

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

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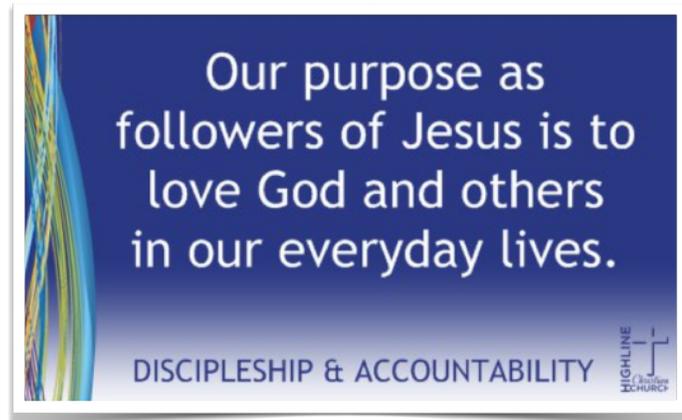
## Prayer Request?

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



## Food for Thought

Peace is not the absence of something, it is the presence of Someone.  
Isaiah 9:6-7, John 14:26-28



## Christmas



## The Joy of Christmas



I'm so excited to share "The Joy of Christmas" Piano Concert with Highline on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 6:30pm! I released a Christmas album with the same title two years ago and will be playing my arrangements of familiar Christmas carols featuring Piano & Cello. The concert will also have a time of congregational Christmas worship & carols with a band. I have always loved the sights, sounds, and music of Christmas. Most of all, I love to celebrate Jesus - the Joy of Christmas! Come join us for this special night - I hope to see you there!

Brian Greutman

## Come Carol With Us

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE LINDBLOM'S NEIGHBORHOOD**

When: Sunday, December 18, 6:00 pm

Where: Meet at the Lindblom's house

What: Door-to-Door Caroling in the neighborhood, Lots of cookies afterward

Who: Anyone who likes to carol, no choir experience necessary 😊

Why: It is fun, rewarding, and spreads God's love

Contact: Konrad or Tammie Lindblom, 253-670-2386

# Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your partnership with the Operation Christmas Child Ministry! As a result of your help, donations, generosity, and prayer,

Highline is contributing **688** boxes to the worldwide total that will bless children and families around the globe.

(Year-round donations and money from the church allowed us to fully pack and pay the shipping for over 128 of the above boxes. Individuals and Highline small groups made sure that all 128 boxes had a personal note. Thank you!)

**Ways that you can PRAY for the boxes:**

Pray for the thousands of volunteers who handle the logistics of getting the shoebox gifts to their child recipient, including those at the processing plant November 28-December 2

Customs crossings and all forms of transportation

Local pastors around the world who help distribute the boxes and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as the Greatest Journey teachers

Pray for the shoe box recipients and that their hearts would be prepared to respond to Christ's love

**Thank you** to the following individuals/groups who helped this season:

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|-----------|----------|---------------------------|
| Janie     | Terri    | Jill                      |
| Lynda     | Janita   | Mary                      |
| Julie     | Debbie   | Bill                      |
| Shawn     | April    | Leny                      |
| Bret      | Paxon    | Kayla                     |
| Emmet     | Tiffiney | Len                       |
| Dave      | Kristina | Paul                      |
| Stephanie | Olivia   | Paul                      |
| Tim       | Konrad   | Gail                      |
| Alison    | Joseph   | John                      |
| Dianne    | Leonard  | Petra                     |
| Rebekah   | Gemma    | The Elders                |
| Thurs FIC | Bev      | SCS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|           |          | NextGen                   |
|           |          | Elem/Youth/Young Adults   |
|           |          | Generous Donors           |

**Highline's Shoe Box Total History:**

- 2009: 101
- 2010: 50
- 2011: 152
- 2012: 205
- 2013: 262
- 2014: 349
- 2015: 418
- 2016: 479
- 2017: 457
- 2018: 580
- 2019: 712
- 2020: 482
- (includes 20 online)
- 2021: 681
- (includes 28 online)
- 2022: 688**
- (includes 96 online)**

Our **January Focus** will be Stuffed Animals in preparation for 2023. Costco sells 8 pk Squishmallows for \$21.99 during the holidays and these are a perfect size for OCC boxes.



## Peacefully Present

This November a group of us from HCC wrapped up the first quarter of the Apprentice Journey exploring the Good and Beautiful God. Like other groups who went through the Apprentice Journey, we learned a common truth, we are all too busy. Most of us suffer from hurry sickness and it's affecting our lives and the people around us.

Hurry sickness is a condition brought on by false narratives related to how much one accomplishes, produces, or how busy they are. This condition is further impacted by a person's false identity coming from what they do instead of who Jesus says they are.

Unfortunately, we often praise people with hurry sickness, including pastors who keep themselves so busy they have no time for Sabbath rest. Who appears to be more successful; the business man who has umpteen meetings a day and works 60 hours a week, or the husband and father who works hard but has time to be home for dinner around the table? The narrative of doing more, being more, accomplishing more, runs so deep within most of us that when given a moment to pause, we struggle to do so.

One of the Soul Training Exercises we practice in the Apprentice Journey is five minutes of silence at the start of our time together to help us break the rush and enter rest. Though there are a few who really enjoy the time of silence and stillness, most struggle for weeks to really come to be able to rest for five minutes with God. After some practice though, those who continue to train into the time, find the five minutes to be refreshing and too short.

How are you preparing your heart for the coming season? If most of us suffer from hurry sickness the majority of the year, how will things be with the holidays upon us when people are singing "It's the Most

Wonderful Time of the Year" and all we can think is "It's the Most BUSY Time of the Year"? Something needs to change.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, not the Bringer of Busy. He is our Good Shepherd leading us to lay down in green pastures of abundance. He doesn't drive us to collapse due to exhaustion. This season we get to celebrate the Prince of Peace, Immanuel, God with us. We get to pause our regular routines and allow Him to break into our lives disrupting the go, go, go to invite us to be, be, be. Slowing down to be peacefully present isn't easy, but it is a gift you will enjoy.

As we count down the days to Christmas, I invite you to intentionally create space in your days to slow down, adjust your daily rhythm to the life-giving rhythms of Jesus, and take a step away from hurry sickness and into the abundant life only found by being with the Prince of peace. Some suggestions to help you do this might include:

- blocking out time on your calendar so as not to fill it
- practicing 5 minutes of sitting with Jesus (Note: this is not the same as praying.)
- leave a little early to get where you are going and use the time talk with God
- linger where you are and become present with the people you are with and the environment you are in
- find an Advent plan and join others in preparing your heart for Jesus this season through scripture reading and prayer

Have a wonderful Christmas and may you allow space to be peacefully present with Jesus and others.

Moment by moment with Jesus,  
Bret Thorson  
Discipleship Pastor

## We Are Here For You

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 you may tap [here](#), or contact the church office by [email](#) or phone, 206-243-4333.

## Groups

[Join](#) a HCC group where you may GROW, LIVE, & SERVE with others toward Jesus.



## Young Adults

**Thursdays 7 - 9PM  
HCC Atrium**

We invite all 18 - 28 year olds to join us for worship, building community and growing with other believers! Each week we do something a little different including play games, pray, worship and of course have good, Christ centered Bible teaching. Recently we spent some time watching a Seattle Seahawks game in the Church lobby enjoying the Seahawks win a game! We had great conversation, lunch, and community building. Everyone shared a dessert, a lot of laughter, and a ton of food.



## SAVE THE DATES:

**Thursday, December 8th, 7 - 9PM | Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 15th, 22nd & 29th | NO YOUNG ADULTS — Merry Christmas**

**Thursday, January 26th, 7 - 9PM | Bowling \$20/25**



## Youth Ministry

### Youth Services - Wednesday Nights - 6:30 - 8:30PM in the HCC Atrium

Each week the youth ministry gathers for worship, small groups, prayer, games, Bible teaching, and a time of personal reflection and response. Students 6th - 12th grade are invited to join us to build healthy community, grow in their walk with Jesus, and meet new people as they navigate through life.

A BIG THANKS to our adult leaders. Team, you are awesome! Your hearts of gold are helping to form the students and the ministry. We couldn't do it without you.



### PUMPKIN PATCH:

A few weeks ago we went to the Carpinito Brothers Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze. Events like this have been great opportunities for the youth to build community. Youth gathered in groups to explore the corn maze, pick out pumpkins, and enjoy hanging out together enjoying the beautiful Sunday afternoon.



### ALL NIGHTER:

Our youth ministry just hosted an all - nighter at the church building; it was full of fun, laughter, and tons of games! BIG thanks to the Greutman's and Mensonides for providing dinner, an all you can eat cereal bar. In addition to cereal, we feasted on Italian soda's and all kinds of snacks throughout the event.



This event, from beginning to end, was planned out by our Student Leadership Team. The team planned for opportunities for students to connect and build friendships; play games like doge ball, mission impossible, and protect the president; and have some down time by watching a couple of movies. The best part of the event, by far, was the Karaoke at 3:30AM. Watching students, who would never get in front of people, sing with a friend and be silly was so much fun and a beautiful memory. Last, but not least, I want to thank Mr. Ortega for providing breakfast at 6:30AM!

## Youth Ministry

### CHRISTMAS BREAK:

There will be NO Youth Group the last three weeks of December. Students are encouraged to be present at home and enjoy the time with family and close friends. We will be back to our normal Wednesday night Youth gatherings Jan. 4th 6:30 - 8:30PM!

### LEAVENWORTH DAY TRIP:

Register January 1 - Jan 11 on the App

The Youth Ministry is heading over to Leavenworth to enjoy the shops, do some snow tubing, and make memories. Students need to bring a minimum of \$20-25 for lunch and dinner, and also spending money for snacks, souvenirs, and other treats from the shops.

Space is limited to the first 35 people registered, so be sure to sign up January 1st to get your spot! Once you have officially signed up through the HCC App you will receive a confirmation email with more detailed information.

Transportation will be provided by HCC adult leaders and parents with vans or trucks.

### YOUTH WINTER CAMP

Thursday, February 2nd at 3PM - Sunday, February 5th at 3PM — \$120

**Register on the HCC App December 1st — January 29th**



We are so excited to host our first ever Youth Winter Camp at Pleasant Valley Christian Camp in Mineral, WA. This is a Highline Christian Church Youth Ministry, 6th - 12th grade camp sponsored by our own leadership team. If you would like to help please contact Josh Ambrose for details.

Transportation is provided!

### SAVE THE DATES

Registrations and Event Calendars available on the HCC App.

Now - January 4th | Clothing and Food Drive — Transform Burien

Wednesday, November 23rd | NO YOUTH — Happy Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 14th, 21st, & 28th | NO YOUTH — Merry Christmas

Wednesday, January 4th 6:30-8:30 | First Youth Group in the New Year

Saturday, January 14th 9AM - 9PM | Leavenworth Day Trip — Min. \$20

February 2nd - 5th | YOUTH WINTER CAMP — \$120



## Partner With Our Youth

### TRANSFORM BURIEN



Clothing and food drive is our annual fundraiser for a great local organization that is making a difference in our community that is Christ - based and a partner with Highline Christian Church. This drive gives students, parents and families an opportunity to give together. Parents we are looking for primarily parental size clothing and for students to set aside money they would normally spend on coffee and instead put towards canned foods, etc. We also would love to have hand written cards to give out this year, with prayers and blessing over people who need a place like Transform Burien. As you collect items please feel free to drop them off at Highline Christian Church, Sundays mornings 9 - 12PM or Wednesday nights 6 - 9PM. Below is a list of items needed.

#### CLOTHING NEEDS (ALL SIZES NEEDED)

- Men's athletic shoes and boots (esp. size 10.5 / 11 / 12 / 13)
- Men's jeans (esp. size 34 / 36 / 38)
- Men's sweaters & sweatshirts (esp. size XL to 5XL)
- Men's underwear (esp. boxers, size 34 / 36 / 38)
- Men's T-shirts (esp. size LG to 5XL)
- Men's white crew socks, Belts
- Women's coats, Women's sweaters & sweatshirts
- Women's underwear, Women's socks

#### TOILETRY: (TRAVEL-SIZE PREFERRED)

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body lotion, Floss, Mouthwash
- Deodorant and anti-perspirant
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Feminine products (tampons / liners / pads)
- Handy wipes, Toilet paper
- Adult disposable underwear (esp. size LG & up)
- Children's diapers (esp. size 6 & up)

#### FOOD BANK NEEDS:

*When possible, we prefer pop-top cans of food that don't require a can opener.*

- Meats (spam & chicken)
- Chili, Vienna sausage
- Canned spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, lasagna
- Pork & beans
- Individual bottles of juice and/or water
- Protein/granola bars
- Top Ramen, Cup of Noodles
- Jam/jelly, Pudding/Jello snack cups
- Instant oatmeal packets, Hot chocolate packets
- Crackers – small packs (Saltine / Ritz / Graham)

## Next Gen Kids

### Important Dates:

#### Wednesday, December 7th

will be our Christmas Craft night. Kids can come at our regular Wednesday time of 6:30-8:30 and have a chance to make presents for people. We will have a wrapping station and kids can wrap it all up.

#### December 14, 21, and 28th

there will be NO Wednesday night groups. We will start back up on January 4th.

#### Friday, December 16th

from 7:00-8:30 will be our Elementary Family Christmas Party. Families will come together and decorate cookies. Some to eat and some to donate to Transform Burien. We will also be playing some fun family games together.

**February 17-20th** will be our special Jr. Camp Retreat for students in 4th-6th grade. Registration is opening soon on [pleasantvalleycamp.org](http://pleasantvalleycamp.org).

### Early Childhood Updates:

Kids are enjoying their special lessons and activities each week! They are focusing on how Jesus loves them and they can love other people too. As we move into December, they will be learning about the Nativity and making special projects each week that can be displayed for Christmas.



### Elementary:

The Elementary Kids are diving into God's Word!

**The 9:00 service** has been studying Matthew and matching what the adults are hearing during service. We are taking time to do a service project emphasis with the kids. They just wrapped up supporting Operation Christmas Child. The kids made bracelets and wrote encouraging notes to be included in the boxes. They spent a lot of time focusing on loving people by creating beautiful projects. As we move into December, the kids decided that they want to do a service project for Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. There is a mini golf area at camp and all of the golf balls have gone missing. The students all made a little bank to collect coins and then we will put all of our coins together and buy new golf balls for the course at camp. We are focusing on serving a local ministry.

**The 10:40 service** is taking a break from our Old Testament study to look at the Nativity Story. Each week we will dive into another aspect of the Nativity Story. The students will have opportunities to make Christmas ornaments each week that they can take home and hang on their trees.



## Sermon Discussion Study

**Wednesdays**  
**9:30AM**  
**Room S-203**



Come fellowship, learn and grow with us Wed's, 9:30am as we discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday

## Retirees Breakfast & Fellowship



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

## Third Saturday Work Party

**Dec 17th**  
**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

## Sunday, December 25th 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

### Contact

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206-243-4333

## Be In the Know

Wondering what is happening at HCC?

**Download our app today!**



## Sermons



If you missed a service or would like to rewatch a past sermon tap [here](#).

## Pastor Tim's Daily Podcast

Join Pastor Tim's daily podcast, [The2Greatest](#) (T2G) after the two greatest commandments to love God and others. They are only approximately 5 minutes long. We hope they will bless you. Listen in! You may access T2G by Facebook or our APP.



## The Holidays Are Coming Up

### 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 this [link](#).

Sign in with your regular Amazon account. Choose Highline Christian Church as your charity organization, and shop.

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



## Before I formed you in the womb I knew you

Jer 1:5

We welcome Charlotte Tokich born Oct 29, 2022 to Justus and Jennifer Tokich. May the Lord bless you and give you wisdom on your journey.



## 2022-2023 Elders



**Bruce Ernst, Elder Chair**



**David Cowan**



**Tim Knight**



**Ralph Lane**



**Gregg Louvier**



**Shawn Packard**



**Paul Smith**



**Chris Terry**



**Bret Thorson**

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### Worship Service Times

Saturdays - **6:00pm**

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

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### Office Hours

Sunday - Wednesday 8:30-2:30

*(Out for lunch 12pm - 1pm)*

Thursday 8:30-Noon

### Next eNewsletter Deadline

Dec 17, 2022 all day

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