

# The Communicator

March 2022

North Hills Community Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Aiello, Interim Pastor



**We will be having a reception  
after worship March 20 in the Café  
to welcome Pastor Paul Aiello  
as our Interim Pastor.**

**Please stop in to introduce  
yourself as we offer our support  
and encouragement with  
punch and cookies.**

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Dear friends in Christ,

As a child growing up in Monongahela, Pennsylvania I attended the local Baptist Church. There was never any talk about Lent in that church because “that was something Catholics did.” However, I lived across the street from the local Catholic Church in town and some of my friends and neighbors were Roman Catholics.

Each year at the beginning of Lent I would see people from that church with smudges of dirt on their foreheads and I also learned that they would not eat meat on Fridays. That was all foreign to me. That was then...



Since then, I have learned that Lent is part of the Christian calendar and that it's 40 days long (not counting Sundays), leading up to Easter Sunday. I also learned that it is to be a time of reflection upon your life, your faith and your commitment to Jesus.

Back then, the conversation was always about “what are you giving up for Lent?” As a way of taking a step towards demonstrating the desire to be a better person. I never really understood that.

Today, I see this season of Lent differently. I see it as a time for adding some spiritual discipline to my daily routine that will strengthen my faith and draw me closer to my fellow Christians and to my Lord.

For some people that may be something like beginning to read a daily devotional like The Secret Place, or the Wind in the Wilderness; for others it may be to read a chapter of the Bible each day; for some it may be keeping a journal of thoughts and prayers during those days; for others it may include volunteering to help others in the community or through the church.

Personally, I am going to do what Ryan Buschmeyer suggested in his sermon recently; I am going to be DAILY, intentionally praying for the leadership staff of NHCBC - Kerri, Heidi, Cheri, Christine, Greta and Felicia - for energy, wisdom, strength, and creativity as they discern God's will as they serve their Lord.

So, as you think about this Lenten season, which starts on March 2, what new discipline are you willing to cultivate in preparation for the resurrection celebration on Easter Sunday?

By the way, it is good to be with you at the church during the week and I look forward to when I can worship with you on March 20, and then each Sunday beginning in April.

Rev. Paul Aiello  
Interim Pastor

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## Christian Education Spotlight



Here we are in March and all of your New Year's resolutions (if you made some) are either making you proud and healthy or you have forgotten them entirely. New habits are challenging to start and even more challenging to lock in. Did you make learning more about your faith a resolution? Or maybe you decided that 2022 is the year that you become a better disciple? Maybe you made a commitment to read more books, including the Bible? Or maybe you made resolutions about everything except your faith.

It's not too late to start a new habit that will increase your faith and make you a stronger disciple for Christ. Come to Sunday School and pick a class. There is an adult class in the Fellowship Hall annex for everyone and one in the Pastor's Office for Women. I promise you will be well accepted and gain lots of knowledge and help in your faith journey.

The Christian Education Board is also interested in what help you would like in your discipleship training. Night sessions? Virtual sessions? Sessions about the Bible, prayer, worship, Baptist policies and anything else. We would love to connect you with a group that can help.

Finally, we care deeply about telling your children about God and Jesus and faith. We have teams of teachers dedicated to each age group. They use professional curriculums and supplies and are gifted in arts, crafts and play. Our Children and Youth programs are top notch and your child deserves to be a part.

So, consider yourself and your family invited. Come and learn about your faith and get a new habit that can change your life!

For the Board of Christian Education: Jim Binz

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## Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt

Faithbuilders is coordinating an egg hunt and Easter Celebration for all kids 5th grade and younger. We'll have lunch, the Easter Egg Hunt, games, and an Easter discussion.

Sunday, March 20, 2022

12:30-3:00 pm in NHCBC Fellowship Hall

Please bring your own sandwich/lunch

Dessert and Beverage provided.

**\*\*RSVP with Kendra by Friday, March 18\*\* - 412-657-4345**



***If you would like to donate any prizes (items that fit into small eggs, such as candy or small toys), please contact Kendra ASAP to know what is still needed. Donations are needed by Sunday, March 13, and can be placed in the bin under the church mailboxes.***

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# March Youth Update

On Sunday, January 30 our Catalyst teens headed downtown to the emergency shelter at Smithfield United Church of Christ and were able to distribute 50 care packages to those waiting outside. We provided toiletries, hats, hand warmers, snacks, New Testaments and prayer for those having to use this shelter on a cold winter's night. Please keep all those who find themselves in situations such as these in your personal prayers and we thank all those who contributed items and monetary donations to make this act of giving possible. This will continue to be a yearly mission project for our youth.



Twelve youth and three adults participated in the Winter Blast Retreat hosted by Camp Judson the first weekend in February. Despite a tricky drive up to camp due to the weather, we made it safely and had a great weekend participating in fun games, wonderful music worship, and thought provoking, discussion generating teaching from Jason Fenicle from First Baptist Church of Linesville. We enjoyed fun adventures in the snow as well - check out our

Facebook page at [NHCBCyouth](#) for more pics from the action packed weekend. A huge thank you to our chaperones Matt Clark and Sarah Hefferin as well as to the Buschmeyer and Seidel families for transportation assistance.



Our Catalyst group also went ice skating at North Park recently, luckily the weather cooperated and we had a chilly but fun evening in the fresh air! Hot chocolate and snacks after are always a highlight.

It seems this may also become a yearly event!



A huge thank you to all who purchased hoagies from our youth, we were able to raise \$350.00, half of which will be donated to Boulder County Wildfire Fund and the remaining balance will go towards our youth mission trip in June.



We hope you enjoyed your sandwiches!



Our next Catalyst fundraiser will occur after worship on March 27 from 12-2 pm. The youth will prepare and serve a spaghetti lunch. Meals can be dine-in or take out, order forms will be available in your bulletin beginning March 6th or online via a Google Form which will be available in News and Notes beginning March 9th. Order deadline is Wednesday, March 23. Meals will consist of spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, salad, bread, and dessert. All proceeds will go towards our 2022 youth summer mission trip.

## Looking Ahead:

Mar 6: Catalyst 6-8 pm  
Mar 13: Catalyst 6-8 pm  
Mar 20: Catalyst 6-8 pm  
Mar 26: Prep for Spaghetti Lunch 10 am - 12 pm  
Mar 27: Fundraising Spaghetti Lunch 12-2 pm  
\* no Catalyst in the evening  
Apr 10: Catalyst 6-8 pm - Easter Party



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## 2022 Mission Trip

As you read this, ABCOPAD is planning to go assist with tornado damage in Kentucky and Tennessee that was caused in December, just before Christmas.

Over the next month, please reflect on the damage left over a 200 mile section of this area. Whole towns have been wiped off the map. Please pray about how YOU can be part of the healing and part of this mission trip! Maybe you can go to prepare meals for those working, maybe you can go help rebuild homes, churches and businesses, maybe you can help financially or donate supplies which will be needed.

In next month's Communicator, we should have many more details. We will need to make a list of our collective resources (people, tools, donations, etc.) at that time. Please watch for more details to come and prepare yourself to respond.

In the meantime, pray and listen for how God would have you respond.

Amy Mendicino, on behalf of the NHCBC Mission Board



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## It's Baaacccckkkk.... The NHCBC Rummage Sale!

**Save the date (May 7)** and start your spring cleaning! The Mission Board will be holding a Rummage Sale to raise funds for an upcoming Mission experience.

Beginning April 24, you can bring your gently used household items and clothing, and drop off those items at the church. Larger items like furniture and children's toys over 4 sq. ft. or larger than 15 pounds will be collected beginning May 1st. Unfortunately, we won't have the availability to collect anything earlier than these dates due to the limited space we have available. Additionally, we are **not** accepting any computers/computer equipment.

Items can be dropped off at the church after worship on Sundays or anytime during office hours throughout the week. Please plan to check in at the church office to find out the drop off location for your items.

If you have never participated before, all items donated need to be in good working order and very gently used. We accept children's clothing and toys, cookware or dishes, books, lamps, household decor, holiday decorations, knick knacks, indoor and outdoor furniture (in good shape) and more. We will use the previous Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday to do set up and pricing. Then you are welcome to come shop. Beginning at 8 am on the 7th, we will open our doors to shoppers. At noon, we close the doors for 1/2 an hour to regroup, then at 12:30 we open back up for the last hour for a half price bag sale.

If you have nothing to donate, and don't want to purchase anything, the Mission Board can always use help with set up/clean up, pricing, money collection, advertising, floor walkers and kitchen help for that day. Please contact any member of the Mission Board if you can volunteer to help! Beginning on April 10 (Palm Sunday) there will be fliers available for you to pick up. Spread the word around your neighborhood for donations and the sale. Send a flyer to your friends as an invite. In order to make money, we need items and we need shoppers! So please help us spread the word!!



If you have any questions, please see any member of the Mission Board. In the meantime, **mark your calendars now** for the drop off dates, volunteer times and shopping date! We look forward to a great sale!!

Amy Mendicino, chair, Tori Kurtz, Janet Brogan, Ryan Sherry, Yahaira Cardenas Hoyos, Kerri Buschmeyer and Cindy Rudolph-Dugan - Mission Board Members





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# The Prayer Group

Colossians 4: 1-6 (KJV) "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Here is a list of a few things we as a church need to be praying for individually and collectively. The Pulpit Committee (members are Cindy Binz, Ryan Brooks, Brianne Claus, Gary Claus, Sarah Hefferin, Mark Mendicino, Yahaira Sherry, and Amanda Wilbur. Our Sunday School students: Toddlers, Kindergarten, Primary, Middlers, Junior High, Senior High, Adult Classes, Sunday School teachers, Children's Church teachers and helpers.

World Leaders: U.S., Canada, and Central and South American countries, all of Europe, Asia, Africa, Antarctica, and Australia.

Everyone who is ill or who has a family member or a dear friend who is ill. Those dealing with death, whether theirs or a family member. Those suffering from effects of earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis or other earth shattering events.

If you think of it, put it on your list to pray for.

We are to pray continuously morning, noon and night. When we are awake, before we fall asleep. Anytime, all the time, and every time we should think about prayer.

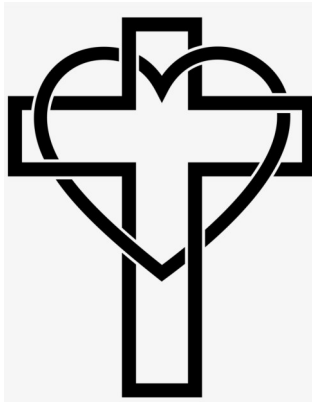
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"Pray without ceasing."  
I Thessalonians 5: 17 (KJV)

For the Prayer Group:  
Mary Michalek



The Prayer Group requests that you continue to pray daily for NHCBC as we proceed with the search for a new pastor. Pray for discernment as the Pulpit Committee and the congregation work together to determine God's will for our church. Pray that we will all be open to whatever direction God reveals and that we will have the faith and courage to follow that path.

## Deacons' Lists 2022

### Deacon: Ron Barnes

Berney  
Binz, Jim & Cindy  
Binz, John & Annie Fowler  
Braunstein/Jones  
Clark, Susan  
Coy, Beckie  
Glenn  
Liesl Hoffman  
Sunderman

### Deacon: Lynn Berney

DeSantis  
Grady  
LaDow, Liz  
Lubawy, Christian, Kayleigh &  
Kyrie  
McManus  
Nusida  
Schmidt  
Wright  
Yeater  
Zuk

### Deacon: Cindy Binz

Anderson, Garry & Kim  
Early  
Glass  
Locke  
Marinack  
Peterson  
Quinn  
Schneider  
Serowik  
Wallace  
White  
Wilbur

### Deacon: Ryan Brooks

Brogan  
Cisar  
Dayieb  
Dull  
Mendicino  
Rudolph, Afton  
Rudolph, Kathy  
Wagner  
Willison-Armstrong  
Yarbrough

### Deacon: Adam Claus

Brooks  
Croley  
Duncan  
Freer, Blair & Jennifer  
Gray  
Lion  
O'Neil  
Spence, Beth  
Spence, Dave  
Tempert

### Deacon: Judy DeSantis

Beshimovi  
Blyth  
Claus, Gary & Jo Ann  
Detwiler  
Dugan, Cindy  
Griffith  
Kalchthaler  
Morrow, Norma  
Morrow, Rob & Sonnie  
Porterfield  
Sherry

### Deacon: Christina Glenn

Allen  
Buschmeyer  
Clarke  
Claus, Adam & Brianne  
Claus, Damon & Catherine  
Gongaware  
Hefferin, Laura  
Hefferin, Sarah  
Tissue  
Yokota

### Deacon: Joyce Katich

Bond  
Clark  
Dering, Kara  
Dering, Shannon  
Dering, Tom & Kim  
Dugan, Ken  
Grimaldo  
Jones/Klingensmith  
Miller  
Spring, Erika  
Wertz

### Deacon: Norma Morrow

Ammer  
Baranowski  
Berarducci  
Davis  
Fosnight, Joshua & Hilda  
Fosnight, Ray & Pam  
Litwiler  
Michalek  
Ringeisen  
Spring  
Swihart

### Deacon: David Spence

Barnes  
Blough  
Bruckman  
Corsello  
Faulhaber  
Fortwangler  
Nipaver  
Prytherch  
Shinko  
Sinetar

### Deacon: JoAnn Swihart

Hines  
Hopkins-Budd, Joanne  
Hopkins, Damon & Hope  
Hopkins, Barbie  
Hopkins, Richard  
Katich  
Kurtz  
Lasky  
McGarrah  
Mepoui  
Zamora

*If you do not see your  
name, please contact  
the church office so we  
can assign a Deacon to  
your family.*

*Thank you!*





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## 2022 Church Officers, Board Members and Elected Committees

### Church Officers

Moderator: Matt Clark  
Church Clerk: Sue Clark  
SS Superintendent: Christine O'Neil (until June 30); TBD July 1  
Treasurer: Gary Claus  
Financial Secretary: Mark Mendicino

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Cindy Rudolph-Dugan  
Yahaira Cardenas Hoyos Sherry  
Ryan Sherry

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Lori Tissue

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John Binz  
Mark Katich  
Tom Lasky  
Annette Locke

### Pastoral Relations

Beth Spence  
JoAnn Swihart

### Stewardship Committee

TBD

### Memorial Gifts

TBD (Trustees)  
Ryan Sherry (Missions)  
Shannon Porterfield (CE Board)  
Norma Morrow (Deacons)

### Nominating Committee

Annette Locke (Trustees)  
Dave Spence (Deacons)  
Brienne Claus (CE Board)  
Yahaira Cardenas Hoyos Sherry  
(Missions)

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

# March 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Goodies in the Café 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Doors Open 11:00 a.m. Worship		<b>1</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Coffee with Pastor 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>20</b> Reg. Sunday Schedule 12:00 pm Welcome Reception 12:30 pm Egg Hunt 6:00 pm Catalyst	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Pleasant Valley 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Coffee with Pastor 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Planning Center Workshop 10:00 am Prep for Spaghetti Fundraiser
<b>27</b> Regular Sunday Schedule 12:00 pm Catalyst Spaghetti Lunch	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Coffee with Pastor 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	<div>             April Communicator articles are due Sunday, March 20           </div>	

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*Pastoral Care*  
*Heidi Clark, Director of Worship and Arts*  
*Christine O'Neil, Director of Youth Ministries*  
*Cheri Barnes, Custodian*  
*Greta Zewe, Sanctuary Production Manager*  
*Libby Benna, Nursery Worker*  
*Kerri Buschmeyer, Administrative Assistant*

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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Items for the bulletin are due each Tuesday morning at noon.

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

2	Jesse Parker	17	Matt Clark
3	Kara Dering	17	Lukas Dayieb
3	Shannon Dering	18	Marcy Braunstein
4	Elizabeth Claus	18	Jason Hartberger
4	Natalie Marinack	19	Jane Prytherch
		20	Jencie Hartberger
8	Greg Glass	21	Sidra Quinn
9	Damon Hopkins	21	Trenton Tunnell
10	Ray Fosnight	24	Jennifer Bond
10	Brad Hopkins	24	Renee Wallace
11	Dwayne Allen	25	Heidi Clark
12	Dean Smith	25	Leslie Faulhaber
12	Marion White	26	Jay Ammer
16	Yasmin Beshimovi	26	David Spence
		26	Aaron Yeager
16	Jason Topnick	31	Emily Ammer
16	Michael Wertz	31	Richard Hopkins

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