

EXPRESSIONS

CHURCH IN THE HILLS PC (USA)



You've heard me talk a lot about sharing our faith and witnessing over the last several months and I have a feeling that makes most people uncomfortable. I've been bringing it up for one reason. I believe God laid it on my heart. The words that inspired me were, "My cup overflows" which is a line from the 23rd Psalm. If our cup overflows with gratitude and joy, does it spill on the floor or does it bless others? I know it must overflow to others, but the concept is problematic for one reason. We've all heard what Christians in past called evangelism or witnessing. We immediately think of something that turns us off. With great confidence, I can assure you that if your idea of witnessing is repulsive, it's the wrong idea. The idea of witness is as easy and natural as other areas of our lives.

There are certain common characteristics about people at Church in the Hills. We always know where the best restaurants are and when they're open and what they're serving. I know this because you share with me all the time. You witness to me about the best food and you even invite me to join you sometimes. We also highly value our beautiful hills, lakes, and forests. I know this because you witness to me and others all the time. Most of us have a difficult time praying in public but if you thank God for the beauty around us, you can pray with the greatest saints. We are also proud Americans and proud parents and grandparents. I know this again because you share it with me and others around you. All of these joys are shared because your heart overflows naturally. When it comes to sharing anything about the church, we somehow think it's different. Have you ever worried about someone not liking the food you recommended? Have you ever worried about offending someone by proclaiming your love of this beautiful place? I imagine you don't worry about such things. You don't worry about that because you aren't trying to convince them to agree. You are sharing your love and joy. It overflows out of your heart.

If you think sharing your love for church or God or faith or the Bible is supposed to convince other people to agree, you are mistaken. God is the one who changes hearts and brings people to change. We are only to be witnesses to His glory and witnesses to what we experience in Him. We share out of the overflow of our hearts.

".. you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8 NRS).

"for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7 NRS).

The Peace of Christ be with you!

David Ramage



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Bonita Batchelder	02-Jun
Rich Hannan	03-Jun
Dottie Schaefer	05-Jun
Joel Lemmer	08-Jun
Max Schwandt	08-Jun
David Ramage	10-Jun
Colleen Jordan	11-Jun
Jack Glyshaw	13-Jun
Dee Owens	15-Jun
Greg Stover	15-Jun
Jean Berry	16-Jun
Carol Lewellen	19-Jun
Chris Bostater	19-Jun
Brenda McLellan	21-Jun
Bob Stinson	23-Jun
Bob Drudge	23-Jun
Grant Rowe	24-Jun
Don Hoyt	30-Jun
Sue Knapp	30-Jun
Nick Taddeucci	30-Jun

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles. —Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

DEACONS

Class of 2023

Barb Antosik	602-509-2051
Sue Blugerman	231-676-3323
Pat Hallberg	231-533-6006

Class of 2024

Veta Brooks	586-484-4626
Jean Rowe	231-533-8131
Carol Spellman	231-322-3091

Class of 2025

Judy Heimbuch	440-242-7352
Colleen Jordan	231-670-6888
Barb Salo	231-330-5253

New Medical Emergency Response Team at CITH

We are thrilled to announce that our church now has a Medical Emergency Response Team! Team members consist of Dan and Jill Packer, Ken and Barb Salo, Greg Adamek, John Kerr, Veta Brooks, Rem Siekmann, Patty Moore, and Pastor David. The Team met at CITH with Bellaire Police Chief Bill Drollinger on May 9 to become recertified in Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid. Patty Moore did not participate because her certifications were all current, along with her FEMA certification. Chief Drollinger complemented our team by saying that CITH is the only church in the area with this level of emergency preparedness. Please thank the members when you see them!



From Jason Link:

Thank you, Church in the Hills, for all the support you've shown us here in Nicaragua. As the school year winds down, there is a lot happening and a lot to look forward to. My students in AP English classes took their Advanced Placement tests, tests they have been preparing for the whole school year and that could potentially give them college credit. On the night before the test, we had the juniors over to our house for dinner and a study time. I made 5 bags of spaghetti thinking there would be plenty of leftovers. But the dinner ended with only a few noodles left in the serving bowl. Despite my underestimating teenage appetites, we had a great time.

We're now looking forward to graduation (June 9). As I've told the Seniors in the yearbook, I'm happy to see them go. Of course, I'll be sad also. But I'm happy because their leaving this place means they've grown up, matured, and acquired the skills necessary to move on to the next stage of their lives. I'm super proud of this group and I can't wait to see what God has in store for them.

Thanks again, Church in the Hills, for making this ministry possible. We look forward to seeing you later this summer.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

David and Veta Brooks	6-Jun
Rich and Anna Hannan	12-Jun
Nick and Nancy Taddeucci	12-Jun
Ron and Cynthia Tschudy	12-Jun
Tom and Eileen Hedin	14-Jun
Dick and Connie Garcia	16-Jun
Greg and Grace Adamek	18-Jun
Ken and Barb Salo	20-Jun
Max and Ann Schwandt	20-Jun
Phil and Gloria Weiss	23-Jun
Bruce and Bev Dickinson	25-Jun

Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.



*Thank you,
Lord of life,
for this beautiful summer day!
May all who worship here
know the
warmth of your presence
and the
sunlight of your love.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

These are some of the shawls from our last blessing. My humble thanks to these ladies who use their creative talents to make them: Barb Antosik, Linda Bicum, Olga Cairns, Donna Grill, Sarah Juntune, Phyllis Kato, Dee Owens, Jill Packer, Carol Spellman, and Roseann Winkler.

If you are unable to attend our 10:00 am meetings in the undercroft on the second Monday of the month, you can help us out by knitting at home. We'll furnish the yarn!

If you have a friend, co-worker, or relative who needs comfort or prayers, please call me at 602-509-2051, and we can make arrangements to meet so you can choose a shawl.

Blessings, Barb Antosik



Save the Date

First Summer Concert, June 22, 7:00 pm

"Music in the Hills" continues its summer concert tradition with a three-generation Stargardt family jazz trio as the first concert. Watch for more details in the bulletin announcements.

Jason Link Fundraiser

As you know Jason and his family live in Nicaragua and he is both a teacher and missionary there. His family needs to move from their rental home and we are helping them to secure a home of their own.

Here is what we have planned:

DATE: Friday, June 16

TIME: 5 - 8 pm

PLACE: ASI Center in Bellaire (behind the Senior Center)

- Food and Drink to be served: lots of finger foods with Nicaraguan flavors
- Video/Slide show of Jason and Nicaragua
- Music
- Free-will donation (suggested \$5 - \$10) to attend
- Silent Auction

We will continue to gather items for the auction until June 10th, so if you have things to donate for our auction, please contact Cynthia Tschudy or any member of the mission committee. This fundraiser will be lots of fun and will help a young family find secure housing! Thanks for being part of this.

Mission Committee

Special Congregational Meeting



A special congregational meeting will be held after worship service on Sunday, June 11th. Please plan on attending.

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 MENS RAP 9:00 AM HEART FOR THE JOURNEY 3:30 PM	2 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	3
4 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM	5 DEACONS 10:00 AM	6 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM WORSHIP/MUSIC 3:30 PM	7 CHOIR 3:30 PM	8 MENS RAP 9:00 AM FINANCE 2:00 PM HEART FOR THE JOURNEY 3:30 PM	9 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	10
11 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM	12 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 10:00 AM	13 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM	14 SESSION 10:00 AM CHOIR 3:30 PM	15 MENS RAP 9:00 AM HEART FOR THE JOURNEY 3:30 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 PASTOR'S DAY OFF JASON LINK FUNDRAISER 5:00 – 8:00 PM ASI CENTER	17
18 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM FATHER'S DAY	19	20 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM	21 CHOIR 3:30 PM	22 MENS RAP 9:00 AM HEART FOR THE JOURNEY 3:30 PM JAZZ TRIO 3 GENERATIONS 7:00 PM	23 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	24
25 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM MISSION 11:00 AM	26 PASTOR AT PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP	27 PASTOR AT PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP	28 PASTOR AT PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP CHOIR 3:30 PM	29 PASTOR AT PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP HEART FOR THE JOURNEY 3:30 PM	30 PASTOR AT PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP	

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Service of Worship: Sunday 10:00 AM
Children's Program: Sunday 10:00 AM

OFFICE STAFFED
Tue – Thu, 9 AM – 1 PM
Lisa Luxton, Office Manager

Church in the Hills is a member of the
Presbytery of Mackinac
The Synod of the Covenant
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Class of 2023

Linda Bicum	Membership	231-322-2811
Tom Juntune	Finance	231-676-7348
Terry Moore	Bldg. & Grounds	616-510-6583

Class of 2024

Marlene Garvey	Worship	231-544-1111
Cynthia Tschudy	Mission	231-544-6167
Mary Ann Waara	Worship	231-350-0067

Class of 2025

Lindsay Eggers	Christian Ed	989-992-5514
Rem Siekmann	Christian Ed	440-527-4416

Director of Music

John Dickinson

Reverend Mr. Donald E. Gordon, Pastor Emeritus