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Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

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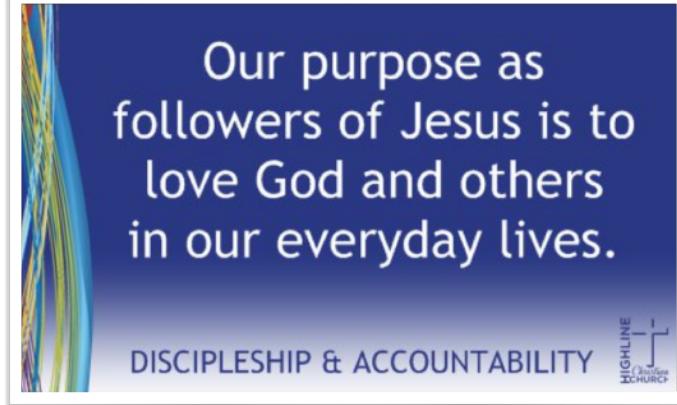
As of the May 1st we no longer need to register or check-in for Family In-Person Worship service. However, **please** continue to **register** your student(s), **Birth - 6th grade**, if they will be attending a student class.

Third Saturday Church Work Party

**May 15th
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 Louvier.



Pentecost

This past month we had the wonderful opportunity to gather and remember and celebrate the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Easter may not initially be thought of as the most important holiday, especially when we compare all we do to celebrate Christmas and Easter, however for the disciple of Jesus who is growing in the love of God, there is no doubt of the importance of Easter. For those growing in the grace of God the celebration of the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus is the centerpiece and anchor of our faith. Close on the heels of Easter though is the much lesser thought of celebration of Pentecost; the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost, celebrated 50 days following Easter, is the day we remember and celebrate the coming of the presence of God in the Holy Spirit to dwell with us, to teach us, lead us, to guide us, and to form us to the image of the Son. In the story of Pentecost, found in Acts 2, Luke describes the disciples sitting in the upper room waiting just as the Lord had instructed them to do. *Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as*

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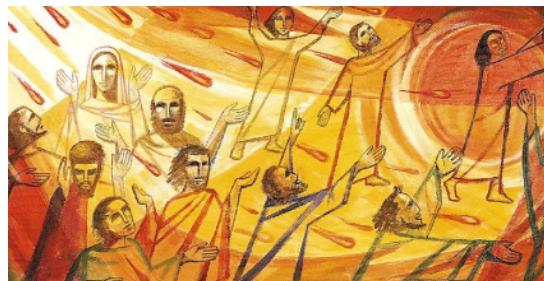
Pentecost... (Continued)

of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. (Acts 2:2-3) This description of the coming of the Holy Spirit in presence and power is intended to cause us to be reminded of the presence and power of God shown throughout the Old Testament by wind and by fire: think burning bush, pillar of fire and cloud, and filling of the tabernacle. Now the presence of God, the Holy Spirit would rest with all who will listen for, submit to, and follow Him in all things.

At that first Pentecost following the resurrection the disciples, empowered by the Spirit, shared the presence and power of God with others and the multitudes

heard the message in their own native tongues. Though at one time language became confused causing people to be disbursed across the nations, Genesis 11, at Pentecost the nations are brought back, God is calling the nations to return and by extension calling all nations to return to Him. In a day and age when we are so divided we need this reminder of the purpose of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. True, the Holy Spirit is working uniquely in your life but the work the Spirit is accomplishing is not for you alone, it is for the benefit of the Kingdom and for all whom Jesus died and rose again.

This Pentecost, **May 23, 2021**, would you pause to reflect on the presence of the Spirit in your life? What work is the Spirit accomplishing? Who is the Spirit inviting you to share the beauty, goodness, and truth of Jesus with?



Some other ways to Remember and Celebrate Pentecost this year include:

- Use red - the color red is the traditional color of Pentecost
- Light a candle - Gather a special candle to light as a reminder of the presence of God in fire in the O.T. and the Spirit coming at Pentecost
- Play with the wind - The Holy Spirit came with the power of a rushing wind play with the wind:
 - Fly a kite
 - Blow bubbles and let them fly away
 - Make a windsock to hang and let fly (remember to use red)
- Hang wind chimes to remind you of the Spirit's presence every time they chime
- Decorate your yard with pinwheels
- Sail a boat and invite a friend to join you
- Do watercolor painting by blowing through a straw
- Read the story of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) and the story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47) and reflect on how God is inviting you to join Him in reconciling all nations to Himself

May you experience the grace, power, and presence of God as you reflect on the Holy Spirit in your life this Pentecost.

Moment by moment with Jesus,
Bret Thorson
Discipleship Minister

Young Adults

We have been doing well for the past few months/weeks! We are meeting every Thursday night 7:30 - 9PM! We play games, pray together, worship together and of course have Bible teaching. The most beneficial time has been before and after YA because it allows people to connect relationally and spend time together. We have had two Bonfires at "The Cove" which provides an outside



community variant for the Young Adults to hang out and connect together and have fun. Both bonfires were a big success with a great attendance and an amazing time. We also have been doing service projects serving the community in different ways specifically with Transform Burien and helping them clear out their courtyard space so that they may be able to use it for future events in the summertime. We also are getting ready to host our "**Night of Worship**" in May. We cannot wait to come

together to worship in an amazing way once again.

Youth



We meet every Wednesday night in the Church lobby.

Game time starts at around 6:40PM and our official start time is at 7PM. All Jr. high and high school students are welcome to join us for worship, teaching, life groups and fun! We have been in a teaching series called "How to deal with Conflict" and it has been very helpful because we are seeing students learn how to deal with parents, friends, coaches, teachers etc. in a good, healthy and Godly way when it comes to conflict. The sun has been out for the last two weeks and our students love it. We have been doing outside games before "Youth" starts, and it's been such a major success. We sadly haven't been doing any events recently due to Covid and other reasons, however, we have been doing service projects for different groups. One of those service projects was going up to Pleasant Valley Christian Camp on April 10th. We helped with a few mini projects; like cleaning up the roadway that leads to camp, cutting wood and clearing sticks and trash all across the camp. We also

have been serving Transform



Burien the past two months where we have been cleaning up their courtyard for them to use for future events in the summertime. We are also getting ready to put on our "**Night of Worship**" in May! This is a time for Jr. high and High School students to worship God together, learn, grow and mature in their faith. Last but not least, Jr. High Sunday School is up and running, every Sunday at 9AM!



Summer Camp

Summer Camp plans are hoping to happen this summer! We will attend Pleasant Valley Christian Camp with some other Northwest churches. There is a camp called First Chance Camp for students entering into 1st through 3rd grades (1st graders must have a parent attend camp with them). First Chance Camp is June 30-July 2nd.

Students going into 4th through 6th grades will be attending Junior Camp July 25-31st.

Registration details for camp are coming soon!

Elementary



The Elementary Ministry is learning a lot about the Parables of Jesus! We planted different seeds in March and we are watching them grow from our homes. We have been learning about the ways we can hear from God and respond. Elementary is still following the same topics that the adults are hearing in the worship service.



Early Childhood

Thank you to the volunteers and parents stepping in to help each week! It is such a blessing having amazing volunteers to show the love of Jesus to the children as you welcome them to Highline! We are in need of a few more helpers to rotate into the classes on Sunday morning! If you would like to help, please contact Katie Taylor by email Katie@highlinechristian.org When you serve, you are making a difference!

ISAIAH 32:1-3
1 BEHOLD, A KING WILL REIGN IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND PRINCES WILL RULE IN JUSTICE.

2 EACH WILL BE LIKE A HIDING PLACE FROM THE
WIND,
A SHELTER FROM THE STORM,
LIKE STREAMS OF WATER IN A DRY PLACE,
LIKE THE SHADE OF A GREAT ROCK IN A
WEARY LAND.

3 THEN THE EYES OF THOSE WHO SEE WILL NOT BE
CLOSED,
AND THE EARS OF THOSE WHO HEAR WILL GIVE
ATTENTION.

May Remember Verse

OCC



This month's focus for Operation Christmas Child donations is:

Flashlights with batteries.

Thank you for those who have dropped off donations for previous month's focus items. As you can imagine, with less people back in the building than pre-pandemic years, donations are lower. If you are able to donate new items from ANY category, that would be greatly appreciated:

January: Socks

February: Toys for Girls (ages 2-14)

March: Toys for Boys (ages 2-14) & Soccer Balls

April: Stuffed Animals

May: Flashlights with Batteries

June: Toothbrushes

July: Washcloths and Bar Soap

August: School Supplies

September: Cash (checks can be made payable to Highline Christian Church with "OCC" on the memo line.)

October and November: Full Boxes

Please contact Tammie Lindblom with any questions.



Community Outreach



**Thursday, June 24,
Meridian Valley Country Club | Kent, WA | 11 a.m.**

Join us for the 7th Annual Swing for Life Golf Tournament as we raise funds to provide life-affirming pregnancy support services to families in need.

Held at Meridian Valley Country Club, this Ted Robinson-designed course is an interesting mix of hills and flat tracts with the added challenge of over 50 sand bunkers and nine water hazards. This course is a great experience for every level of golfer.

Scramble Format | \$175 per player | \$700 per foursome

Lunch and a buffet dinner will be served and are included in the registration cost.

Early Bird Registration: Register yourself or your team by Saturday May 2nd for a chance to win a golf get-away package for two in Leavenworth!

We can't wait to see you on the golf course! Register [here](#).

Please contact our Development Coordinator Chelsie Compton at 253-336-5781 or [at ccompton@carenetps.org](mailto:ccompton@carenetps.org) if you have any questions!

World Outreach

A GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE? (Don't believe it!)

In the movie, The African Queen, there is a scene early on where Charlie Allnut, the crusty and profane old steam boat driver, makes an offhanded statement to Miss Rose Sayer and her brother (both missionaries to the Congo). He said that this country (Africa) was a “godforsaken place!” Well, Miss Rose quickly fires back at that statement by saying: “God has not forsaken this place, Mr. Allnut, as my brother’s presence here bears witness!” This line describes the mission work in

Zimbabwe, Africa and many other countries on the continent. The presence of many missionaries working in Africa bear witness that God has not forsaken them. Economic hardships and desperation among the people seem to be at an all time high. Yet the very presence of Hippo Valley Christian Mission and all of the committed workers, both in Zimbabwe as well as the U.S. operations, bears witness to the fact that God has NOT forsaken Zimbabwe!

The many teams from the U.S. that take vacation time and invest their own resources to travel and teach and serve over there bear witness that God has not forsaken Zimbabwe! The 28 mission schools with nearly 20,000 children attending bears witness that God has not forsaken Zimbabwe! The orphan ministry with 50 happy and healthy children that has just completed a \$130,000.00 long overdue remodeling project bears witness that God has not forsaken Zimbabwe! The 1,500 children enrolled in the Living Proof program and all of the many faithful U.S. sponsors bear witness that God has not forsaken Zimbabwe!

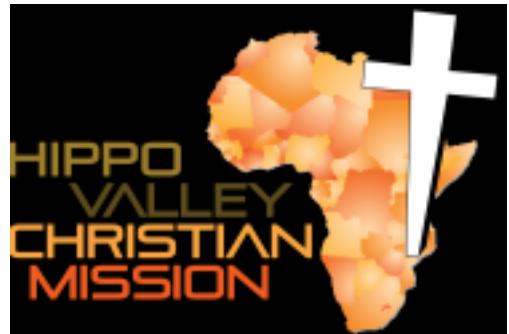
The many Preachers/Evangelists who faithfully work, preach, teach, travel and serve sometimes 2 or 3 rural churches on behalf of HVCM bear witness that God has not forsaken Zimbabwe!

And you, Highline Christian Church, who continue to give in spite of our own issues due to Covid-19, also bear witness that God has not forsaken Zimbabwe!

I am SO grateful that the elders at Highline have decided to give the generous gift of \$5000 to each of the World Outreach Missions that we support. This gift is a God send to Hippo Valley's Dine Clinic which Highline Christian Church supports. Donna Stroop, representative for the clinic, was telling us that the clinic is in great need of an autoclave for sterilizing instruments and an incinerator for disposing of used medical supplies. What a timely blessing! Praise God!!

Thank you Highline for your faithfulness!

Lyla Moreland





HCC's faithful servant, Walt Heft, passed from our presence into His on April 13, 2021. Please keep Linda in your prayers.

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00pm**

Sundays - **9:00am, 10:40am.**

Adult & Student Ministries are available at 9:00 & 10:40am.

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Office Hours

Due to the pandemic, 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

May 23, 2021

Sunday, May 23rd 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:

Sunnydale School

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2020-2021 Elders



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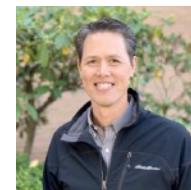
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