

HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATIONS

A Welcoming Family of Faith

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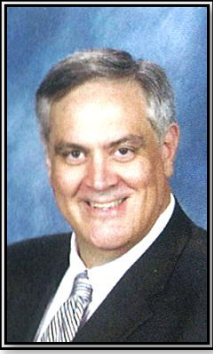
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Words from Our Pastor

Rev. David A. Perkins

I am in Reunion mode. Having come out of May attending my 35th Reunion at Princeton Theological Seminary, I am headed to my 40th Reunion at Carleton College in June. The first college reunion I attended was my 30th, ten years ago. I was warned by people in this congregation to be prepared for a lot of drinking at my college reunion; seminary reunion not so much. While it is true, there was ample drinking, there were also lectures, panels, tours, shows, fundraising and a huge turnout. Seminary reunions tend to dwell on worship, lectures and fundraising. Seminary reunions focus not only on the past but the future of the Church which is always a timely and controversial subject.

I often get flyers for seminars about Church Growth that promise that if I take the course it will change my church and make it bigger and better. It reminded me of some wise words by pastor Kurt Schuermann who wrote a small book called Ministry is a High Calling (Aim Low). He talks about the Church Seminar Letdown Syndrome that

begins to hit one about a hundred miles after leaving that seminar that is going to change your ministry, the church and everybody's lives. First you realize that no one is going to be as excited as you are when you get home. Then you realize that what works for a mega church, probably won't work at your church. You begin to have feelings of inadequacy when you realize your gifts aren't going to be enough.

At this point, he says, one needs to remember that you were a guest at that church seminar and all hosts put on their best face for the guests. If you were around enough to see them, the seminar leaders would be tired, cranky and uninspired much of the time just like yourself. And the seminar church is on the lookout for Sunday School teachers, especially for middle school, too. Indeed all churches in Christendom (although that term is now obsolete) are on the lookout for teachers and leaders of young adolescents. If only they had a seminar for finding such teachers...

We'll be enlisting teachers, youth workers, adult forum speakers, and so on for the fall in June. Won't you help. It's a great way to live out your baptismal vows.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Fun Summer Fellowship

Christian Education

The 2016/2017 Sunday School year has come to a close. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy to help ensure a successful year for the children of our church.

Sunday school will officially return in mid- September. While we have three Sunday school teachers lined up for the fall, please let me know if you're interested in taking on a teaching role in the K-2 classroom. There is very little prep on your part if you do volunteer to teach. I set up the lesson for you ahead of time and the procedure is scripted for you. Please do not worry if you feel that you aren't a Bible "expert" - you will learn along with the kids!



Youth Group

The youth of our church have also had quite a successful year! We've volunteered at places such as Feed My Starving Children, Bernie's Book Bank

and the PADS shelter housed in the Deerfield Presbyterian Church. We've donated stuffed animals to the kids of Lake County, made dog and cat toys for animals in shelters across Chicagoland, sent care packages to college students and bonded over the teams course at Heller Nature Center. There will be many fun events planned for next school year. Please remember that any youth, 6th grade - 10th grade is welcome and encouraged to attend our youth functions.



Calling all entering 5th graders!
Please consider signing up for Vacation Bible School, which will be held during the week of June 12th.
We will gather in the chapel at 9:00 for fun stories, games, crafts and songs. We will wrap up each day at 11:30. See Ginny for a registration form.



Rebuilding Together: With a short window to complete our tasks for the day, we hit the ground running with an early start. With a crew of 21 and with most having a paint brush in hand were able to get paint on before the early afternoon rain. Once the paint was up we were then able to rebuild a stone retaining wall & provide a thank our crew and am very grateful for the opportunity to help our homeowner a Great Grandmother raising 4 young boys.

This year's high school graduates and schools they will attend include:

- Peter Pechianu**, University of Illinois/Champaign-Urbana
- Jessica Kingwill**, University of Missouri
- Bella Thompson**, College of Lake County
- Sam Grunsfeld**, College of Lake County
- Logan Balmer**, Grinnell College
- Matt Zonca**, Plumber Apprentice School
- Olivia Raye Brand**, Rocky Mountain College
- Emiliano Castilla**, North Central College



Ladies Night In will be held on June 5th, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Lazar. 1338 Sunnyside Lane in Highland Park. nanlazar@sbcglobal.net; 847-612-6502

Congratulations to our College Graduates

- Grant Balmer:** St. Olaf College with a B.A Major in Art Minor in Japanese
- Liz Rundell:** Concordia University with a Master's in Occupational Therapy
- Meredith Brown:** Trinity Int'l University with a Master's in Education
- Maya Johnson:** Miami of Ohio, continuing at Northwestern in Physical Therapy

Rummage Sale



RUMMAGE SET-UP WEEK – YOU ARE NEEDED!

One week in June is always the busiest for rummage prior to the September sale—**Rummage Set-up Week**. This year it begins on Monday, June 12 with an evening moving furniture from the basement and shed to the Forum Room. The week ends with the Bag Brigade on the following Monday, June 19 when we move all the boxed and bagged rummage to its summer/sale locations. Throughout the week, we will be setting up the tables and racks (Thursday, June 15) and the housewares shelves (Saturday, June 17). *This* is the week that launches our sale and which needs all the help you and your family can give. Please mark these dates on your calendar *today!*

Over the last couple years, rummage money funded the library renovation, the Forum Room face lift, and new hallway carpeting throughout the first floor and stairs. This year rummage will help pay for the upcoming Parlor refurbishment, which should begin this summer. An infusion of rummage funds from this year's sale will most likely be needed to complete this project. It's good to realize and nice to see how our hard work on rummage can contribute to the beauty of our church!

June is a busy time of year with school ending, graduations happening, and summer camp and family vacations quickly approaching. But remember that June is a busy time for rummage as well. Please join us!

Furniture Move-In

Monday, June 12, 7-9 p.m.

Table and Rack Set-Up

Thursday, June 15, 7-9 p.m.

Housewares Shelves Set-Up

Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. – Noon

Bag Brigade

Monday, June 19, 7-9 p.m.



Coffee Fellowship

CENTS-ABILITY COLLECTION for the hungry will be on the second Sunday of the month June 11

MORAINE TOWNSHIP food donations are accepted by the church office.

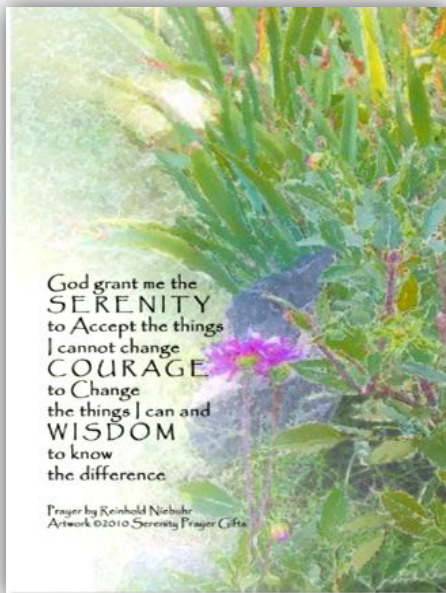
PADS LUNCHES will continue to be prepared in the upstairs kitchen following the worship service on the Sundays before the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.

Fellowship Servant Schedule

June 4	Dunn
June 11	Metnick
June 18	Welhouse/Thompson
June 25	Open

Many dates in July and August are also open.
*Please call the church office or sign up in the Parlor. Thank you!





JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 4

10:00 a.m. **Worship:** Communion
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:15 a.m. PADS lunches prepared

Monday, June 5

9:15 a.m. Rummage Sorts
7:00 p.m. **Session Meeting**

June 8 to 11 Piano Power Recitals

Sunday, June 11

10:00 a.m. **Worship:** Cents-Ability
11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, June 12

9:15 a.m. Rummage Sorts
7-9 p.m. Rummage furniture move-in

Thursday, June 15

7-9 p.m. Rummage Table Set Up

Saturday, June 17

10:00 a.m. Housewares Set Up

Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day

10:00 a.m. **Ryan Wallace preaching**
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:15 a.m. PADS lunches prepared

Monday, June 19

7-9 p.m. Bag Brigade

Thursday, June 22

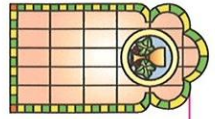
7:00 p.m. First Thursday Night Sort

Sunday, June 26

10:00 a.m. **Worship in Chapel**
11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, June 27

9:15 a.m. Rummage Sorts



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