



**DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2017**



**On the third Sunday of Advent, we light the pink candle of joy! As the shepherds were filled with joy at the news of Jesus' birth, we rejoice for the good news that peace and joy come with accepting Him as Savior! Jesus brings joy - He makes friendships more than they were before and teaches families true love. We have joy for what He has done in us and we continue to look to His return with hope and preparation, imagining the joy we will feel on the day He arrives again!**

**FEELIN' FROSTY MOTHER/DAUGHTER BRUNCH** - mark your calendar for Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-11:00 am, for delicious food, a winter craft, lots of laughter, door prizes, and entertainment. 160 tickets will be available for \$5.00 each. (Girls 5 - 90 are welcome☺) We will sell tickets in the lobby beginning Sunday, December 31, January 7 and 14.

**CHRISTMAS INVITE CARDS** are available at the Welcome Center. Take several and invite your friends or neighbors to one of our Christmas services.

**PARK HILLS CHURCH CHRISTMAS 2017** - We are mindful that Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday presents a special holiday service schedule. Take note we will have **no Sunday morning services on the 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us Sunday evening for Christmas Eve services at 4:00 or 6:00 pm. We gather this night to celebrate the hope we have because of the birth of Jesus Christ! There will be **NO CHILDREN** or **STUDENT MINISTRIES** on Christmas Eve, **ALL** ages are encouraged to attend the service together. There will be special activity packets for children to pick up at the beginning of the service. **(NO MONDAY NIGHT CHURCH DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>.)**

**CAN WE HELP YOU WITH TRANSPORTATION?** - We are offering bus transportation to the **4:00 pm** Christmas Eve service. Sign up at the Welcome Center today.

**OUR DAILY BREAD 10 - DAY CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONALS** are available at the Welcome Center.

**TAKE NOTE! - ONE COMBINED SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am** - Please join us as we gather as a church family and joyfully witness the baptisms of our brothers and sisters. Baptism Sunday has a very celebratory tone, you don't want to miss it! There will not be adult or youth Sunday school on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Children's ministries will be offered for ages birth to 1st grade. **No Monday Night Church on January 1st.**

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the lobby, across from the café. If you don't see a box there with your name on it please contact the office and we will provide you a set. If you wish to donate and not use envelopes a great option is online! [www.parkhillchurch.com](http://www.parkhillchurch.com), click the Subsplash link at the top of the page.

**SAVE THE DATE, NEW YEARS EVE DATE NIGHT!** - Resist the temptation to be asleep by 10pm this New Year's Eve! The marriage ministry team invites you and your spouse to an unforgettable date night with food, entertainment, and fun on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8pm-midnight in the Chapel. Sign up for this great event at the Date Night table or online. There will be no childcare option for this event.

**GREAT LAKES DISTRICT HURRICANE CRISIS TRIPS** - EFCA regional superintendent, Daniel Grell is organizing and leading two district trips which individuals can join. The first trip will leave on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a return on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The team will travel to and assist with hurricane recovery in the Corpus Christi area alongside Bayshore Bible Church (EFCA). The second trip will leave on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, with a return on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The team will travel to and assist with hurricane recovery in the Houston area. If you are interested in joining one of the GLD hurricane recovery trips alongside other individuals from churches across the GLD, please contact Daniel Grell at [dgrell49@gmail.com](mailto:dgrell49@gmail.com) for further details.

**FACC** (Freeport Area Church Cooperative) is asking for donations of canned fruit and fruit juices for the month of December. Donations may be left in the bin in the Lobby. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**The beautiful poinsettias adorning our worship center**

**this Christmas season were given as follows:**

Gordy & Shelli Williams in memory of nephew, Leo Gerhe.

Larry & Karen Frey in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Frey and son, Bobby, and Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Kielsmeier and daughter, Jackie Madill.

Wayne & Cheryl Schofield in memory of Greg & Carolyn Schofield and Ruth & Don Robertson.

Quentin & Rachel Davis in memory of Emmerson & Norma Busker and Duane Davis.

Gary & Diane Hagemann in memory of Earl & Doris Mahon and LeRoy & Ester Hagemann.

Mary Jo Dalton in memory of Fred R. & Fern Franz Sr. and Fred R. Franz Jr.

Kathy Brenner & family in memory of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Claire Brenner's homegoing on Decmber 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dorothy Voss & family in memory of Howard Voss.

Dewey Snyder in memory of Colleen Snyder.

Dick & Willie Weber in memory of our sons Jerry L. & Dennis J. Weber.

Ron & Alla Sorn in memory of Andrej & Helena Solowjow and Milton & Kate Sorn.

Lincoln & JoAnne Arnold in memory of Leon & Pat Arnold and Emerson & Helen Iske and Ron Iske.

Tom & Elaine Bauscher in memory of Del & Jane Bauscher and Marvin & Esther Abels.

Ken & Joyce Antoine, Curt & Julie Loghry, Nathan & Carson Antoine in memory of Aaron Antoine.

Van Smith in memory of Connie Smith.

Ted & Betty Schober in memory of Dave Schober.

Clarene Dorty & family in memory of Larry Dorty.

John & Terry Brooks and family in memory of our mothers, Patty Young and Mary Brooks.

Georgia Herman in memory of Rea Williams.

Gary, Mary Pat, Michael & Emma Gordon in memory of our son & brother, Justin.

Shirley McLeRoy, Sue & Jeff Hartman, Patti & Steve Rhode in memory of Mark McLeRoy.

Jeff & Sue Hartman in memory of Russ & Dorothy Hartman.

LaVonne Hartman, Jeff & Sue Hartman in memory of Jim Hartman.

Ruth Scovill in memory of parents, Wilbur & Laurretta Scovill.

David & Cheryl Graff in memory of our parents.

Jean Wubbena, Tim, Jolene, Austin & Kiley LeClere in memory of James Wubbena.

Dorothy Cox in memory of parents, Phil & Erma Fawver and David Cox.

Karen & Donna Kilker in memory of our parents, Glennes & Kathleen Kilker.

Stan & Myrna Buttell in memory of our son, Christopher Buttell, and parents, Russell & Jeanette Buttell and Calvin & Ruth Baumann.

Linda Spangler in memory of husband, Richard Spangler.

Hartog Family in memory of Jackson & Robert Hartog.

Nancy & Maurice Vorwald and Lori Vorwald in memory of Margaret & Don Halstead.

Nancy & Maurice Vorwald and Lori Vorwald in memory of Tim Vorwald.

Justin Bardell in memory of Laurie Floe.

The Leid Family in memory of Roger Leid.

Carol Mehlhausen in memory of Bill Mehlhausen.

Dale & Sue Kaney in memory of parents, Warren & Florence Kaney and William & Kathleen Jeffrey.

Kevin & Cathy Carpenter in memory of Randal Carpenter.

Bill & Gayle Lingle in honor of Bill & Tina Lingle & family.

Marilyn Nelson in honor of Carol Mehlhausen.

Craig & Christine Williams in honor of Dave & Duska Ruter and Bruce & Kathy Helm.

Carol Mehlhausen in honor of Georgia Herman, gardener extraordinaire.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – We will NOT be meeting in December. Keep working on the Pocket Prayer Squares/Cloths. New members are always welcome. We can help you get started learning to knit or crochet. For more information, contact Linda Long 815/369-4895 or Dianne Statdfield 815/238-6629.

**FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE (FCN)** – FCN's will be doing free blood pressure screenings again January 28<sup>th</sup> between services (9:45 – 10:30 am) in the Music Room Annex.

**NEW TO PARK HILLS?** – Stop by the Welcome Center for more information about our church! We would love to meet you!

**CONNECT CARD** – If you are new to our church, have an address or phone number change, have a prayer concern, or would like more information about Park Hills, please fill out one of the connect cards found in the chair pockets and drop it in the offering plate.

**MEAL MINISTRY** – If you would be willing to make a meal for someone recovering from an illness or surgery, please contact Wendy 815/541-5204 or Charmaine 815/821-5211.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **RAY VANDER LAAN DVD SERIES ON THE HOLY LAND** - taught by Dale Miner & Bill Kuhlemeier, 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Library.
- **HEBREWS** - taught by Pastor Cliff, 10:00 - 11:15 am in the Chapel.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS for KIDS:**

Parents and families, following are your children's Sunday morning options, designed to give your children a deeper experience in God's word, no matter which service they attend.

- 8:45 a.m. one combined nursery (ages birth through 3 years), staffed with volunteers who really love caring for your little ones.
- 8:45 a.m. one combined class (ages 3 years through 5th grade) that follows the same topic as the sermon to allow for families to have meaningful conversations throughout the week on what we are all learning.
- 10:30 a.m. two age-appropriate nursery options. (Parents decide when it is suitable for their three-year-olds to move up to the next class).
- 10:30 a.m. three age-appropriate (ages 3 years through 5th grade) classes, that make use of the entire service time. You are able to drop off your children with their teachers in their classrooms starting at 10:15 a.m.

We support your decision as families to attend service together. Children are always welcome in the service.

**CHECK OUT MONDAY NIGHT CHURCH 6:30 pm in the Chapel!**

**PARK HILLS EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
**2525 W STEPHENSON ST - FREEPORT, IL 61032 815-232-6159**  
**Office Hours: M-Th 9 am - 4 pm & Fri 9 am - 12 pm**

**DID YOU KNOW?** – NOW you can view and/or listen to the weekly sermons on our PH mobile app (parkhillchurch) and website (www.parkhillchurch.com). You can also download a copy to your computer or mobile device for listening offline! You will also find the Sermon Based Small Group Questions (SBSG) and the weekly bulletin in electronic form on the mobile app each Sunday morning.

**READING PLANS FOR OUR LUKE SERIES ARE AVAILABLE** at the Welcome Center, the church website (www.parkhillsefc.org) and the church app.

**“SECOND HALF”** is a ministry at Park Hills composed of retired and semi-retired individuals who have a heart for serving within our church family. The members of Second Half recognize their God-given talents and this ministry is one of the ways they continue to use those gifts. In the short time of our existence, multiple projects have been completed with more being planned. These opportunities have been a blessing to those who have worked together. Please contact the church office with any questions about this ministry.

**MIDWEEK OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS— Something for everyone in your family!**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS for 18months thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Check out AWANA 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
www.parkhillskids.com

Puggles (18 months thru 3 years)

Cubbies (3 and 4 years)

Sparks (K thru 2nd grade)

T&T (3rd through 6th grade)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS for MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Check out CORE 6:30 to 8:00 pm

[www.parkhillsyouth.com/CORE](http://www.parkhillsyouth.com/CORE)

**TUESDAY NIGHTS for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Check out Frontline 6:30 to 8:00 pm

[www.parkhillsyouth.com/frontline](http://www.parkhillsyouth.com/frontline).