

The Highline Connection

Highline Christian Church
Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives
Experience God's Touch

December 2009



Outdoor Living Nativity

Friday, December 11
7:00, 7:30 & 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 12
6:30, 7:00, 7:30 & 8:00 P.M.



Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24
6:00 & 7:30 P.M.



*New Year's Eve
Family Celebration*

New Year's Eve Family Game Night

Thursday, December 31
8:00 P.M.--Midnight



Thank you for your quick generosity in helping with Operation Christmas Child. We were able to pack and deliver 101 shoe box gifts! Now that the boxes have been packed and delivered, you can still help the ministry by praying in several specific ways. Please keep these in prayer over the next month and beyond.

- Pray for the children and their families who receive a shoe box gift, that hearts will be opened to the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Most children who receive shoe box gifts live in desperate circumstances. Pray that God will meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- Pray that each shoe box will get to just the right child who needs what is in THAT shoe box.
- Pray for the OCC ministry partners in countries around the world, especially that the shoe box gifts and follow-up discipleship programs will be effective evangelism tools.
- Pray that doors will be opened, so the Good News can be shared in countries that are not receptive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for those who filled shoe box gifts this year, especially the children, that they will see that it truly is more blessed to give than to receive.
- Pray for those involved in collecting, processing, transporting, and delivering shoe box gifts, including tens of thousands of volunteers.
- Pray for the Samaritan's Purse staff located throughout the world as they handle the logistics of Operation Christmas Child.



Offering envelopes will soon be available for use in 2010. If you are presently receiving envelopes, you will automatically find new ones in your church Family Mailbox at the end of December.

If you are not currently using envelopes and would like them, please let us know as soon as possible. You can either indicate on the Welcome Card Section of your Sunday bulletin and put it in the offering plate, or you can contact the church office (206-243-4333 or office@highlinechristian.org) or call Carol Marshall.

Please note that we prefer you use your numbered envelopes for your donation to the Building Fund and not the ones in the chair backs. Those envelopes are intended for newcomers and those who do not have giving envelopes.

Thanks again for your faithful giving to the Lord's work. Please call if you have any questions.

Carol Marshall
Financial Secretary

Ushers Needed



Many people, especially visitors, are uncomfortable going down the aisle looking for a seat only to discover it is saved or not enough room for the number in their family.

Therefore, we need men and women who would be willing to monitor the seat availability for 20 minutes into only the 10:40 service (at this time). It would be helpful if we had three people each Sunday- once or twice a month or whatever works for you. Someone who is currently serving as an usher would work with you until you're comfortable. If you would be willing to serve our church body in this way, please let Dianne Barnes know.



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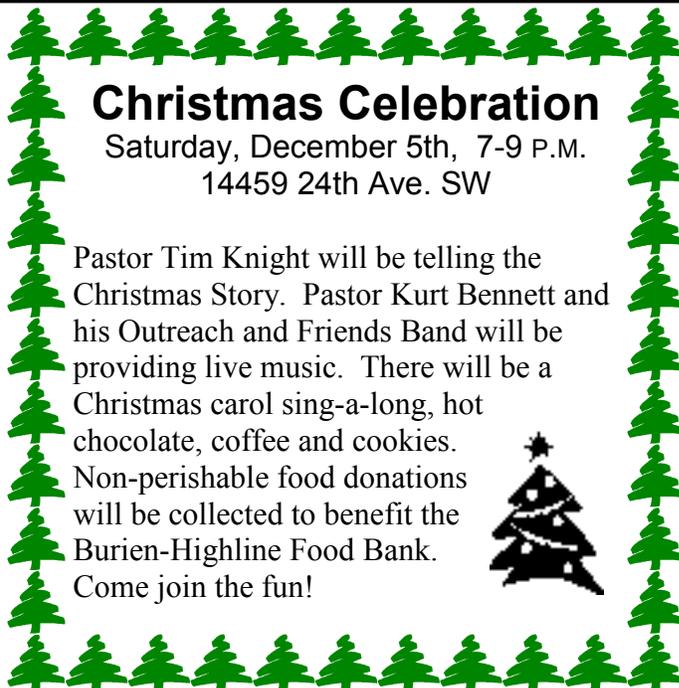


Christmas Tree and Wreath Fundraiser

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year where we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our celebrations of Christmas are filled with so many different traditions including decorating our homes with lights, Christmas trees, and wreaths. I remember as a child going out with my family to choose our Christmas tree, it was an all day adventure, sometimes cold but in my memories always fun. A childhood tradition of choosing a tree as a family has become a family tradition of my own as I now take my family to choose just the right tree. This year we will continue the tradition of choosing out a tree and that tree will help to build a home.

The F² Family Mission Team is hosting a Christmas Tree and Wreath Lot at the church building parking lot from November 27th – December 20th to help raise funds to pay for the construction materials of a home we hope to build for a family in Mexico. There are a couple of ways you can help us build the home for this family:

1. Pray – Please continue to pray for the family and for the mission team as we prepare to go and be used by God to reach people with the love of Jesus and to keep us safe as we do the construction in Mexico.
2. Buy a tree or wreath from us – Thank you to the many who have already put in orders and purchased your tree or wreath from us. If you haven't put in an order for a tree or wreath, that's alright, we would love to see you at the stand to help you choose just the right tree for your home.
3. Take some flyers and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to purchase a tree or wreath from the lot. Flyers are available in the atrium of the North Building as well as at the tree lot.



Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 5th, 7-9 P.M.
14459 24th Ave. SW

Pastor Tim Knight will be telling the Christmas Story. Pastor Kurt Bennett and his Outreach and Friends Band will be providing live music. There will be a Christmas carol sing-a-long, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. Non-perishable food donations will be collected to benefit the Burien-Highline Food Bank. Come join the fun!



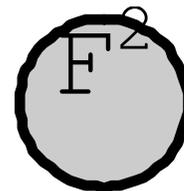
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4. Help staff the tree lot. We need lots of help staffing the tree and wreath lot. Daily shifts are broken into hour slots for volunteers to help. If you can give some time we would love to hang out with you as you help us staff the tree lot. For more information about staffing the lot please contact Pastor Bret.

Thank you so much for your support of the F² Family Mission Team as we follow God's leading to serve the church body here and in Mexico.

Your servant in Christ,

Bret Thorson
Higher Ground Children's Pastor



Christmas Tree Lot Hours

November 27-December 20

Monday-Friday – 10:00 A.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Saturday-Sunday – 8:00 A.M.-8:30 P.M.

Trees and Wreaths Prices

5-8' Douglas Firs - \$25 22" Wreath - \$22

5-8' Grand Fir - \$35 25" Wreath - \$25

5-8' Noble Fir - \$40 Cross or Candy Cane
Wreath - \$25

Merry Christmas from the Staff

As 2009 prepares to depart and 2010 starts knocking on the door, the staff at HCC wants you to know how blessed we feel. In this holiday season signs of joy, love, and hope are everywhere. This congregation is special indeed and we are honored to lift up the name of Jesus with you. Our prayer for us all in this New Year is that our collective focus would be on deeper relationships. May 2010 grant you a closer walk with God through more intimate times of prayer and meditation of His Word. May that closer walk with Jesus give you boldness to reach out to your brothers and sisters at HCC in new and more relationally intentional ways. We pray you will connect with God's people in a small group, a Sunday School class, a shared ministry, etc. so that you may continue to "comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Eph. 5:18-19). Merry Christmas!

*Bret Thorson
Chad Schnathorst
Marsha Louvier
Holly Fader
Joni Krantz
Katie Taylor
Nancy Metzenberg
Teresa Barnes
Kurt Bennett
Tim and Jane Knight*

Lost and Found

Please remember to check the Lost and Found for any items you may have lost recently. Lost and Found is located in the entryway to the South Building. Items remaining unclaimed for a month will be donated to the local outreach or an appropriate ministry. Items left around the buildings, including the Family Mailbox Room without a name on them will be moved to the lost and found. Thank you for your help in keeping our buildings free of clutter!

Photographic Memories



Photographic Memories will be meeting twice in January, due to busy December schedules. You may be ready to scrapbook your Christmas photos by then? All are invited to come join us for scrapbooking on January 1, 6-11 P.M. and January 22, 6-11 P.M. in Room 101 of the South Building. Contact Tammie Lindblom if you have any questions.

Prison Ministry Update

Evergreen Prison Ministry is one of the ministries of Highline Christian Church and its purpose is to acquire Bibles and Christian literature for Washington inmates, and ex-prisoners, currently in Christian growth programs.

Please donate Bibles, Study Bibles, Concordances, Bible Dictionaries, Children's Bibles and Christian literature that you are done using to the red box on the floor in HCC's mailroom. Idea: when you visit garage sales, ask the owners, if they would like to donate to you any Bibles or Christian literature that you see, so you can give it to Evergreen Prison Ministry. You may donate funds to buy Bibles directly to Highline Christian Church and mark it for Evergreen Prison Ministry. We purchase our Bibles by the case, which reduces the price greatly. One hundred percent of the funds go towards purchases.

Thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, **Tape Ministry NW** needs used or new cassette tapes, which they use to send newsletters. If you, your friends, or family have cassette tapes that you no longer want, please sack them up and put them into Evergreen Prison Ministry's red box in the mail room. Feel free to contact Janita with any questions. Thanks.

Contact information

Janita Lagasca

Ruthie Goetz

Shoemaker Circle News

The Shoemaker Circle will be having their Christmas Party and Potluck on December 16, 2009 at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall (South Building). All interested ladies are invited to join us. Please contact Nona Denny for more information.



Announcement!! Announcement!!

Hear ye, hear ye! All you fortunate ones who have been blessed to see more days than the average bear, (and most other humans as well), you are cordially invited to a SPECIAL meeting of the "no-longer-too-young" folks of Highline Christian Church! This is a meeting convened to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can successfully add our talents to those who already serve our Highline community by using our considerable experience, availability, and knowledge base in service to those we normally call "the Senior Saints."

We will be gathering in The Great Room, upstairs in the North Building (you all can even have fun with a FREE ride in the new elevator), on December 5 at 11:00 A.M., to enjoy some special lunch goodies provided by some of our BEST kitchen connoisseurs - - YOU! (Yes, that would normally be called a potluck.) After an animated discussion on how we can SERVE our fellow saints, you will be able to enjoy some wonderful dessert provided by Steve Moreland (and anyone else he can con into helping him).

Be aware, this meeting will be limited to those who are 55 years old and older, unless you bring a signed permission slip from your pastor. Don't miss out on this special event where we will learn how to both serve AND be served. See you there! Bring along all your ideas on services we can perform!



'We had to put the parking lot across the street.'

Prayer Circle



Praise God

Psalm 9:1 & 2 "I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

Praise our Lord for

Praise that God has used Jennifer Ray to reach others because of her past battle with cancer. Michelle (Kathy Evans' daughter)—things working out with the foster babies. Kathy (Beve Cord's daughter)—successful back surgery. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

Pray

I Timothy 2:1 "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone."

Remember in prayer

Pray for James Michels' new business; Isaiah Michels—needs \$7,000 to finish Freshman year at CWU; Kenneth (Anna's Dad)—help to overcome alcoholism; prayer Bill & Nancy Brown can get swine flu shots; Jeff Rhubottom—laid off work; Palmer Russell—breathing problems; Michael (Joyce Docherty's nephew)—going into rehab for alcoholism; Brandon (Jane Docherty's co-worker)—critical condition with flu, pneumonia and ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome); Sandy Harry—broken knee cap; Auston (Jeff Ray's cousin's son)—Children's Hospital with various infections from tumor surgery behind his knee; Dianne Barnes—painful sore on her foot; Marilyn (Margaret Wineman's sister)—fell and broke her leg and an ankle sprain; Beve Cord's granddaughter—gall bladder surgery and pneumonia; Chris Check—medical reactions to medications he is on; Justin (Jeff Rhubottom's step-son)—goes to jail for 6-8 months, pray for his safety; Annelle Reagel's sister (friend of Sue Evans)—nervous breakdown; John (Joyce Docherty's nephew)—leg surgery; Mary (Chris &

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Elaine Chapin's daughter)—hospitalized with serious pneumonia; Mac (Marie Ross' friend)—in an accident—has serious head trauma; Beve Cord's sister and niece were in a car accident in Oregon.

With Sympathy

Death of Leona Archer
Death of A.B. Corliss
Death of Helen Sisley
Death of Gil Woo—Sue Evans' brother-in-law

If you have any praises or prayer requests or want to be on the all church prayer chain, please call Barbara Goodridge or Jane Randall. Please make sure that when you are giving a prayer request for the prayer chain, that you okay it with all the parties involved to make sure that they do in fact want it on the prayer chain. Thank you.



We would like to offer sympathy to the family of **Leona Archer**. Leona went home to be with the Lord on October 28, 2009 after a very short battle with Cancer. Leona had been a member of Highline for over three years. Please keep Leona's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of **Helen Sisley**. Helen went home to be with the Lord on November 11, 2009 at the age of 101 ½! Helen had been a member of Highline for over 17 years. There will be a memorial service on December 4, 2009 at 4 P.M. at Highline Christian Church in the Worship Center to honor Helen's very long life. Please keep Helen's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Church Family Information



Change of Address

Sandra Ault

Dwayne & Cheri Beavers

Vern & Helen Britton

Mike & Jackie Dettling

Chera Kraemer

Erik & Katie Peterson



And the Lord Added

We would like to welcome the following people who were baptized into Christ:

**Paul Smith IV
Emma Smith**

We would like to welcome the following people who transferred their church membership to Highline:

Desiree Colborn

Bonnie Cook

Jan Davis

Stephanie Louvier

Gale Malone

**The Swain Family
Brad, Judy, Derek, Kyle, Nolan & Erin**

Scott & Heather Wilson



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.