



HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATIONS

A Welcoming Family of Faith

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Monthly Newsletter

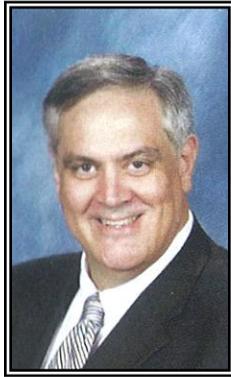
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Words
from
Our
Pastor



Rev. David A. Perkins

I find these words of wisdom from Ministry is a High Calling, by Kurt Schuermann to be helpful not just to ministry but life in general.

For years I thought the future was static, a target to be hit. Further, I thought those who succeeded or did well were those who had figured out where the target was and were therefore able to hit the bull's - eye. I, on the other hand, was sure that once I had loosed the arrow, someone had moved the target. Only recently did I come to realize that the future is dynamic and is not like a stationary target at all. The future is being made every second of every day through a myriad of decisions that you and m any others make.

My kids are now all of the age that they are considered adults (Yes, Dmitri is now 25) Now that begs the question, "What is an adult?" Adults know that responsibility isn't just a sometime thing we take, if forced, but a way of living every day. Adults are constantly modeling behavior and

thoughts for the young even if we don't want to. Adults make decisions all the time and then live with them, even if they go awry. Much of life is decision making and I, like many, am always afraid I'm making the wrong one. But that is part of the journey. You have to trust that God (and your loved ones) will help you make good decisions and that God (and your loved ones) will be there to help when you make bad ones.

I wish sometimes I could live out that summer before college like some of our young people are doing this summer. The excitement of impending freedom, responsibility, exploration and a new community were at a fever pitch in my life by the end of the summer back in 1973. I wish I could get that feeling back but I am no longer a young adult and all those old decisions are water under the bridge. So I will approach the summer this year as a middle aged adult looking forward to the excitement of watching young adults start off on the great adventure of life. Here's to a summer of brilliant sunny days and even more brilliant sunny futures. That is a wish for all of us no matter what our age.

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

The Joy of the Lord is My Strength

Rudolph-Cape Family Scholarship

The Rudolph-Cape Scholarship was first awarded in 2004 –and since then we have honored twenty young people.

Each year we honor one or more high school seniors who have been active in our church during their high school years and who have shown high moral character.

This year we have two very fine candidates for this scholarship. Eva Nyman and Grace Poukey.

Both of these young women have “grown up” in our church. They have faithfully attended our Sunday School – participated fully in our JAM Musicals. They have each been liturgists several times.

And both of them have achieved fine records in high school.

Eva Nyman has participated in thirteen plays in her four years at H P High School—Yes, Thirteen plays in four years – She was asked to plan the stage concepts – She has been stage manager – she has been active in the sound and lighting systems – She has worked on stage props and been a scene

artist- She has done it all – except not acting--

This fall she will be attending the University of Illinois, Chicago campus – pursuing a Bachelor of arts in Theater Design, Production and Technology.

Her father says she was in three JAM Musicals here at HPH -- and “Perhaps that planted a seed.”

Grace Poukey is also very talented. Grace was baptized in our church—And was active in our JAM Musicals -- With our Youth Group Grace participated in such activities as “Feed My Starving Children- Bernie’s Book Bank, and feeding the homeless at the Deerfield Presbyterian church ---The experience of helping others inspired Grace to go on summer mission trips ---the past three summers---to the Appalachian regions of West Virginia and eastern Kentucky-- with a group of high school students and adults – part of The Appalachian Service Project-- They worked to make homes warmer, safer and drier—All the while building relationships with the people they were helping.

Grace has an excellent record at H P High School—She is a member of the High School Honor Society- having high honors all four years of high school. She was a member of the varsity softball team.

Grace will be helping in our nursery
Sunday mornings this summer.

This fall --Grace will be attending Butler
University in Indianapolis --- majoring
in Strategic Communications with an
emphasis on Advertising----

Both families told Bill Cape that this
church has provided a safe nurturing
environment – helping their daughters to
grow in faith—And the experience of the
musicals and serving as liturgist has
given them confidence.

Eva and Grace-- Each of you will be
receiving a check for one thousand
dollars.

Grace and Eva --- We are very proud of
both of you--- We love you very much -
- We hope you will always feel this is
your church home-- --and we hope you
will visit us when you can—

May God's Love be with you both,



Sunday school has ended for the
2017/2018 school year. There will
continue to be nursery care throughout
the summer for kids younger than
Kindergarten. We welcome Grace and
Claire Poukey to the nursery, as they
provide care for our younger children.
Kindergarten - 5th graders can work
through their church journals, located in
the chapel, during the service. If they
prefer, children can join Ms. Ginny in
the narthex midway through the service
for quiet coloring, stories and activities.
Our time together will focus on learning
about more heroes of the Bible.

VBS was a fun week for all this
year. We spent each day learning about a
particular hero of the Bible, from
Abraham to Esther to Jesus. The heroes
we've studied had courage to face their
fears, thought fast in hard moments,
lived selflessly and looked for peaceful
endings to difficult times. We practiced
being heroes for God and we've pledged
to live as Jesus wants us to live, bringing
peace and love to those around us.

Christian Education

Sunday school will start back up at the end of August. We welcome back Mr. Alan Freeman, Dr. Lisa Thompson and Mr. Steve Welhouse back again to work in both the K-2 and 3-5 classrooms. Ms. Ginny will continue to work with all ages as well.

We will continue to have family and youth service projects for the 2017/2018 school year. Most of these service times will fall on weekends, as in previous years. We are trying to find the best balance for our youth and will be returning to monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month, beginning in October. These meetings will be **during the normal Sunday school time** and will occur in the youth group room upstairs. We will be working our way through a faith based curriculum by Spark specifically designed for 6th-9th graders during our time together. We will also spend time discussing confirmation class information as well. Rev. Perkins will be leading the weekly confirmation class beginning in December and running through the Winter. Ms. Ginny will attend the confirmation classes as well.

Because of the change in programming, we are looking to find an **additional adult volunteer** to be with us during the **second Sunday school session of each month**. This will allow for adequate coverage in both the K-2nd and 3rd-5th rooms, while Ginny leads the youth group. Please let Ginny know if you're interested and able to give your time to the children of the church this year.





Baseball Sunday returns on July 15th
Wear your team clothing. Come prepared for a very different kind of service order. Batter Up!

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP

Don't Be Shy! Avoid the Rush!

It's easy: punch + cookies

The host/hostess provide bake goods and everything else, punch, paper goods, etc. is provided.

There are 2 Sundays in August remaining. Thank you for everyone who has filled in the blanks.

JULY/AUGUST **10AM WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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| July 1 | Worship for Independence Day Rev. Perkins preaching Communion Sunday |
| July 8 | Rev. Perkins preaching Cents-ability |
| July 15 | Baseball Sunday Rev. Perkins preaching |
| July 22 | Rev. Perkins preaching |
| July 29 | Diane Hogue Preaching |
| Aug. 5 | Diane Hogue Preaching |
| Aug. 12 | Diane Hogue Preaching Cents-ability |
| Aug. 19 | Rev. Perkins preaching |
| Aug. 26 | Rev. Perkins preaching Blessing of Backpacks |



♥CENTS-ABILITY COLLECTION

Second Sunday of each month, a collection is taken during the worship service to help fight hunger.

♥MORaine TOWNSHIP - Food & meal coupon donations for the needy can be dropped off on the shelves outside the church office.

♥PADS LUNCHEs are prepared 2 Sundays a month following the worship service in the upstairs kitchen. Come lend a hand to feed the hungry in our community. The lunches are delivered to the PADS Crisis Services in North Chicago.

SUMMER RUMMAGING - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you to all who helped with the furniture move, room set-up and bag brigade. We had over 35 people on the night of bag brigade enjoying fellowship and pizza in the parlor. The rooms are now set up, the rummage has been moved into the rooms, and we're entering into our summer sort schedule. We are off to a great start, but there is still lots to do.

We now have 14 rummage rooms that need to be unpacked, sorted, displayed and priced. This is done on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. It is a continual process right up to the sale which is on the 7th and 8th of September. Any help is greatly appreciated.

The rummage sale proceeds fund many small and large endeavors in and around our church and community. A chunk of the money is always allocated to local charities in need. Please call the office with any questions that you may have.



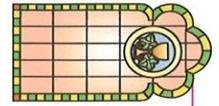
Furniture PRE-SALE

July 18th

3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Tell your friends

and family!!



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