



# Reaching Heights

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IN AUGUST

We are attempting to “beat the heat” by worshipping in Fellowship Hall.  
The service is a little more casual, so dress appropriately.

- August 1<sup>st</sup>** “Living the Good Life” – Luke 12:13-21
- August 8<sup>th</sup>** “Hymn Sing” – come prepared to suggest your favorite hymns as our service centers on praising God through song.
- August 15<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Jayne Ryan-Kuroiwa will be the guest preacher while Pastor Roger is on vacation. Rev. Ryan-Kuroiwa was interim minister at HCC from 2004-2006.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>** Mike Faust will bring the message for the day.
- August 29<sup>th</sup>** Family 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Worship in the Park (see below)

***We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to Sunday morning worship. All are welcome!***

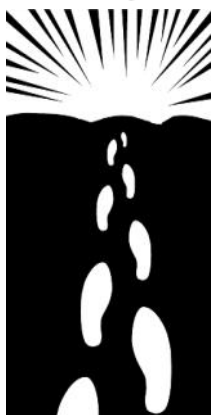


## WORSHIP IN THE PARK ON FAMILY 5TH SUNDAY

We will have a special worship service in the pavilion at Horseshoe Lake Park on August 29<sup>th</sup> followed by a picnic meal. Doug, Jani and Canyon McWilliams will provide the music and the children of HCC will share what they have been learning over the summer. After worship we will fellowship together over a shared meal. Hamburgers and hot dogs as well as beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.



# Along The Path . . .



"Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due." *William R. Inge*

I have to admit that I have a love/hate relationship with August. It is usually the time when we go on vacation, and I look forward to that opportunity to rest and recharge. But it is also when we know that the slower pace of the summer months is almost over; that the school and church years are about to begin again with their mounting demands on our time and energy.

It's easy to let anxiety over what's coming kill the pleasure of today. But worry, Jesus said, "will not add a single hour to your span of life." So I invite you to join me in attempting to strike a balance between enjoying these last few weeks of summer and preparing for a new year – but no worries.

*Roger*

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

We live in an age when words surround us: Twitter, Facebook, Smart phones, iPods, Talk Shows, films, TV, radio, books, magazines -- etc. There are countless books written on the subject of prayer: what words to use, how and when to use them... Even the scripture places words on Jesus' lips teaching us how to pray. Yet, Richard Rohr, OFM., in his little book, Everything Belongs, suggests that prayer is not primarily saying words or even thinking thoughts! It is a *stance*. It's a way of living in the Presence, living in *awareness* of the Presence, and even enjoying the Presence. Prayer can be that simple.

Our God is so eager for us to have a conscious relationship with Him and yet, he never imposes that Presence upon us. When we willingly turn our hearts to that abiding Presence, filled with whatever is within us at that moment, we are praying. Ghandi comments on prayer by saying that "prayer tends to steep us in the thoughts of God, in the sense of the presence of God, in an openness to the will of God, in the likeness of God." We need no words to accomplish that. We become what we think about, so, if our hearts and minds are frequently turned to the always-available Presence, we will become and reflect God's own love and peace. Ghandi shares his own transformative experience of prayer when he says that, after 40 years of prayerful discipline, he finally ceased to hate anybody. He had learned to live in God's presence. This is prayer.

*...Until next month, you can be sure your Prayer Team will keep you in our prayers.*

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## HCC'S NEXT CAMPER

**August 8—14 Chi Rho Camp**

***Matt Clements***



Thanks for your prayers, calls and cards following my knee surgery. Recovery and rehab going slowly, but your thoughtful concern helps a lot. I certainly never expected anyone to come all the way to Strongsville to cook meals for me, paint my house or give me that fantastic new iPad - - so I wasn't disappointed when none of that happened! (You didn't really expect me to be completely serious, did you?)

- - Steve diLauro

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## BECAUSE YOU CARE

### Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization

Betty Klecka	Nora Duncan
Beth Fronck	Kitty Cardwell
Georgia Bibb	Eugene Blackwell
James Faust	Elease Gholston
Mary Krumlauf	Brady Macosko
Dorothy Mathis	Bob McWilliams
Ilya Petrenko	

## OUTREACH UPDATE

The 105 hygiene kits that we collected and packaged have been shipped to Church World Service to be used for the next natural disaster. Thanks again to everyone who contributed.



And over 100 pounds of produce from our Giving Garden have already been distributed, and the tomatoes are only starting to ripen! Contributions have gone to the Shaker Hunger Center, New Life Community, other hunger centers through the Master Gardener program, and to our Great Food for All customers.



## DAILY DEVOTIONAL'S



To all Daily Devotional Devotees and those amongst us who are "Wanna Bees" Our Daily Bread for June, July and August are still available in the Fellowship Hall baskets located on tables around the hall. Take a few moments to inspire your day, nurture your faith and explore the Bible. Help yourself, also give one to a family member, friend or neighbor.

We recommend it!



## ANOTHER GREAT VBS!!

Fun, Fabulous, Fantastic - these and many other words could be used to describe "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace," our 2010 Vacation Bible School. The children who attended, and the adults and youth who helped, all had a great time. Thank you's to everyone who had a hand in making it a great success. And a special thank you to Shawndra who worked tirelessly to make sure everything went smoothly! Job well done!





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## IT'S THE CAT'S MEOW!

Are you looking for an unusual and meaningful gift for a loved one or special friend for a birthday, anniversary or for Christmas? If your loved one has special ties to Heights Christian Church, (grew up in our church, baptized here, was married in our sanctuary, etc) then we have the perfect gift for you! An exact replica in miniature of our church building beautifully done in wood. It even includes the Peace Garden—a reminder that we are a “Shalom” congregation.

You may purchase one for just \$20 and in the process know you are presenting your loved one with a unique gift representing an important phase of his/her life. It is also a gentle reminder that faith is an important part of our lives.

Call the church office at 216-561-4800 to place your order while they last. If you would like it mailed to you, add a mailing cost of \$5 to your check made out to Heights Christian Church.

The dimensions of this replica are:  
8” x 5 1/2” x 3/4”



**A brief history of Heights Christian  
is printed on the back!**