

HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATIONS

A Welcoming Family of Faith

David A. Perkins, Pastor

Ginny Fisk, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

Randy Manges, Director of Music

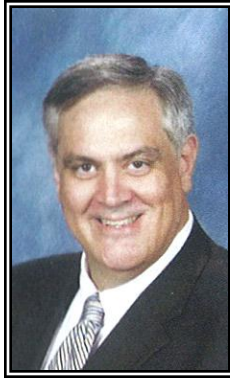
Monthly Newsletter

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Words
from
Our
Pastor



Rev. David A. Perkins

One of the byproducts of an early Easter is that the Easter Season ends in May and the Church celebrates the Great Festival Day of Pentecost in May. We're marking Pentecost Sunday this year with Music. This will be the Choir Sunday in which choir, bells, and brass come together to honor the Holy Spirit.

Presbyterians have not always been big on Pentecost. Maybe because it comes at the end of the school year and everyone is very busy. Or maybe because the Spirit that roams free and wide doesn't always seem compatible with Presbyterian propriety. Brian McLaren, preacher, teacher, author and a leader of the emergent church says the following about Pentecost.

Following Jesus today has much in common with the original disciples' experience... We learn and practice Christ's teaching in the company of fellow learners. But...they could see

Jesus and we can't. Surprisingly, that gives us an advantage. If Jesus were physically present and visible, our focus would be on Christ over there, right there, out there...but because of his absence, we discover the Spirit of Christ right here, in here, within.

Paul never met Jesus in person but was transformed by meeting his Spirit...In the millennia since Christ walked with us on this Earth, we've often tried to box up the wind in manageable doctrines. We've exchanged the fire of the Spirit for the ice of religious pride. We've turned the wine back into water, and then let the water go stagnant and lukewarm. We've traded the gentle dove of peace for the predatory hawk or eagle of empire. When we have done so, we have ended up with just another religious system, as problematic as any other; too often petty, argumentative, judgmental, cold hostile, bureaucratic, self-seeking, an enemy of aliveness.

We need the rushing of the fire and wind at Pentecost both individually and collectively. Wind. Breath. Fire. Cloud. Water. Wine. A dove. Open your space within to receive and be changed by the Spirit. Let it empower us to be the disciples of Jesus in a weary and needy world.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

Christian Education



HEROES OF FAITH HPPC Vacation Bible School 2018

June 11th- 15th
Monday-Friday, 9am-11:30am

All heroes entering Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Discover the lives of several Bible heroes and learn how you too can be a hero: by trusting God and having faith in him! Learn stories, sing songs, make crafts, eat snack, run around, play games and have fun with your friends as you feel God's love around you. Bring your friends!

Drop off and Pick up at Chapel door
\$25.00 paid in advance (checks payable to HPPC)

Sign up with Ginny ASAP ~
virginiafisk.hppc@gmail.com

Youth Group News

The Youth Group gathered at Bernie's Book Bank on April 17th. This year, we were put to work making bags of six books each, which will be given to at risk kindergartners and first graders throughout Chicagoland within the next few weeks. Without these books, many children would grow up with nothing to read in their own homes. These gently used and new books are given so that the love of reading and learning can flow in young minds all over Chicagoland. On our way home, we figured out that we bagged roughly 3000 books!

The Youth Group also participated in this year's *Rebuilding Together* construction project. Some youth were at the work site, hammering and building the day away, while others met to make sandwiches for the construction crew. Helping the volunteers by providing lunch made it possible for them to make even more progress on the project of the weekend. What a wonderful way to come together to help neighbors in need.



Christian Education



Sunday School Teachers for 2017/2018

Please take a moment to thank our wonderful Sunday School teachers. Our teachers have worked with us all year,

helping us to grow in God's love. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Nursery: Diane Jerklin

K-2nd: Ginny Fisk, Alan Freeman

3rd-5th: Lisa Thompson, Steve Welhouse, Ginny Fisk

HPPK: Randy Manges, Ginny Fisk and Claire Poukey

If you are interested in working with the young minds of our congregation next school year, please let Ginny know! We would love to add volunteers to our list of dedicated teachers and classroom assistants.



Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 21st will be our last official day of Sunday school for the 2017/2018 school year. On the 28th, Ginny will take the kids outside to celebrate the year with an ice cream social. We will then come to fellowship as a group when service ends.

While there will be no Sunday school during the summer months, Ginny will lead small group lessons and activities in the narthex, the parlor and outside during the service.

We will continue with our *Heroes of the Bible* theme from VBS as the summer continues. Sunday school will return after the rummage sale.



Thank you for the generosity of this congregation. HPPC was able to send a check for over **\$626** to the Presbytery's One Great Hour of Sharing Program.

Church Family News



Celebrate spring by supporting the Fair Trade Movement and purchasing our Equal Exchange coffee, tea, and chocolate. Equal Exchange partners with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. to involve more Presbyterian communities in supporting small farmers around the world. People of faith are living out their values through their consumer choices, and farming communities are providing for their families, greening our planet and building a better future. For each pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Presbyterians purchase through the Coffee Project, 15 cents per pound goes to the PCUSA's Small Farmer Fund. That Fund amounted to \$11,819.30 in 2016 alone. Please join these other faith based communities working together to make a difference in the lives of third world farmers.



If there is someone in your family who is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school please send an email to church@highlandppc.com or contact the church office **by May 15th** so

that we can include them in our June Proclamations. For our high school graduates, please let us know the college they will be attending. For college graduates, we would like to know name, college and major. Congratulations to all!! Any questions? Contact Debbie Tometz in the office.



LADIES NIGHT IN

Will be Saturday, June 9th, 7:00 p.m. We are trying new a day and time in hopes more ladies can join us.

May 20 is Pentecost this year - the great feast commemorating the birth of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Be part of the festivities that day as handbells, voices, and brass instruments all combine to honor the day. Musical styles as diverse as Renaissance polyphony, Baroque splendor, 20th Century jazz, Edwardian English propriety, and American frontier spirituality all center on the coming of the Spirit to the Church. Bring your friends and neighbors as a way of introducing them to HPPC.

RUMMAGE 2018



Rummage planning is well underway and we thank all of you who signed up to be Rummage Room Chairs.

The next big aspect of Rummage that needs our **attention** is our **June Dates**. This year we are doing things a little differently to give the room chairs time to set up and prepare the rooms for the Bag Brigade.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

Monday, June 11th — ROOM SET-UP, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 18th — BAG BRIGADE, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 21st — FURNITURE MOVE, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST THURSDAY NIGHT SORTS, 7:00 p.m.



Rummage has allowed us to do so much for our church and mission partners. HPPC relies on the money that our rummage sale raises each year—not only because rummage money supports many community benevolences and church programs, but also because rummage has helped to fund many needed church infrastructure/renovation projects.

We hope you'll continue to support rummage in 2018 by participating in our June events, summer sorts and the Rummage sale itself, September 7th and 8th.



Tues-Saturday, May1– May 5

Monday 9:15 a.m. Rummage sorts
 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice
 7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir practice

Sunday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. **Worship: Communion**
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
 11:15 a.m. PADS Lunches Prepared

Monday - Saturday, May 7 – May 12

Monday 9:15 a.m. Rummage sorts
 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice
 7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir practice

Sunday, May 13 *Mother's Day*

9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. **Worship: Cents-ability**
 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Monday-Saturday, May 14– May 19

Monday 9:15 a.m. Rummage sorts
 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice
 7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir practice

Sunday, May 20

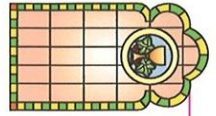
10:00 a.m. **Worship: Pentecost Sunday**
 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Last Day)
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
 11:15 a.m. PADS Lunches Prepared

Monday-Saturday, May 21 – May 26

Monday 9:15 a.m. Rummage Sorts
 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice
 7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir practice

MOST Sundays from June through August are available. Please consider hosting Fellowship.

Flowers: Many dates are still blank. Honor or Remember a loved one or special event.



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

EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS are sold on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Fellowship time.

MORAINE TOWNSHIP food donations are accepted by the church office.

PADS LUNCHEES are prepared in the upstairs kitchen following the worship service on the Sundays before the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.

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