

The Communicator

January 2022

North Hills Community Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Tim Spring, Pastor



On January 23, 2022,
join NHCBC
for worship at 11 am!

ABCOPAD Minister,
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson will speak.

Following the service, join us for:

Celebration Luncheon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
The Chadwick

Don't forget to RSVP for the luncheon by January 5!

Happy
RETIREMENT!

Dear Friends,

Many of you have asked questions about my future relationship with the church after I retire on January 31, 2022. Ministerial relations after retirement or resignation are an important topic, and especially so when congregation and pastor have been together for thirty-two years. The transition from what was to what is to come requires sensitivity and understanding on the part of pastor and people.



When I was ordained to the Christian ministry on October 28, 1984, I affirmed my intention to abide by the **Code of Ethics for Ministerial Leaders of American Baptist Churches**. You will find this document online if you google it. Among the fourteen bullet points contained within the code of ethics, this one particularly addresses our situation: *"I will, upon my resignation or retirement, sever my ministerial leadership relations with my former constituents, and will not make ministerial contacts in the field of another ministerial leader without his/her request and/or consent."*

Why is this important and what does it mean? It is important because as your pastor I have literally seen an entire generation, from young toddlers to middle-aged adults, grow up during my time here. I have baptized you, married you, visited you in the hospitals, and grieved with you when loved ones died. All of this creates very special bonds between pastor and people. The bonds of friendship and Christian love will never be broken.

So what does this mean? It means that even now God is lifting up the next pastor who will come to lead the North Hills Community Baptist Church. She or he will come as a stranger, unknown to you but eager to be your pastor and spiritual leader. The next pastor will baptize you, perform your weddings, and officiate at the funeral of your loved ones. This person will laugh and cry with you, break bread and drink coffee with you, visit in your home and when you are in the hospital. As they do so, he or she will develop that special relationship; the kind of pastoral partnership that we have shared for these last three plus decades. Practically, this means that I will not be performing the aforementioned pastoral duties once I am no longer pastor of the church.

As you may know, Pauline and I intend to remain here in Pittsburgh for the short term. We will attend church elsewhere for the foreseeable future, giving time and space for the interim and the new pastor to be your pastor. Surely we will see you around at times, perhaps on the street or in a restaurant, and I look forward to saying hello and catching up. In the meantime it is important that I provide time and space for the new pastor of North Hills Community Baptist Church to begin her or his relationship with you. "Thank you" does not begin to express our feelings for the thirty-two years we've shared together. NHCBC is a special place.

Pastor Tim

Faithbuilders (Grades K-5)

Family Game Time in the NHCBC Cafe

Sunday January 9, 2022 - 12:30-2:30 pm

Pizza and drinks will be provided.

To RSVP and get more details, contact Kendra Detwiler

Youth News

Happy New Year to all! I hope your Christmas was a time that blessed you with time spent among loved ones and gave you time to reflect on the beautiful gift of the Christ child. Thank you once again to all the families and individuals that participated in our pageant on December 12th. You truly blessed our congregation and helped to draw us in further to the reason for the season! We also thank everyone for their support of our youth's mission outreach efforts in 2021. Our group donated \$200 to ABCOPAD Disaster Relief on giving Tuesday and our gift was matched bringing the amount up to \$400. We hope our efforts will bless those in need after Hurricane Ida. We also celebrated the end of 2021 with a Family Christmas Potluck. We enjoyed great food, fun with Oreo gingerbread houses and silly games.



We are about to embark on another exciting season of Catalyst and we have lots of activities lined up. Here is what's in store for our youth during the month of January:

Jan 9, 5 - 8 pm - Game night! Join us for an evening of pizza and video gaming - we will have games going on in various portions of the church from Minecraft, Super Mario Cart, & Jackbox games to Just Dance - come have a blast competing and playing with one another! Bring a friend to join in the fun! [Click here to RSVP](#) so we can be sure to have enough food on hand.

Jan 9 - Final Payment for Winter Blast Retreat Due

Jan 15, 12-3 pm - Family Foodie Outing - Place TBD

Jan 16, 6 - 8 pm - Catalyst

Jan 23, No Catalyst due to Pastor Tim's Retirement Celebration

Jan 30, 10:30 am in the Cafe - Begin order collection for Superbowl Hoagie Fundraiser

Jan 30, 6-8 pm - Catalyst Mission Outreach - Distribution of Homeless Care Bags at Smithfield United Church of Christ. Drivers needed, contact Christine O'Neil if you can assist.



The Prayer Group

Psalm 124: 6 - Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I found this quote from Pope Francis (the present Pope) and found it speaks to us today as never before:



" Rivers do not drink their own water, trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of Nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is....life is good when you are happy; but much better when other are happy because of you!"

Help others when you can and however you can and you will be much happier. It is better to be a giver than a receiver. GOD LOVES EVERYONE. Take care of your Neighbor as best as you can.

For the Prayer Group: Mary Michalek

While many of you may already be aware of this, I wanted to “officially” advise you that a Pulpit Committee has been formed for the purpose of completing a search for a new Pastor for NHCBC. The following individuals comprise the Pulpit Committee:

Cindy Binz
Ryan Brooks
Brianne Claus
Gary Claus
Sarah Hefferin
Yahaira Hoyos Sherry
Mark Mendicino, Chair
Amanda Wilbur



The Pulpit Committee is actively underway and reports that there is great enthusiasm among Committee members regarding God’s plan for identifying the next Pastor for NHCBC. It is important to understand that this process will be intentionally thorough and inclusive and therefore, will likely last six to nine months or more. During this period, we expect to have the Pastoral leadership needs of NHCBC met by an Interim Pastor, as is common in American Baptist churches. The good news is that the Pulpit Committee has also begun the process of identifying an Interim Pastor and is optimistic that a qualified Interim Pastor will be engaged and in place either before Pastor Tim’s retirement on January 30, 2022, or shortly thereafter. It is also expected that the Interim Pastor will serve until the time a permanent, full time Pastor is identified and hired.

The period ahead for NHCBC will be one of both celebration and sadness as we say goodbye to our beloved Pastor Tim as he enters retirement. But it will also be one of thoughtful reflection on the pastoral needs of our congregation. The Pulpit Committee will be leading this effort through several processes, including active solicitation from the congregation; more to come on that subject at another time. In the meantime, I encourage you to reach out to any member of the Pulpit Committee with any questions you have about this process. Most importantly, I encourage you to keep the Committee members and NHCBC in your prayers.

In His Name,
Matt Clark, Moderator

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Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

Sunday Schedule 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, All Ages 10:35 a.m. Coffee and Goodies in the Café 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Doors Open 11:00 a.m. Worship In-Person and Online						1
2 Regular Sunday Schedule	3	4 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	5 6:00 pm Prayer Group	6 10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor	7	8
9 Sun Schedule 12:30 pm Faithbuilders 5:00 pm Catalyst Game Night	10	11 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	12 6:00 pm Prayer Group	13 10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor	14	15 12:00 pm Catalyst Foodie Event
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23 Regular Sunday Schedule 1:00 pm Retirement Celebration	24	25 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs 6:00 pm Pleasant Valley Shelter	26 6:00 pm Prayer Group	27 10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	28	29
30 Regular Sun. Schedule 12:00 Annual Meeting 6:00 pm Catalyst	31				February Communicator articles are due Sunday, January 23	

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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.

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Sunday School resumes at 9:30 a.m.
on Sunday, January 2, 2022

Church office hours are
Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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of the month.

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

January

1	Hannah Brooks	15	Katie Bruckman
3	Ed Schneider	15	Rachel Kimmel
5	Marcus Katich	16	Lucia Bautista
6	Mary Michalek	16	Donna Tempert
6	Flo Ringeisen	17	Marjorie Grady
7	Linda Wagner	18	Casey Tissue
8	Dan Gray	19	Kevin McNally
9	Nick Yeager	20	Christopher Zuk
11	Lynn Berney	22	Virginia Houck
11	Brenda Blough	23	Diana Berarducci
11	Sally Blyth	23	Jennifer Duncan
11	Charlie Miller	26	Nicole Blyth
12	Afton Rudolph	28	Linda McManus
13	Roberta Griffith	31	Jill Gauger
14	Dillon Wright	31	Adam Serowik

Happy Birthday

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