

The Communicator

February 2022

North Hills Community Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Tim Spring, Pastor

WHO YOU
gonna
CALL?

Should you have pastoral or spiritual needs
during this transitional time,
you can contact NHCBC's
Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care,
Felicia Zamora, or your assigned Deacon.

The Deacons and Felicia stand ready to
assist you in whatever way God leads.

Dear Friends,

Pauline and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the very special event we shared on Sunday, January 23. When we walked into the hall at the Chadwick we could hardly believe the number of people present. The afternoon was filled with so many emotions and presentations! There was laughter, there were tears, and the room was alive with fellowship and conversation. Thank you so much for the special gifts. The Peloton is a timely gift, allowing us to 'firm up' during these winter months. I am going to have a lot more time for outdoor biking this summer, and the Peloton will keep me in shape when I'm not on the road. Every time I sweat I'll remember you all!



We know there was a great deal of time and effort that went into preparing for this special day. A special thank you to Lynn Berney, Kerri and Ryan Buschmeyer, Amy Mendicino, Eric and Lori Tissue, Gary Claus....and all of you who played a part in making a memory. Pauline and I will carry the events of this day forward with us; it was a precious time, reminding us of a family reunion. It has been so long since we've been together as a church in those numbers, and the sharing and caring that occurred during our three hours together was "a foretaste of glory divine".

There is a song we sing with regularity in our morning worship. We usually sing it on the first Sunday of the month, when we share Communion. The song is "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". Though we only sing the first verse, the entire song is meaningful. We want to leave you with the words from the fourth verse: "When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again."

Pastor Tim

Save the Date for these Lenten Services

Wednesday, March 2nd @ 6:30
Ash Wednesday service

Sunday, April 10th
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 14th @ 6:30
Maundy Thursday service

Saturday, April 16th @ 6:30
Tenebrae service

Sunday, April 17th
Easter

Please note these new addresses
for two of our College Students:

Alex Kurtz
Slippery Rock University
Building D, 416
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Casey Tissue
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Syracuse, NY 13244

Pulpit Committee Update

As our church turns the page to a new chapter, we continue to walk with God and look toward the future. The Pulpit Committee thought it was appropriate to provide you with an update.

MOVING
FORWARD
TOGETHER

Our primary focus is on securing an interim pastor. Many emails, Zoom meetings, and phone calls have been made over the past 6 weeks and we are close to finalizing the details. We expect the interim to begin sometime in March. Fortunately, NHCBC has a wonderful group within our church able to provide both spiritual guidance and pulpit services. The newly ordained Rev. Felicia Zamora will continue to serve as our Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care. She will be with us through June, at which time she will begin planning her next steps in her walk with Christ. Others, such as Rev. Ron Barnes and Ryan Buschmeyer, will help fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings along with Felicia. Our Baptist parent, ABCOPAD, also has resources to assist in the transition. Our church staff (Cheri Barnes, Kerri Buschmeyer, Heidi Clark, Christine O'Neil and Greta Zewe) are committed to providing continuity and support for our weekly activities and congregational needs. Finally, the Board of Deacons is at your service. Your deacon will be in contact with you during the next month to discuss your needs and be there for spiritual support.

After we fill the interim role, the church will begin a reflection and self-study where your input will be gathered. More information will follow but this will allow for everyone's thoughts and expectations for NHCBC's future path to be expressed. The results of this study will guide our pastoral search. As stated in prior communications, this process will be prayerful and thoughtful, and as a result, could take several months to narrow down the potential candidates. Your patience throughout this process is appreciated, but if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to any member of the Pulpit Committee.

In His service,
Mark J. Mendicino, Chair

Pulpit Committee Members: Cindy Binz, Ryan Brooks, Brianne Claus,
Gary Claus, Sarah Hefferin, Yahaira Cardenas Hoyos, Amanda Wilbur

Dear Church Family NHCBC,

Hello family. I need to tell you how very much I miss being part of our congregation. Our many years at NHCBC served as the place we watched our children grow. Timmy and Bobby began their journey together the same ages. It is with mixed emotions my heart will be bidding goodbye to the Spring family. Praying Pastor Tim finds all the serenity and service retirement will provide. Praying for God to bring a new shepherd to the flock with very big "bookshelves" to fill. May God provide the perfect shepherd to this flock.

I would like to express our gratitude for the people who have ministered to me during my illness. Cheri, Kim, Jo and Pastor Tim, your love and faith served me at my darkest hours. Thank you for the generous donation from the deacon's fund. We appreciate the help in the past Christmases as well as the funds to

help us meet the expenses we faced this year. We are deeply ever grateful. You are in our hearts and in our prayers.

THANKYOU!

In Christian love and fellowship,
Ray and Ronda Lion

February Youth Events



Catalyst will travel to Camp Judson in Erie PA Feb 4-6. Our group will meet at 5 pm in the middle church parking lot on Friday, Feb 4 to load vehicles and depart by 5:30 pm. We are looking forward to a great weekend of fellowship, fun, and digging deep into the Word! Contact Christine O'Neil if your 6-12 grade student wishes to join us!

Our Superbowl Hoagie Fundraiser is back! For only \$10 get your choice of a 12" Italian, Ham & Cheese, Turkey & Cheese, or Veggie Hoagie with toppings of your choice along with chips and a dessert. Proceeds will benefit the Colorado fires disaster relief and our Youth summer mission trip. Fill out this [Google Form](#) or call the church office to place your order today! Order deadline is Wednesday, Feb 9th. You can pick up your meal in the Cafe after worship on Sunday, February 13 and thank you for your support!



Ice Skating at North Park! Catalyst will meet on Friday, Feb 18th at the North Park Ice Rink (1101 Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101) to skate from 7:30-9:30 pm. If your youth wishes to join us, please purchase tickets in advance by clicking [here](#). Cost is \$5 to skate and \$2 for skate rental. Hot chocolate & snacks will be provided in the parking lot when we are finished.

Additional Dates to Remember:

- * Sunday, Feb 13 from 12 - 12:45 pm - Distribute fundraiser hoagies in the Cafe
- * Sunday, Feb 20 from 6 - 8 pm - Catalyst
- * Sunday, Feb 27 from 6 - 8 pm - Catalyst

Do you have an old prom dress sitting around that you would like to donate to Bless A Dress?

You can drop it off at the church on Sundays or during office hours on or before **February 27**.



America For Christ!!!

Each February, we promote and collect an offering for the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Throughout the month, you will hear stories about the good works, hope and restoration that this offering provides. With this article, I'd like to help you learn how and why you are so important to this offering. Sometimes a little education is better than a ton of promotion.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2022

First thing to know, the America For Christ offering is devoted solely to ministry work in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The AFC Offering is used in five main areas (and an example of each);
Discipleship - programs to point Youth to the right path enabling intelligent choices
Healing and Transforming Communities - programs to clean up neighborhoods
Intercultural Ministries - Bi-lingual churches and cross-cultural ministries
Leadership Empowerment - Scholarships to help train emerging AB leaders
Disaster Relief - repairs following hurricanes, tornados, flooding and wildfires

Through the resources given during this offering, WE - our congregation - you and I, work together to bring more hope into our broken world. WE help make it possible for the hands and feet of Jesus to be put into action. And WE help bring God's light and love to the sight of others.

Throughout the month, you will hear about our theme for this offering, based on Psalm 22:22
"I will praise you and testify about what you have done."

The power of a testimony is a powerful thing. You will hear real stories about the power of God's transformational love and care. And I pray you will open your hearts to hear of God's work being done in so many different ways.

The NHCBC Mission Board encourages everyone donate, as you are able, to the AFC Offering , as we strive for 100% participation. We pray you will be moved by the power of the testimonies you hear. We pray you realize why you are so instrumental to the America for Christ movement. Please make all checks payable to NHCBC and note AFC in the memo line. You may also donate online at any time during the month of February.

**"I will praise you and
testify about what
you have done."
PSALM 22:22**

Amy Mendicino
Mission Board Chair

Faithbuilders

A time for children grades K thru 5 to learn and grow in their faith and to strengthen relationships with their church family. Please join us for the following monthly Sunday activities. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at skdetwiler1990@gmail.com

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Valentine's Gathering and Valentine BINGO

12:30-2:30 pm - NHCBC Fellowship Hall

Please bring your own sandwiches and something to share for lunch.

Beverages and dessert provided.

Please also bring fun items from home as bingo prizes.



Sunday, March 20, 2022

Easter Egg Hunt

12:30-3 pm - NHCBC Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided.

We'll have the Easter Egg Hunt, games, and an Easter discussion.

Sunday April 24, 2022

Marigold Planting and Games

12:30-2:30 pm

Lunch provided. Come prepared to be outside.

Weather permitting we will plant marigold seeds at the church. So collect those egg shells and old soap bars so we have them ready for planting day! Egg shells and soap both deter the wildlife from eating the little seedlings. If the seeds do not do well, we will plant store bought flowers in May.

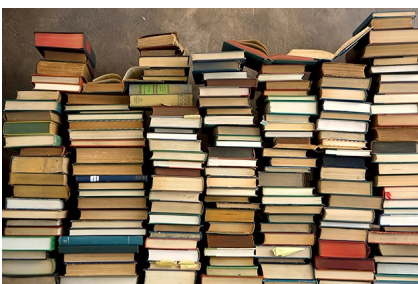
Sunday, May 15, 2022

12:30 -3 pm

Family Picnic and Outdoor Games

We will be blocking off the middle parking lot and part of the lower lot for bikes, skateboards, scooters, skates, 4 square, chalk, etc. We'll also have areas for bocce and regular table games. This is a great chance for us to have a chance to meet in person in community. So bring a lawn chair or blanket and something to eat and join us!

Books Free to a Good Home



Cindy Rudolph-Dugan has many fiction books that she would like to pass along to anyone interested. The list of authors that she has available includes:

David Baldacci, Brad Thor, Catherine Coulter, CJ Box, Michael Connelly, Karen Slaughter, Tom Clancy, Vince Flynn, Mark Greaney, Michael Crichton, Robert B. Parker, Barry Eisler, Ben Coes, James Patterson, Michael Bennett, Dr. Dylan Reinhart, Tandy Angel, Alex Cross, and others.

For more information, please contact Cindy at 412-310-0243

The Prayer Group

KJV Job: 22:21-23

"Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee. "Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles."

Hopi Indian Chief White Eagle commented a while ago on the current situation.

"This moment humanity is experiencing can be seen as a door or a hole. The decision to fall in the hole or walk through the door is up to you. If you consume the news 24 hours a day, with negative energy, constantly nervous with pessimism, you will fall into the hole.

But if you take the opportunity to look at yourself, to rethink life and death, to take care of yourself and others, then you will walk through the portal.

Take care of your home, take care of your body. Connect with your spiritual home. When you take care of yourself, you take care of everyone at the same time. Do not underestimate the spiritual dimension of this crisis. Take the perspective of an eagle that sees everything from above with a broader view. There is a social question in this crisis, but also a spiritual question. The two go hand in hand. Without the social dimension, we fall into fanaticism. Without the spiritual dimension, we fall into pessimism and futility.

Are you ready to face this crisis? Grab your tool box and use all the tools at your disposal.

Learn resistance from the example of Indian (American) and African peoples: We have been and are exterminated. But we never stopped singing, dancing, lighting a fire and rejoicing.

Don't feel guilty for feeling blessed in these troubled times. Being sad or angry doesn't help us at all. Resistance is resistance through joy!

You have the right to be strong and positive. And there's no other way to do it than to maintain a beautiful, happy bright posture. This has nothing to do with alienation (ignorance of the world). It's a resistance strategy.

When we cross the threshold, we have a new world view because we faced our own fears and difficulties. This is all we can do now.

Serenity in the storm.
Keep calm, pray every day.
Make a habit of meeting the sacred every day.
Show resistance through art, joy, trust and LOVE!"

Taken from thenomadtraveller.net

For the Prayer Group: Mary Michalek



Security Committee

In a continuing effort to provide the NHCBC congregation information and education, this month's safety note pertains to an active shooter situation.

An Active Shooter is an individual actively engaged in harming or attempting to harm people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms - other weapons could include explosives, tasers, or crossbows. Active Shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims. Active shooter situations are often over within minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, therefore the congregation must be prepared to deal with an active shooter situation. Time is critical in managing a situation of this extent. ***Your response should follow – RUN, HIDE, FIGHT***

RUN

- If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to vacate the building
- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind. Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible when law enforcement arrives on scene
- Follow the instruction of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people. Call 911 when you are safe
- If possible, give the 911 operator the location of the shooter, number of shooters, physical description, number and type of weapon, number of potential victims



HIDE

- Out of the active shooter's view
- If in a room, lock yourself in the room
- Lock the windows and close blinds or curtains
- Stay away from the windows
- Turn all lights, audio equipment, and cell phones off
- Blockade the door
- Try to stay calm and be as quiet as possible
- If possible, call 911 and leave the line open. Remain in place until found by a uniformed law enforcement officer.

FIGHT - Your last option is to engage the assailant. Surprise is your best defense and any type of distraction will help yourself and others.

Our automatic door locks, walkie-talkie system, and emergency evacuation instructions help mitigate the possibility/severity of this type of event, but it is important for everyone to be cognizant of their surroundings at all times. As usual, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Security Committee at security@nhcbc.com.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>March Communicator articles are due Sunday, February 20</div>		1 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	2 6:00 pm Prayer Group	3 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	4 5:00 p.m. Leave for Catalyst Winter Blast Retreat	5 Catalyst Winter Blast Retreat
6 Regular Sunday Schedule	7	8 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	9 6:00 pm Prayer Group <i>Last Day to Order Hoagies</i>	10 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	11	12
13 Reg Sunday Schedule 12:00 pm Hoagie Pick Up 12:30 p.m. Faithbuilders	14	15 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	16 6:00 pm Prayer Group	17 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	18 7:30 p.m. Catalyst Ice Skating	19
20 Regular Sunday Schedule 6:00 p.m. Catalyst	21	22 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Pleasant Valley 7:30 pm Hugs	23 6:00 pm Prayer Group	24 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	25	26
27 Regular Sunday Schedule 6:00 p.m. Catalyst	28	<div>  <div> 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 </div> </div>				

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If you need information on who your Church Deacon is, please call the church office.

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

February

1	Hope Hopkins	13	David E. Yarbrough
2	Zoey Allen	15	Vincent Tirado
3	Rev. Tim Spring	16	Dylan Barnes
4	Ella Clarke	17	Christina Glenn
6	Ken Dugan	19	Mackenzie Gongaware
7	Laura Bautista	20	Tiffany Allen
7	Carol Byrnes	20	Charles Coaston
8	Steven Blyth	20	Sheenan Hatala
8	Joan White	20	Jane Tunnell
9	Tarah D'Amico	23	Joyce Gongaware
9	Sophie Lohr	28	Jim Cook
11	David Swihart	28	Cindy Glass



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