The Highline eConnection

November 2017

Touched by Jesus to Touch Other's Lives…
Experience God's T.O.U.C.H.

Wednesday,
November 22, 7 P.M.
Highline Christian Church

Please join us as we share in this special service.

Pie social to follow.
Pie donations are welcome!

There will also be a food drive for Transform Burien

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Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5th. Set clocks back one hour.

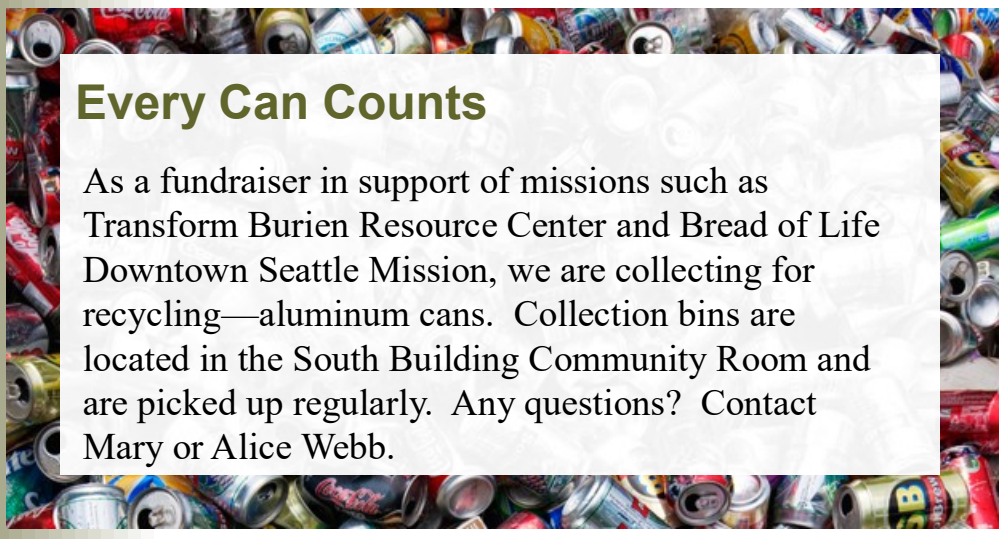
Seniors' Annual Thanksgiving Potluck

If you are in your sixties (more or less) and have never taken part in a Seniors' event, here is your invitation! The Thanksgiving Potluck has become an annual favorite. Saturday, November 4, is the date and "noonish" is the time. Esther Wangumo is hosting this event in the community room at her apartment complex, Angle Lake Court, on 188th in SeaTac, across from the YMCA.

When you sign up at the Atrium Table, include a dish or dessert you would like to provide. For those who wish to ride over in the church van, meet in the church's parking lot at 11:30am. See Steve Moreland or Georgia Henney with your questions.

With Sympathy

We would like to offer sympathy to the family of Ellen Gores who went home to be with her Lord on October 6, 2017 just a few days before her 100th birthday. A service for Ellen was held on October 12, 2017 at Bonney Watson in Federal Way, WA. Ellen had been a member of Highline for over 36 years. Please keep Ellen's family in your prayers during this difficult time.



Every Can Counts

As a fundraiser in support of missions such as Transform Burien Resource Center and Bread of Life Downtown Seattle Mission, we are collecting for recycling—aluminum cans. Collection bins are located in the South Building Community Room and are picked up regularly. Any questions? Contact Mary or Alice Webb.

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Christmas Involvement Guide

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Outdoor Living Nativity
December 8 & 9, 2017

It's November, and the opportunity to present Highline's Outdoor Living Nativity is coming up soon. God has blessed us with the perfect location to present the gospel to our community in a warm and inviting way. In just a few weeks the northwest corner of our parking lot will be transformed into the little town of Bethlehem. For two nights we will fill the air with the sights, sounds and meaning of Christmas. This is a great opportunity to share the gospel with our family, friends and neighbors. Each year we are able to reach hundreds of people with this message of God's love and salvation. Please begin praying for your friends and relatives. Think of where you might post a flyer or consider a small insert in your Christmas cards.

This effort requires lots of support. The cast is made up of over 30 humans, three llamas, several rather well behaved sheep, and one not so well behaved donkey! And there are many people working hard behind the scenes to make this Christmas outreach possible. There are many opportunities for you to participate in this special mission. Most of those opportunities take as little as an hour or two of your time.

Except for the animals, there are no speaking parts. This 20-minute play is totally narrated and set to music, so there are no lines for cast members to memorize. Every year we have a host of angels ranging in age from 5 to 12 years old, a group of shepherds, a traveling family, the inn keeper and his wife, a stable boy or girl, the three wise men with their gift bearers, Mary, Joseph, and of course baby Jesus. We use real babies for the part of Jesus, so if you have a little one we hope you will consider this an opportunity of a lifetime.

We also need people to help the younger children with their costumes, people to put up the Bethlehem set on the Saturday before the performances and take the set back down and put it away on the Sunday after the performances. We need people to help set up the lighting and sound systems, parking lot attendants, people to run sound and lights, people to prepare and serve a cast dinner just prior to the first performance, people to make and serve hot chocolate to our "guests," and people who will take time to pray for this community outreach event.

Cast sign-ups
November
4th & 5th

We will begin signing up cast members and volunteers the weekend of November 4th/5th. We pray that you will join us on the mission field as we share the story of God's greatest gift to us all, the birth of His Son, Jesus.

For more information about Highline's Outdoor Living Nativity, please contact Don Berg.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC Facts:

- ★ Boxes have been delivered to needy children in more than 150 countries and territories. In 2016, 11,485,662 boxes were packed.
- ★ A Bible Storybook, in the language of the recipient, accompanies each box.
- ★ Recipients have the opportunity to enroll in **The Greatest Journey,** a 12-week Bible Study course guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. These materials and a Bible cost an additional $6 and can be donated for online. If you are able, please consider making a donation for this. In 2016, the total number of kids who accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior was equal to one salvation every 20 seconds!
- ★ At Highline, we collected 479 shoeboxes in 2016. On October 22, 2017, 225 empty boxes were already taken home to fill.

How To Pack A Shoebox:

Step 1: **Get a Box** at the church building or provide your own shoebox or similar-sized tote

Step 2: **Fill a Box** (Suggested items are below, but use your own creativity. Take note on the brochure in each box of what CAN'T be included.)

- ★ A "Wow" item: soccer ball with pump, flashlight with extra batteries, battery-powered radio, larger stuffed animal or doll
- ★ School Supplies: tablets, coloring books, journals, notebook paper, pencils (must be sharpened and include a sharpener), markers, crayons
- ★ Something to snuggle with: stuffed animal, doll, blanket
- ★ Something warm: socks, t-shirt, hats
- ★ Hygiene items: toothbrush, comb, flashlight w/ batteries, soap in ziploc bag, washcloth
- ★ Toys (3): playdoh, balls, musical instruments, playing cards, jump ropes, toy cars

NOTE: Change this year -- toothpaste and candy (or food of any kind) may not be included!!

Step 3: **Label the Box** for Girl/Boy and choose age 2-4, 5-9, or 10-13

Step 4: **Pay for a Box** Include cash or check in the box, on top of the items or pay online to track where your box goes.

NOTE: Change this year -- shipping cost is $9 per box.

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Step 5: **Return a Box** All boxes need to be returned to Highline on or before **November 12**.
Step 6: **Pray for your Box . . . And the child who will receive it!**

If you have any questions at all about Operation Christmas Child or packing your box, please contact Tammie Lindblom at 253-670-2386 or ktsralindblom@comcast.net. If you would like to help load boxes on November 12, please contact Tammie. Don't just show up, the time has changed.

As mentioned in the October 22, 2017 Ministry Moment, below is the story of the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Distribution that one of Highline's Missionaries, Paul Moreland, was able to participate in last year. It is one more example that God will direct exactly the right box to exactly the child he wants to receive it. Get your kleenex ready and be blessed by Paul's story:
"Recently we had a children's party as part of "Operation Christmas Child" which is part of the Samaritan's Purse ministry. We partnered with the local representatives of "Operación Niño de Navidad" (the Spanish version of Operation Christmas Child) to take the gospel to the neighborhood where one of the families from our congregation live.

We had some 20 kids and a few youth and adult helpers. A good time was had by all. We had a time of games and activities then a Bible story taken from the OCC manual and finally handed out the shoeboxes that were packed with much love and prayer in the U.S. We've seen some of our supporting congregations publicizing their Operation Christmas Child events for collecting boxes so we were curious as to where these boxes had come from. A couple of them contained notes and both were from Ohio. What a joy to see the kids' eyes light up at the contents of their boxes! One thing caught my attention, however. We'd seen cars, dolls, stuffed animals, socks, toothbrushes, etc. But one kid came up waving a hammer. A hammer? Yes, a small tack hammer. I thought, "Huh? Who sends a hammer to a 12-year-old boy?" But it turned out that there were some crafts in the box as well, crafts that require the use of a hammer to assemble. Oh. Ok. But then we got to talk with his folks. It turns out that this kid loves to make things. And that's when it clicked. We had NO idea what was in any but a few plastic boxes that were clear and some of their contents were visible. But SomeONE knew as a family up in the US of A was picking out gifts that there was a kid that would get a charge out of something simple as a hammer. And that box made its way across the North American continent to a container that was shipped to the South American continent, went through customs, was trucked to our city, stacked along with thousands of other boxes, counted out along with all the other boxes that were handed to us as our part of the ministry, picked up and placed into the hands of that particular young man who APPRECIATED the gift more than one could imagine. Nope. I don't believe in random "coincidences", not at all."

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Giving With a "Smile"

For those who like to shop at Amazon, we wanted to let you know that Highline Christian Church is now registered as a charitable organization. The link is listed below. Here's how it works:

You shop. Amazon gives.
Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**

Just click on the link.
Sign in with your regular Amazon account. Choose Highline Christian Church as your charity organization. And Shop.

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6016377

Thank you for supporting the ongoing ministries of Highline Christian Church!

Photographic Memories

Join us on Friday, November 3, 6-11 pm for Photographic Memories. Come scrapbook, organize your photos, or just get ideas. Bring your own consumable scrapbooking supplies, but tools will be available to share. We will meet upstairs in the North Building.

RSVP to Tammie Lindblom.

Exercising Our Gratitude Muscle

Expressing gratitude isn't just a good thing to do; it also appears to be good for us! Indiana University researchers found that participants who performed gratitude-focused writing exercises felt uplifted, and were more likely to express gratefulness through generosity, even weeks later.

Furthermore, brain scans revealed increased gratitude-related activity even months down the road *(New York Magazine)*.

Though the study was small, we seem to have a "gratitude muscle" that can be strengthened through exercise. If so, there may be more than we thought to the popularity of gratitude journals and Mom's insistence that we write thank-you notes. Not to mention the biblical call to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (1 Chronicles 16:34, for example).

Might God have hardwired us for gratitude — not only at Thanksgiving but year round — because it's good for *us* as well as for those we thank? To that, we respond, "Thanks be to God!"

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Update on the App

There are over 1370 people that have downloaded and are using our HIGHLINE CHRISTIAN CHURCH APP!! We are so pleased that so many of you are benefiting from all the great features of the App. The top six features that are the most used right now are the calendar, sermon notes, listen, find a group, Bible & connect with us. If you have yet to use these features, please check them out.

For those of you with a QR reader on your phone, simply scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our app to download it. You can also click on this link https://a3a.me/highline

If you would rather download from the App Store or the Google Play Store then type in Highline Christian Church in your search bar and you should see it.

We also wanted to remind you that you can give to our campaign "Pay Off the Mortgage" by clicking on the campaign tile in the App and then following the instructions. It is on the second page as our "Christian Care in Catastrophe" is also on our App (see paragraph below for more information on this campaign). If you want to know how the "Pay off the Mortgage" campaign is going, there is a bar graph that shows the amount given on the left- hand side with the goal we are reaching for on the right-hand side. We are now at 13% of our goal. Thank you for your faithful giving.

The Christian Care In Catastrophe campaign that is on the App will be ending October 31, 2017. If you have not given to this campaign yet, you still have time. We will be partnering with local church(es) in the area(s) of the hurricanes to help them out with hurricane relief work.

You can give through the App by going to the campaign tile and putting in the amount you would like to give under the "Christian Care in Catastrophe" Campaign.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need help with our HCC App. There are so many things you can do through the app, so please explore it and use whatever you like.

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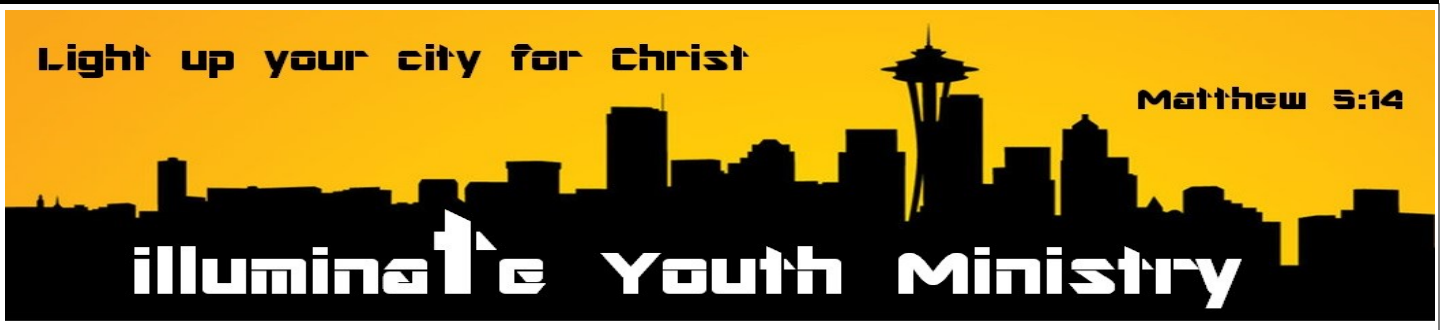
On Saturday October 14th the Women in Touch year kicked off by digging into a catered meal of delicious breakfast foods including breakfast casseroles and a granola bar while eating at picnic style tables embodying the camping theme. Plaid was prevalent as new friendships were formed. Ruth Easterling then gave an overview of the years' theme- live deep—reminding us that we need roots to have fruit—and we need each other for this process. Living deep takes intentionality and openness as we are rooted in Christ and He enables us to become community. Next month the brunching continues on November 11th!



Update Letter October 2017

Fall is in full swing and we are excited for all that God has in store for us. We covet your prayers as we continue to follow after the Lord and His leading . Our prayer for your family is that during this busy time of year, you will be able to rejoice in the many blessings of God and to seek to follow after Him as a family!

Blessings, Pastor Steve, Nicole, Jayden, Riley & Adilynn

News Updates

Parent Partners

We value you as our parent partners so if you have any questions or comments about the youth program or would like to join the illuminate Youth Leadership Team, please contact Pastor Steve!

E: Steve@highlinechristian.org

Prayer & Praise Partners

We appreciate your prayers for:

- Night of Thanks
- iY Leadership Team
- Fall Program & Activities

When We Meet

Junior High (6-8 Grade)

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40-12:00pm
- Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:45pm

High School (9-12 Grade)

- Sunday Morning Up-Word 10:40-12:00pm
- Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:45pm

**Doors open at 10:00am & 5:30pm*

**Sixth grade students have the option to move up to iY. Please talk to Pastor Steve for more info.*

Upcoming Events

- November 15th – Night of Thanks / 6:30pm
- November 18th – Winter Jam / 3:00pm
- November 19th – iY Leaders Meeting / 1:00pm

Look for more events on the HUB and Facebook Page!

#illuminateHCC - facebook.com/illuminateHCC - @iYHCC

Sunday Morning Up-Word: *November 2017*

- Junior High –
  (*Mary & Marques Teaching*)
- High School –
  (*Tiffiney Cowan Teaching*)

Sunday Night Youth Group: *November 2017*

- Junior High –
  (*Marques Smith Teaching*)
- High School –
  (*Pastor Steve Teaching*)

**Parents if you would like to receive an emailed handout of our teaching material please contact Pastor Steve or Marques Smith.*

I don't know about you, but it doesn't feel possible that it is already November. That means that the holiday season is almost upon us! We are excited to partner with you, the families during this season that presents so many opportunities for love, joy and laughter. Take a look at some of the events that are on the horizon!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tyler

Fall Late Nighter

who: 4th-6th Graders

when: Friday Nov. 3, from 5:00-11:00 P.M.

where: Highline Christian Church
14859 1st Avenue South, Burien,

what: A night of hanging out and fun games

Summit Seeker

Late Nighter

CHILDREN'S PASTOR I TYLER MOSIER

Coming up the last Sunday night of October is the ascension Kid's Halloween Party. For one night only, we will be joining forces with the youth ministry for not only a costume party, but pumpkin carving/decorating. Not to mention that after the fact we are going to throw same pumpkins out of the 3rd story window! It is going to be a blast so be sure to check it out!

B-12 FAMILY MINISTRY
PRESENTS

Night of Thanks

15 NOVEMBER 2017
6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

NIGHT OF THANKS 2017

Night of thanks is an annual event at Highline Christian Church where families come together to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings God has poured into our lives. Join us for a time to center our hearts and refocus our perspectives as we enter the holiday season.

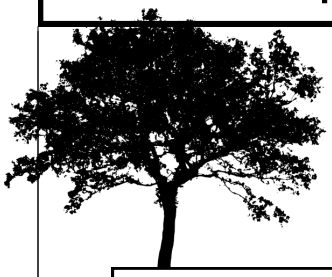
DESSERT

Bring a dessert dish to share!

Child Care

RSVP With Katie Taylor
katie@highlinechristian.org

Kick off the Holiday season right by coming together with your church family to focus your heart on God's goodness and the many blessings he gives us each day!

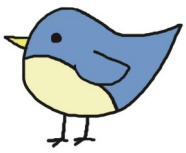


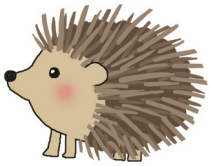
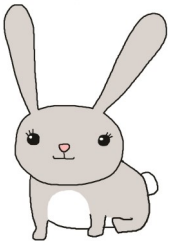
Preschool Park

Birth through Kindergarten

Did you know?

The Early Childhood Ministry matches the lessons with the First through Sixth grade Sunday School classes. We do this on purpose! We want you to be able to talk as a family about the lessons all of your children have learned. Take the time to ask your little ones what the Big God Story was about! They are learning and growing each week in their understanding of God.



Family Worship Response time!

Keep an eye in the Preschool Park Hallway for some posters hanging.

There will be a question for each family to add an answer to.

Be ready to add your response to the wall!

This is modeling that we think about what we learn and respond to God.

Katie Taylor
katie@highlinechristian.org

Welcome to Highline

Baptized

Nicole Harvey

Julie Ausen

Worship Service Times

Saturdays—6:00 P.M.
Sundays—9:00 A.M.
& 10:40 A.M.

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m.-Noon

Next eNewsletter Deadline:

November 26

Survey on the HUB/App

If you have ever had a coffee from our Jehovah Java Stand, we would love to get your feedback. Please take just a couple of minutes to fill out the Latte Stand Questionnaire. You can click on the link or find it under forms on the HUB and under "Sign-up" on the App . Thanks for your help as we try to give you the best possible service at the Latte Stand.

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2017-2018 Elders

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