

DISCIPLE DIGEST

Highline Christian Church, 14859 1st Avenue South, Burien

Prayer Request?

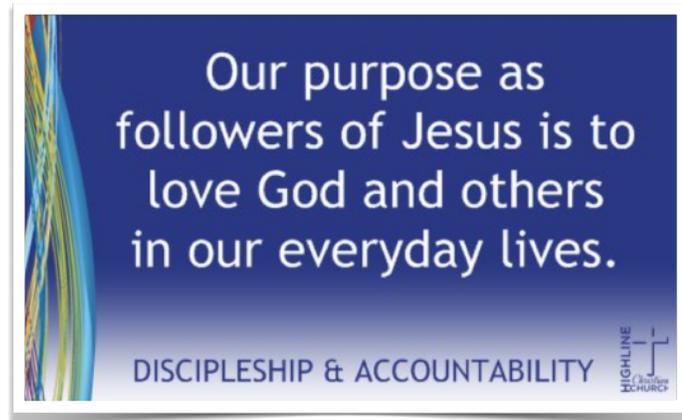
If you have a prayer request our Prayer Team would like to pray for you. You may enter your prayer request on the APP, the [HUB](#), or by email by clicking [here](#).



Reflection Time

What tree are you eating from the tree of Life (dependent upon the Father, letting Him give the definitions, define the reality & set the boundaries) or the tree of the knowledge of good & evil (I'll do it my way, pride, selfishness & ego)?

We all get to choose Christ-centeredness or self-centeredness in every day life, in every decision.



Water Walkers

Water Walkers: Calling All Prayer Warriors

Maybe you read that title and thought, “**I don’t see myself as a prayer warrior.**”

If so, you’re not alone. In its first year Water Walkers saw 65 believing adults commit to praying for one young person throughout the school year. Praise God! But whenever I had the opportunity to speak privately with one of those praying adults, they would share how inadequate they felt to the task.

Can you relate? How have you ever felt like you just weren’t enough?

Here’s the good news friends – you and I, we were never meant to be enough. **God designed us to need Him.** He created us to co-labor with Him, to join Him in the work He is already doing.

One way to do that is through prayer. Don’t worry about not having a lot of time, money, or energy. You can pray despite your time restrictions, financial constraints, or physical limitations.

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And the thing is – **He knows we are weak.**

In fact, He tells us, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

And **He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness** – when we don’t know what to pray, the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. Jesus too, is interceding for us. (Romans 8:26, Romans 8:34 & Hebrews 7:25)

The beautiful thing about praying for another is how it provides a powerful covering for the person while also drawing us deeper into relationship with Jesus because it reveals our dependency on His wisdom and power.

So perhaps the title of this article might better read:

Calling all the Weak, the Inadequate, the Meager in Prayer to Offer Insufficient Petitions and Watch as Jesus Faithfully Turns Them into Powerful Weapons Against the Spiritual Forces of Evil in the Heavenly Realms

Then again, that is a mouthful.

If I could leave you with one last verse it would be this:

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Friends, there is great need for the power of Jesus in our world, especially in the lives of young people. I pray you will consider lifting up one young person in prayer this school year. We can approach His throne with confidence, knowing He is faithful to take our humble offering and use it to powerfully meet their needs and ours.

A Few Details:

- **WHO:** Water Walkers is for young people ages 12-28. They might attend Highline or a loved-one of theirs (parent/grandparent/friend) might attend and provide a prayer request for them (with or without their knowledge). Water Walkers is also for any believing adult who has graduated from high school and would like to pray for a young person.
- **WHAT:** Water Walkers pairs one believing adult with the name of one young person to pray for throughout the school year (September – May). They do not meet or have any direct contact until the End of Year Celebration (attendance is voluntary, not all attend).
- **WHERE:** Prayer can happen anywhere! You can pray while driving to work, walking your dog, or relaxing on the couch. There are different events throughout the year, but all are optional. If all you can do is pray, I say, Amen and amen!
- **WHEN:** Water Walkers covers our young people in prayer from September through May. There will be a prayer and info meeting in August, though attendance is not required. And we’ll kick off this second year of prayer on September 1st.
- **WHY:** It’s clear young people are under fierce attack. If you’ve ever wished you could do something about that, then Water Walkers is for you. Join us in praying for the needs of young people.
- **HOW:** If you’re a young person who wants prayer, or if you are a believing adult who is willing to pray for a young person, we will have sign ups in August.

For more information, please email Tiffiney at WaterWalkers@HighlineChristian.org

Young Adult

Our Young Adults meet every Thursday 7 - 9PM. We invite all 18 - 28 year olds to come join us to worship, build community and grow with other believers. We play games, pray together, worship together and of course have good Bible teaching that is Christ-centered and focusing on the important things of life. We are now meeting in the North building church lobby.

We have gotten to do a lot of great things this last month! A couple things to highlight is that we hosted a worship night which was powerful and a lot of fun! We are continuing in our in-depth Galatians study and we are in the final chapter. We are hoping to be done by the end of the summer. We also had an awesome dinner at one of our leaders house. A great group of people came together to play games, build community and make memories. A third highlight was enjoying a coffee hang out. We are looking forward to our upcoming lake day that will be joined together with another local Young Adult ministry.

We are thankful and excited for the opportunities that have continued to come and looking forward to welcome young professionals and the current high school graduates.

Youth

Summer Youth Nights

All Jr. high and High school students are welcome and wanted to join us for "SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS" Wednesday, June 1st through August 31, 2022, from 6 - 9PM in the HCC Lobby! We believe spending the summer in community is key for every student, providing a fun, safe, and growing environment.



Pastor's Night + After Party:

It was a total success, what a fun time dressing up, having a dance party, snacks, games, trivia, building relationships and of course the impersonations of different Pastors.



Equip:

So far so good! Equip is doing incredibly well. We have 12 students who really want to grow spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Each of our meetings have been incredibly beneficial with amazing insight, great conversations and fantastic content. As we study Christian World View, students are engaging in more conversations and opening ways for us to encourage each other and to grow in our walk with Christ.

Lake Day:

A ton of fun, very simple, and a huge hit! Over 20 students hung out at the lake and enjoyed dessert and swim. Being able to hang out was a big deal. We had perfect weather and great people.

Youth

Summer Camps:

Jr. High Camp was a smashing success! HCC had over 20 of our own students campers. Each of them had an incredible time and encounter with God. Creating new memories, building friendships, and growing in their personal walk with Christ. There are now several students who are on fire for the Lord and it is very contagious. It is such a blessing to see them have a hunger and thirst for God. Simultaneously HCC brought around 25 adult and student leaders to play different roles at this camp. It was fantastic to see our student leaders getting to practice their leadership skills within the parameters of camp along with adult leaders showing up and providing incredible emotional, mental and spiritual support as cabin leaders. We also got to partner with Youth for Christ (Tacoma), Normandy Christian Church and Capital Vision Church. With that being said we had over 40 staff and over 90 students. It was a week to remember!



High School Summer Camp 2022, is just a couple weeks away! I strongly encourage any student or parent to get registered ASAP!

Our High School Camp is easily one of the best camps out there. We cannot wait for what God will do in each of the students lives! We are extremely excited to support help and partner with students for this incredible week of camp. August 3rd is the last day to sign up! You can register on the HCC App using our half priced discount code! I promise you your student will not regret going to camp.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Wednesday June 1st - August 31st, 6 - 9PM / Summer Youth Nights — Free**
- **Wednesday August 10th, 6 - 9PM / At the Lane's House — Free**
- **Sunday, August 7 - Friday, August 12th / High School Summer Camp — HCC App**
- **Youth Crawl Sunday, August 21st 4:30 - 11PM / Meet at HCC, Pick up at Olympic View Swim Club — Free**
- **Wednesday September 7th / NO YOUTH Josh on Vacation**
- **Wednesday September 14th / Youth is BACK**

Thank You HCC

Thank you so much Highline!

All of the supplies from the playdoh, to the plates, to the chick fil a gift cards met all of our needs! We fed all of the staff (elementary students, teens, and adults) breakfast every morning! The afternoon helpers all were served lunch each day as well! Thank you so much for partnering with the Kids Ministry to welcome around 80 kids between the 2 VBS sessions. We were able to provide wonderful crafts for the children that will help them remember the stories they heard. Thank you for praying for our week! We had one parent that told me that her young child loved the VBS and could retell all of the stories each day! It has been a couple years since we have had an in person VBS, and without your support it would not have been possible!



Operation Christmas Child



We are nearing the end of our year-long collection of donations for this Fall's Operation Christmas Child

packing season. **August's Focus Items are Flashlights and**

Batteries. Many children are afraid of the dark or live in war-torn areas of our world. In addition to bringing the Light of Jesus to these children through the Bible Story books that are included in every Operation Christmas Child shoebox, let us also include the physical light of flashlights. Wal-Mart sells packages of 10 metal-cased flashlights for only \$10. While these flashlights do come with a set of AAA batteries for each flashlight, we are asked to include an extra set of batteries for any battery-operated item that we send. Therefore, we also need donations of AAA batteries. If you donate flashlights that need AA batteries, please also note that we need extra packages of AA batteries for those items.



As a heads-up, our **September Focus** will be **School Supplies**. School Supplies will be on sale in August, so being watchful for those sales will help spread your dollar! We particularly need spiral notebooks, pencils (LOTS!!), pink erasers, pencil sharpeners, and crayons/colored pencils/markers. Pencil pouches, glue stick (not liquid glue), and child-size, blunt tip scissors are also appreciated!

If you are not able to shop for the above items yourself but wish to donate, please contact Tammie Lindblom at 253-670-2386.

Next Gen Kids

First Chance Camp happened at the beginning of July. We had some wonderful 1st through 3rd graders join other students (and some parents) from Northwest churches at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. We learned about Following the Leader, who is Jesus. We need a leader, we can listen to a leader, we can follow our leader, and we can point other people to our leader. We worshiped, swam in the pool, played great games, sang songs around the campfire, and heard some great Bible stories about following Jesus.



VBS Updates!

The morning session of VBS was a wonderful time! We welcomed children age 3 through entering 2nd grade into church each morning. Our theme was Go Big and we looked at 5 different stories that pointed to God doing big things. Children had a special snack time and each day created a snack that retold the story. We had some amazing adults and teenagers

learning all of the main stations for the younger children. We also had some elementary children coming and helping the younger students participate.



The afternoon session of VBS was a great time! Our theme was Go Big and we looked at prophecies in the Old Testament that Jesus made true. The kids made great connections to Jesus and were sharing and learning from each other. Each day at VBS, students had the opportunity to do a service project. Students added to the garden of the breezeway by painting some large pots and planting some seeds. Students supported Transform Burien by baking cookies and then decorating them as well. Students took time to write encouraging notes to people at Transform that will receive the cookies. We also took time to make some cement stepping stones that will be taken to Pleasant Valley Christian Camp.

We wanted students to see that they are a part of Highline, Burien, and a larger community.

We made some big crafts at the afternoon VBS. Students tie dyed shirts, painted, planted seeds in painted pots, and did a lot of messy projects!

We took a lot of time to hang out and some kids even baked and made the snacks each day for the other students.



Women in Touch



September 2-5, 2022

Redeemed, Renewed, & Rejoicing

Leave your worries behind and come join us for a weekend away, focused on our amazing God and His love for us as we unplug from our world and plug into His Word.

We will be looking at how our past has been redeemed, how to renew our minds in the present, and how we can rejoice in a future secured by the love of Jesus. We will learn about specific women in the Bible whose encounters with Jesus changed their life and gave them renewed hope, healing, and a secure future in Christ, reminding us that Jesus is still changing lives and empowering women today. Come join us, and we're praying that at the end of the weekend you will leave knowing you are redeemed in Christ, your mind will be renewed, and you can rejoice in your future in Christ!

Guest speakers include Beth Ladd, Sherry Thacker, Nancy Waner, and Marita Lawrence. Worship will be led by Caitlyn Gillespie, and workshops will be led by Beth Stuart, ("The Path, The Pieces, The Peace" – an allegorical look at the Good Samaritan story using Kintsugi), Patty Snell (she will show you how to make an amazing body scrub with essential oils), and Debbie Rothchild (Bible journaling).

Register before August 15th to get the Early Bird special, \$139. The regular cost will be \$159. We have scholarships available, please ask Beth Stuart or Patty Snell for more information.

Registration and more information is at [2022 Womens Retreat Registration Link](#)

There will be good food, good fellowship, and free time to explore the beauty of nature. Bring your sleeping bag and pillow and if you have a craft you're working on, bring that too!

***"Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation..."
Psalm 51:10-12a***

Times Can Be Hard

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.

Encore (Seniors)



Located near Mt. Rainier National Park, Pleasant Valley Christian Camp offers an idyllic setting where you can unplug from the world and plug into God, surrounded by the natural glory of His creation.

Young At Heart Retreat

September 7-10

Ages 55+. \$60 per person.

Join us for "Share the Good News" with Dr. John Whittaker and Andy Morris. Come together in worship, fellowship, discussion, teaching, and of course... FUN!

Enjoy the weekend you deserve and replenish your cup.



World Outreach



It is always great to be able to visit with the missionaries we support in person. We are going to be able to do so August 27th & 28th.

Todd and Jessica Moore from Team Expansion will be at Highline for all services and will share with us about their work in Southeast Asia.

It will be a time of good fellowship and catching up on how God has worked through them these last few years as they like the rest of the world have dealt with the pandemic and the struggles that it imposed.

But most of all we can rejoice with them in God's provision during these times. God is faithful and sustains us through the good and bad times.

Community Outreach

~ Exciting News from House of Hope ~

BLESSED ARE THE FEET THAT BRING GOOD NEWS!
Pastor Michael is overjoyed, because the Lord has opened doors for new jail ministry down in Tri-Cities Washington; the Franklin county Jail. The jail had a need for a volunteer assistant chaplain, and they contacted House of Hope and Pastor Michael has been honored to accept that position. He is joining with other chaplains down there, who are such an inspiration to Pastor Michael, because of their great love and burning desire to minister the GOOD NEWS of our Lord to the "least of these" my brothers! Let us...ALL.. not become weary of well doing!



In other counties around us, due to covid restrictions, several jails still have their doors closed. And we know prayer can open those doors too... So, please keep Spokane county, Grant county and Lincoln county jails in your prayers.

Pastor Michael is greatly encouraged about the fruit, from the Lord's work, that is happening in men he has been working with on the outside of jail. One young man, who was saved in the Grant county jail, has such a heart and a fire for the Lord that he is boldly speaking to youth in parks and around town. He is finding very hungry hearts out in the world.... Hungry for the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! He is such an example to all of us to keep the fire of Jesus Christ burning brightly in our own hearts, that we may all give to those we meet the HOPE that lies within us.. JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!

THE HARVEST IS TRULY WHITE! PRAY THE LORD TO SEND IN THE HARVESTERS. Please continually keep us in your prayers for good health and strong hearts for the Lord!

Love and blessings to you all,
Pastor Michael and Margie Sgobba

Community Outreach



Rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed... So then, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator while doing what is good. 1 Peter 4:13 & 19



On the morning of July 5, our team in Kenmore went to open our center and found that it had been vandalized.

The vandal broke a

window, burned and left an American flag on our property and left graffiti with the words "if abortions aren't safe, you aren't either."

We are saddened that any group or person would choose to use vandalism, intimidation and threats of violence to try to make a point. We believe people who commit such crimes do not understand what we do and do not understand that in hurting us, they ultimately hurt the vulnerable women and families we are serving.

Within an hour of discovering the vandalism, fellow Christians and community members showed up with support and encouragement.

Volunteers cleaned up everything in time to open and serve clients that day.

Our landlord stopped by and offered assistance and support.

Several neighboring businesses also brought encouragement.

A person visiting the local jeweler saw the window and made a cash donation.

All of this happened before the arrival of the

first client of the day. When she arrived, everything was ready, and she was warmly welcomed into our center. We remain focused on our primary mission of offering compassionate practical care, accurate information, Biblical truth, and life-affirming resources for pregnancy, sexual health & integrity, and abortion recovery.

In addition to the vandalism in Kenmore, we've had signage destroyed at our Bellevue location and pro-abortion posters superglued to our Federal Way center front door. We had a package sent to us addressed to "Jane Roe" that required a police response.

In response to this increase in hostility, we have hired professional security for select locations on select dates. We keep our lights on at every center overnight and have contacted a company to replace the broken window in Kenmore.

Even as we strive to be wise in stewarding the resources God has entrusted to this ministry, each and every day, we are here to serve women and families and we trust God to protect us while we do it. We are keeping the focus on our ministry calling. It's times like this that draw us closer together and strengthen our determination to serve the women and families of our communities. And we are more resolved than ever to continue the work we have been doing for the past 40 years – providing free, compassionate, confidential, non-judgmental care to every woman who walks through our doors.



**What can you do?
First, pray with us.**

- Pray for the women we seek to serve in the Kenmore area. Pray this

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vandalism does not deter anyone from finding support during their pregnancy.

- Pray for our team. Pray we would stay close to the Lord and serve him faithfully. Pray for wisdom for our leadership as we navigate these turbulent times.
- Pray for the person who vandalized our building. Pray they find Christ and the love He has for them and for every born and unborn image bearer of God.
- Pray for our state and country. We are not the first ministry to experience attacks and we know we won't be the last. Pray that Christians of our communities overcome evil with good.

Second, give.

So far, our expenditures for security and repairs are in the range of \$20,000. We will have additional costs for improvements to security systems, replacing window blinds, building upgrades (window upgrades and similar) to improve security.

To everyone who continues to partner with us in serving women and families—thank you. We are grateful for the way each one of you makes this work possible through your prayers, giving and service.

[Give Today](#)

July 15, 2022 Update

With all the negativity and hatred filling our news feeds, I wanted to take a moment to send you this encouraging story we received from one of our client advocates:

Anjelika* came into our center with her boyfriend Ryan*. They were young, shocked by an unplanned pregnancy, and convinced that abortion was their only option. Anjelika felt like she would not be able to pursue her goal of going back to school, and they felt totally unprepared to be parents.

Her advocate gave her a safe space to process all these emotions – the fear, the uncertainty, and the hesitant excitement. Anjelika learned about all her options for a pregnancy decision, and about resources available to support whatever decision she made.

When Anjelika and Ryan came back for an ultrasound, they announced that they had decided to carry! They asked to sign up for our parenting program where they will receive ongoing support, encouragement, and the resources to thrive together as they prepare for the arrival of their little one.

God is doing something big, and I'm not referring to only the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Women and families in the Puget Sound area are finding the resources and care they need to choose life.

While a local abortion clinic is reporting a 20% increase in calls, our centers have seen a 37% increase in clients just over the past 6 months! That is over more than 1,000 clients compared to the same time period last year.

And, despite the mistruths that are being shared about Care Net and other pregnancy centers, the truth is also being proclaimed. Recently, our communications director was able to share about vandalism at Care Net of Puget Sound's Kenmore center and the work we are doing through a radio interview with Jason Rantz. You can listen to that interview by clicking [here](#).

HCC, thank you for your continued support as we provide life-affirming care and accurate information to the women and families of our communities.

Retirees Breakfast & Fellowship



Seniors, join us at Pancake Chef for breakfast & fellowship
Thursday, Aug 11th, 8:30am

Third Saturday Work Party

**August 20th
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 questions, contact Gregg at 206-391-0113

Ladies Quilting & Fellowship

**Friday, Aug 26th, 6:00pm
Room S-101**

Iron, Ironing board, cutting mats & rulers will be provided



AUDIOBOOK Ministries

Summer potluck

August 24th 4 pm-6 pm



Join us at our new location

John Knox

109 SW Normandy Park RD
Seattle, WA 98166



Sunday, Aug 28th 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 Mem Dr

Burien WA

Welcome New Members



Jordan Cassarino

Greg Davis

Mike & Angie Hobby and
Family

Goldie Ann Palmer

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00pm**

Sundays - **9:00am & 10:40am**

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(Out for lunch 12pm - 1pm)

Thursday 8:30-Noon

Next eNewsletter Deadline

Aug 20, 2022

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