

Expressions



CHURCH IN THE HILLS, PC (USA)

Communication (or lack thereof)

It is good to be home! As many of you know, I was gone on a work trip for about a month. What a strange thing it is to be gone from my family for such a long period of time. There were times when I was tempted to mourn my plight, but then I started thinking about all the fathers that had it much worse.

History is full of stories of fathers who left their families for commercial reasons or because they were called off to war. The communication between these men and their families during absences was almost non-existent for most of history. Eventually common people learned to read and write and were thus able to have some communication through letters. Even as recently as my Father's generation, it was unheard of to call home on a regular basis from distant places.

Communication has changed a lot in a short period of time. Almost every night that I was away, I was able to communicate with my family through the miracle of the internet. Not only were we able to communicate through audio, we could even communicate visually through internet video chat services (like Skype).

Communication is the lifeblood of any relationship and it is a strange thing that communication is one of the things most families struggle with even in a day and age when our technologies are nearly miraculous. In fact, technology often seems to get in the way. These days, teenagers ignore their parents so that they can text message friends, spouses ignore one another to search the web, and even young children can become isolated by the wonders of communication media.

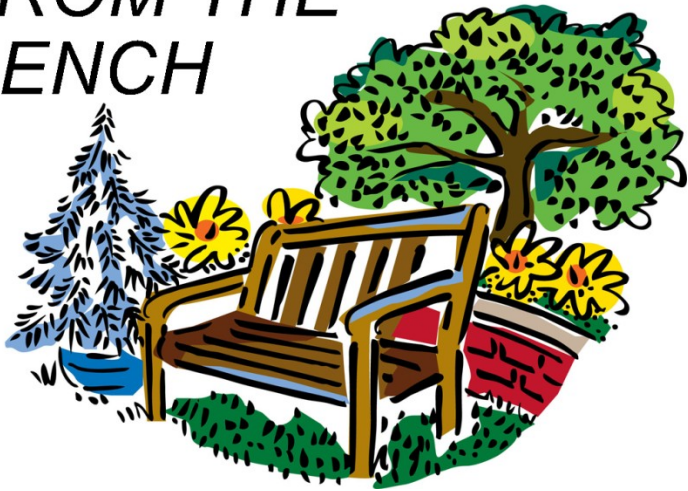
Isolation is often frustrating to people who love and care for one another. But, my generations all out addiction to technology so often trumps other positive elements in life and the lifeblood of relationships bleeds away.

Beyond all this is the relationship we have to our Heavenly Father. If communication is our lifeblood, then how are we doing at relating to him?

Here at Church in the Hills, we want to be an oasis in life's wilderness that makes room for sacred communication. We want to be a resource for your continuing edification of life's most important relationships. When we come together on Sundays, let's turn off our smart phones and meditate on our communication (or lack thereof) with one another and with the Source of all love. Let's take a moment to listen to the voices of our brothers and sisters. Perhaps we may even be able to hear the voice of God.

Corey

FROM THE BENCH



In his sermon, a recent guest pastor posed the question, "What are we to do?" I took this question immediately to heart that morning since the question had already been running through my brain en route to church. I was in a quandary as to what to do about several minor situations that needed addressing before I left town for a week. I am currently faced with similar issues now. What does the organist do when all plans for Sunday's music in two weeks

have gone awry due to the unexpected hand surgery of her favorite flute player? I could leave the music on the agenda as scheduled and hope that I can learn to play it on my flute as well as bribe someone to play the piano accompaniments - in ten days. That idea seems ludicrous since I haven't uncased my flute in over a year, and the Session undoubtedly would do more than just frown upon "bribes" as an explanation for a music budget expenditure. What's to be done about the departure of more than the usual number of snowbirds from our choir and the fact that two very faithful members are sidelined with injuries? From whence will come additional members?

The first problem I can more easily address - we will manage without flute music and I will play something on either the organ or piano, music I already know since I am yet again leaving town for five days and will not have access to an instrument on which to practice. (My daughter has a piano but she also has twin two-year-old boys; you can guess who wins out over practicing.) The choir membership problem is much less under my control. Since bribery is out for obvious reasons, and I have already pleaded with individual prospects (all of whom have declined for viable reasons), I am now left with "looking pathetic" (just one step up from begging on my knees) in hopes of gaining support out of sympathy, and simply asking each of you reading this newsletter to look into your heart, examine your personal calendars, and see if you can find the time to join us at 3:30 pm on Wednesdays for choir rehearsals as well as on Sunday mornings. Please remember that "Perfect" is not required - not perfect pitch, not perfect attendance, not perfect anything. All we need is for you to come, sit in during one rehearsal and see if it feels right for you. Beyond that, any level of commitment will be just fine. If you have also been wondering what you can do at CITH to be helpful during this time of transition as we wait for the arrival of a new pastor and as the seasons of Advent and Christmas rapidly approach, I pray that "Join the choir" comes to you as a positive answer.

Dorothy Music Director



NOVEMBER GREETERS

November 6—Grant and Jean Rowe
November 13—Dave and Carol Gregory
November 20—Jeff and Deb Braden
November 27—Bud and Irma Hierlihy
Greeters should be at the church at 9:30 a.m. If you cannot be at the Service of Worship on the Sunday you're to be the greeters, please call Cindy Overby at 533-6001

NOVEMBER HEAD USHERS

November 6—Paul DeLange
November 13—Paul DeLange
November 20—Olga Cairns
November 27—Bob Drudge
If you cannot be at the service of Worship on the Sunday you're to be the usher, please call Maureen Stenback at 544-6522

NOVEMBER LITURGIST

November 6—Duane Ferris
November 13—Susie Hutchings
November 20—Dick Garcia
November 27—Rex Luxton
If you cannot be at the service of Worship on the Sunday you're to be the liturgist, please call Maureen Stenback at 544-6522.

DEACONS ON CALL FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

MARTY HARRIS (231-533-6105)
GARNETT ANDERSON (231-322-6007)

DEACONS

Class of 2011

Carol Gregory 533-8138
Edena Williams 533-8598
Don Hoyt 989-614-0798

Class of 2012

Martha Harris 533-6105
Lewis Lesperance 322-2893
Millie Serrine 544-8047

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Garnett Anderson 322-6007
Jeff Braden 544-1685



Diana Milock 11-9
Gus Prince 11-12
Rick Munger 11-14
Jim Racey 11-14
Dorothy Clore 11-20
Tamara Byerly 11-20
Jeanne Clore 11-29



Steven and Donna Grill **11-19**

Dennis and Jari Poll **11-25**

In the month of September we lost two members of our congregation.

Shirley Hetzel and Dave Van Huysen.

Shirley passed away on September 6, at 87 years old. She is survived by her children Pat (John) Curtis, Terry (Tom) Bozarth Linda Hetzel, Kate Hetzel, Barb (Jerry) Jensen, and John Hetzel, Seven grandchildren and four Great grandchildren

Dave Van Huysen passed away September 24, He is survived by his wife Dianne and daughters Karla (Shemryn) Trapp and Melissa (Joshua) White and 4 grandchildren Holden, Esme, Griffin and Sophia.

Please pray for the families of our sister and brother. May God bless them and may they rest in peace.

Tienne Cole

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your consistent prayers and support! I have now been living in the Philippines for 3 months and

passed my first & second assignments! I feel that I am starting to feel settled in and am getting into the groove of things here. Some highlights;

~ I live in a room with 3 other midwifery students and a house (above the clinic) with an additional 5 midwives and 1 cook. It is cozy!

~ I got a puppy 3wks ago, Clover :) She is a sweet little thing and helps me feel more at home.

~ I spend Wednesdays doing prenatal exams and am getting where I can do them pretty much on my own. I love getting to know the women and being able to pray with them each week.

~ Fridays we do outreach prenatal and postpartum exams in small villages near where we live.

~ I have observed over 10 births (I lost count in the craziness of last week) and am becoming more involved with each birth I attend. They say I will be catching in a few months!

~ Most of my other time is spent in front of my computer with an open book working assignments and studying for tests.

Please continue to **pray** for me;

- * That God would give me the wisdom and passion for the book work - I struggle with it
- * That I would retain the knowledge and be able to apply it.
- * That I would show love daily to my housemates.
- * That I would have a hunger to learn the local language.
- * For each woman that comes here, that she would feel the love of Jesus and desire to know Him.

- * That I would spend my time wisely... internet is a HUGE distraction, yet a blessing
- * That I would live in today and not think too much about the future.
- * That I would have the time and energy to have a quiet time with the Lord every day. Thank YOU!



HELPING HANDS

Reaching Out . . . Helping Others

Two big events that the Mission Committee is sponsoring are happening close together this Fall. Our “Mom to Mom” Sale was held on October 29th, at the John Rodgers Elementary School. We had an even bigger response this time than any other. 15 tables were rented so families could bring in gently used children’s clothing, toys and equipment to sell to the community. This event is a way to help families make a little money for Christmas and to help other families buy items at a reasonable price. All proceeds from the rental of the tables went to the School. Members of Church in the Hills coordinated the event, provided lunch for the vendors and refreshments for participants. Thank you to everyone that helped to make this event a success! Families on “both sides of the tables” felt welcomed, loved and cared about. That is loving your neighbor as yourself . . . and isn’t that what Jesus wants us to do?

The other event that is coming up in November is our Clothing Drive. We are collecting winter clothing November 1st through the 11th. Please bring them to the Church and put them in the handicapped bathroom. We are asking for warm clothes for men, women and children - especially



P.N.C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee has been working diligently since July to find a Pastor for Church in the Hills. We have met weekly to discern Gods will for our Parish. It is with great excitement that we have unanimously agreed upon a candidate. We would like to present him to you and have asked him to preach at the November 13th worship service. There will be a congregational meeting after the service to affirm his call to Church in the Hills. You will receive a letter with more details very soon. We look forward to seeing all of you on November 13th.

sweaters, coats, hats, mittens and boots for all ages and sizes. Winter is coming up and we know how cold it is! There are families in Antrim County that are struggling to put food on their table and to clothe their loved ones. If you have things that you are not wearing and would be willing to part with we will find someone that does need them. The clothes will be given away on November 12th at the Forest Home Township Hall in Bellaire. Any items left over will be taken to Good Samaritans in Ellsworth, The Lighthouse in Mancelona and Goodwill in Traverse City. We will need help sorting and organizing the clothes on Friday the 11th and help on Saturday to meet and greet guests. Members of Church in the Hills have been so generous in the past and I know this year will be no exception. This is another way we can “love our neighbors” and to share the blessings we have been given!

Mary Ann Waara, Elder for Missions

A special thanks to a group of volunteers that helped out with fall gardening and clean-up! Be sure to thank these folks for their service: Dave Gregory, Dottie Schaefer, Paul Delange, Olga Cairns, Linda Bicum and Lila Wilson.

**Thank you are also due to all the volunteers at Saturday’s Mom to Mom Sale. Thanks for all the help!
Mary Ann Waara**

**The Board of Directors of Communities in Schools of Mancelona extends a huge thank you for your generous donation for our 3rd Annual “Stuff the Bus” school supply campaign. Your donation helps our student’s achieve success in school!
Thank you**



MEMORIAL GARDEN

Progress is being made! We met with a landscape architect October 28, and he submitted a plan for the Garden. We approved the plan, and it will go back to the firm for a rendering, so you can all get a feel for the look of the Garden. The deed has been sent to the Presbytery for their approval, and the trust agreement, which

**Thank you to all the members and friends of Church in the Hills for your kindness during Bob’s recent illness. Your cards, prayers and visits were very comforting and encouraging.
God Bless you all,
Dottie and Bob Schaefer**

will provide perpetuation of the Garden, has been drawn up and is ready to be signed. Because of winter knocking at the door, we're looking at early spring before we can finish the landscaping. We'll have a better idea of monies needed after we get bids for the landscaping. The property has been cleared and has health department approval. If you have any questions, you can call Jean Rowe at 533-8131.

November 13th Guest speaker

On November 13th, a candidate for the position of pastor will be delivering the sermon in lieu of a call at morning worship. Please come and meet the candidate that morning!

Special congregational Meeting

On November 13th a special congregational meeting will be held after the service. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on calling a pastor. Also, several members will be selected to sign the call. Details on the candidate will be given at next Sunday's Service

An Abundance of Thanks



PACK A SHOEBOX



It's that time again to fill up Christmas Shoe boxes with love, send it with prayer and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a Hurting child. The Shoe boxes and all information including what you can put in the boxes is located in the back of the church. It's still \$7.00 for postage per box. This year we need all the boxes returned to the church by Sunday, November 13, so we can get them to the drop off site on time.

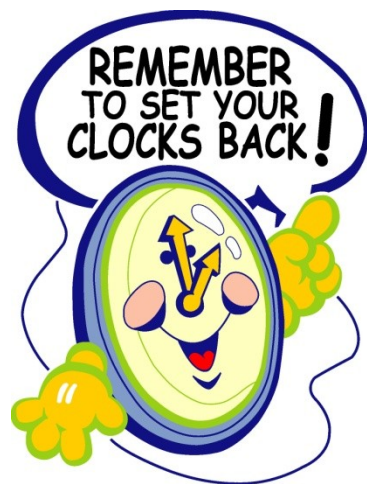
If you haven't filled a box before try it this year it is really fun to see how many goodies you can stuff in the box. I would like to be a little mouse so I could hide in the box and see the look on the child's face as they open their treasures.

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS
GOOD: HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER**
Psalm 107:1



Poinsettias

Its time to order you poinsettias for Luke Hezel's **Poinsettia Christmas tree**. This year we would like to have people sign up on the sheet and have parents honor their children or Grandparents honor their grand children. The Poinsettias will be white again this year.



Sunday November 6th we set our clocks back one hour. The official time to turn the clocks back is 2:00 a.m. As long as you turn your clocks back one hour before you

go to bed on Saturday you will be on time for Sunday worship service.

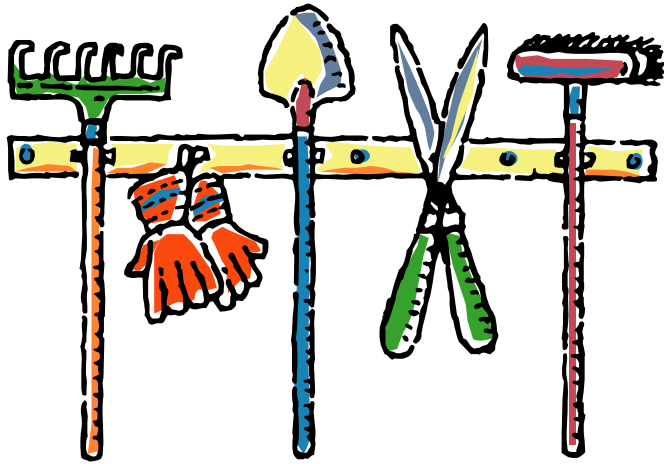


We will be doing the "Hanging of the Greens" on **Saturday December 10**. Please mark you calendars now. The more help we have the easier it is for everyone. We plan on starting at 10 a.m and hopefully be done at Noon.



Just as we did last year we are asking for your special angels to display, be it a picture, a sculpture or a ornament to display in the back of the church for the month of December. If you have any questions please call Dee Lynch (231-377-7077) or Cynthia Tschudy (231-544-6167).Please put your names on the Angels

so when we take down the Christmas Greens we will make sure you receive your angel back.



Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

Lila Wilson is finally handing over the baton for the outside gardening to Olga Cairns. We want to thank Lila for all the work she has done on the grounds for many years. Olga will be our contact person (231-331-7719) this coming year for all the outside garden work. Needless to say one person can not do all the work by themselves. If you like gardening and would like to help out “a lot” or “a little” let Olga know she will be putting a committee together. This will be fun and less work than in the past. We have a new underground sprinkling system for one thing. Keep in mind too that there will be a beautiful new area farther back toward the tress. Our new Memorial

Gaden will be started in the near future. There’s a seperate committee for this the contact person is Jean Rowe (231-533-8131).

PRAYER REQUEST November, 2011

Amanda Remai	Chieko Prince
Courtney McNeill	Heidi Weir
Gloria Miller	Joe Henley
Family of Dave Van Huysen	Steve Laredo
Family of Shirley Hetzel	Gordon Grinwis
The Family of Norm Wilks	Doreen Stover
Robert Esch	Levi Ogles
Bill Scadin	Ann Nagel
Margie Miedema	Delora Ward
Mary Jurkiewaski	Pat DeHinke
Marilyn Koleneck	Bob Widdis
Jane Thomas	Donna Grill
Doug Myers	Ron Harrison
Cathy Peterson	Michelle Lewis
Mary Ann Estes	Muriel Twigg
Darlene Mulholland	Richard Miller
Sara Gaynor	Jean Thornell
Jean Grimm	Deb Braden
Jean McClelland	Margie Law
Betty Van Antwerp	Jason Wohlert
Kevin Westrate	Peg O’Dean
Michael, Leah, & Molly	
David, Jane, Rebecca DeBoer	

If you have any prayer request, joys, or concerns which you would like shared with the congregation, please write them in the prayer book in the narthex or pass them along to the church office at 533-6001 or E-mail Office@churchinthehills.net

Making Ornaments



Crafters, I have 18 kits I'm willing to donate to the families we help at Christmas if I can get some "helping Hands" to put them together.

They are mostly Christmas Ornaments. Call me if you can help.

Edena Williams 533-8598



In late October and early November we have been learning about Moses and the 10 Commandments. Both Corey and Russ have preached on this and we are learning God's rules in Sunday school also. Here is a song (sung to the tune of "Ten Little Indians") that the children are learning about God's special rules.

There's only one God – it is true.

Never worship idols – ooh.

Respect God's name, don't be rude.

And keep Sunday holy.

Please obey your Mom and Dad.

Don't kill people – that's so bad!

Please stay married – you'll be glad.

Don't steal things from others.

Never, ever tell a lie.

Don't wish for things your neighbors buy.

These are God's special rules,

For everyone to follow.


This is a quote from our Children's Bible:

"Have you ever thought about how many light bulbs it takes to light a house? Walk through your house and count how many light bulbs there are! Think about how dark it would be at night without those lights."

John called Jesus "the light of the world". I know His love and teachings have brought light into my life. I am looking for a few people who would like to be light bulbs for Christian Education. Here are two areas that we could use some help on. The first area would be Adult Christian Education. If you have some ideas and would be willing to help plan some activities please let me know. We can start anytime. The second area would be Vacation Bible School. I would love to have a couple of people who would help me plan Vacation Bible School for next summer. Probably the planning would begin in late January/early February. If you would like to help with either of these areas, contact me at church or at home. My phone is 231 544 6167. Thanks!

Cynthia Tschudy—Elder Christian Education

NOVEMBER 2011

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