

The Communicator

April 2022

North Hills Community Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Aiello, Interim Pastor



Join us in worship for Holy Week

Palm Sunday:	April 10th at 11:00 a.m.*
Maundy Thursday:	April 14th at 6:30 p.m.
Tenebrae Service:	April 16th at 6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday:	April 17th
	* Sunrise Service at 8:00 a.m. (weather permitting)
	* Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
	* Special Music at 10:30 a.m.*
	* Worship at 11:00 a.m.*

* Service will be livestreamed

During April we realize that the last two weeks of Lent are upon us as we get prepared for holy week. That includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally Easter Sunday. These are big days in the life of Jesus and his disciples and important days for those of us who walk with Jesus to the cross and beyond.

I invite you to read the story again to prepare your heart to recall the cost of our salvation, so that when the day of celebration comes, you will better understand the cost of the grace that is ours as modern disciples of Jesus.



On Palm Sunday (John 12:12–50), Jesus enters Jerusalem for the celebration of Passover. (That is when the Jewish people celebrated their deliverance from slavery in Egypt under the leadership of Moses). Jesus was thought to be the long-awaited Messiah who would conquer those who were against the Jews. Unfortunately for them, Jesus’ understanding of his mission was quite different from those who celebrated his arrival that day.

On Maundy Thursday (Maundy) is the English translation of the Latin word “Mandatum” for “command” which refers to Jesus words in John 13:34 “A new command I give you; love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

That is also the night Jesus washed the disciples feet (take time to read John 13:1–17); also Jesus predicts being betrayed and Judas leaves the meal (take time to read John 13:18-30). Finally, Jesus predicts Peter’s denial (John 13:31–38).

Good Friday – this is when Jesus was sentenced to death (John 19:1-16), the cross of Jesus (John 19:17–42)

Easter Sunday – the resurrection of Jesus!! (John 20:1–29).

Friends in Christ – this is not only His story, it is ours as well. Take the time to read it, absorb it, and let it transform who you are “in Christ.”

– In his service, Pastor Paul Aiello

Faithbuilders

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



**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.

Youth Update

During this season of Lent, the Catalyst youth have been discussing how and why it is important to make wise choices and how we can use our faith to guide these choices. We have touched on the topics of trust, resisting temptation, habits, fear, and repentance. Due to our small group of high school students in the Sr. High Sunday school class, we have moved the 8th graders up and are embarking on a discussion of Holy Week led by Ryan Buschmeyer. After Lent, and for the remainder of the year, the class will participate in a video series based on the book 'The Case for Christ' written by Rev. Lee Strobel. The Jr. High class will continue with its original curriculum, drawing life application conclusions from familiar and not so familiar Biblical individuals and their circumstances.

In an attempt to create deeper engagement with our Catalyst students, we have created 4 committees that will assist in planning our many activities. The students chose their committee based on their interests. We now have a Missions committee which helped direct us in our choice of our summer mission trip and they will also direct us in other community outreach projects to help neighbors in need. The Worship committee has formed a student praise band that will make their live debut on Sunday April 3rd during our youth music worship time. The Worship committee will also create skits to perform during our study time to help us bring to life the student views of topics we discuss. The Fellowship committee is responsible for the games we play each week as well as fun outside activities such as movie nights, foodie outings, campfires, retreats etc. Finally, our Fundraising committee will come up with new ideas for raising the monies needed for us to do our mission trips and outreach, retreats, and outside activities. Be on the lookout for the return of our Mother's Day plant sale & car wash, a kickball tournament, carnival and many other fun ideas to engage the community in our efforts to serve others. It is my hope that involving students' voices in practical ministry outreach opportunities will instill in them a sense of accomplishment and prepare them to serve as they develop into young adults, excited to be involved with their church family.

April Dates to Note:

Saturday, April 2, 12:30 - 2 pm: Youth Family Foodie Event

@ Max's Allegheny Tavern

Sunday, April 3, 6 - 8:30 pm: Catalyst

Committee meeting night

Friday, April 8, 6:30 - 9 pm: Viewing of 'Passion of the Christ'

Sr. High room, 8th grade+

Saturday, April 9, 9 am - 12 pm: Church Spring Clean Up

Sunday, April 10, 6 - 8:30 pm: Catalyst Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday, no Catalyst

Sunday April 24, 6 - 8:30 pm: Catalyst



Save the Date:
VBS will be July 18-22, 2022
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mission Corner

Can you help??? The Bible teaches us to show God's love by caring for others, especially in their time of need. Can you think of any situation more desperate than being a refugee? In the last year, we have seen refugees from Haiti, Syria, Afghanistan, The Congo, Honduras, and others trying to begin a new life in a new country. Many only arrive in that new country with the clothes on their back, their family, and one bag of important items (pictures, etc.)

You can answer that call of God to help those in need! THRIVE is currently working with AJAPO and are expecting 11 families in the next 6 weeks. You can help supply these families with some basic needs to begin a new life here in the US.



To help, visit the THRIVE website (thrivepittsburgh.org) and view the Always Wishlist. You can view the items that will be needed. You can purchase online and ship items to the church, or you can buy local and bring an equivalent item to the church.

There are also other opportunities and ways to volunteer to help these new arrivals. If interested, you should contact the THRIVE email (thrive7801@gmail.com) and AJAPO will contact you to discuss the opportunities available. (They will soon be adding even more opportunities to get involved.)

If you have any questions, contact Amy Mendicino.

Mark your calendars now!

The church Rummage Sale is back. We hope you will come out to shop on May 7th... but we hope you will also help gather your older, gently used rummage items or volunteer to help out in various ways with the sale. We will need people to help set-up, price, collect cash, bag and walk the floor and clean up.

The Mission Board hopes you will consider how you can help. Members of the board will be contacting the congregation soon to see how you can help. We are counting on you to lend a hand. Flyers will be available to share with your neighbors soon, so at the very least you can help us publicize.

So start your spring clean out and help us bring back a great fundraiser!



Domestic Mission Trip

As announced last month, NHCBC will be joining a domestic mission trip to help with rebuilding after the December tornados damaged many

towns across the state. We have a firm date and place!! Our trip will be **August 7-13** and working in Kentucky. We will begin accepting volunteers to serve soon. The cost will be approximately \$500 (final cost not set yet) but will cover transportation, most meals and lodging.

If you have more questions, or are ready to sign up, contact Amy Mendicino (don't wait for her to corner you) so that as more details become available she can keep you in the loop!

Let's
help our
Kentucky
neighbors.



Serving Those in Need

A partnership between North Hills Community Baptist Church (NHCBC) and Providence Point (a Baptist Senior Family Community) has resulted in a helpful, caring outreach ministry.

With an idea originating at NHCBC, and a member moving to Providence Point, God has used the resources of many and talents of a few to help some Pittsburgh homeless who live outdoors most of the year. Using a resource we all take for granted, plastic shopping bags, and the “down time” during the COVID pandemic, groups from these two organizations made several PLARN Bed Rolls.



Under the coordination of Sherry Willison-Armstrong at Providence Point, residents gathered plastic bags, then cut strips and rolled plastic yarn (PLARN) into rolls. Once done, the PLARN was taken to North Hills and crocheted into bed mats and a carrying strap was attached to each.

PLARN bed rolls are used to provide a waterproof pad between a person and the ground. It can also be doubled to provide a comfortable mat for sitting. The waterproof factor is key in helping individuals who live outdoors stay dry, warmer and healthy.

This past December, NHCBC took the first round of mats to the Emergency Shelter at Smithfield United Church of Christ. In all, 11 mats were delivered before Christmas. To date, there are at least four additional mats completed, with another 7-8 expected to be completed for another delivery this spring.

We thank God for those who have understood the message from Matthew 25: 34-40 and took part in this project. Additionally, we pray those who use these bed rolls will be blessed by them.

THANK YOU to those “meeting a need and ministering to the soul.” Looking forward to another collaborative project!



Attention Helping Hands!!

(That's anyone who can help with small projects)

We will hold our next “work day” on Monday, April 11, from 10 am - noon in the Cafe. We will be packing the college boxes, writing Welcome Cards for incoming refugees, and possibly a few other small projects.

If you are able to come help out, we have loads of fun and fellowship while doing the Lord's work. All are invited!!!

RSVP to Amy Mendicino (amymendicino@gmail.com or 412-855-8244) if you can attend.

Some Random Thoughts on Prayer

Jim used to have a shirt that read 'So many books, so little time.' I started thinking about that in terms of prayer. There are so many needs in our world today that we might often feel overwhelmed. We don't want to miss something we should be praying about. There's just not enough time in the day to lift up the needs that we're aware of; and then we have those unknown and unspoken needs that need to be lifted up. It's sometimes a dilemma because we know the power of prayer and we don't want to risk leaving someone or something off of our prayer list. The good news is that God knows our hearts and He knows all of the needs of His people. So, we try our best and God's got the rest.

In fact, I remember a co-worker years ago feeling distressed because she didn't know the details of another co-worker's illness. She didn't know what to pray for. The beauty of prayer is that she didn't need to know any details; she just needed to lift that co-worker up to God.

Besides lifting up the needs of our brothers and sisters, God just desires to be in communion with us. Prayer is the way we do that. God wants to know our feelings, our struggles, our dreams. He wants to share with us His peace, His forgiveness, His guidance. Prayer is a way we open ourselves to Him.

Prayer can give us the strength to do what is right. God doesn't want us to make bad choices. He has a plan for our lives and He works to align our will with His. C. S. Lewis is quoted as saying that prayer 'doesn't change God. It changes me.' Prayer can help us discover God's plan for us. It's not always easy to discover what God has in mind for us, especially during challenging times; but, being vigilant in prayer and open to His guidance will keep us headed in the right direction.

Cindy Binz, on behalf of the Prayer Group

Save the date: May 1st Servant Leadership Sunday

A service to give thanks to God for all congregants who serve on Sunday mornings



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AN
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— FOR —
your
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All Church Work Party

The Trustees need your help...with Easter just a few weeks away, it is time for our annual Church Clean-up Work Party. The Trustees (in coordination with Mrs. Barnes) have identified specific clean-up efforts that need attention, and your helping hands would be much appreciated.

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022
Time: 8:00am - Noon
Donuts: Yes, there will be donuts

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sunday Schedule 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Goodies in the Café 11:00 a.m. Worship					1	2 12:30 pm Youth Foodie Event
3 Regular Sunday Schedule 6:00 pm Catalyst 6:00 pm Deacons Mtg	4	5 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	6 6:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	7 10:00 am Coffee with Pastor 6:30 pm Choir 8:15 pm Song Leader	8 6:30 pm Youth Movie Passion of the Christ	9 8:00 am Church Work Party
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17 8:00 am Sunrise Service 9:30 am Breakfast 10:30 am Music 11:00 am Worship	18	19 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Hugs with Joyce	20 6:00 pm Prayer Group	21 10:00 am Coffee with Pastor	22	23
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Dear friends at NHCBC, Thank you so much for all your cards, calls and emails at the passing of my dear mother, Florence Ringeisen. Thank you also for the lovely garden basket you sent to the funeral home. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to come to the viewing and the funeral service - you made my burden feel lighter!
Love, Pauline (and family)

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

April

1	Lennon Baranowski	17	Lydia McNally
1	Amber Davis	19	Alissa D'Amico
1	Rachel Tran	19	Brittany Locke
4	Brad Cisar	21	Rahim Beshimovi
5	Christine O'Neil	21	Kyle Tempert
6	Ginger Clarke	22	Tanner Dering
6	Joe Vitale	23	Cindy Binz
8	J.P. Smith	23	Mikhail Serowik
8	Brandon Stott	23	Georgia Wahl
11	Aurora Clark	25	Gregg Corsello
11	Chisa Yokota	25	Scott Sinetar
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14	Scott Detwiler	28	Dylan Bandeira
16	Walter Zacharias-Graham	28	Jemma Detwiler
		28	Rachel Fortwangler
		29	Joram Detwiler
		29	Barbie Hopkins

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