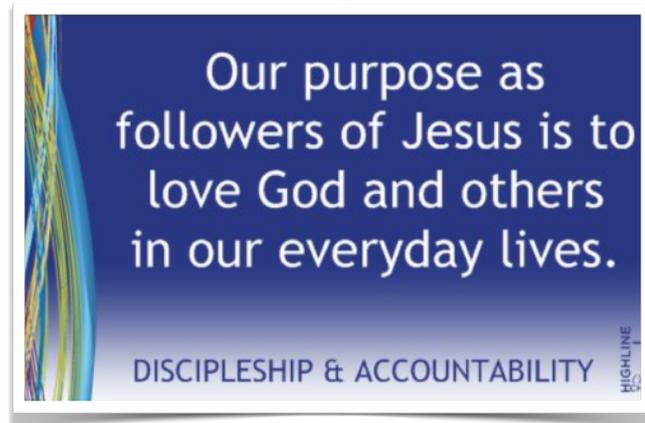

DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Call for Volunteers

Greeters, communion preparers, communion servers, tech team, custodial workers, Jack-of-all-trade types, Sunday school volunteers... "It takes a village" to cover the multiple needs to have Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. We are so thankful for current and past volunteers who have set aside time to be a part of this ministry.

Every serving area needs more volunteers - especially now as less volunteers are available due to health restrictions. We have volunteers ready and willing to serve, but they are not able due to their own health concerns or those of their families during this pandemic. This month, we are highlighting the need for volunteers in the **Greeters and Communion Servers Ministry** for Sunday's, 3rd service, 12pm (**noon**) and **early childhood** during the **9:00 and 10:40 services**. All commitment levels are welcome (weekly or even just once this fall). Contact the church office, or Charlene Crawford for Early Childhood if you are interested. We would love to have anyone interested in serving the families of HCC.



New Service Time

I praise God for His faithfulness and for your faithfulness as well. Since reopening the building for church services, the number of people who decide to return continues to increase almost weekly. In addition to people returning to church services, there are a number of first time visitors who have joined us as well; praise God for the way he is working in people's lives.

According to the Covid restrictions for faith based organizations we are limited to 25% of a rooms occupancy or 200 people, whichever is less. For Highline this means we are limited to 107 people in the Worship Center and more once we have reached that capacity. In order to allow space for as many people as possible to return to in person worship services we are starting a temporary third service on Sundays.

Join us for in person worship service: **Saturday's at 6:00pm, Sunday's at 9:00am, 10:40am, and 12:00pm.**

At this time student ministries and adult Sunday school classes are available during the 9:00 and 10:40 services. Space is limited for worship services and for the student ministries, please pre-register using the link at highlinechristian.org or the Highline App.

We look forward to seeing you at church.

Daylight Savings



It is time to fall back...Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, October 31st. Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, November 1st at 2am.

Third Saturday Work Party

**November 21,
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.

“Ohh. You didn’t tell me you were gonna to kill it.” - Linus

The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown

I grew up carving pumpkins with my family and have fond memories of gatherings of friends over to our house for pumpkin carving parties. Last year one of my kids asked to carve the pumpkin he had received from a school field trip, but unfortunately halloween came and went and the carving didn’t take place. This year the opportunity for family memories would not pass us by.

A trip to the pumpkin patch included looking at, choosing, and re-choosing just the right pumpkin based on size, shape, stem, color, and more. After the pumpkins were washed off and brought inside the brainstorming of what the faces would look like began, and no, they didn’t use the back of someones head.

Designs confirmed; templates in place; time to start the carving. We cut open the top of the pumpkins and then the reality set in of what was to come next. This was the first carving experience for two of our kids and they were’t quite ready for the next step in creating a jack-o-lantern; cleaning out the slimy insides. Up to now, everything was exciting, fun, and creative, but now it was time to get down and dirty. Despite the slimy feeling and not being sure of the aroma of the raw pumpkin, not quite as appealing as pumpkin pie, they got in there and cleaned out all the inners of the pumpkin to get to the next step of shaping the outside.

After all the carving was complete to their liking, we put the pumpkins outside and waited for it to get dark. Once it was dark, it was time for more pumpkin fun, putting the candles inside. We lit the candles, turned off all the lights, and took in the beauty of their creations.

This whole experience was a good reminder of the life of a disciple of Jesus. Ephesians 1 reminds us how God chose us from before creation. John 3, John 12, and 1 John 3 remind us of

God’s love expressed in choosing us that we would be his children.



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“Ohh. You didn’t tell me you were gonna to kill it.” - Linus.....

Though God has chosen us and as Romans 5 reminds us, continued to love us even in the midst of our sin, he is not content in allowing sin to remain a part of our lives. “Ahh. You didn’t tell me you were gonna to kill it.” Though Linus didn’t know what it would take to bring the pumpkin new life, the disciple of Jesus has been told time and time again what new life requires. In Matthew 16, Jesus reminds us that the way of the disciple is to deny self, to take up the cross and to follow him; we are to die to self. In Colossians 3, Paul tells us to put to death, to choke out, and to throw away the things of the flesh. Again in Hebrews 12 we are told to cast off, or to throw away, the sin that so easily entangles. We put to death, or die to self and partner with the Holy Spirit in cleaning out or casting off the slimy junk inside.

In John 15 we are reminded of the formation process, to abide in the vine who gives life. As we abide and his fruit are produced in us, the Father prunes or cuts away excess allowing his fruit, or the light of his love to grow and become more evident in our lives.

Let your light so shine. We turned off all the lights making it as dark as possible to see the pumpkins. We already live in a world darkened by sin, we don’t have to turn out lights, instead we need to let the light of Jesus’ love shine in and through us. Matthew 5 reminds of the importance of letting his light shine in us SO THAT the world would see and glorify God in heaven. The love of Jesus is not a treasure to be hidden inside and locked up forever, rather it is to be shown and shared with all, to lighten up this darkened world.

Blessings on you this season and may you be reminded of your your faith formation with every jack-o-lantern you see.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Minister



Holiday Shopping?



Giving With A "Smile"

For those who like to shop at Amazon, Highline Christian Church is 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.

Just click on the link. Sign in with your regular Amazon account. Choose Highline Christian Church as your charity organization. And Shop. [amazonsmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

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

Christmas Trees

Highline has been blessed for years to be able to have the opportunity to sell Christmas Trees. The proceeds from the tree sales have gone to support families from HCC to go on short term missions, as well as



to support missionaries and missionary organizations. In addition to the blessing of supporting missions, we have also had the opportunity to be on mission while selling trees and have had the opportunity to pray with and be a help to many people right in Burien.

The time for the tree stand is quickly approaching and we are looking too once again set up and be a light to Burien and the world through tree sales. With Covid restrictions, things may look a little different this year with masks and distancing, but the desire to serve and be a light remain the same.

If you would like to be a part of the Tree Stand Team this year, please join the "Christmas Tree Stand" group on the HUB to receive messages concerning shifts and other needs. Thank you.



You are invited to help set up the Christmas Tree Stand on November 21, 2020 from 8:00-12:00. Please feel free to come for all or part as you are able.

Thanks for your help as we seek to help celebrate our King.

World Outreach Update

Dear Partners in Bible Translation,

We send you greetings from Oroville, California. Being in California at this time was not our plan but we serve a sovereign God whose plans are better than ours and not for our glory but for His. We apologize if you are surprised by the news of this letter. We want to update you on what has happened in the past ten months.

On November 13, 2019 Todd was injured while cutting down a tree at work in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea (PNG). The result was broken bones including a severely crushed lower leg which required medical attention in Australia. To read more about his accident, treatment and recovery please find our story at www.caringbridge.org/visit/toddsmithsinjury/journal.

In early April 2020 it was determined by the Ukarumpa Clinic doctor that Todd needed to receive quick medical intervention for a bone infection. Todd was able to get a seat on the US Embassy repatriation flight to California and the boys and I followed on a commercial airline three weeks later. Travelling internationally during the COVID pandemic proved more difficult than usual.

Todd is 14 weeks post-op from his 4th surgery. His last follow-up visit allowed him to begin putting more weight on his leg, starting to walk. We have been so blessed by his local surgeon who has been so knowledgeable, patient and kind. Todd will continue with physical therapy for quite some time. Over the next few months Todd's body will reveal whether he will need a full knee replacement at this time or if it can be further down the line.

What's next for us? Todd and I are both currently on medical leave through our employment with Wycliffe Bible Translators. This gives us the opportunity to focus on healing (physically and emotionally) without the expectation of working. Once my leave is over, I will continue working for our PNG branch through a remote assignment.

Our goal is to return to our ministry in Papua New Guinea as soon as Todd is healed enough to return to work. The earliest we could return would be January 2021. Please be in prayer with us that Todd will continue to heal well and that God would work out the details for returning.

While we are in the States, we continue to rely on our partnership with each one of you. Your regular financial and prayer support are vital for our continued ministry with Bible translation. We also understand that COVID may have placed an extra financial burden on your family. Please let us know if you need to change the way you partner with us during this time.

The pandemic has made it very difficult to see many of you. We wish we could hug each one of you. We pray that we will be able to visit you while we are here. We would love to hear from you. Please feel free to call/text Susan at 530-552-2392 or Todd at 530-712-1564.

We pray that you are well and we send our love.

Todd, Susan, Andrew Smith, Connor, Gavin



World Outreach



Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that sends shoe boxes full of items to needy children all over the world. The shoe boxes are door openers to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ – a message needed as much during these uncertain pandemic times as any.

*Empty boxes are currently available at the church building.
ALL BOXES MUST BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15!*

If you are unable to fill an entire box, you can help in any of the following ways:

- *Donate items (school supplies, small stuffed animals/dolls, socks, t-shirts, toothbrushes, wash cloths, soap, flashlights, AAA batteries, and a variety of toys for ages 2-14.)*
- *Donate money for someone to shop for you.*
- *Donate \$9 to help ship a box.*
- *Purchase The Greatest Journey Discipleship program on-line for box recipients.*

You can, also, Build-A-Shoe-Box On-line! This is a great option if you are unable, for any reason, to come to the church building at this time.



This year, Highline Christian has a goal page that leads you through building a shoe box on-line. Click on the link below to get started:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanaspurse.org/view/1dd6f560-ec84-4fd8-958d-7dce171bb9a6>

You will get to choose gender and age of the recipient of your box as well as a Wow item, 3 small toys, and 2 accessories to put in your box. Some school supplies and hygiene items are chosen for you. It costs \$25 to build a box on-line.

For either option, please contact Tammie Lindblom

Community Outreach

Highline began this campaign October 25th and it will run it through November 22nd. This has been a hard year for Care Net and they need our support. Below is a letter from Kim Triller, Executive Director. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help. Click [HERE](#) to donate. Please put Highline Christian in comments. Contact Pat Barnett if for any questions at 206-235-8541.

Dear friends of Care Net of Puget Sound,

May I share my heart with you?

We serve a diverse and often struggling population.

Last year, 60% of our clients were single parents.

We are currently supporting a 19-year-old mother of one with another one on the way. She has a challenging road ahead, but she is bravely choosing life.

66% of our clients last year were comprised of ethnic minorities, with most being multi-racial. U.S. statistics show that minorities are more likely to have abortions, with African-American women being five times more likely to choose abortion than Caucasian women.*

We recently celebrated the birth of a multi-racial baby after the mom chose to change her mind on abortion through a process called the Abortion Pill Reversal.

Many of our clients are post-abortive. A significant number are immigrants. Some are homeless.

So many of our clients have experienced tremendous pain and rejection. They have been mistreated for any number of reasons such as



their gender, their skin color, their social status or lack thereof.

But when they come to Care Net, they are welcomed because we view them as brothers and sisters to be loved.

In one way or another, we see ourselves in every client who walks through our doors.

We too have been abused and neglected.

We too have been treated unfairly.

We too have made decisions we regret.

We too have felt hopeless.

Care Net helps our clients because each one of them is valuable. We reach out with hearts of love that say, "You and I are the same. May I walk with you in your pain?"

The Gospel is not a message of division, whether by race, class or otherwise.

The Gospel is a message of unity and hope. The Gospel sees every human being for the worth they hold as image bearers of God. The Gospel sees the beggar looking for bread and sends another beggar to help her find it.

Here at Care Net, we are nothing special. We are simply His servants, trying to lead others to the Savior who has changed our lives.

If you would like to partner with us by gently walking our clients to the foot of the cross, please consider giving today.

Your gift doesn't simply save lives. It changes them. It turns broken into healed. It turns victims into victors. It turns heartbreak into hope.

In His love,

Kim Triller

Executive Director

Are You Struggling?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those



experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation and more.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you would like to receive a Stephen Minister or would like more information regarding Stephen Ministry please contact the church office by [email](#) or phone, 206-243-4333.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, our Prayer



Team would like to pray for you. You may enter your request on the APP by tapping on "Connect with Us," through the [HUB](#), or by email at office@highlinechristian.org.

Sunday, November 22nd HCC Outreach Dinner Transform Burien



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:

Sunnydale School
15623 Des Moines Memorial Drive S
Burien WA

Contact

Don Berg
206-243-4333



We offer our condolences to Dixie Check & Clyde Hundley. Please keep both of these families in your prayers during this time.

Dixie's husband and long-time member of HCC, Chris Check, passed away Sept 26, 2020.

Clyde Hundley lost his brother Ridge September 2020.

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00**pm
Sundays - **9:00**am, **10:40**am & **12**pm.
Adult & Student Ministries are available at 9 & 10:40am.

Contact Us

Phone:
206.243.4333

Website:
highlinechristian.org

Email:
office@highlinechristian.org

Office Hours

Due to COVID 19 our office is temporarily closed. Emails and messages are checked on a regular basis. Please leave a message and Kim will contact you in a timely manner.

Next eNewsletter Deadline

November 22, 2020

Online Church



If you are unable or are choosing not to return to in person church services yet, we are now streaming our 9:00 and 10:40 worship services via Zoom. Please sign up for online church services at highlinechristian.org or via the Highline App to get the link to join the Zoom group.

Although Zoom is working alright to stream our worship services, we are also taking steps right now to be able to stream our services live in the near future. Once everything is in place you will be able to engage with the worship service from wherever you are. This will be a unique opportunity too engage and we believe it will be a blessing for many who are unable to attend in person.

Watch for more information about church online coming soon.

Congregational Meeting & Voting

Member's, please join us November 1, 2020 at 11:35am for HCC's annual Congregational Meeting.



Voting is available to all HCC members 15 years and older in the Atrium before and after each service November, 7 & 8th.

2020-2021 Elders



Bruce Ernst, Elder Chair



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Tim Knight



Konrad Lindblom



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