may be open to as many children in the community as possible.

We are accepting registrations now. There is no cost, but completion of the registration form is necessary. The forms are available in the fellowship room of the church or can be obtained by calling the church office (598-3100). We encourage you to Invite others to be a part of this outstanding outreach of our church.

For questions, please contact Dianne at the church.

KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB



Christian Education

24 kids from our church are back from a wonderful week of camping at **Camp Saugatuck**. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible. We especially thank Sue and Scot Orsic. For the last four Sue has been there to provide us with the leadership and guidance we have needed to get our kids to camp. Thank you!

Can you believe the summer is almost over? School is starting very soon. Children will be returning to class and our official beginning to all the children centered church activities will begin too. With **Rally Day** set for September 12th, Sunday Classes will also begin on that day. So teachers need to be ready to greet the new students and recognize those who are returning for Sunday classes. Teachers and Christian Education committee members will have a meeting on August 17th at 7:30 PM. Pick up your curriculum and begin planning for another outstanding quarter this year.

A very big change in the schedule is for the **Youth Choir** to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. Cheryl and Dianne are trying to accommodate as many Youth Choir members as possible and hope this 45 minute practice will help other people want to join our Youth Choir.

The **Senior High Youth Group** will hold its first meeting on Sunday, September 12th at 6:30 PM. Students are always encouraged to bring friends. The meeting will be important for you to address some of the activity scheduling for the group.

The **Junior High Youth Group** will hold its first meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 PM. The leaders for the group are looking forward to sharing their plans for activities this year and hope you offer some ideas for the

activities that you would especially enjoy doing this year.

Kids Club will resume on Monday, September 13th at 3:30 PM. All children ages 6 to grade 6 are invited to attend our first day. There are plans in the stages of activities which will include open gym, cooking, singing, crafts, Christian education, knitting, and table games. We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing your summer experiences with us.

The **Women's Bible Study** will begin on Monday, September 13th at 1:00 PM. Please be sure to come and share the fellowship as well as the thought-provoking discussions which are led by Arlene Pearson.

Our newest children's program called, "**Stories and More**," will resume this year. It is a program designed for children of ages 4-6 years old. Children are treated to a story, a discussion of the story, some time to learn a specific kindergarten skill. Children will learn motivational songs, finger plays, and action songs during their time with the group. We hope they will acquire some social skills as well. Each six week period will focus on a different learning skill. This group will meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Registration is required and questions should be directed to Patt Pilgrim or Dianne Flynn.

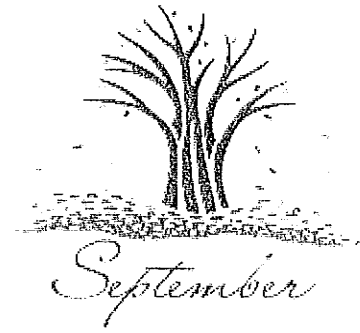
Sometime later in the year we hope to have an additional program geared towards 3 year olds. A discussion on the activities of the program is underway and the organizing committee has not finalized the details for this new program. So keep watching for further information.

Anyone in need of a yarn fix? The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is gearing up again to meet on Sunday after the 10:30 Worship service. We will be discussing the Squares for Africa mission and the Warm Up America mission.

This summer 6 blankets, each measuring 49x 63 inches were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House near Hope Children's Hospital. 145 squares were mailed to South Africa and the Soweto Comfort Club for sewing. Although we mailed fewer squares than last year, the postage was still rather expensive. It cost close to \$93 for mailing. If anyone has alternative suggestions for using the squares as a mission which will not be as expensive please stop in at the room at the bottom of the stairs and share your ideas with us. We will hold our first meeting on September 19th. Remember, you do not have to know how to knit or crochet because there will be people at the meeting to help you learn. Come for the fellowship and stay for awhile to help create something beautiful to share with our church. All the prayer shawls are given special attention so none of them are delivered until prayers can be said for each of the recipients. The shawls are given to people suffering long recoveries, happy experiences, and rehabilitation.

Are there any people ready to learn something new and creative? The **Stampers** are going to meet every other Wednesday at the Church library at 10:30 AM. Ruth Hill has agreed to meet with us and help us explore more creative ways to use rubber stamps. Kim Ambrosat will also help us learn new ways to use some of the cute gadgets commonly used to decorate cards. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 29th. Come and see what new and exciting designs you can make. We have box loads of embellishments and cardstock you can use.

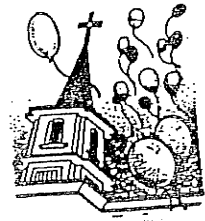
We sincerely hope that you make attendance on **Rally Day, September 12th**, your priority. It is such a great way to kick-off the 2010-2011 Children's programs. Teachers need to remember to pick up their curriculum before then. Let's all work together to make this year a successful and memorable one for the church.



September Birthdays

September	3- Mark Maranto
	4 – Erin Rose Prunty
	7- Noelle Larsen
	7 – Eamonn Prunty
	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
	17 – Shirley Brunell
	17 – Alice Gust
	17 – Norene Krbecek
	17 – Kyle Wheeler
	18 – Stephanie Lorenz
	18 – Dawn Rellinger
	19 – Charles Huenecke
	20 – Dave Delaney
	21 – Colleen Petkus
	22 – Debbie Zimmerman
	22 – Jessica Moore
	26 – Ellen Betcher
	26 – Akpene Atiedu
	26 – Kathie Wheeler
	27 – Louise Coventry
	29 – Eileen Freeman
	29 – John Morgucz
	30 – Barbara Hepburn
	30 – Doug McKinney

Hickory Hills
Presbyterian Church



RALLY DAY 2010

Sunday, September 12

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

Parents:

Our Church School year begins Sunday, September 12th. Join us as together for this new beginning.

On This Day:

- ✧ Registration of children in their age appropriate classes for our new year.
- ✧ Classes for all ages 3 years - 12th 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 Celebration for the entire family at 11:45 a.m.

Questions? Call the church office at 586-3100

JOIN US AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR TOGETHER

Sacrament of Holy Communion- Sept. 5, 2010

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER
Sept. 5, 2010	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney
Sept. 12, 2010	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman	Rick Vogl
Sept. 19, 2010	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman
Sept. 26, 2010	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Terry Brock
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	FELLOWSHIP
Sept. 5, 2010	Susan Frangella	
Sept. 12, 2010	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	Sr. High Youth Group/ Rally Day Fellowship
Sept. 19, 2010	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	Jackson/ Dritz
Sept. 26, 2010	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	Rehbock

Communion Servers: Shirley Brunell, Rick Raschke

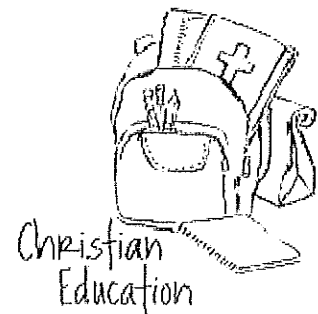


Mark Your Calendars!



Rally Day 2010
Sunday, Sept. 12- 10:30 a.m.
 Beginning of our Church School Year

Kid's Club begins
 Monday, Sept. 13- 3:30 p.m.
 For kids age 5-Grade 6



Senior High Youth Group begins
 Sunday, Sept. 12- 6:30 p.m.
 For Youth Grades 9-12

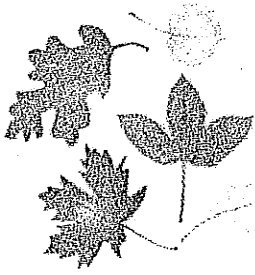
Junior High Youth Group begins
 Thursday, Sept. 16- 6:30 p.m.
 For Youth Grades 6-8

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5 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV <u>Oct. Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u>	6 Labor Day	7 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting	8 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Choir	9 6:00 p.m. TOPS 8:00 p.m. Handbells	10 11 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	4
12 RALLY DAY 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Education 11:45 a.m. Rally Day Fellowship 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group	13 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 7:30 p.m. Session	14 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	15 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Choir	16 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	17	18
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