



Reaching Heights

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- August 2** "Perfect Christians, Perfect Church" Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
- August 9** Rev. Joan Brown-Campbell preaching
- August 16** "Be Careful" Ephesians 5:15-20
- August 23** Joe LaGuardia preaching
- August 30** Summer Family Fifth Sunday



BOARD MEETING—AUGUST 11th AT 7 P.M.

This will also be the first meeting under the new, trial organizational structure that was adopted in May. While all members of the church are always welcome to attend board meetings, the voting members of the board are the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of the Elders, the six Ministry Team Leaders (Mission, Worship, Education, Fellowship, Administration, Endowment) and the Senior Minister. Assistant Team Leaders may substitute as voting members if the Ministry Team Leader is not able to attend. The August meeting will serve primarily as a planning meeting for the 2015-16 church year.

If you have questions about the new structure or items of business that need to be brought before the board please contact Jane Troha, Moderator, Pastor Roger, or any member of the board.

HCC 2015-2016 LEADERSHIP

Officers

Moderator	<i>Jane Troha</i>
Vice Moderator	<i>Val McMillan</i>
Secretary	<i>Grace Loudenstein</i>
Treasurer	<i>Neil Chase</i>
Asst. Treasurers	<i>Mike Singerman, Jim Donald</i>

Elder Chair

Donita Singerman

Ministry Teams

Mission	<i>Andrena Jones-Sharp</i>
Education	<i>Lloyd Ackerman</i>
Worship	<i>Joe LaGuardia</i>
Fellowship	<i>Joan Fronck</i>
Administration	<i>Carl Cormany</i>
Endowment	<i>Larry Watson</i>

Team Leader

Assistant Team Leader

<i>Cindy Maxey</i>
<i>Brian Johnson</i>
<i>Larry Watson</i>
<i>Bobbi Phelps</i>
<i>Scott Phelps</i>
<i>Bill Dunn</i>

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Sunday Worship Service—10:00 a.m. ♦ Nursery & Preschool care provided

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31



Wow! What an amazing promise from God to God's people! I have returned from General Assembly so filled with ideas and material to think about that I will certainly need God to give me strength to help HCC soar into its future! The theme of GA centered on this passage of scripture. In worship we experienced the Spirit's healing message of **comfort**. In learning communities and workshops we **prepared** for the mission journey God places before us. As we met and shared with new people and new ideas we waited for God's **call**. When we participated in the business of the Church we faced the **challenge** of implementing God's call. Now, as we return home feeling the wind of the Spirit strengthening us we will begin to **SOAR!**

Our General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins, announced at GA the focus for the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in the coming biennium. An initiative, **Mission First!**, has been launched. I couldn't help but feel proud that our congregation has already begun to address mission as our first priority. As we move forth together this fall, I pray we will be open to discerning the mission that God intends for us. I am confident we will find our way, like young eaglets who need to jump out of the nest in order to fly, we too will jump out into God's hurting world and together we will SOAR!! Keep your ears, minds and hearts open for our call. There will be much more to come!

Jane Troha



BECAUSE YOU CARE Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization



Jesse Hall	Shirley Reading	C.D./Lois Clark	Mary Rogers	Henry Sharpley
Liz Perdue	Lisa Peabody	Jim/Sue Millward	Rita Brady	Alma G. Jones
Nancy Wilson	Scott Lemmon	Cas Castleberry	Patty Monroe	Samarra States
Joe Freudi	Dorothy Mathis	Janelle Eccleston	Lyubov Nikolenko	
Joe/Barbara Tolley	Paul/Shirley Hummel	Leo/Chris Ramirez		

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

The Dunns are off to the AAV Junior Olympics National Championships in Virginia Beach. Congratulations to Claire, Thomas and Avery for qualifying once again. We'll anxiously await the results!

WHILE PASTOR'S AWAY ...

Pastor Roger will be on vacation beginning Monday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 9th and Friday, August 21st through Monday, August 24th. If there are any pastoral emergencies or concerns during Pastor Roger's absence, please contact :

Chair Elder, Donita Singerman	216.798.3836	singermanmd@sbcglobal.net
Moderator, Jane Troha	216.991.8010	latinteacher@sbcglobal.net
Vice Moderator, Val McMillan	216.509.6057	valmreeves@gmail.com.

WORSHIP MINISTRY SURVEY

We would like to invite each and every member of our congregation to join us in essential tasks that enhance each week's worship service. If you functioned in one of these groups in the past, feel free to pick it again as your first choice. New Members and Youth who are NOT in Sunday School are especially welcome to sign up (We would like to involve more young people as Greeters and as members of the Diaconate.) Here's what to do: Put the number "1" in the column next to the icon if this is your first choice. You may also pick a second choice (#2) or even a third. **YOU CAN DO MORE THAN ONE** (put a "1" in more than one column). Please return this to the church office. You will also receive an email with a link to take this survey online. --Joe LaGuardia & Larry Watson

NOTE: This is a one-year commitment (2015-16)

Greeter

Greeters arrive a little early before the 10 a.m. Worship service, make sure there are bulletins at the entrances, then stand at the back and warmly greet each person as he/she enters, handing him or her a bulletin, and encouraging visitors to sign the book in the narthex. A schedule will be developed so you'll know which Sunday you'll serve.

Diaconate

Members of the Diaconate (Deacons) ready the bread and grape juice for each service as directed by that week's Captain. Deacons pass the collection plate at the Offertory. Then they distribute communion at the appropriate time during the worship service, and clear the Communion table after the service.

Liturgist

The Liturgist leads the congregation in the Litany, proclaims the Scripture assigned for that Sunday, prepares and delivers a brief invitation to the Offertory collection, and says a prayer over gifts when they are brought to the altar.

Special Services

This role involves assisting in planning (or helping to plan) special services such as World Communion Sunday, Ash Wednesday and Lent, Advent and Easter and Pentecost. Meals on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday would be coordinated with Fellowship.

Sanctuary Decorations

This role involves assisting in planning for, creating and crafting decorations for the sanctuary. Including the liturgical seasons of Advent, Lent and Pentecost, as well as throughout the year. Someone from this group will communicate with Kese about each week's flowers and then pick them up (or recruit someone) at Gali's on Friday or Saturday.

Sanctuary Volunteers

Volunteers to collect each week's sign-in sheets and see that the sanctuary is ready for each week's worship service (Bible, Hymnals, Sign-in Pads etc. in place).

Name _____

Phone _____