



The Highline eConnection

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

December 2011

December Events

December 16
Outdoor Living Nativity
7, 7:30 & 8 P.M.

December 17
Outdoor Living Nativity
6:30, 7, 7:30 & 8 P.M.

December 24 & 25
Christmas Weekend
Family Services
3 services
(Identical in content)

December 24
4 & 6 P.M.

December 25
9 A.M.

Childcare for children two and under will be available for all three Christmas services. There will be no Sunday School Classes or children's/youth activities.



December 31
New Year's Eve Family
Game Night
7:30 P.M.

Activity Center—South Building

Please bring games and snacks to share.

We will have our New Year's Celebration this year at 10 P.M. due to the fact that the next day is Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kurt.

Next Newsletter
Deadline:
December 18

Three Parts of Christmas by Lowell Hall

Christmas is just around the corner and will soon be here. The commercial side of Christmas is already preparing for the “Great Gift Giving” time. Christmas lights are being placed on trees and roof tops. The Commercial Christmas is here.

It is all too easy to lose the “Real Reason” for celebrating Christmas. Christmas season is also called the “Advent” season. Advent describes the wonderful coming of Jesus Christ into the world. The Advent changed the lives of millions of people world wide. The birth of Jesus Christ was a Gift that God gave to the world—a Gift of love. The “Advent” was the greatest Gift ever given to mankind. It can be viewed as having three parts. The three parts are; God as the Giver of the Gift, Jesus Christ as the Gift, and we as the recipient of the Gift.

Because God loved mankind He sent His Son Jesus Christ, into the world as an expression of that love. The Perfect Gift was freely and lovingly given. Despite the fact that past messengers from God were ignored and many of them killed, God still sent His Son to earth.

The Gift was His Son Jesus Christ. What a marvelous, wonderful Gift. God’s Gift brought to us: forgiveness of our sins, healing for our souls, peace to our troubled hearts, a promise of an ever present counselor, and an assurance of eternal life with God. What a wonderful Gift God gave to us on that first Advent season.

As the recipient of God’s Gift we can do no less than humbly accept God’s Gift. With acceptance of God’s Gift of Jesus Christ, we will want to commit our lives in total obedience to God’s will and then live our lives to please Him.

Christmas is an exciting, wonderful time of the year as we remember that God gave the Gift, Jesus Christ was the Gift, and we are the recipient of the Gift. As we celebrate Christmas it is an ideal time

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to remember the Advent of Jesus Christ and renew out commitment to Jesus Christ our Savior and to God His Father. ☩



Christmas Tree Sale

Highline’s World Outreach Team is selling fresh cut Douglas, Grand, and Noble Fir trees. The trees are five to seven feet in height and baled ready for transportation. The tree stand is in the church parking lot and will be open every day **until Noon on December 18.** The trees are from a local tree farm in Washington and will last through Christmas.

TREE STAND HOURS

Monday-Friday—NOON–8 P.M.

Saturday—10 a.m.–8 P.M.

Sunday—NOON–6 P.M.

If you have any questions or would like to help with running the tree stand, please contact Steve Moreland.

Thank you for helping to support our missionaries!



Highline Christian Church delivered 152 Operation Christmas Child boxes!!!! **Thank you, thank you, thank you** for your generosity in helping underprivileged children around the

world through Operation Christmas Child! Thank you to those who shopped and created full boxes. Thank you to those who provided individual items. Thank you to those who paid the shipping costs for someone else's box -- we had exactly the right amount of money donated to fill and ship 152 boxes - wow! God is amazing how that all worked out! Thank you for praying for Operation Christmas Child.

Our boxes were taken from Federal Way's relay church to the Tacoma Collection Center and put on trucks headed to Colorado and California. During this week following Thanksgiving, volunteers are busy in Processing Centers in North Carolina, Georgia, Minnesota, Colorado, California, and Hawaii. They are inspecting and preparing the boxes to be shipped to about 100 different countries at the end of the week. Pray for the transportation logistics as each box makes its way to the recipient God has chosen. (You can sign up by August to be a Processing Center volunteer next year if you are interested.)

In 2010, 8.17 million boxes were sent to needy children. Pray that their physical AND spiritual needs are met through the Operation Christmas Child boxes and the work that Samaritan's Purse is doing in their country.

Begin now looking for great deals on items you can fill shoeboxes with next year. You are welcome to use your own box or plastic tote to hold items.

Thank you again!

Tammie Lindblom



Highline Ladies

Please join the Women's Ministry Team in ushering in the Christmas season with a night of fun and fellowship on Friday, December 9th at 7 PM! Our Christmas Mugging is a time to get together in the

North building and enjoy each other and the joy of Christmas. We each bring a mug filled with something (\$10 or less) as a gift and then the fun begins as we choose mugs and maybe lose mugs. Everyone who brings a mug, goes home with a different mug. But if you don't want to be part of the mugging, just come and enjoy fellowship and cookies.

A table to sign up for the event (the event is free) will be in the Atrium after services on Saturday and Sunday (December 4 and 5).

Childcare for children 5 and under is available for this event. Free-will donation for the childcare costs will be taken on the night of the event. Please sign up for childcare at the Atrium table so we can be sure to have enough childcare workers.



Neighborhood Caroling

You are invited to meet at the home of Konrad and Tammie Lindblom on Sunday, December 18, at 6 p.m. to go Christmas Caroling in the their West Kent neighborhood. Dress for the weather. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided following caroling. Contact the Lindbloms for directions or questions.



Supa – “Greetings” In Maasai



I feel very blessed to serve in a congregation that is so supportive of missions. Thank you so much in making the mission trip to Kenya possible.

My journey to Africa was so much more than “miles traveled”. It was definitely a spiritual journey as well. I don’t think anyone who goes on a short-term mission comes back without some spiritual growth. I know I certainly grew. A group of young men even gave me the Maasai name, Nabolo, which means “growing in spirit”. That was a blessed moment that I will always hold dear.

Another cherished memory of Africa is an event that happened when we were out in the bush. The first night we stayed at the village, Africa Hope arranged to show the Jesus Film in a neighboring village. Surrounding villages are always invited to come. Just a few of the team went out that first night and we stuffed the three of us plus many Kenyan youth into one van. I was seated next to Gloria, a girl I’d met at the children’s camp at Africa Hope in Narok. She is a fellow artist who drew beautiful pictures of her mother and father. It was such a pleasure to spend the evening in her company.

As we headed down the road to the other village, I noticed some movement outside of the vehicle. Even though it was dark, there were several young men running alongside. The young men would keep pace for a while and then sprint ahead of the vehicle to the great delight of the children riding inside. We could see them in the headlights and the driver then started turning the lights off now and then as a game. I’ll always remember Gloria’s laughter!

When we reached the village, Gloria took my hand as we got out of the van. I asked her if we were to go inside the village fence since the movie had

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started. She said, “Oh no, we must wait”. We stood in front of the van and watched through the brush fence of the boma. We waited a short time until we were told that permission had been given for us to enter. After we went in and were seated, Gloria leaned her head against me. I couldn’t help but pray that all these beautiful Maasai people who were watching the life of Jesus being played out before them would understand that just as we had waited for permission to enter the village, Jesus is patiently waiting to be given permission to enter their hearts.

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with me.” Rev. 3:20

God is doing mighty things in Kenya. Please pray that the Maasai people will hear his knock.

His servant,

Lyla Moreland ☺



We would like to welcome Heath Michael Stampalia who was born on November 21, 2011 at 8:10 A.M. He weighed 7 lbs 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. His parents are Mike & Becky Stampalia, his big sister is Reese and his grandmother is Ann Stampalia. Welcome to Highline Heath!

We would also like to welcome Ralph Leroy Evans who was born on November 22, 2011 at 1:06 P.M. He was 7 lbs 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. His parents are Rob & Carrie Evans, his big brothers are Frank, George and Gus and his grandparents are Glenn & Sandy Huff. Welcome to Highline Ralph!



PHOTO MEMORIES NIGHT Avid scrapbookers, as well as beginning scrapbookers, will meet on Friday, December 2, 6-11 P.M. in Room 101 of the South Building.

Please bring your own scissors and consumable supplies. There will be tools and idea books to share. Please enter from 150th SW.

Contact Tammie Lindblom if you have any questions.

*The Children
and Grandchildren of*

Dave and Pat Sloan

*invite you to
the joyful celebration
of their parents'*

***50th Wedding Anniversary
and Renewal of Vows***

*Saturday, the seventeenth
of December, 2011
Please join us at one o'clock
in the afternoon.*

*Highline Christian Church
14859 1st Avenue South
Burien, Washington*

Reception Following

No gifts please, just your presence

R.S.V.P.

Dear Highline Church,

We are so grateful for your many kindnesses to us! Thank you for the gifts of encouragement and hope! Even though we are in the ministry of Hope, we need to have the love and support of the body of Christ. Highline Church members are Christ's hands extended in such tangible ways! We thank the Lord for you and all that you have done for us.

The food is wonderful! The necessary products were/are gratefully received... especially with this being the cold season!! Needless to say anymore on that subject, except to really let you know that your gifts have been needed and we are very thankful ;-)

Also, the gifts of money have come in handy! In countless ways, like gas for the van, heat bills and all the extras that seem to come along. Thank you all so very much.

May our Lord pour out upon each one a blessing that overflows and is running over!!

Current needs for HOUSE OF HOPE...

- A good running car...we sold the Subaru to be free of that large monthly payment! Praise God!
- Ferry pass for Southworth to Fauntleroy
- Sleeping bags for the homeless
- Warm coats/jackets/gloves/hats

and...lots of prayer for Michael, whose Father is very ill and has been taken off life support.

In His love,

Michael and Margie Sgobba

Drive-thru Christmas Story

December 10-11 6-8:30 p.m.
Normandy Christian Church
908 S 200th St.
Des Moines, WA 98198
FREE for the whole family

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

Maryjo Gargiulo's heart problem resolved after hospital visit; Bob (Diana Reagan's Dad)--pulled through surgery cancer free; Nancy Brown's growth on her thigh is gone and only a 4" trach now; Helen Britton home from rehab after double hip replacement; Debbie Officer home from hospital and medical issue has been resolved; Alison Lindblom--her MRI showed no tumor growth; Janette Nuss--got a dream job; Em Finlay--radiation infusion went well, next one in February; Joyce (Jane Docherty's Mom)--came through surgery great and even her double vision went away; Kate (Linda Rome's friend)--no visible cancer; Lorence Reimer is thankful for being part of the best family in the world.

Pray

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

Remember in prayer

Ellen Gores--surgery to remove mass on her right side; Kate (Linda Rome's friend)--having headaches, stomach pain and fatigue; Nevaeh (Marty Dena's granddaughter)--has permanent hearing loss and will have to wear hearing aid in right ear; Lauri (Jennie Brickell's friend)--pap smear shows pre-cancerous cells; prayers for House of Hope and for healing for Margie Sgobba and their physical protection; Margaret Wineman's daughter-in-law's father--hospitalized from vomiting and no diagnosis; pray Bill Brown gets health insurance, and also for his financial stress; Carla (Marie Ross' daughter's friend)--her water broke in her 31st week of pregnancy, baby due in January; Jennie (Denise Sagmoen's Mom)--stage 4 stomach cancer, had a

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burst gall bladder; Mike (Diana Reagan's friend)--terminal brain cancer; Nancy Brown--pray her itch stops; Mrs. Docherty (Janette Nuss' friend)--going in for surgery; Jackie (Janette Nuss' sister)--financial problems and had a recent accident and hospitalized; Monty (Louie Bailey's uncle)--stomach ulcer; Nanci (Marie Ross' friend)--inoperable ovarian cancer; Jessica Kim--pray for safety and a new home, a struggle not having a family and need guidance and positive things in her life; Lorence (Larry Reimer's son in China)--feeling depressed; Ailyanna Youngman--her adult family home is trying to be shut down by State Inspector; Evelyn (Marty Dena's aunt's friend)--diagnosed with metastatic disease to the liver, lungs, bones and lymph nodes; Leon (friend of Ailyanna Youngman)--who is fighting pancreatic cancer and now in hospital after hip surgery; Mark Barnes' co-teacher's young son in hospital with trouble breathing and lethargic, he can't breathe on his own; Betty Jo - trouble with vertigo; Christian--diagnosed with Bells Palsy.

With Sympathy

Galen Marcille and family--death of his brother Steve Lloyd Capp and family--death of his wife Shirley

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.



We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Shirley Capp. Lloyd and Shirley Capp were members of Highline for over 40 years before they retired and moved out of the area. Shirley went home to be with the Lord on October 31, 2011. A memorial service was held at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Shorewood, WA on November 5, 2011.

Please remember her husband Lloyd and the rest of her family during this difficult time.



Merry Christmas from the Staff

*T*he beautiful signs of Christmas are popping up everywhere---trees, lights, music, food, gifts, party invitations and more! The most beautiful sign of Christmas is YOU! It's when God who came to earth lives in and through you all 12 months of the year. So brothers and sisters--may our friends remember the beautiful sign of Christmas 2011 was seeing Jesus living in and through YOU!

Merry Christmas in the name of the incarnated Jesus,

Bret Thorson
Chad Schnathorst
Marsha Louwier
Holly Fader
Joni Krantz
Katie Taylor
Nancy Metzenberg
Kurt & Barb Bennett
Tim & Jane Knight



Early Childhood News

Christmas Blessings!

In a short time, Christmas will be here! Please take some time as a family to celebrate the special season.

Here are some ideas of family activities you can do together.

- Take a walk in your neighborhood and look at lights.
- Pray for your neighbors to understand the gift of Jesus
- Invite your friends to come to church.
- Bake cookies and share them.
- Show your child a Nativity set and tell them the story of Christmas using the figures.



One of my favorite memories of Christmas is looking at Christmas lights with my family. We would drive around and see the sights. Christmas lights are a way to talk about Jesus to children. The only way Christmas lights work is when they are plugged into a power source. When the lights are spread around, the light shines out. We are a lot like Christmas lights. We have a purpose! Our purpose is to shine brightly. The only way we can live our purpose is to be connected to our power source which is God! When we are connected to Him, we can shine His love to all people. When we shine for Jesus, we can bring joy to them. This joy lasts longer than a Christmas light! I pray that you feel God's love surrounding you this season. God Bless you and your family.

Katie Taylor

Christmas Eve services are at 4 and 6 p.m.

Christmas Day service is at 9 a.m.

There are no classes for the children.

There is childcare for children 2 and under available for all 3 services.

(If you would like to help watch children, please call Katie Taylor.)

ktaylor@highlinechristian.org

HIGHER GROUND KID SPOT

SUMMIT SEEKERS Catch Me if You Can WINTER OVERNIGHTER

Who: Summit Seekers and their 4th—6th grade friends

What: A night of fun and games

When: January 13th at 7 p.m. — January 14th at 10 a.m.

Where: Highline Christian Church (South building)

Why: Because playing together with our church friends is a ton of fun and we all need to laugh now and then. This is also a great opportunity for the Summit Seekers to invite their friends to church with them to see a little of who we are.

How Much: A snack to share with the group



Permission Forms are available on the church web page under the upcoming events tab of the Children's Ministry link and on the Children's Ministry Check-in counter
For more information please contact Pastor Bret.

TALK ABOUT HIM WHEN YOU SIT IN YOUR HOUSE, AND WHEN YOU WALK BY THE WAY, AND WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, AND WHEN YOU RISE.

Christmas is a wonderful time of year to practice being intentional about living for Jesus in each moment. Here are ideas to spur Jesus conversations as you celebrate our Savior.

- Serve at the HCC tree stand and as you do talk about Mark 10:45.
- Help with the Outdoor Nativity by volunteering to help set up and clean up and everything else in between. Also be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come see the shows December 16th & 17th.
- Take a road trip to Leavenworth and as you do read the Christmas story in Luke 2. You can also talk about the journey and what it might have been like to take a trip like that. (The elevation difference between the two journeys is roughly the same.)
- Bundle up and go to Zoo lights. On the way read John 1:1-18. While you walk around looking at lights talk about Jesus, the light of the world who made all things and came to give us grace and truth.
- Make a paper chain to count down the days until Christmas. As you tear each link off the chain write a blessing on it you have received from Jesus then put it in a safe place. On Christmas read through the blessings as you remember Jesus.

H.Y.M. CHRONICLES

December Birthdays

Janelle G.
Sam H.
Brinston F.
Jonathan B.

-Youth Programs & Events Continued:

1st Sunday 12/11/11: Youth Coaches Meeting @ 5 PM
5th
6th Wednesday 12/14/11: Last Youth Group Meeting of the year
31st

Special Thanks

-Youth Coaches/Helpers:

Marmie Beagle, Don Berg, Chris Check, Terry/Kathy Clark, Charlene Crawford, Bill Crammatte, Bonnie Jackson, Sharon McCandliss, Beatriz Schnathorst, Chris Terry, and Cathy Ureste

This Past Month's Teen Team:

YG—Helpers: Lucas U.

Sunday 12/24/11: No 7th—12 grade Sunday School 9 AM Service only on Christmas Day

Friday 12/30/11: Sky High Sports Event for 7th—12th grades. We will be meeting at HCC @ 5:45 PM, and we will leave at 6 PM for Sky High Sports in Bellevue. Cost is \$17.00 and includes admission, and snacks afterwards. Students will need to be picked up at the Church, (HCC) by 10 PM. All Participants must sign a "Sky High Sports" release/waiver form in order to attend. What should I wear for jumping? Tennis shoes that are laced or velcroed or bare feet. Comfortable clothes for jumping... (it can get hot)

Youth Programs & Events

Sunday High School + College 9th – College age
Room 302 9 AM — 10:20 AM

-Sunday High School 9th –12 grades
Room 302 10:40 AM — 12:00 PM

-Sunday Middle School 7th—8th grades
Chapel 10:40 AM — 12:00 PM

12/31/11 All-Church New Year's Eve Game Night
Meet at H.C.C. @ 7:30 PM done by 10 PM We will have a "Central Time" count down, to help those of us who have to be back at HCC in the morning. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

Tuesdays/Thursdays: Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate (7th—12th graders)

Where: The HCC Activity Center

Who: 14 years+, *make an appointment with the instructor to see if you qualify.* Classes are on held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6—8 PM.

Cost: \$10 a month + outfit, Call Chad for more info.

Wednesdays (7th -12th graders)

Youth Group @ Highline Christian Church

Where: The HCC Activity Center

When: 6 PM – 8 PM

Small Groups: We have integrated small groups into our regular youth group meeting time. So, if you like to hang out and catch up with your friends, and/or play games with them, we ask that you plan on arriving around 6 PM, official start time (announcements, songs, lesson, and prayer time) is at 6:30 PM.

"Some" of our Future Events:

1/13-16/12 Snowblast (Confirmed)

2/?/12 Scavenger Hunt

3/23-24/12 Jr. High "Believe"

4/14-16/12 BBC Preview

6/9/12 Jr. High Game Day @ Ft. Worden

Any Questions or Concerns?

Please Contact Chad:

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December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Sunday School <i>Sr. High 9 AM</i> <i>Sr./Jr. High 10:40 AM</i>	28	29 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	30 Youth Group 6—8 PM	1 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM <u>Janelle G. B-Day</u>	2	3
4 Sunday School <i>Sr. High 9 AM</i> <i>Sr./Jr. High 10:40 AM</i>	5 <u>Sam H. B-Day</u>	6 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM <u>Brinston F. B-Day</u>	7 Youth Group 6—8 PM	8 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	9	10
11 Sunday School <i>Sr. High 9 AM</i> <i>Sr./Jr. High 10:40 AM</i>	12	13 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	14 <u>Last Youth Group of the Year 6--8 PM</u>	15 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	16	17
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25 Christmas Day “9AM Service Only” No Jr. /Sr. High Sunday School in AM	26	27 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	28 No YG in PM Christmas Break	29 Jess Dena Shorin-Ryu Karate 6:30—8:30 PM	30 Jr. & Sr. High “Sky High Sports” <u>Leave HCC @ 6 PM</u> Back at HCC by 10 PM	31 New Years Eve Church Game Night 7:30 PM—10 PM <u>Jonathan B. B-day</u>

ANDERSON, Richard

DICE, Sherry

ENGELBERTSON, Angelica

HUFF, Jay & Loni

JULIAN, Beverly

MCKEE, Pat

RUPERT, Brian

SCHNATHORST, Chad & Beatriz

SIMPSON, Denise

They are married!
George & Jacalyn (Doto) Assink



...And the Lord Added

By transfer

Brian Rupert
Pat McKee
Denise Simpson
Angelica Engelbertson
Sherry Dice
Richard Anderson
Beverly Julian

By Baptism

Maya Bennett



Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m.—Noon

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