



TIDINGS

Highlands Presbyterian Church

June 2017

Community Service Day

A crew of 31 gathered for service at HPC on an astonishingly lucky sunny, warm spring morning, April 28. Inside and outside, a variety of activities brought to fruition projects begun as early as August of last year, and as distant as New Mexico! Inspired by the annual dedication of three hours of service by the Highlands Middle School students and staff at various sites around the community, including HPC, the RGS Team asked, "Where can we best put to use this offer of time and energy?"

The amazing results:

- Vegetable gardens for potatoes, tomatoes, green beans, onions, squash and more prepared and planted
- Sign garden prepared for planting
- Filled and prepared for delivery 55 school kits for Church World Service
- Library work assisted
- 48 Fellowship Hall chairs scrubbed clean
- Worship bulletins stuffed and folded
- Harvested sun chokes packaged for distribution at food pantry
- Blood drive flyers distributed

In addition to the pictured 18 Highlands youth, we are grateful to the following for their help so integral to the success of the event:

- Three Highlands Middle School teachers
- Judy Hanaway, Cleora Armbruster, Susan Ide, Mary Zdenek, Nancy Heinzelman, Bob Weaver
- Friends from the community, Martha Beaver, Dennis Barron, Larry Grabowski
- Seamstresses who created the wonderful cloth school kit bags, Laura Weaver, Sue Scheppler, Cleora Armbruster, Beth Rylands, Susan Ide, Marge Eadie, Jean Stewart, and the Over the Mountain Quilters Guild of New Mexico
- all of the 2016 contributors of school supplies for the CWS kits
- Kathy Bloom, whose dedication of time and talent provides the glue to this annual event and so many other missions at HPC

We pray that God's blessings follow these initiatives on their intended missions!

Betty Tompkin
Reach Grow Send Coordinator

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Music Sunday, June 4, 2017

Community Garden Project Produce Coming

Rhubarb, leaf lettuce, spinach, and asparagus are up and the Community Garden Project should have some to offer Sunday, June 4. Look for us in the HPC courtyard among the beautiful new flower plantings.

Highlands Presbyterian Women's Association

Highlands Presbyterian Women's Patio Party:

June 10, 10 AM
Marge Eadie's House
1016 Torrey Pines Court
Darien, IL

Please carpool as parking space is limited.



Celebrations for June

Birthday Celebrations

Julie Carver	8
Carol Mulligan	
Mary Susan Fritz	10
Inga Meissner	
Kathy Bloom	14
Barb Kohrs	
Jean Staebler	
Judy Hanaway	19
Barb Anderson	24
Mary Rounce	28
David Scheppler	

Anniversary Celebrations

Kathy and Larry Bloom	1
Sue and Bruce Sinnard	9
Judy and George Phillip	12
Susan and Mark Scheppler	28
Maria and Michael Rohloff	29

Important Dates to Remember

- June 4: Worship with Communion, 10 AM, Sanctuary
 -Music Sunday
 -Called Congregational meeting to act on the report of the Nomination Committee.
 -Officer Orientation-Part 1
- June 6: Women's Circle Meeting 1-3 PM
- June 10: Highlands Presbyterian Women's Patio Party
- June 11: Worship, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM
 Graduate Recognition
 -Officer Orientation-Part 2
- June 13: Women's Board Meeting, 1PM
- June 18: Worship, Fellowship Hall 10 AM,
 Father's Day.
 -Ordination and Installation of Officers
- June 22: Tidings articles due, Noon.
- June 25: Worship, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM
- June 27: Session, 7 PM, Lounge

Exercise classes held as schedule.

Refer to www.highlandspreschurch.org for further calendar information.

Church Women United

Church Women United is a Christian ecumenical service organization with a proud history dating back to World War I, when a group of church women got together to help the war effort. Today this is an international organization which works to support many local and worldwide causes. The LaGrange/Western Springs unit has worked with Head Start and is presently contributing to the work of the LaGrange Community Nurse organization. We have brought in speakers to address the problem of human trafficking and spread information about the abuses to farm workers. We contribute to the local shelter for abused women and children and have provided Easter treats for the children for many years. Any money we take in is distributed among a list of organizations which support needy families, children, and veterans.

Highlands Presbyterian Church has had a representative on the board of Church Women United for many years. Our present representatives are Erna Reihsmann and Susan Ide, but neither of them is able to continue. Is there someone at Highlands who can step in? They meet once a month on a Friday morning, at which time they share information about the churches they represent. They host four events a year at member churches, which include a Bible study, an informative program and a worship service.

Please contact Erna Reihsmann if you are interested.

Church Women United, May Friendship Day

I would like to thank the Highlands Presbyterian Women's Association for all their help in making the Church Women United, May Friendship Day a success. The tables were beautiful with the linen table cloths and fresh flowers. All the desserts were scrumptious! Thank you Sue Sinnard, Cleora Armbruster, Marge Eadie, Judy Hanaway, Betty Tompkin and Jean Stewart for working in the kitchen and/or bringing a dessert.

I would also like to thank John Rhine for doing a great job with the Bible study. We really appreciate you stepping in to do this for us. It was informative, thought provoking and interesting. Thank you John!

The day would not have been such a success without all your help.

Susan Ide
 Church Women United

If you should be in need of a pastoral care visit and/or communion for a home-bound member, please contact the church office at 708-246-1911, or Dr. Kay 217-370-5428.

Blood Drive 2017

Rain or shine HPC over the years has managed to hold an annual drive for blood donations, and this year's was a rainy one. While rain may have been a factor in the low turnout this year, a steady decline in donations for the past six years has been a trend. The high in 2012 of 43 units (129 saved lives) to this year's 13 (39 lives benefiting) confirmed the unfortunate trend. Many of our loyal donors were either unable or relocated. Regardless, to the twelve folk who donated (one double-blood donation) many thanks, and congratulations on being so healthy that none were rejected!

Jewel Food Rescue

The Good Friday food rescue benefited five pantries and two local families. Thanks to our crew of Kathy Bloom, Sue Scheppler, Nancy Heinzelman and Grace Credit who joined the network at the Jewel docks to distribute product where it was needed. The next rescue will be Memorial Day, May 29. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated from 8 a.m.—10:30 or less.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for those members and friends who are battling cancer:

Michelle Phillip Junkin
Barbara Kohrs

Please pray for those members and friends who are home-bound:

Janette Cowley (WI), George Phillip (WI),
Elizabeth Rohloff (GA), Jean Spencer,
Kirby Wilson

Please pray for our missionaries:

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent

Please pray for those members who serve:

Ernie Edenbeck

Please pray for District 106

And for all members of the Highlands Presbyterian Church.

Note of Thanks

Sincere thanks to all of you for your calls, cards, support, and mostly prayers for my long journey with my health situation. Appreciate it, but I knew you and God were helping me along the way.

Love to all, Carol Mulligan

Library Growing Pains

Many wonderful donations of books to our church library can be found on the cart in Fellowship Hall, as well on the window seat in the Lounge. But why are they not, in proper library practice, accessioned and stored on the library shelves? Besides, "so much work and so little time," we have only so much space, and determining which books to discard to make room for new additions, especially when some oldies-- to some eyes-- are really goodies, can really stall the process.

Anyone who would like to help with the library—flexible hours—will be greatly appreciated and can contact Betty Tompkin. We will get right on moving those books in the right direction.

In the middle of this "growing" crisis, checking out a book is easy and the return policy is flexible. We are, however, looking for some titles that seem to be having trouble finding their way home. Check your shelves, please, and by all means, check out great reading from our church library.

Community Garden Fund

In 2016, \$500 accrued from products from our Church garden and other gardens was sent to PCUSA in support of Mark Hare and Jenny Bent who are missionaries working in upland and rural communities near the Dominican Republic and Haiti border. The couple's focus is on yard gardens, water retention, community health—teach one to teach others. They have a blog www.markandjenny-pcusa.blogspot.com which can be followed. Also an equal amount from the fund was sent for unrestricted world missions.

In 2017, \$300 from the Community Garden Fund was added to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. This seemed appropriate given the three aspects of OGHs: self-development of people, hunger alleviation, and disaster assistance.

With remaining and any new funds, the dream of the RGS team is to work with an Illinois group, Marion Medical Missions, which builds wells in Malawi and other stable countries subject to drought and lacking in access to water. This amazing central Illinois group can build a well, monitor and service it at a cost far below any other group we have seen. Follow it on Facebook or at www.mmmwater.org. Imagine: Living water brought to you by Jesus Christ!

The Reach Grow Send team thanks all who have participated in our garden project by choosing the fruits of our gardening efforts and supporting our mission with your generous donations! Please watch for updates and an early harvest of rhubarb, lettuce, onions and more.