



TIDINGS

Highlands Presbyterian Church

September 2017

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of a lovely Summer, it is a joy to reflect on the joyful life we share. Considering the past and looking critically at the future are important aspects of a successful Interim period. So, in July, our new and renewed officers, engaged in an extended time of thinking about the present and the future. In a spirit of gratitude, we noted congregational strengths and challenges. We recognized the importance of intentional planning as we enter the Fall and prepare for the future. In that spirit two areas emerged as significant.

Discussion Groups

First, it seems desirable that the sort of conversation begun with officers should be expanded with all members. Through the Christian Education Committee, we are offering a series of conversations to explore present vitality and future plans. These conversations are viewed as a continuation of the Congregational Assessment Tool, in which many of you participated. You will find an insert in worship on two Sundays and in this edition of the Tidings. Please let us know not only that you are willing to be a part of these conversations, but what times would work best for you.

Financial Planning

At last week's Session meeting, we began thinking about the budget for 2018 and are creating a draft which will be used to inform our Stewardship Campaign efforts. Obviously, the financial health of the congregation has a significant impact on future possibilities. It seems important to provide the congregation with the clearest assessment of need as pledges of support are considered. While financial stewardship is always important, this year will be pivotal as we make plans for the future.

With deep appreciation for the genuinely loving and caring spirit of this remarkable congregation I look forward to the important days ahead.

John

John S. Kay, D.Min.

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Celebrations for September

Birthday Celebrations

Marge Eadie	5
Jean Spencer	12
Kelly Rounce	17
John Carver	18
Rob Credit	
Nail MacGregor	27
Susan Scheppler	30

Anniversary Celebrations

Katy and James Fattaleh	5
Milly and Otto Bobysud	11
Judy and Dean Hanaway	14



Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 1 Memorial Service for Rev. Don Simmonds, 2 PM, PCWS.
 Sept. 3 Worship, 10 AM, FH.
 Sept. 4 Labor Day
 Sept. 5 LHWC Meeting, 6:30 PM.
 Sept. 10 Worship, 10 AM, Sanctuary
 Sept. 10 Sunday School begins.
 Sept. 11 Worship Committee Mtg, 7 PM
 Sept. 12 Women's Board Mtg, 1 PM.
 Sept. 13 CE Mtg, 11 AM
 Sept. 17 Worship, 10 AM, Sanctuary.
 Sept. 17 Deacon Mtg following Worship
 Sept. 19 Boy Scout Troop 216 Meeting, 7:30 PM
 Sept. 24 Worship, 10 AM, Sanctuary
 Sept. 27 Session Mtg., 7 PM, Lounge.
 Sept. 28 Tidings Articles due
 Sept. 30 Memorial Service for Ralph/Ruth Sattlem, 1 PM, FH



Highlands School District #106 and Grand Avenue Preschool have started their 2017-2018 school year. Be watchful of students and parents as you approach the church parking lot. Also, it is a state law that usage of hand-held cell phones within school limits is prohibited. Let's create a safe environment for all!

Memorial Service for Rev. Don Simmonds

A memorial service for Rev. Don Simmonds is scheduled for September 1 at 2:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs. If you wish to send a card to his wife, Noreen Coyan, the address is:

21260 Legion Lake Court
 Crest Hill, IL 60403

Memorial Service for Ralph/Ruth Sattlem

A joint memorial service for Ralph/Ruth Sattlem is scheduled for September 30th at 1:00 PM to be held here at HPC

Pray for Children

On Sunday, September 10, as we leave the sanctuary, we will choose a paper cut-out with the name and birth date of one of the young people in our congregation. Then for a year we will have the privilege of praying for that young person. In the past, some of our members have chosen to send the young person a card on special occasions.

If you cannot join us on September 10, the prayer cut-outs will be available throughout the month of September.

Preschool Classroom Supplies

September 10 we will begin Sunday School using the classroom vacated this summer by the Grand Avenue Preschool. They have left us with sufficient chairs, a table, and a large storage cabinet. However, we are looking for suitable toys for the children to have during play time. These might include cars and trucks, housekeeping or kitchen equipment suitable for 2- 6 year olds, wooden puzzles, and so on. If you have any of these items (or others) please contact Margaret Rhine or leave them in her office at church. Thank you.

Mississippi Mission Team

Your Mississippi Mission Team is headed south on September 20. We will continue to work on remodeling a badly damaged house. Our priorities this time will be (1) redoing the electrical system and (2) re-routing the water which currently runs outdoors and is subject to freezing in the winter.

We would value your prayers for safe travel and safety as we work. Pray especially that we will have the skills and abilities necessary to complete our tasks. We have not seen the house since the new roof was put on, so we are looking forward to a dry interior.

If you would like to send some needed materials with us, we will need the following:

- (1) Two smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- (2) A bucket of TSP
- (3) Two passage locks and deadbolts
- (4) Several good quality sponges (4" x 6" x 1-1/2")
- (5) Contractor bags (we have drywall and insulation to remove)
- (6) Disposable dust masks

If you would prefer to have us purchase items, a Home Depot or a Lowes gift card would be appreciated.

We are grateful for all at HPC who support and pray for us. We consider you a vital part of our team. Thank you, and may God bless you.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank you all for the cards, emails and phone calls that I received during my recovery from hip surgery. We were also thankful for the dinners that were delivered to us! Everything was wonderful. I cannot express how much my church family means to me.

Nancy Heinzelman

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the family and friends of Rev. Don Simmonds, who recently passed away.

Please pray for the family and friends of Ralph Sattem, Nadine Schweitzer's father, who recently passed away.

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

Michelle Phillip Junkin and Barbara Kohrs

Please pray for those members who are recovering from surgery:

Nancy Heinzelman, Bruce Sinnard, and Erna Reihsmann.

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 keep in your prayers the family and friends of Dick Jacobson who lost his 7 year battle with ALS. Dick was a Lieutenant on the Western Springs Fire Department.

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.

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Please join us back in the Sanctuary for our 10AM Worship Service on Sunday, September 10th.



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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.

**Highlands Presbyterian Church is in a period of transition.
What is our future?**

In the coming weeks there will be opportunities to join with others to share our vision for the future of HPC and our ideas for turning that vision into action and reality. The thought is regular groups meeting for three to four weeks, 45 to 60 minutes per meeting, to discuss various aspects of our future. We need to hear from everyone. Please be part of the process.

Please complete the following to help with planning. Put the slip into the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.

Name _____

Phone _____

Best time for me to meet with others:

_____ Sundays 11:15 AM

_____ Wednesdays 12:00 PM

_____ Wednesdays 6:00 PM

_____ Other _____