

DECEMBER 31, 2017

HEARTFELT THANKS -

• We would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers, treats and the children who sang carols and shared an ornament. Thank you – Dorothy Voss & Lucille Dittmar

FEELIN' FROSTY MOTHER/DAUGHTER BRUNCH - mark your calendar for Saturday, January 20th, 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 **TODAY** and January 7 and 14 or until sold out.

REMINDER - No Monday Night Church on January 1st.

SAVE THE DATE! - SpringHill Day Camp is coming back to Park Hills Church this summer, July 30th - August 3rd, 2018! REGISTRATION opens February 14th. Register early to save (www.springhilldaycamps.com).

THE OUTDOOR PURSUIT SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET - On Saturday, March 17th, 2018, some 200+ men will be treated to an evening of great food, a sportsman's raffle and will hear nationally known author, outdoor writer and pastor, Zeke Pipher speak on "How to be Good at Being a Man." Limited tickets go on sale January 7th, 2018. \$20/person.

MISSION TRIP – There is a 10 day mission trip being planned to Belarus in May of 2018. The purpose will be to add a sanctuary to an existing building. For more information contact, Warren Stultz at 815/520-6506.

NEW YEARS EVE DATE NIGHT! - Resist the temptation to be asleep by 10pm TONIGHT! The marriage ministry team invites you and your spouse to an unforgettable date night with food, entertainment, and fun from 8pm-midnight in the Chapel. It's not too late to join us, walk-ins are welcome. There will be no childcare option for this event.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP - This group will begin Thursday, January 18^{th,} from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, in the Elevator Room. We will be studying "Manhood Restored" by Eric Mason. If interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Kurt Bales 815/238-8541.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - We will resume our Gospel of John study on Wednesday, January 17^{th,} at 10am. Anyone interested may join us in Room 202. This session will be taught by Diane Dawson. Questions, call Diane at 815/275-3082.

TUESDAY MORNING MOMS' BIBLE STUDY – Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 9th. We will be reading and discussing <u>What Women Fear: Walking in Faith That Transforms</u> by Angie Smith. Please join us from 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Music Room; childcare is provided. If you have questions, please contact Heidie at 815/541-8011 or Carol at 815/232-6495. Looking forward to seeing you!

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

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 3rd, with a return on Saturday, March 10th. 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 28th, with a return on Saturday, May 5th. 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 for further details.

FACC (Freeport Area Church Cooperative) is asking for donations of spaghetti sauce, canned tomato products, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant and body wash for the month of January. Donations may be left in the bin in the Lobby. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

DID YOU KNOW? – NOW you can view and/or listen to the weekly sermons on our PH mobile app (parkhillschurch) and website (www.parkhillschurch.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.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS for 18months thru 6th 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 6th - 8th grade

Check out CORE 6:30 to 8:00 pm www.parkhillsyouth.com/CORE

TUESDAY NIGHTS for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Check out Frontline 6:30 to 8:00 pm www.parkhillsyouth.com/frontline

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 **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.

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.

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.

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.