



*"In response to God's love for all people,  
we are called to offer dynamic  
ministries that reflect the life  
and teachings of Jesus Christ"*



# Joyful Noise

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## From Bread & Wine to Faith & Giving A Journey into the Spiritual Discipline of Generosity Around the Table of Jesus

The Gospel stories are about transformation. The work of God at work in the world. The Holy Spirit at work in the followers of Jesus. We celebrate transformation each time we gather around the Lord's Table. Bread and Wine become for us, in some unique way, the presence of Jesus. We come to the Table wrestling with the complexities of life and leave with the simple assurance of God's steadfast love. The financial gifts we offer and place upon the Table become the resources for ministry and mission.

On October 26, 2014 we will begin a four week journey around the Table. During this time we will consider how we are transformed and we will learn Biblical stories that focus on the act of sharing at a table with Jesus and inspire us to acts of generosity. Every Sunday a story from the life of Jesus will focus our attention on how God is at work in and through us.

On Sunday, November 16, 2014, we will have the opportunity as a community of faith to offer our estimates for the investment God is calling us to share as God's church. I hope you will be intentional about not missing a moment of the rich things God has in store for us at Highland Park Christian Church!

There is another reason to mark November 16, 2014 on your calendar as a "don't miss this day" event -- we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting and celebrate afterwards with dessert and fellowship.

God has done, and continues to do remarkable things with us. Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us get to the next level of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (Acts 2). We desire such a spirit to be among us. I look forward to seeing you around the Table, where each week Bread and Wine become Faith and Giving.

Blessings,  
*Rev. Kara Courtney*  
Senior Minister

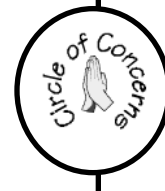
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 16, 2014**  
**(after worship)**

- We will be voting on HPCC's Proposed**
- 2015 Budget
  - 2015 Nominations

**90 + BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
Help celebrate the following on their special day by sending them a Birthday card.

**Dwight Hunnell**  
Call office for address  
**November 16th**

**Bernice Hague**  
Call office for address  
**November 22nd**



**Dismissed from Hospital Stay:**  
Wayne Slayden      Marlys Hamilton

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy:**  
On the Death of: Robert Underwood (9-15-14)

We are in much need of help for this event. Also needing baked items for our Bake Sale at the show. See Mary Johnson if you can help.  
**All proceeds go to our building fund**

**Craft Show**  
**October 25th**

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**Nursery (0-pre-K) / Sunday School & Children's Church (K-5th grade)**

**Sunday School: DEBORAH**

**Sharon Hearn**

Upcoming lessons will be about prophets. One was a woman named Deborah, who's name means "bee" and she was also a Judge. We'll read about how she sat under a palm tree to give out spiritual advice to people and how she wrote a song about an important battle she advised on. Our craft will be making "God Helps Us" bee thumbprints and "God Goes Before You" a moving mountain picture. The next prophet will be about Jeremiah who was still a boy and how he struggled to help the people of his nation during difficult times. Would kids be strong enough to do that today? Why or why not?

**Children's Church: TRUSTING GOD**

As the kids finish up with Moses, we will be talking about listening and trusting more with God. We will be making "One Way" airplanes and foam "T" rings to help remember to keep trying to trust our Lord with a charade game.



We had prayer around a mock fire using the "Burning Bush" the kids made from when God talked to Moses.

Those pictured:

**Shataya, Hunter, Joslynn, Angela, Stephanie, Eva, Colby, Renn, Tabitha.**



**"COATS for KIDS"**

It's Autumn and as the weather turns colder, students will be in need of warm coats for the winter. If you have a new or gently used coat (any size) that you would like to donate, bring to the church office or give to Sharon Hearn and they will be taken to area schools.

**WELCOME TABLE  
Where ALL is WELCOME!**

As one person told a "Welcome Table" volunteer recently, "If it weren't for you, I would be eating a bowl of cereal again tonight. Thank you."

Members of our congregation have donated such things as hot dogs, watermelons, salads, cucumbers & onions, hamburger buns, cakes for our fundraisers and financial gifts. All is appreciated. Remember, The Welcome Table receives no money from our church. We want to sincerely thank, Donaghy-Kempston Insurers, on 6th & Madison, for their financial contribution to this ministry.

Attendance at our fundraiser dinners has been fantastic. We all win! You get out of your kitchen and we receive the ability to continue our ministry.

We need your help as our menus change for the fall and winter months. We will be serving Cavatelli, Chili, Chicken Enchiladas, and Beef-burgers (with baked beans). We will need additional help in preparation. We will provide the ingredients and recipes for these menu items, along with crock pot liners as needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for cooking and also working on Thursday nights. Thank you for all your help.

**For more information call Trudy McCormick or Kathy Frisk**

**FINANCIALLY  
SPEAKING**

**OPERATING FUND**  
Jan-Sept, 2014

YTD Income:  
\$131,381.23

YTD Expenses:  
\$157,428.94

YTD Balance:  
(-26,047.71)

**BUILDING FUND**  
Jan-Sept, 2014

As of 8/31/14  
\$466,693.40

Principal Paid Sept.  
\$3,270.58

Balance Due  
9/30/14  
\$463,422.82



**CYF SCHEDULE:**

**October 8th:** Game Night at the VA

**October 15th & 22nd:** Movie and Pop Corn

**October 29th:** Trunk or Treat

**November 5th:** Bingo at VA. Please bring cookies or snacks. *(Items needed for VA Vets-Lrg. candy bars or bags of candy, popcorn, liters of pop, granola bars, etc. Also in need of: new socks, gloves, ball caps, t-shirts, deodorant, new or used shoes (in good shape).* Please give to Jeanne or leave in the youth room.

We started the year with a great fire! The bonfire was fantastic and fun-we enjoyed spending time together and breathing in the fall air.



Youth Groups will meet each Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. We will not meet October 29th because the church will be hosting Trunk or Treat. If you haven't completed a permission form and covenant for your child please contact the church office.

**OUR THANKS**

The family of Dolores Hughes is grateful for our loving friends at Highland Park Christian Church. Thank you for everyone's love and generosity at the time of Dee's passing.

**The Family of Dolores Hughes**

THANK YOU for all the cards, prayers and well wishes I received from my church family when I was not feeling well.

**Susan Thomas**



**BLANKET SUNDAY  
October 26, 2014**

The Dorcas Circle will have their handmade quilts available to buy. All proceeds go to Church World Service to help keep those who are less fortunate around the world to help keep warm.



## Endowing Your Church Pledge

While we consider our annual gifts to God and our congregation, we also need to realize we need to look at the “big” or long-term picture of our stewardship.

Did you know you can endow your church pledge so that, in perpetuity, your giving to the congregation will continue? You have the chance to leave a legacy that will positively impact our church long after your earthly life is over.

This is done by simply creating a permanent fund through the Christian Church Foundation, our denomination’s general ministry devoted to this kind of work. The fund will annually distribute an amount equal to your pledge. This is done by using a simple formula:

Annual Pledge X 25 =

Amount Needed in Permanent Fund

This formula assumes a 4% payout and a growth of principal to keep pace with inflation.

For example: Your annual pledge is \$5,000. By creating a permanent fund — perhaps through a gift in your will — of \$125,000, our congregation will start receiving \$5,000 a year. As the fund’s value grows to keep pace or ahead of inflation, the amount distributed to the church in your name also grows.

While it takes just \$1,000 to start a permanent fund, many Disciples create planned gifts that name their permanent fund as the charitable beneficiary — thus enabling their permanent fund to reach a level that will allow them to endow their church pledge.

To learn more about how a permanent fund can help Highland Park Christian Church, contact Rev. Kara or the Christian Church Foundation, which is the general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) designed to help church members create a lasting legacy through planned gifts. Foundation development officers are ordained or licensed clergy who understand the church, financial matters and stewardship. To speak to one, call (800) 668-8016.

## November’s Ministry Schedule

**Church Lock-up (Sunday’s):** 11/2 Cleon Babcock 11/9 Sandy Jeffries  
11/16 Dave Shafer 11/23 Paul Taylor 11/30 Terry Williamson

**Clothes Closet:** (Mon.-Fri. 9:30-11:30 a.m.):  
11/3 Brock & Keairns 11/14 Johnson 11/24 Hull  
11/7 Hull 11/17 Milburn & Frisk 11/28 Closed  
11/10 Collins 11/21 Halls

**Deaconess:** Jan & Katie Chumbley

**Deacons:** Rogena Funk Harry Jeffries Mark Stocker  
Janice Stocker Gary Winterberg

**Elders:** 11/2 The Taylors 11/9 The Reeves  
11/16 Springer & Young 1/23 Kellogg & Johnson 11/30 The Collins

**Fellowship Coffee:** 11/2 Greeters 11/9 Deacons  
11/16 Church Growth 11/23 Membership 11/30 Stewardship

**Greeters:** Ken & Lorraine Bishop and Kim & Jeff Weeks

**Reach Out Callers:** 11/2 Pohl 11/9 The Weeks 11/16 The Bishops  
11/23 The Collins 11/30 The Hamilton’s

Come Home  
to a Disciples  
of Christ  
Institution

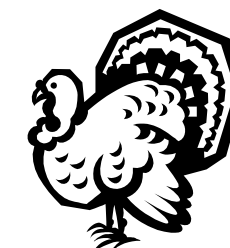
We will be taking up our annual  
Thanksgiving Offering for Higher Education  
**November 9th & November 16**

Your generous contribution to this ministry  
helps to continue the work of Christ.

**THANK YOU**

Shuttle  
Car

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**43rd ANNUAL  
TURKEY DINNER**

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$9.00 / Child \$3.00 (12 & under)**

**Carry-out available**

**Holiday Nuts for sale**

**Flu Shots available: 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Covered by Medicare (bring your card)**