



HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATIONS

A Welcoming Family of Faith
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HAPPY SPRING!!

Words from David Hogue

Pastor John Pavlovitz was leading a retreat including people who were strangers to each other. One person walked in, threw her arms in the air and said “My people!” He responded “I’m sorry, ma’am, you’re in the wrong room.” Everyone laughed and hugged. Reflecting on that moment, he said “There is something magically transformative found in belonging. When we are received as we are, we can exhale deeply and know that we don’t have to earn or deserve a place. We’re simply welcomed as-is without caveat or condition. Most of us know what it is to be excluded from that kind of community and how freeing it is when we find it. This kind of belonging is what the world is starved for and what we’re able to give them. In a world where disconnection and exclusion leave people feeling uneasy and fearful – give people a space to exhale and be home.”

During this Lenten season we are invited to reflect – on our own mortality, our failings, our creatureliness. We are reminded of life’s limits. But we do so knowing that, in the end, God’s love embraces us in all our wonderful messiness. It is my prayer that Highland Park Presbyterian Church will continue to grow as a congregation that embodies this deep love of Christ – for God, for

each other, for our community, and yes, for ourselves.

Consider pausing for a few moments each day during the coming weeks just to be – to note regrets, but also to be grateful for the gift of life between birth and death. We are providing Lenten devotional guides for those who would like assistance in a daily practice of reading and prayer. And please consider joining us as we gather on Ash Wednesday, February 26, to remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return – but we are beloved dust!

David



Time to
Spring Ahead

March 8th , Sunday 2:00 a.m.

Christian Education: Youth and Adult



SUNDAY SCHOOL and HPPK

Come join us for Sunday School this spring! We have a lot to share and are always happy to have visitors. Stop by our rooms to see what we've been working on. Ask us about our Bible Memory Verses and challenge us to remember the Fruits of the Spirit. Can a watermelon be a fruit of the spirit? Ask us to find out!

The HPPK musical, *Once Upon a Parable*, will be performed during service on March 15th. Please come see us perform! After our performance, HPPK will take a break until September.

HPPC YOUTH GROUP

Our next Monthly Moments meeting will be on March 8th at 10:15am. Please consider joining us as we go on a journey through the Bible. These

meetings allow us to learn, question and grow in our faith together.

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS FOR ALL

PADS Night - Sunday, March 29th, 4:00 - 8:00pm, Deerfield Presbyterian Church. We will be preparing and serving dinner to the guests at the shelter. We will also be preparing their sleeping arrangements for the night. Ages 12-13 may work in the kitchen, help make dinner, serve dinner and clean up after the meal. Ages 14+ will handle kitchen duties and will also be able to mingle with the guests and play with the children. We are welcome to eat any of the meal that is left after the guests have been fed. However, please come well fed and well hydrated! Our shift ends once the kitchen is cleaned up after dinner. **SIGN UP WITH GINNY ASAP**

Feed My Starving Children - April 25th, 11:30 - 1:30pm. WE will be packing food for starving children all over the world. This is a fun filled, high energy food packing event. Please remember to be well fed and well hydrated, as we will be working throughout our shift. You are welcome to join if you are 5 years old and older! **SIGN UP WITH GINNY ASAP**

Worship and Fellowship



Youth Group outing to
Bernie's Book Bank



ASH WEDNESDAY is a thousand-year-old Christian practice that marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a 40-day period (plus six Sundays) leading up to Easter. It follows the more familiar Mardi Gras (or Shrove Tuesday), and is a time of reflection, confession, and repentance. Please considering joining us Wednesday evening, February 26 for a brief time of meditation, Scripture, and music, as well as the option of the imposition of ashes. A light dinner will

be served at 6 p.m., and the service will follow at 7 p.m.



Coffee Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP

Please continue to heed the call to sign up for Fellowship. Each Sunday is served by various volunteers. This is a great opportunity to serve the congregation in a special way.

Mission



Weekend Meals Mission and Moraine Township Food Pantry

Would you consider helping a child who is food insecure in Highland Park/Highwood? We're looking for one time volunteers to purchase a bag of groceries to provide a District 112 student with weekend food. No long term commitment. Just bring the bag of groceries (approximately \$17) to the church on needed dates. It's so easy! Please sign up for a date on the Deacon board in the parlor. We have March, April, & May dates available. Thank you for supporting this important mission!



SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 25th, Rebuilding Together
(more information to follow in April Proclamations)



Equal Exchange regularly hears about the negative effect that climate change is having on their farmer partners, from abnormally heavy rains to unseasonably warmer temps. They have taken steps to combat climate change by launching "The Climate Justice Initiative." This initiative encourages global divestment from harmful fossil fuels and investment in small-scale organic agriculture.

You can help EE take action by recognizing your own personal power and join the “Divest-Invest” campaign. Align your money with your values: shop ethically and support small-scale farmers worldwide.

For more information contact Sarah Lanchak at sad10@comcast.net.



Debbie is in the office from 8 to 12 noon, Monday thru Thursday. Friday and the afternoon schedule depends on the availability of David and Russ.



RUMMAGE SORTS

Morning rummage sorts are the 2nd Sunday of the Month, beginning March 1st from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Grab a coffee and a donut and join us after fellowship, even if only for an hour. Also, on the fourth Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. join us for our evening rummage sort. This is a mission of our church and for our mission partners and other expenses that are not covered in our church budget.

March Monthly Calendar

Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship: Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School- K-5th grade
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:15 a.m. HPPKids
PADS Lunches

Monday-Saturday, March 2– March 7

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship: Cents-ability
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th grade
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
HPPKids
Rummage Sort

Monday-Saturday, March 9– March 14

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

Sunday, March 15

9:00 a.m. HPPKids Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship: Musical
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th grade
11:00 a.m. Fellowship: Fair Exchange Coffee
11:15 a.m. PADS Lunches

Monday- Saturday, March 16 – March 21

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:1.m. Vocal Choir Practice

Sunday, March 22

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship:
10:15 a.m. No Sunday School K-5th grade
11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Monday –Friday, March 23– March 28

Monday 6:30 p.m. Rummage Sorts
Wednesday 6: 00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

Sunday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship:
10:15 a.m. No Sunday School K-5th grade
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:15 a.m. PADS Lunches
4:00 p.m. PADS at First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield

MORAINÉ TOWNSHIP food donations are accepted by the church office.

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



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