



March 18, 2018

HEARTFELT THANKS -

- Thank you so much for your cards, prayers, phone calls and travel help for my knee surgery. I am so thankful! - Sincerely, Linda Hill
- Dear Pastors, staff, and family in Christ at Park Hills Church, today will be our last Sunday at church. How we will miss sitting under your sound, Biblical teaching and your Godly loving leadership. How very blessed we have been! We will miss everyone so much! We will keep you all in our prayers. We love you, Jayne, Tasha, and Rachel King (522 John's Creek Dr. Clinton, TN 37716)

AN OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TODAY for the Elder Benevolent Fund. This fund is for those in need in the congregation.

BLENDED AND BLESSED/KEYS TO STEPFAMILY SUCCESS - On Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, we will host a FREE one-day event and livestream for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. Over 13,000 people from 22 countries experienced the 2017 event. With some of today's most trusted and respected experts, Blended & Blessed will challenge, inspire, and encourage you. Register at the Welcome Center or online at parkhillchurch.com.

DECORATE THE WORSHIP CENTER FOR EASTER! - If you would like to donate towards spring flowers and lilies for our Easter services, please sign up at the Welcome Center. You may donate in memory or honor of loved ones. Cost will be \$10.

VBS IN YOUR BACKYARD THIS SUMMER - Would you like to build relationships based on Jesus with the children and families around you? We are looking for BACKYARDS to host our five-day Vacation Bible Schools, and would love to bring a VBS into your neighborhood, via your home/yard. SIGN UP is coming SOON! You will be able to sign up for a time slot for the weeks of June 18th OR June 25th (Monday- Friday), and your event could be hosted in the morning, afternoon, or evening, depending on your schedule. All you need to do is provide a space and spread the word in your neighborhood with children ages 5-12 (ages 3 and 4 are welcome to attend too-with a parent). We will provide the teaching team (a dynamic group of high school & college students).

EASTER SERVICES:

Easter Sunday, April 1 - 8:45 & 10:30 am
No Monday Night Church

To: Park Hills Church Congregation
From: Park Hills Church Elders
Re: Pastor of Adult Ministries Sabbatical
Date: February 6, 2018

In late 2017, Pastor Mark and the Park Hills Elder Board began discussions in earnest regarding a sabbatical for Pastor Larry.

Sabbatical, as the term implies, is a period of rest and refreshing. The Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) has long recognized the value of such times and recommends them for pastors and their families. Many EFCA churches have written sabbatical policies and employ them routinely. Few of us recognize the ongoing, spiritual and physical stresses full-time ministry brings to bear on pastoral staff.

Larry has served as a pastor for more than 10 years at Park Hills. In consideration of his long-term spiritual and physical health, we have identified the months of May – June, 2018, as his sabbatical.

A few things to note about sabbatical:

1. Please know that this is a proactive step by the Lead Pastor and Elders to assure on-going spiritual and physical health and to prevent ministry burnout. This sabbatical is not a reaction to any dissatisfaction or issues on Larry's part.
2. Pray for spiritual and physical refreshing, for enjoyment of family and life!
3. The Elders have tasked Larry with some assignments to be completed during this time period, but we also expect him to have considerable rest and relaxation.
4. Larry will be unavailable for the duration of May – June. Please honor this process by not contacting him or his family regarding ministry issues while they are on sabbatical. All ministry needs will be addressed by the Elders and/or pastoral team.

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

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

FACC (Freeport Area Church Cooperative) is asking for donations of spaghetti sauces for the month of March. Donations may be left in the bin in the Lobby. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP IS RETURNING THIS JULY! Your campers (completed Kindergarten through 5th grade) are invited for an AMAZING week of summer camp, right here in Freeport hosted at Park Hills Church! We want your kids to experience new things, make new friends, learn about God and create lifelong memories together! Think about your children, young neighbors, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, Monday – Friday, July 30th - August 3rd, at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you have questions, or to inquire about a scholarship for your child, please contact Merri Lane at merri.lane@parkhillsefc.org. Visit www.springhilldaycamps.com to register (you can sign up for a payment plan).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – We will have the next meeting Wednesday, March 28 at 9:00 am in the Elevator Room. We are continuing our work on Pocket Prayer Squares. Please join us, new members are always welcome. Questions? Call Linda Long 815/369-4895 or Dianne Statfield 815/238-6629.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE (FCN) – FCN’s will be doing free blood pressure screenings Sunday, March 25, between services (9:45 – 10:30 am) in the Music Room Annex.

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

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.

“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.

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.parkhillchurch.com) and the church app.

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.

SMALL GROUP/BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

- **TUESDAY MORNING MOMS’ BIBLE STUDY** meets in the Music room from 9:30 – 11:00 am, studying [What Women Fear: Walking in Faith That Transforms](#) by Angie Smith. Childcare is provided. If you have questions, please contact Heidie at 815/541-8011 or Carol at 815/232-6495.
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets in Room 202 at 10 am. Anyone interested may join us. Questions? Call Judy Fosler, 815/280-8786.
- **THURSDAY EVENING MEN’S SMALL GROUP** meets in the Elevator Room from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. We are studying “Manhood Restored” by Eric Mason. Questions, contact Kurt Bales 815/238-8541.

- **FRIDAY EVENING SINGLE LADIES STUDY** meets in Room 301 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. We are studying 12 More Women of the Bible. If you have questions, contact Carol Mehlhausen at 815/291-9478.

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.

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