

The Communicator

September 2020

North Hills Community Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Tim Spring, Pastor



Sunday, September 13

We hope to "see" you!

10:00 A.M.

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

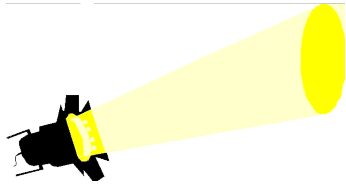
11:15 A.M.

**Pick up Children's Sunday School Materials.
Kits will be passed out by masked volunteers.**

11:30 A.M.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP BEGINS

See details on page 3.



Virtual Sunday School Begins Soon

Here's what you have to look forward to!

Children's Sunday School Begins September 20, 9:00 A.M.

For the fall virtual Sunday School is being planned. Starting Sunday, September 20, all children are invited to a virtual class beginning at 9:00 A.M. A Sunday School teacher will say hello and discuss our Bible story. Parents can work with their children to complete their lesson. We will be done by 10:00 A.M. so the family can enjoy our online worship service. For safety and security, a private link will be sent out to families to participate.

PLEASE NOTE: Children's Sunday School materials may be picked up at the church on Rally Day! Kits will be passed out by masked volunteers at the drive in service (Sunday, September 13 at 11:15 a.m.). Please drive by, say hello, and get your at-home support materials. We can't wait to see your smiling faces as you drive up AND on our weekly Zoom classes.

Youth Sunday School

Christine O'Neil is planning Youth Sunday School as part of our youth programming on Sunday evenings. See Christine's article in the Communicator for more information. She will also be contacting families of those in grades 6-12. Or you may contact Christine for more information christine.oneil07@gmail.com.

Adult Christian Education Opportunities

Our adult classes will be held virtually throughout the week in the evenings. This is to allow parents time on Sunday mornings to attend virtual Sunday School with their children.

So much to choose from:

1. "Wait...there's a bulletin?" A Class on Worship: This 5 week study will be led by Heidi Clark and will be a brief look into the history and theology behind the Church and NHCBC's worship. This 5 week course will cover 5 parts of our worship service and will include independent videos/reflection and Zoom group discussion. Contact Heidi Clark to sign up at music@nhcbc.com
2. Women's Class: Lynn Berney, Joyce Katich and Pauline Spring will facilitate this class beginning with a completion of the Priscilla Shirer book "Life Interrupted: Navigating the Unexpected." All women are welcome to join for this study. Contact Pauline Spring to sign up: pspringeisen@gmail.com.
3. Social Justice Group: This group will be facilitated by Brianne Claus and others TBD. If you find yourself longing to learn more about what the Bible says about racism, equality, love and sexuality, immigrants and refugees, the environment, nationalism and politics--and how we as Christians are called and equipped to fight for justice in these areas, please join us. These are not issues for those of a particular party or ideology, but these are issues we are called to engage as followers of Jesus Christ. We will study, we will learn, and we will work together for change. To sign up, contact Brianne Claus and/or fill out this sign up form: <https://forms.gle/CgfANoDfC8WqY3Z29>
4. Tuesday Morning Bible Study: This study begins September 15 at 10:00 A.M. meeting virtually, and studying Mountaintop Moments. See a full description in the article on page 5. Contact Linda Wagner to sign up lwagner22@verizon.net or 412-486-6544.
5. Open Gym: This new weekly fellowship offering is for adults to hop on, connect and chat, and share prayer requests. A time for the fellowship that we are all missing with our church family. Facilitator needed--please contact Brianne Claus (brianne.claus@gmail.com) if you are able to host this virtual group.

Watch for more information and sign ups
We are excited to connect with our church family.



Drive-In Worship

Dear Church Family,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you, on behalf of the Board of Deacons for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. As promised the Board of Deacons has been meeting bi-weekly and monitoring the guidelines recommended by the CDC and our state and county health departments. Currently those guidelines state that there are to be no indoor gatherings that exceed 25 people. Therefore, we have decided not to return to in-person worship in September. We are, however, planning drive-in worship services that will begin on Rally Day, September 13. The service will be at 11:30, following the live stream at 10:00.

For the drive in service please park, facing the church, in the upper and middle parking lots, or use the lower one, if necessary. Pastor Tim will broadcast his message from the grassy area outside of his office and you will tune into a designated radio station that will be announced in upcoming communications. There will also be signs indicating the radio station. This service will consist of just prayer, scripture and the sermon. We will have the full worship service from the empty sanctuary in the 10:00 live stream.

We do ask that you remain in your cars in order to maintain social distancing. We are hoping that by having this drive in service we will see each other's smiling faces and be encouraged that we are moving forward and working together, in Christ, through this trying time.

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15: 6

In His Service,
Lynn Berney, Chair
Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons is launching 4 virtual fellowship groups in September:

Prayer Time with Cindy and Mary



Virtual Hugs with Joyce



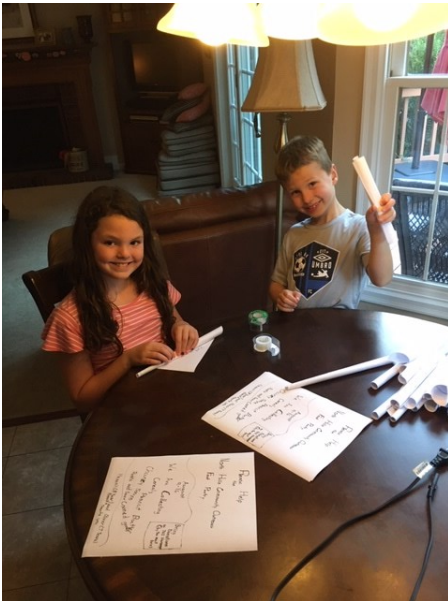
Trivia with Adam



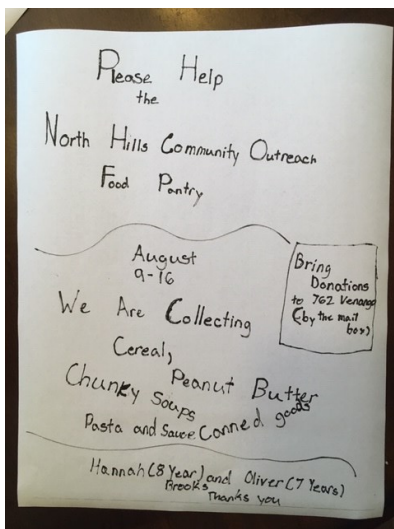
and Coffee Hour with Pastor Tim

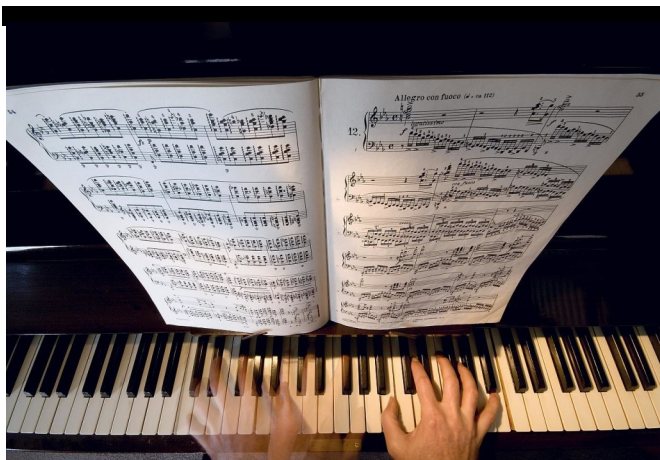


Watch for an email in early September with more details and sign up information.



Oliver and Hannah Brooks collected food for North Hills Community Outreach's food pantry from August 9-16 in their neighborhood, made fliers, gathered the food each day from the drop off bin in their driveway, packed up the car at the end of the week, took it into NHCO, and helped unpack it. Mom and Dad surprised them with a treat from Rita's for a job well done!





Music Music Music Music

Beginning September 10, Praise Band rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

9:00 A.M. Sundays - Praise Band Rehearsal

Missions Pill Bottle Collection

Thank you to all who have been supporting the pill bottle collection over the last 18 months. This has been a tremendous time & money saving ministry that has made a big impact on the Panama City, Florida community. We will continue to collect through at least the end of the year.

As a reminder, please only donate prescription bottles with safety close lids. No vitamin bottles and no liquid bottles. Also please remove labels before placing in the collection box under the mailboxes. Thank you for your support!!



Some Scripture Verses Shared by the Prayer Group

Philippians: 4:6 KJV: Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

Proverbs Chapter 2 KJV: Wisdom promiseth Godliness, safety, and right ways, "My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, one preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee; To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh forward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the forwardness of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, and they forward in their paths; To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it, But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it."

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 am for our morning Bible study beginning September 15th. We will start virtually and will visit the "high places" in the Bible where faithful followers met God. In this 6 week study, Mountaintop Moments (Meeting God in the High Places) by Dr. Ed Robb we will delve into powerful stories of mountaintop moments with God and how these stories can impact our Biblical knowledge and our everyday lives. If you are interested in joining us on this journey contact Linda Wagner at lwagner22@verizon.net or 412-486-6544.



NHCBC Youth Ministries Launches *Catalyst* Small Group Ministry Program

Welcome Fall and the beginning of a new direction for our NHCBC Youth Ministries Program! This year our youth will embark on a journey that our ministry team hopes will inspire students to look at worldly issues from a more focused lens of Christian love and a desire to be the catalysts of change in their schools, communities, and the world.

So, what is a Small Group Ministry Program? Small Group Ministry creates a more relational environment where we hope all students will feel a close sense of fellowship with volunteers from our congregation acting as Christian mentors. This year our students will be organized into groups based on age and gender, each having their own adult mentor.

What will our youth service look like? After an opening time of games and fun fellowship (social distancing guidelines will be followed!) our entire group will come together for a group lesson and then students will break off into their separate groups for more individualized conversations. We would like to welcome Sarah Hefferin as our Junior High female small group leader and Alex Kurtz as our Junior High male small group leader to our youth ministry team! Pastor Tim and myself will lead the High School group this year, however if the new direction we are taking peaks your interest and you would like to be a part of making a real difference in the lives of our youth please reach out to me and we can see where your talents can fit into our ministry!

Our youth program will be known as *Catalyst*, where we will work together to empower students to lead like Jesus through our study of the Bible. This year we will focus specifically on the books of Acts and James. The hope is to then apply our Christian values to conditions we see around us and promote positive change in our community. Our students are in a unique position to be able to affect attitudes amongst their peers and be a generation of healing and not division. Prayers for a safe and successful year of youth ministry are appreciated and we hope you will take the opportunity to see the updates to our youth rooms and to check in with our youth from time to time and see what's up!



Saturday, Sept. 12th – Sunday, Sept. 13th: *Catalyst* Kick-off Event! Youth and their families are invited to join us for a multitude of outdoor events to start off our year of Youth Ministry. Saturday afternoon will include a hike at either North Park or Moraine State Park then we will head back to church to pitch tents for some backyard camping! Games, decorating for Rally Day, a campfire, outdoor movie and the Sunday morning drive-in service are all on the schedule to make this a fun youth family outing. Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

ATTENTION CHURCH! What's Your Passion?

After listening to the sermon, and Pastor Tim's thoughts, from August 23rd, I had a conversation regarding Missions at our church with several different people. I asked "Why is it so hard to get people to participate in Missions?" I threw out possibilities like "Don't we communicate/promote enough, is it too much of the same old stuff, is what we do for mission work boring?" The reply I got STUNNED me... I was told "They just don't care about it." Really?! I couldn't believe it... three different people said the same thing. That got me thinking.

As we wind down toward the end of 2020, the Mission Board would like to use this time to plan for 2021. In the coming weeks, you will receive a questionnaire to find out what you (each individual) feel are mission areas of interest to you. We will ask you to think about what the top areas of mission work our church should be focused on. Now don't worry, we'll give you lots of choices. We will be asking you to pick the top 3 areas of mission work you feel our church should be focused on. We will then review those answers, and prayerfully consider where God may lead our Mission focus and efforts in the coming year.

The Mission Board is asking every member and those non-members who attend regularly to participate. We would like everyone age 10 and over to participate. If you begin thinking now about areas of mission that you'd like our church to focus on, the survey will only take about five minutes to complete. So put your thinking caps on and watch for the survey to arrive later in September.

We thank you in advance for your participation!
Amy Mendicino on behalf of the Mission Board



FEAR NOT, FOR I AM
WITH YOU.
I AM YOUR GOD.
I WILL strengthen
YOU. I WILL
help YOU.
I WILL UPHOLD YOU
WITH MY righteous
RIGHT HAND.
ISAIAH 41:10

In this frightening time when uncertainty reigns, the last thing you want to worry about is healthcare. The Mission Board wants to introduce the North Side Christian Health Center, providing services, including physical health, dental, and mental health. Due to the pandemic, those experiencing financial constraints are welcome to establish service with NSCHC, and will pay using a sliding scale based on current income for services. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, see details below.



Lost Your Health Insurance? **WE CAN HELP!**

**No One Turned Away for Inability to Pay—
We have a sliding fee scale based on income**

Our Mission—

We are a nonprofit community health center providing whole person care that addresses the physical, psychological, socioeconomic and spiritual needs of our patients

Services Provided—

- Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Dietician, Clinical Pharmacy
- Addiction Medicine – Medical Assisted Therapy (Suboxone)
- Treatment for Hepatitis C
- Family Planning, Cancer Screening, STD testing, Immunizations, Laboratory work
- Dentistry
- Behavioral Health – Counseling, Therapy and pending tele-psychiatry

COVID-19 Response Line—

Available to all community members. In-depth consultations and additional services, including screening and testing available for any person who wants to register as a patient. 412-321-4001 then press *

Call 412-321-4001

Dear Pastor Tim and NHCBC Congregation,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$5,000 to the Child and Parent Place at Anchorpoint, to help serve local children, teens, parents and families in need. The need to serve our youth and families is ever present. Your support is a blessing and needed to serve many families of all socio-economic backgrounds.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Ron Barnes, LSW
Executive Director, Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry

Coming up at Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry

Anchorpoint Golf Classic, September 11 at Olde Stonewall Golf Club

Celebration of Hope October 15 at the LeMont Restaurant with emcee Larry Richert

School-Year Tutoring registration is now open. Volunteers needed!

Living Through Grief: a spousal support group, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month 1:00—2:30 P.M.

Contact Anchorpoint at 412-366-1300 to learn more.

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to let you know that I am retiring as of the end of 2020. It is an honor to serve as Church Secretary, and a joy to work with each of you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity for the last 27 years.

With appreciation,
Beth



New Addresses:

Morgan Miller
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Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tom & Laura Lasky, Preston and Peyton
816 Limestone Dr.
Allison Park, PA 15101

Casey Tissue
914 Ackerman Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210

Madison Tissue
232 Lee Street North
Apt. #B07
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Sympathy and Christian Hope are extended to Tom and Laura Lasky and family on the death of Tom's grandmother on August 9. She was 96 years old.

College Addresses: If you have a college address for the fall, please email it to secretary@nhcbc.com.



Congratulations to Rachel Gongaware and Walter Clark who were married August 8.

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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
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 for September.

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Sunday Schedule Beginning Sept. 20

9:00 A.M. Virtual Children's Sunday
School
Praise Band Rehearsal
10:00 A.M. Online Worship Service
11:30 A.M. Drive In Service
Parking Lot NHCBC



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Happy Birthday to the Following And Especially to Those We May Have Missed!

September

2 Ben Tirado	14 Wade Porterfield
3 Chad Anderson	14 Corey Sinetar
6 Michael Berarducci	15 Laura Lasky
6 John Binz	16 Dalton Yarbrough
7 Jean Claus	18 Tom C. Litwiler
7 Ella Quinn	20 Logan Dull
7 Eddie J. Simmons	20 Jackson Tempert
9 Brianne Claus	21 Ronda Blough
9 Caitlin O'Neil	21 Yahaira Cardenas Hoyos
10 Brionna Anderson	21 Norma Yarbrough
11 Bill Davis	22 Lynne Scherer-Baranowski
11 Bob Marino	24 Morgan Miller
12 Laura Gauger	26 Ryan Brooks
13 Nathan Katich	26 Beckie Coy
13 Mindy Quinn	27 Deacon Claus
13 Julie Smith	28 Rick Bruckman
13 Bill Sunderman	

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