



# Reaching Heights

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP AND ADULT STUDY

January 15<sup>th</sup>

*Beloved Community Sunday*

“You will see greater things than these”

John 1:43-51

Bible Study with Joe

Each week this class looks at the book The Essential Bible Stories Every one Needs to Know, published by Dr. Timothy Beal. This book is filled with stories from the Old and New Testament scriptures with a brief explanation or quote to help with understanding, and questions to help us uncover more meaning. Joe publishes scripture references each week on his blog. Check it out at [www.joesbiblical.blogspot.com](http://www.joesbiblical.blogspot.com).

Adult Forum

Sylvia Farley will share her experiences in attending the historic dedication of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington D.C. and taped footage will highlight the event.

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

“I will make you fish for people”

Mark 1:14-20

Adult Forum

Panel of Parents of Gay family members share their experiences and growth in understanding and equality.

January 29<sup>th</sup>

*Family Fifth Sunday*

“Church Camp in January”

Adult Forum

A dramatic presentation by “Women in History” of Fannie Lou Hammer, the founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, done by actress Robin Cooper.

## AID TO ALABAMA—HCC 2012 MISSION TRIP



Under the sponsorship of the Outreach Committee we are heading to Alabama on March 18<sup>th</sup> to help with the rebuilding of areas destroyed by last year's tornados. Several people have already expressed interest but we can always use some more. No experience necessary, just a willingness to get dirty helping our neighbors to the south. Contact the church office if you are interested. A meeting of all interested parties will be held in the next



# Along The Path . . .



Having just come through the Christmas season I am reminded of all of the traditions that are a part of our lives. The carols and candlelight of Christmas Eve, what we eat on Christmas day and how we exchange gifts, so many things enter into what we “traditionally” do. We are all aware that as circumstances change our traditions change as well; new children and grandchildren, new spouses and jobs, better or worse economic times, all affect the continuity of our traditions.

This is true in the church as well. Traditions are important and helpful as long as they have meaning (beyond “we’ve always done it this way”) and bring us into closer relationship with God and with each other. But it is important to remember that each of us bring different traditions with us and those differences can bring even greater meaning and deeper relationships if we can be open to letting go a little and celebrating all the traditions that are a part of who we are together.

*Roger*

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## . . . FROM THE PRAYER MINISTRY



“Prayer restores the soul that is dry and dulled by years of trying to create a world that never completely comes. It heals the wounds of the day and reminds us who we want to be at the deepest, truest part of us.

Prayer lightens the load. It gives direction and new energy. It fixes the eye of the soul on the real ends of life, when the real goals of real time seem unattainable.”

**Joan Chittister, *The Monastery of the Heart***

May this gifted time bring us insights into the power of prayerful awareness in our days!

**Until next time, we'll keep you in our prayers.**

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### **BECAUSE YOU CARE** **Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization**



Eugene Blackwell	Donna Cummings	Mary Demmy	Karen Farley
James Faust	Sherena Frazier-Miller	Kathleen Hetterle	Dewey Hodge, Sr.
Sandy Jones	Betty Klecka	Scott Lemmon	Radia Longworth
Dorothy Mathis	Colleen McKinney	Norm Pilch	Clare Rosegger
Michael Steward	Leslie Wanner		

### **Birth**

Sofia Alora Ferrari Ackerman, born December 12  
Daughter of Marissa Ferrari and Mark Ackerman  
Lloyd and Lynda Ackerman, grandparents

### **Death**

Patsy Cannon  
December 30, 2011



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

The Sunday School curriculum during Advent was a success. The room set up's were different and presented an opportunity for the children to practice more individual mediation through several stations while they also engaged in hands on activities to supplement the lessons.

Thanks much to Lynda Ackerman for her help in setting up the stations. A big thanks to the teachers: Connee Choi, Susan Buddenbaum, Donita Singerman, Annette Sutherland and Andrena Sharp

Several of our Sunday School children baked and decorated cookies for Campbell Court residents. The cookies were served with punch as refreshments during Heights Christian's annual caroling at Campbell Court on December 11th. Mattie Buddenbaum, Kaitlin and Ashley Chase, and Madison Durham sang out loud as they played tambourines and jiggled bells for many songs. Several children participated in the arts and craft activities prior to the trip to Campbell Court.



We now look forward to the children participating in the Family Fifth Sunday Church Camp program on January 29th and the Soup 'n Chili Game Night on Friday, January 27th.



Stay tuned for more information about our Souper Bowl Sunday activities in February.



As always, Roger, Dale, Mike, Rosie, and Kese, want to express their gratitude for the kind and generous expressions of affection and appreciation from the congregation. Thanks

for an assortment of greeting and gifts from the congregation and Elders. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve the members of Heights Christian Church.

### The Worship Committee . . .

thanks the following who helped decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season: Roger Careaga, Linda Durham, Jan Everett, Joan Fronck, Andrena Jones-Sharp, Joe & Bernadette LaGuardia, Ernie Miles, Jim & Liz Perdue, Scott & Bobbi Phelps, Mike & Donita Singerman, Larry Watson and Nia Hatchett. Everyone's efforts were truly appreciated!

### IMPORTANT:

The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help un-decorate the Sanctuary, Campbell Room and hallway on Saturday, January 14th at 9:00.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new 2012 offering envelopes for those who made Stewardship Campaign pledges in the fall are now in. They are available in the Campbell Room.



## CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 25th—12 Noon

As we continue to study our theme "Seeds of Hope", Sylvia Farley will lead us as we take a look at "The Compassionate Life", where we discover "spots of time" to do acts of kindness and of love to those lives we touch. How do we live out the Golden Rule. Join us in the Campbell Room for a luncheon at 12 Noon on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship. Please call the church office to make your reservations before January 23rd.



### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. Education Hour

(Nursery & Preschool care provided)

### STAFF

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### UP-COMING EVENTS

*The Peace and Justice Task Force* has been working on plans for several major events coming up in the next few months

On **Sunday, February 12th—3 to 5 p.m.** HCC will host a community event “Word Warriors: Banned Brilliance of African American Authors”. Originally presented at Karamu Theatre and researched and written by ACLU staff. Topics of inequality in the education and juvenile justice systems will be highlighted. Shaker community leaders will present passages from these banned books.

Then . . .



The weekend of **April 13th & 14th**, we will host a series of writing workshops led by John Fox, internationally known Certified Poet Therapist on the theme: *The Quest for Peace and Justice Through Compassion, Creativity and Community*. More will follow on both of these exciting opportunities. Please save the dates and plan to attend.

**Need extra cash?**

**Plan to “spring clean” soon?**

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**Save the Date & Spread the Word**

**HCC’S ANNUAL  
GIANT GARAGE SALE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH**

**Tables available for \$25  
EMAIL OR CALL US TODAY!**