



Tower Views

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My son just got his driver's license. It was a big day for him and a big day for us as parents. But he didn't get to that point overnight. Learning to drive was a process. It began with mastering the basics of accelerating and braking and steering. It progressed to highway driving and, ultimately, parallel parking. It's been fun watching him grow!

The spiritual life is similar. There are big moments along the way. Baptisms, confirmations, mission trips, special worship services, and other special experiences can be wonderful mountain top experiences for us. But those don't just happen out of nowhere. They come because our hearts have been opened and prepared through time spent faithfully in Bible study and prayer and worship.

I've heard it said that all of us are either growing or dying – and I believe that's true. Even in my short time with you, I've already seen many of you stretching and growing in your faith and service to God. Thank you, for your open, willing spirits. Growing hearts are essential for a strong, healthy church!

Brad

Attention 2nd through 5th Graders

Once again, it's time for acolytes to begin for the 2015/16 school year. Any child in second through fifth grade is welcome to participate. Acolytes light and extinguish the candles on the altar during the 8:30 service.

If you'd like your child to participate, please contact Susan Mosley, Acolyte Coordinator, at 351-3029 or smosley@hawthornbank.com. We look forward to having our young people participate in our worship services!



Arnie Drendel, Judy Martin, Carol Wright, Sharon Warnaca, Aggie Heaton, Susan Turner, Robin Hays, Bob Himes, Lucille Clayton, Becki McQuitty, Shirley Mothersbaugh, John Chapin, Jill Bernard, Fred McAllister, Alek Kimball, Rita Chadwick, and Harold Lam

Y on Wednesdays

Y on Wednesdays for grades 6-12 will meet Wednesdays after school, starting August 19th from 3:00-5:00 PM. Dinner is provided at 4:30 PM.

Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday will be August 30th at the 8:30 service. Look out for some changes!

ECE

Our Early Childhood Enrichment program will have its open house from 6-7 PM on Wednesday September 2nd and start on Thursday, September 3rd. 2- 4 year olds are invited to attend. Anna Zink and Allison Schilling will be the teachers. Let others know about our great program here at the church for these precious kids. Call the church office for an application or more information.

Help Fill the Church with Music!

Angelus Choir for grades 1-5 begins September 16th and meets after school from 3:30-4:30.

Chancel Choir for high school/adults begins September 9th and meets at 7:00.

Chancel Band begins September 16th and meets at 6:00.

Bell Choir is inviting you to come share your talents. Do you sing, play the piano, play an instrument, read music?? We meet from 5:15-6:00 every Monday night starting Aug. 31. It's good for your mind, hand-eye coordination--fun!!

Also substitutes are needed for the performing bell choir. They are notified in advance so they can rehearse on Monday night 6:00-7:00 before playing on Sunday. We play the third Sunday of each month during the school year. First practice will be Aug. 31 6:00-7:00.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 16th

Vote for the hat for Brad to wear!

8:30 – Early Worship

9:00 – Continental Breakfast

9:30 – Sunday School

10:30 – Morning Worship

Wednesday, August 19th

6:00 – Nurture Committee meeting



Daily Bible Reading & Prayer

Sunday John 13:34-35

Ask God for a fresh filling of Jesus' love

Monday Luke 4:1-13

Ask God for the strength to resist temptation

Tuesday John 14:15-17

Ask God to fill you with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday Luke 9:43-48

Confess those times you've failed to recognize the needs of others

Thursday Ephesians 4:31-32

Invite God to cleanse your heart

Friday John 13:1-15

Ask God to give you a passion for servanthood

Saturday Philippians 2:1-4

Ask God to give you eyes to see the needs & ears to hear the cries of those in need

Worship Assistants

Greeters: 8:30 Genieve Huenefeldt
10:30 Dick & Nancy Fleming

Gathering Music: 8:30 – David Cummings
10:30 – Marnie Bellamy

Song Leader 8:30 – Jennifer Willett



Relay for Life

If you or someone you know has been touched by cancer you will want to join the church Relay for Life team! Relay for Life will take place September 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Benson Center. This is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. The dollars raised support cancer research, education and prevention efforts, and free information and critical services for people with cancer. Some events we are planning are "Hat Day" during worship and an ice cream social on August 23 at 6:00 p.m. Be watching for more ways to support this great event! If you have questions or want to join the team, see Shirley Harrison, Janet Parks, or call the church office!

Hat Day

Sunday, August 23, will be Hat Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear some kind of hat to church that day in honor of how cancer patients often have to wear a hat as they go through chemotherapy treatments. You can wear dress hats or fun hats, ball caps or fishing hats.

In addition, you get to help select a hat for Brad to wear that day. Anyone can nominate a hat for Brad to wear; then the congregation will vote – through your contributions – to select his hat. So dig through your closets and find the perfect hat, then drop it by the church office or give it to Janet Parks or Shirley Harrison. Voting will begin on Sunday, August 9.

Church Wide Ice Cream Social

We will be hosting a church wide Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 23, at 6 pm. We will wrap up the summer by gathering for great food and friendship. All donations will go to Relay for Life. If you would like to help provide ice cream or other refreshments, please call Janet Parks or Shirley Harrison, mark the Connect Card, or contact the church office at 885-5597

Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped with the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. We had three wonderful tables of great looking food. Thanks also to those of you who volunteered but were not contacted. We wound up with enough items before I made all the contacts. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Mary Jo