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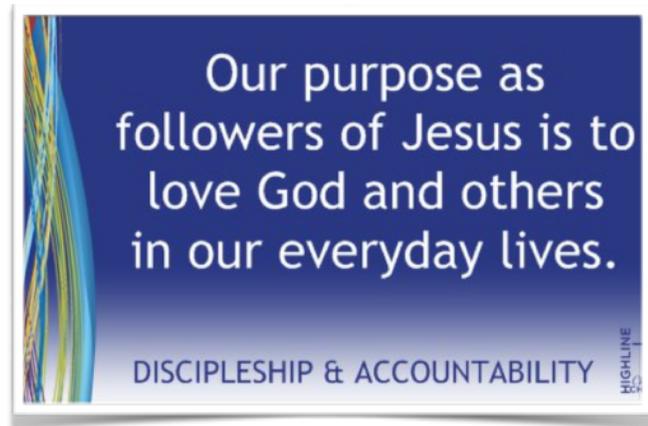
Third Saturday Church Work Party



November 16, 8:30-Noon

All are invited to join us for the Third Saturday Work Party. We will be doing general grounds maintenance & fix-its and could use your help. Meet us here in the HCC Parking lot.

For any questions, contact Gregg



Reformed Reflections

While not directly about Thanksgiving, this article from Christian History provides some interesting facts about the Puritans that you may not already know. Enjoy.

The American Puritans: Did You Know?

Little-known or remarkable facts about the American Puritans
Cassandra Niemczyk

Critic H. L. Mencken once said, wrongly, “Puritanism is the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy.” On the contrary, Puritans read good books and enjoyed music. They drank beer with meals and rum at weddings. Puritans swam and skated, hunted and fished, and played at archery and bowling (as long as the games were not in a public tavern or on Sunday).

The famous “Pilgrims,” who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, were so radical they were usually disliked and sometimes hated. Unlike most Puritans, they did not seek to reform the Church of England; they thought the church was beyond help.

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Retirees Breakfast

Thursday, November 14th
8:30AM

Pancake Chef



Seniors, come
join us for fellowship and
breakfast.

Every Pop 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 aluminum cans for recycling. Collection bins are located in the South Building Community Room and are picked up weekly.

Any Questions?

Contact Mary or Alice Webb



Sunday, November 24th Transform Burien HCC Outreach Dinner



Serve a meal and provide food and clothing services to those in need in our community.

The 4th Sunday of each month:

2:30 to 3:30 PM - Set Up and Serve

3:30 to 5:00 PM - Serve

4:45 to 5:45 PM - Clean Up

Opportunities:

Set Up

Kitchen-Cook/Prep

Meal Server

Food Bank

Clothing Bank

Hall Monitor

Prayer and Conversation with Attendees

Clean Up

Location:

Burien Annex

144th and 4th Ave

Burien, WA

Contact

Don Berg

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Reformed Reflections

Most weddings in New England were performed not by ministers but by magistrates. Wedding rings, seen as “popish,” were not used.

The early settlers of Massachusetts included more than 100 graduates of Oxford and Cambridge. One historian termed Massachusetts “the best-educated community the world has ever known.”

In Puritan worship, a prayer could last an hour or more; a sermon, two hours. In a lifetime, a Puritan might hear 15,000 hours of preaching.

Within only six years of their arrival, while still trying to hew out an existence, the Puritans founded a religious college named Harvard. Puritans wanted highly educated ministers, not “Dumme Doggs,” as they called less-trained examples.

New England residents who failed to attend worship services on Sunday morning and afternoon were fined or put into stocks. Failing to glorify God for all his good gifts was a sacrilege.

Puritan women, though they didn’t receive a college education, were generally literate and often well-read. The only respectable female vocation in Puritan America was managing a household. But that “household” generally included large numbers of children, servants, apprentices, and even single men and women (who were required to live with families).

American Puritans did not celebrate religious holidays such as Easter or Christmas. The weekly “Lord’s Day” was celebration enough.

New England Puritans devised an approach to church membership that prevails in many churches today. By 1640, a person seeking membership was required to testify that he or she had been converted. Consequently, many settlers

never became church members, even though only members could vote in civic affairs.

To permit undistracted worship of God, the Puritans did not use choirs, polyphonic hymns, or organs; they sang a cappella and in unison. No art adorned meeting houses (but paintings hung in many homes).

There was no religious freedom in New England. Quakers and Baptists were often forced to pay higher taxes or were banished.

American Puritans were hardworking but not capitalists in the modern sense. They placed common welfare ahead of self-interest and set modest caps on profit-making. Unemployment was virtually nonexistent in New England. A visitor from abroad testified, “In seven years I never saw a beggar.”

Puritans called Rhode Island “the latrine of New England” because it permitted all sorts of religious beliefs and made no religious requirements for citizenship.

Worshippers in New England were assigned seats by a committee. The best seats went to the minister and family. African-Americans and native Americans were assigned the lowest-ranked seats, usually in second-floor galleries. Men and women sat on opposite sides.

The American colonies became, in one historian’s words, “the most Protestant, Reformed, and Puritan commonwealths in the world.” When American colonists declared their independence in 1776, a full 75 percent came from Puritan roots.

*Cassandra Niemczyk is an independent scholar who contributed to *The Variety of American Evangelicalism* (Tennessee, 1991).*

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Roots&Wings Ministry

Thank you Highline church for being partners in the Roots&Wings ministry building stronger families by providing assistance to parents who are struggling to provide for their children in Mazatlan. Below is a typical Roots & Wings Story of God 's work in a Mazatlan neighborhood.

When Motherhood is a Grandmother

She was so tiny. Her skin so pale, her body so fragile.

We were afraid to take our eyes off her for even a second for fear she'd quit breathing.

How could you not love and care for this new, precious little life?

But addiction has a way of numbing all one's emotions and focusing them solely on finding that next high. And both her parents were addicts.

That left a four-week-old baby girl struggling to survive.

She wasn't alone. She has three older siblings. Two that should be in kindergarten but had never seen the inside of a classroom. And a one-year-old sister, guarded and withdrawn, but to her advantage she had caught the attention of a nearby neighbor who would take her home and look after her. She was the lucky one.



They had another older brother but he didn't live with them. He'd been placed in his maternal grandma's custody years ago after an incident in his home left him with permanent neurological damage.

And that older brother now attended Roots & Wings.

The neighbor that watched 1-year-old Pamela noticed how sickly her newborn sister looked. She offered to take her to the pediatrician where she received the alarming news. Katia was severely malnourished. Without intervention, the doctor warned she would live another two weeks, at most.

When grandma Patricia got word of the severity of the baby's condition, she broke down. She knew of her daughter and son-in-law's addictions, but wasn't aware of just how bad things had gotten. She immediately came to Roots & Wings for help.

Our first priority was guaranteeing the children's safety. So, our team went and picked up the children and reported the case to child protective services.

But what would happen to these children? Their grandmother couldn't possibly take them all, could she?

Raising five children is a big task under the BEST of circumstances. Raising four more young children when you are a single, 50-something grandmother already raising your special needs grandson – that is a BIG ask.

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Roots & Wings Ministry

We offered to search for a home, but grandma Patricia was determined. She did not want to see the children separated, a likely outcome if placed in an orphanage or even in foster care.

And so we took them all to her home, supplied her with everything she'd need to get through that first night, and after baths, dinner and lots of tears, left her with five sleeping children. The days that followed were tense, full of visits to the pediatrician, blood tests, vitamins, forced feedings, and lots of prayers.

We tried to reach out to the children's parents and offer our help, but it was ignored. Supervised visits were scheduled at Roots & Wings. They came to their first visit, and that was it. They never came back.

So our team went in search of them – hopeful that we could get through to them and help them understand that we could help them recuperate their children. We went to their home and banged on their door. They didn't answer, too high to notice or care.

A month after taking them in, grandma Patricia had to have emergency appendicitis. She spent a week in the hospital without any time to prepare.

But Roots & Wings families rallied around her. Another mom in the program took in four of the children and cared for them the entire time she was hospitalized.

One Roots & Wings family has been keeping Katia clothed with their own baby's hand-me-downs. Another mom meets her every

morning to help her bring the children to Roots & Wings.

Oh, how we prayed she'd be able to handle the challenge – but also to have the strength to admit if it was too much.

It has been 4 months since she took them in. Is it difficult for Patricia? Yes. We'd be lying if we said it wasn't. It's been very difficult.

But is it worth it? She would say it is. Every single minute. These four siblings are growing up together. They're safe, their needs are being met, and equally important, they're loved and they're a family.

Then, four weeks ago, a miracle happened. Their dad showed up at our door, bags packed, asking for our help. He doesn't want to lose his children permanently. He wants to change, and that change, he knew, needed to begin with rehab.

We are praying mom will follow suit.

Whatever the outcome, the future is looking much brighter for Michelle, Diego, Pamela and Katia.

And little 5-month-old Katia, she is doing amazing. She is healthy; she is strong; and she is so, so very loved.

Sent in by Paula Jobe



Making a List and Checking it Often

Are you a list maker? There are all kinds of lists people make, some are good and useful, others not so much so. I use a list app to help keep my life organized, though it doesn't always work. Sometimes the items get lost in all the lists, other times however the lists work beautiful and helps me accomplish what I am seeking to do. I have a list for work tasks, a list of home tasks and projects, a list for Christmas gift ideas, a list of things I'm researching, a growing list of books to get, a list of some of my favorite quotes from my readings over the last couple of years, and the lists go on. What kind of lists do you make and how are they affecting your life?



Did you know, list making and keeping affects our spiritual formation in Christ and our walk in His kingdom? Though most all the various lists we make and keep affect our walk with Jesus, there are two I'd like to look at for November and both are related to trusting God.

The Record of Wrongs, this is a hard list to talk about because we are told we are not supposed to keep a list of wrongs done to us, yet the reality is, in some way, shape, or form, we all have this list. So, what do we do about this list, and what does it have to do with our trust of God? Keeping a list of wrongs is damaging to your soul, it causes bitterness, anger, detachment, and it hinders the the kind of life God desires for His children. God wants more for us than to be stuck in the pain of past hurts, which is why He invites us to forgive others in the same manner we have been forgiven by Him. (Matthew 6, Colossians 3, Ephesians 4)

God is not telling us to forgive just so we can all get along, no, it is because He loves us and wants what is best for us. He knows the pain and heartache caused by un-forgiveness in our hearts and how it hinders our relationship with Him and others. God's will or purpose for us in our lives is that we would grow in maturity in our relationship with Him, Galatians 4:19, Christ formed in you. Please remember, as Pastor Tim mentioned in his sermons recently, forgiveness and reconciliation are not the same. In forgiveness we ask ourselves, "do I trust God has forgiven me?" as well as "do I trust God enough that I can forgive the person who wronged me?," trusting God in both questions is key. Let me say this also about forgiveness and our list of wrongs, it is not something that should be rushed. In our "Nike, just do it, world", we sometimes get the idea we are just supposed to forgive and move on. If we approach our list of wrongs from this perspective we run the risk of just saying we forgive the people on the list without ever really being formed by the work the Holy Spirit can bring about through the forgiveness process. Instead of seeking to "just forgive," you might look at your list of wrongs, pray for them by name for God's will to be done in their lives, then slowly pray through Psalm 23, and when you get to verse five, pause and look around the table to see who the Spirit is bringing to mind to pray for again. The record of wrongs is not a good list for us to have, yet we have it, now, what is God inviting you to do with it?

Counting Your Blessings, this is a much better list to keep and look at often. There is power in this list to help you have joy in your life, to help you live at peace with everyone, to remind you God is good even when life stinks, and so much more.

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“On behalf of our staff; your friends Georgia and Jo Etta, we would personally like to thank Pastor Tim and the congregation for all of your continued support. We are sincerely grateful and blessed to have you in our corner. Because of you, we can continue to serve God by serving those who are blind, disabled and or visually impaired. Our goal is to help bring meaning and purpose through Christian literature back into their lives. Thank you and may God Bless all of you.”

Martin
Moore,
Executive Director
AudioBook Ministries



Encore (Seniors) Thanksgiving Potluck



Seniors, we will be celebrating the Thanksgiving Season with a Potluck Dinner on Saturday November 2nd at noon. This will be held at Boulevard Park Place Apartments at 2825 S. 125th St, Burien in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is the lower south building with parking in any uncovered open space.

Please sign up at the Atrium Table.

Making a List and Checking it Often

Making a blessings list and looking at it often leads to a life of praise for all God has accomplished in your life and around you.

Blessings lists remind us of God’s faithfulness, of the many riches we have which we often take for granted, and help us when things around us begin to fall apart, which they will. A blessing list is a key

tool in helping us put on Christ, to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to becoming one body. Blessing lists help us set our minds on things above, be content with all we have and all we do, and help teach us to trust Jesus as we go through each day. (Colossians 3)



In describing the soul training exercise of counting your blessings, James Bryan Smith states “Counting your blessings is a powerful spiritual exercise. Make a list of all the things God has blessed you with, all of the things that make life wonderful. Pay attention to the details of your life. Look for the hidden things. Take notice of all of those wonderful things you easily overlook.” This list is a reminder that God is trustworthy, worthy of our praise, and worthy of our lives lived in and for Him. In this month of giving thanks, spend some time each day to reflect on the blessings of God and start making a list if you don’t already have one. Start small, this is an exercise in seeing and trusting God. Don’t approach this exercise legalistically, rather seek to do it relationally with God and others. Each day, review your list and pray for the Spirit to open your eyes to more.

May the exercises of forgiveness and counting your blessings lead you to trust Jesus more and to find greater joy and life in the Kingdom of God.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Pastor

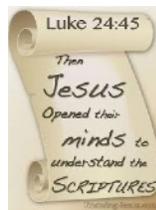
Shoemaker's Circle

October 16th
10:30AM
Room S-203



Ladies, join us for fellowship. Bring a sandwich & a scripture to share.

Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.



Shoemaker's Circle October Meeting

We had in attendance Beve Cord, Rosemary Groves, Jan Davis, Linda Rome, Margaret Wineman, Mary Webb and Alice Webb.

Last month of October we did church appreciation cards, all 21 of them! We also sent out a Welcome Card to Missionaries Todd & Susan Smith.

We were able to donate:

\$100 to Bread of Life

\$100 to TB

\$20.00 towards Bibles for HCC's Prison Ministry

Ladies, please join us November 20th. Our hostess will be Nona Denny.

Novembers subject is on Young Life and we may have a guest speaker from this Ministry.

Alice webb



Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas

Child boxes are currently available. You are welcome to use your own shoebox-sized plastic tote or your own shoebox as well. We filled and sent 580 shoeboxes last year to bless children (age 2-14), as well as their families & communities around the world. Let's see what we can do this year. The deadline to return filled shoeboxes is November 17.

In this coming month, you can help the Operation Christmas Child ministry and bless children in the following ways:

- 1) You can fill an entire box. Information sheets are available at the Atrium Table or contact Tammie Lindblom.
- 2) You can partner with another family to fill a box.
- 3) You can still donate individual items by placing them in the tote in the Community Room of the South Building. We have enough socks, pencils, and crayons. Toys are the biggest need. Other needed items are toothbrushes, stuffed animals or small blankets, other school supplies, flashlights with batteries, washcloths, soap in ziplock bags or a "Wow" item (soccer ball w/ pump, small baby doll, battery-powered radio).
- 4) You can donate money for someone to shop for you or to help with someone else's \$9 shipping fee. Cash or Checks payable to Highline Christian Church with Operation Christmas Child on the memo line can be used for either need.
- 5) You can purchase The Greatest Journey on-line for \$6. This 12-week Discipleship program is offered to all shoebox recipients.

If you have ANY questions, contact Tammie Lindblom



Ladies, you will be blessed at this year's Christmas Mingle Jingle. Tickets are \$15.00 and go on sale November 9th in the Atrium and through the HUB. Join us for dessert, the Barbershop Quartet and some mingle jingle time. Be sure to come in festive attire (whatever that looks like to you).

HCC Christmas Tree Stand

HCC will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths as a fund raiser for short-term missions.

Any help that you can offer would be GREATLY appreciated! Sign-up sheets will be available in the Atrium beginning November 2nd.

November 16th is the tree stand set-up,
9AM - Noon.

Have questions, contact
Gregg Louvier



HCC Early Childhood Ministry

Left-over Halloween Candy?

Save your nut-free left-over Halloween candy for an upcoming party. Bring your donations to Katie Taylor (K-1-2) or Charlene Crawford (Early Childhood) on Sunday mornings. We'll be using the candy to decorate baked goods at an event during the Christmas Season.



Holly Jolly Pajama Party

**Wednesday, December 18
6-7:30 PM**

Early Childhood (in lieu of Pajama Ministry) and K-1-2
South Building

- Wear pajamas
- Decorate baked goods
- Listen to Christmas music
- Make a Christmas present for family

Overhead in Our Classrooms...

During the lesson on God providing for his people wandering in the desert, a three-year-old child was asked, what helps you when you're thirsty? His enthusiastic reply... "POPCICLE!"



Congregational Remember Verse

The Next Gen Team is encouraging the congregation to learn the Lord's prayer during the month of November. While the traditional ending is not included in Matthew, when you say it in your homes, feel free to add the enthusiastic ending "For yours is the kingdom and power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!" We look forward to sharing this prayer with you during our weekend worship services.

Congregational Remember Verse November 2019

9 Pray then like this:
"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread,
12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)



**Welcome
New Member's**

Glenn Wheeler
Margie Wheeler

**Congratulations
New Member by
Baptism**

Andy Dewey

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - 6:00 PM
Sundays - 9:00 AM & 10:40 AM

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Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30
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Next eNewsletter Deadline

December 15, 2019



amazon smile

If you plan on doing your holiday shopping on Amazon, login to **AmazonSmile**, choose Highline Christian Church as your charitable organization and .5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to HCC.

Thank you for making a difference in your community.



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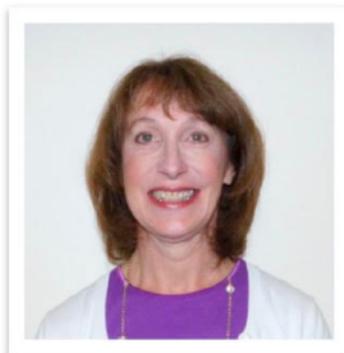
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