

# The Communicator

May 2020

North Hills Community Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Tim Spring, Pastor



## To Christian Education Online!

This month, while we are engaging in social distancing, the Christian Education Board has provided many ways for us to engage with one another and ways to study alone.

On the web at [nhcbcadultchristianed.blogspot.com](http://nhcbcadultchristianed.blogspot.com) you will find daily meditations reposted from the Center for Contemplation and Action. We repost them and provide a comments section in which you can share your thoughts on the daily message. Also at that site, under the tab Free Online Resources, or accessed directly at [tinyurl.com/nhcbcbbooks](http://tinyurl.com/nhcbcbbooks) you will find recommended audio and ebooks, available to you for free and immediate use.

And as a reminder, please take advantage of the NHCBC Google Classroom. There you will find discussion forums, virtual Sunday School and more.

You will need a Google Account to join. If you don't have a Google Account, you can create one for free at [www.google.com](http://www.google.com).

Once you are logged in to your Google account, go to: <http://classroom.google.com>.

Click the + icon and "join a class". Enter the following codes to join:

NHCBC Adult Christian Education Class: ckgfnbx

NHCBC Children and Families Ministry: v6xsk3h

Let's continue to learn more about the One Loving God, and also bask in God's Holy and Glorious Mystery together as a family of faith.

Pastor Ing for the Board of Christian Education

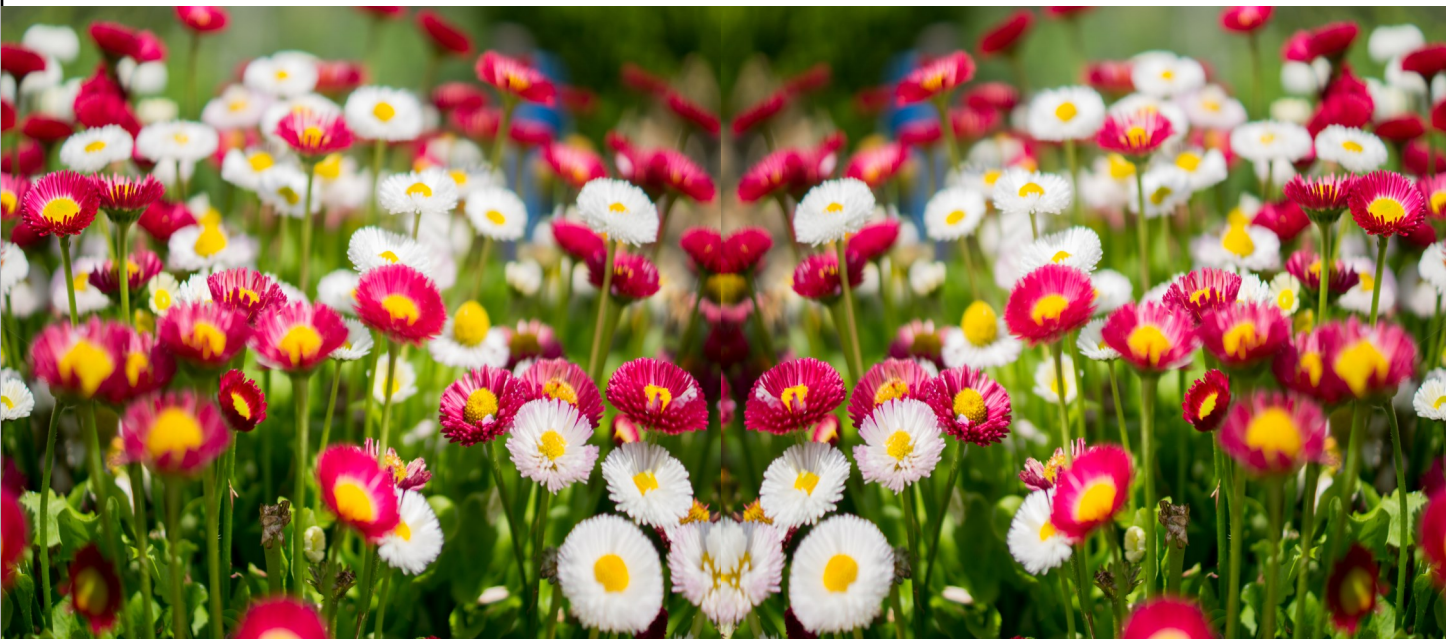
Join us for online Worship Sundays at 11:00 A.M. There is a link on the NHCBC website & Facebook page or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/nhcbc/live>

# "News Update"

On Saturday, April 11, 2020, Church Council held a Special Meeting via conference call and took action to approve the submission of application by NHCBC for a non-collateralized loan as part of the Paycheck Protection Program that was approved recently by Congress. In brief, eligible small businesses and qualified Sec 501(c)3 organizations (of which NHCBC is one) are able to apply for a low interest (1%) non-collateralized loan to assist them in dealing with the financial uncertainty caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. Providing the proceeds of the loan are used in accordance with prescribed guidelines, the loan can turn into a grant at the end of two years and would be 100% forgiven. Church Council approved the action and an application for a loan in the amount of \$32,317 was submitted the next day. As of this writing, we have not yet received word on the approval of the loan.

Since the NHCBC Constitution is silent with respect to the process for approving the application for a loan (other than a mortgage loan, which requires congregational approval), Church Council took this action in the interest of submitting the application in a timely fashion. Once the restrictions on group gatherings are lifted and we are again able to gather as a congregation, the Moderator intends to call a Special Congregational Meeting at which the congregation will be asked to ratify the action of Church Council. In the meantime, if you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Gary Claus, Church Treasurer at (412) 389-1116.

Submitted by Lori Tissue, Moderator



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# Youth Group News

*"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*  
*Ephesians 4:16*



Youth group has done our best during this time of social distancing to stay connected via virtual Zoom meetings on Sunday evenings, with separate times for Jr. and Sr. High. We have also set up a Google Classroom for youth group time discussion points and have added online devotions and podcasts that might interest the students. In addition, we now have a YouTube channel ~ NHCBC Youth Ministries ~ where I have done some video devotions pertaining to Holy Week. Moving forward I will post a devotion video each week to use as a jumping off point for our junior youth discussions but all are welcome to view! For the Senior High students, we extended the time of our youth group meeting to incorporate more meaningful study into the religions of the world and how Christianity compares. We will also resume our Junior High Sunday school curriculum virtually, meetings to be held Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Looking ahead, we are still planning to attend the Brother's Keeper mission trip in West Virginia June 21-26. Fundraising efforts will resume when we are back together once more but also plan to use an online platform as well so stay tuned for more details to come!

May this all find you safe and healthy, we wish everyone God's blessings during this difficult time.

~Christine



**A new online  
option is  
available for  
giving to  
North Hills  
Community  
Baptist  
Church.**

**Here is the link:**

<https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/nhcbc>

The host is SimpleGive and you can remit your offering using a credit card or online checking. To designate gifts to different funds use the drop down box.

Or, you may mail your offering to the church:

7801 Thompson Run Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237





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Your help is requested...

For the Senior Memory Books!

This is the time of year when we collect letters, messages, artwork, etc. to put in our graduating seniors' church memory books — and we need your help.

Do you remember when you graduated from high school? Maybe you started working or went to college? Maybe you moved out of the house or stayed at home and lived on the couch for awhile? Then, you know what these kids are getting ready for. What can you say to them? What advice do you wish someone had given to you? What encouragement can you offer?

This year's graduates are: Joah Detwiler and Katie Marinack

You might not know the student and the student may not always know the writer, but they will know the value of having their extended church family think of them. And, you will be passing along God's love.

Items may be sent by email to Joan White (jmomma@verizon.net) or put them in her church mailbox.

If you have photos to include, please print them out for us and place them in Joan's mailbox or mail them to:

Joan White c/o North Hills Community Baptist Church  
7801 Thompson Run Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

We will not be able to make prints from digital.



Items are needed by May 15. Thank you!

**Request:** If you are graduating from college or have graduated since last June, please let Beth know or email her at [secretary@nhcbc.com](mailto:secretary@nhcbc.com). Your name will be listed in the next Communicator. Thank you!

## Pleasant Valley Shelter

Our ministry to Pleasant Valley Shelter continues. If you would like to help by donating food, helping to prepare the meal, or delivering the food, please contact Amy Mendicino (412) 855-8244; [amymendicino@gmail.com](mailto:amymendicino@gmail.com).

**NHCBC will be preparing the meal for Tuesday, May 26.**

The Mission Board thanks you for your continued support of this ministry to provide dinner for the homeless men at Pleasant Valley Shelter.

**Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry**  
**ANCHORED in Hope**  
**Thursday, May 7, 5:00 A.M.—Midnight**  
**Benefitting community members**  
**facing financial hardships**

During this period of crisis and uncertainty, mental health and educational services are essential and in high demand. We are all experiencing trauma and grieving through this crisis while our kids and parents are struggling with academic problems in virtual classroom's. But hope remains...

Join us for 19 hours of giving to support mental and educational wellness during COVID-19. There will be a special guest appearance on our social media and website. You can donate at [www.anchorpointcounselingministry.org/donate-now/](http://www.anchorpointcounselingministry.org/donate-now/) or call 412-366-1300 to learn how you can make a difference.

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Greetings to everyone at NHCBC! First of all, I want to say a big "thank you" to everyone who has contacted me over the past couple weeks with notes of encouragement and suggestions. It can be difficult to discern if what has been planned and intended is coming across in a live stream scenario since there is no congregation in the pews to react and interact with. I cherish your follow up texts, emails, phone calls and letters.

Secondly, I've launched a mini-choir rehearsal series called "Hymn of the Week". Every Thursday there will be a new informal video and music posted on our church's website that is dedicated to learning the choral parts of a public domain hymn that will be part of that week's Sunday Worship Service. This series is not just for regular choir members though. If you used to sing in choirs but feel that you are a little "rusty", come join me! If you enjoy singing but have never sung in a choir, come join me! Or if you have always been curious about what goes on in a choir rehearsal, come join me!

Finally, a reminder that we serve a loving, gracious and patient Protector and Redeemer. Let us in turn show love to all even when we are apart. Let us demonstrate grace to all no matter the circumstances. And let us practice patience in this time of uncertainty knowing that our God's timing is always the best timing.

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# NHCBC Is Updating Our Website

The team at North Hills Community Baptist Church is currently in the process of updating our website and marketing materials, and would like to use photographs of the congregation from recent years. Please note that no identifying information will be used.

If you prefer that we do not use your photo or your child's photo, please let us know by contacting the church office at [secretary@nhcbc.com](mailto:secretary@nhcbc.com). We will then ask you to fill out a form for us to keep on file, and will not use your photos in upcoming materials.

If you do not contact us or complete the form, we will assume you give your permission for your photos to be used. You may also contact us to have your photos removed after the website is published.

Thank you!



## Mark 12: 41-44

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and behold how the people cast money in the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. 42) And then came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which makes a farthing. 43) And he called unto him his disciples and saith unto them, Verily, I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: 44) For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."



In early February, after returning from Missouri where I had been helping care for my daughter and her husband who had been in a bad car accident, I became ill and was checked for the flu by my family doctor. I tested negative for the flu, but the doctor said I had at least two viruses. He said I should be in the hospital, but felt it was better to treat me in the office and let me go home. I also had several other doctor appointments, so granddaughter Carol came to drive me to the appointments. There were at least 3 the week of February 10.

The first appointment went well except for rain. The second appointment, all went as it should. The third appointment, I went to pay the co-pay, but where was my checkbook? It was not in my purse. Fortunately, I had enough cash to pay the co-pay. I had previously used a check to pay the first doctor co-pay but did not need it for the second one.

I tried to remember everything I had done since last using it...where had we gone? What had happened? All I could remember was getting gas, going to an ATM and to the supermarket where I had spilled some of the contents of my purse after getting through the check out line. In picking it up, I could not remember picking up a checkbook which should have been among the spillage. Where was my checkbook?

I kept looking everywhere it might be in the house. I even dumped the garbage can and the recycle bin and looked at everything, piece by piece. Still no checkbook, so I had no choice but to call the bank and tell them my story. The bank was concerned about identity theft as was I. I got a stop payment order on the remaining checks.

I prayed, prayed, and prayed some more and continued praying for days.

Thirteen days later, I received a call from the Get-Go on Route 8, that someone had turned in my checkbook and I could have it by bringing proof of my identity and naming two items that were found with my checkbook.

The next morning, I headed there quite early. Yes, they had the checkbook. The clerk apparently had not gotten the message that I had to identify any other items, which was good, as I had been trying to think what else was missing. It turned out there were three other items.

When I asked who had turned it in, I was told there was no name anywhere, and they did not know if it was a man, woman or child. Everything looked like it had been very well cared for.

Yes, I had prayed about it both day and night while it was missing. So, YES, I can say God does answer prayers. THANK YOU, GOD! And, thank you also that some people are very honest..

No, I am not the poor widow mentioned in the Bible quote, but I may have been if someone had not been honest.

Mary Michalek for the Prayer Group



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**Be sure to check your email, the NHCBC website, and Facebook page** for announcements and information on upcoming events and changes to the NHCBC schedule.

*Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Spring, Pastor*  
*Heidi Clark, Director of Music Ministries*  
*Rev. Ingrid Kalchthaler, Director of Pastoral Care*  
*Christine O'Neil, Youth Pastor*  
*Cheri Barnes, Custodian*  
*Libby Benna, Nursery Worker*  
*Matthew Clark, Interim Sound Engineer*  
*Beth Spence, Secretary*

Please note that *The Communicator* will only be available via email or on the NHCBC website for May.

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| 1 Rhonda Collins       | 17 Daniel Monteleone      |
| 1 Javen Detwiler       | 18 Cheri Barnes           |
| 1 Michael Hopkins      | 18 Jessie Dull            |
| 1 Rhonda McNally       | 18 John Morrow            |
| 2 Kendra Detwiler      | 18 Mia Tirado             |
| 2 Tom McNally          | 19 Shelby Blyth           |
| 2 Buffy Yarbrough      | 20 John Locke             |
| 3 Madelynn Tomko       | 21 Ed Simmons             |
| 4 Tesslyn Barnes       | 22 Jaden Coaston          |
| 4 Aurora Chiodo        | 22 Santiago Grimaldo      |
| 5 Madelyn Yeager       | 23 Hazel Zacharias-Graham |
| 7 Bob McGarrah         | 24 David Jones            |
| 8 Richard Bruckman     | 24 Brett Quigg            |
| 12 Shannon Porterfield | 24 Patti Sinetar          |
| 12 Bill Spiri          | 26 Andy Blough            |
| 13 Tryvir Blyth        | 26 Bill Griffith          |
| 13 Lydia Rohrig        | 26 Brian Shinko           |
| 14 Krystal Brooks      | 28 Kathy Wertz            |
| 14 Joyce Katich        | 29 Jo Ann Claus           |
| 15 John Blyth          | 30 Beth Kurtz             |
| 16 Carolyn Clark       | 30 Beth Spence            |
|                        | 30 Kelly Stott            |

If we missed your birthday, please let the church office know so we can add you to the list.