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Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church
7701 Loretto Avenue
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
10:30 A.M. Praise Time in the Sanctuary
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
6:00 P.M. Kids' Club/ Grapple? Girls Bible Study

SERVICES OF Holy COMMUNION

Sunday before Ash Wed. 11:00 am
Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm
Pentecost Sunday 11:00 am
First Sunday in August 11:00 am
First Sunday in Oct. (world) 11:00 am
First Sunday in Advent 11:00 am
New Year's Eve 7:30 am

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

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FEBRUARY



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2012

SOULED OUT COFFEE HOUSE

PRESENTS...

"FACEDOWN"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

7:30-10:00 P.M.

From Facedown: We are sold out to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and make no apologies for being so. Our music clearly reflects this passion. Each band member has their own personal testimony as to when we were spiritually kicked in the gut and how God stepped in to help each of us catch our breath. Each band member will also testify that as long as that breath is in us, we will point other to the only one who can do the same for them. The vehicle is music, the style is Christian Contemporary Rock, the venues vary but the destination is always the same— to help people find God."

The night will also feature emjay. A brother and sister musical duo featuring Joshua and Maria Howard.



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On Facebook:

Like us.

If you are on Facebook, take a moment to go to the church page and "like" us. We have been using this page as a way of keeping in touch and giving updates about events and happenings, like when we cancelled for the hurricane. Search for the church name, or access our page through our website.

NOTABALE NOTES

What is Apportionment? Every year we pay a certain amount of money for each active member to the Presbytery. This year that amount is \$23.23. This money goes to pay the administrative costs (staff, offices, etc.) of the governing bodies above the local congregation. Of that \$23.23, \$2.20 goes to the Synod, \$6.63 to the General Assembly, and the rest, \$14.40, goes to the Presbytery. Our total for 2012 will be \$3,672. If you would like to pay for your own apportionment, use the envelope found just after January 29th in your box of envelopes. The church pays whether you do or not. Your extra donation really helps!



2012 Church Directory

Pick up your new directory of members and friends of Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church with your newsletter. The Directories will be available in the Narthex for the next couple of weeks. After that to protect your privacy, they will be available by request. If you need a directory mailed to you, and you will not be here on a Sunday soon, contact the Church Office.



Annual Meeting Held

We held our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th. Thank you to Colleen Reardon & Joy Lorah who did the cooking and preparing of the delicious meal for our Benefit Luncheon.

\$ 885.00 was given toward the major roof project we have to do this year. Since the cost of the luncheon was covered, all money donated that day went to this project. If you would like to give to this project you may still do so. Use a pew envelope marking it "Roof" or send in your donation with a note. After lunch we presented and reviewed the 2011 Annual Report.

The Annual Report, without the financial reports, can be found on the church website. Copies will also be available in the Narthex for the next several weeks. If you would like a copy mailed to you contact the Church Office.

UP COMING EVENTS

2012 National Youth Gathering News

Citizens With The Saints... This summer we will be taking a group of 8 youth and 4 adults to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 18-22, 2012 for a time of growing and discipleship and faith. We ask for your prayers and support as we prepare our hearts and raise money to be able to take this amazing journey together.

Monthly Participant Meeting...

Will take place at Redemption on Feb 5th from 12:15-2 pm for all youth and chaperones.

Funding Needs... The youth have been hard at work fundraising, and we are excited to say we only need approximately \$4,000 more dollars to reach our goal of \$10,000. Keep your eye on church bulletins and future newsletters for upcoming events and ways to support the group, and thank you!

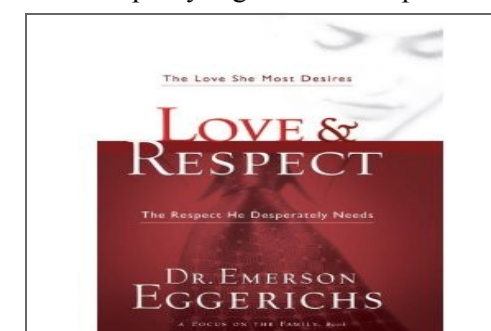
Thank You... To everyone who participated in the Premiere Design Jewelry Fundraiser! As soon as we have a total, we'll share the good news, but we thank you for all your support!

A Great Opportunity to Strengthen Your Marriage!

Calvary Chapel, Philadelphia, is hosting a Love and Respect Conference on March 2 & 3. Emerson & Sarah Eggerich will lead this conference which explores their research showing that men and women need different things in a relationship. They discovered, as they detail in their book, Love and Respect, that women need to be loved most of all in their relationship, while men most need to be respected in their marriage. Recognizing this key difference helps in tackling struggles in a relationship.

From the Love and Respect website (www.loveandrespect.com/about-us): "We conduct conferences and provide resources to the married, divorced, separated, dating and single. Men and women will learn how to resolve conflict, dealing with the negative reactions (the crazy cycle). They will also learn how to motivate each other by meeting each other's need (the energizing cycle). Even those who feel hopeless in their relationships will gain understanding on how to handle an indifferent or unresponsive partner (the rewarded cycle). Each cycle centers on two concepts: love and respect."

Calvary Chapel is located at 13500 Philmont Ave., Phila. The conference runs 6:45-9:45 on Friday; 8:45-12:45 on Saturday, and costs \$35 per person, \$45 per person after Feb. 20th. To register call 215-969-1520, or go to www.ccp Philly.org/love-and-respect/.



PASTOR'S PAGE

On a somewhat personal note, in 2011 I marked 10 years as pastor here at Rhawnhurst. We had a wonderful surprise luncheon in September and you gave my family and I a generous gift celebrating the occasion. It has been a good and challenging ten years. Much has changed and is still changing. We look forward to continuing the journey together.

As I reflected in the September newsletter, ten years has seen the numerical decline that began several decades ago continue. Today we have fewer members, smaller worship attendance, fewer paid staff, and less money. In today's economy we have been learning to do more with less. And yet, we have expanded our ministry in some significant ways. Having to do without has led us to greater focus on what matters most.

As you will read in detail in Rhawnhurst Turning Point report, we have successfully begun a dynamic new work of ministry in our community along with Redemption Lutheran Church. Turning Point first opened in January in a house on Faunce St., and by year's end became a self-standing, separate organization in a more permanent location on Castor Ave. Youth and Young Adults in our community are serving and being served in new ways. We did that!

Another new work in 2011 was the Justice Team. This small group of people began meeting in January to discern how we as a church can be working for justice within our own community and city. The team has been learning much about justice issues in our community, doing research and inviting guests to speak on matters such as Homelessness, Poverty and Criminal Justice and Prison issues.

We have been growing in our ability to form partnerships for ministry. Turning Point is an example of that. Another is our working with the Souled Out Coffee House Coffeehouse, a musical outreach ministry. The Coffeehouse began being held here over the Summer and continues on the last Friday of each month.

You can read their mission statement on our website. It is conceived as a way of spreading the gospel through music and fellowship. Another partnership is the ESL classes led here by Rev. David Verduin, a missionary to the Brazilian population in our area. Finally, we are strengthening our partnering with the Pakistani Presbyterian Church, trying to go beyond renting to them to ministering and worshipping together.

In these days when we must do more with less, the future of gospel ministry, as well as the continued health of Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church, we depend more and more on the ability to partner with others to accomplish the work God desires His Church to do.

To dare some broad analysis, our church today, as may (every?) mainline church, faces a two-sided challenge to survive. First, survival as an institution, the other, doing the work ministry. We are accustomed to thinking that we can only do the work of the church, worshipping and proclaiming Christ, as the institution we have always been, with its buildings, budgets, staffs, and structure. As that becomes harder and harder due to lack of money and less interest in such things, we grieve the decline of the church. But the need for Christ is only rising, and the church is called to proclaim Him through work and deed, we can, and must, adapt our institution to the work. The work of gospel ministry, the proclamation of Jesus, is the end; the institution, the particular organization is the means.

Ten years. A small piece of our 82 years as a church here in Rhawnhurst. There are many years ahead for us. There is much more to be done.

Rev. Keith McClain

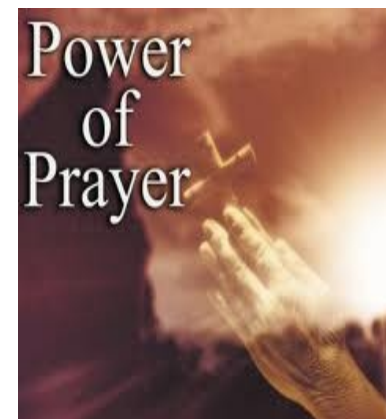
PRAYER CALENDAR

February

06 Patrick Salemno	Christin Salemno	20 Hank Tyson	Vincent Uliano
07 Carol Schenck	Alwin Schmidt	21 George Ulmer	Betsy Ulmer
08 Mike Senichka	Janet Senchika	22 Jane Vanderleeuw	Norman Veit
09 John Simmons	Doreen Simmons	23 Thelma Vanderslice	Betty Veit
10 Robert Sklar	Eileen Sklar	24 Fred Vogt	Steve Wharton
11 Emma Sklar	James Sklar	25 Richard Wiedeman	Mary Whitley
12 LaRue Tompkins	Erica Sollberger	26 Jean Wiedeman	Joe Wunderle
13 Helen Tompkins	Walt Sollberger	27 Charlotte Yeager	Philip Zink
14 David Tompkins	Barbara Sollberger	28 Jim Griffies	Laura Griffies
15 Mike Szczepaniak	Robert Toner	29 Steven Barnes	Andrea Barnes
16 Diann Toner	Denise Toner	30 Michaela Barnes	Layla Barnes
17 Robert Toner Jr.	Lauren Toner	31 Julie Kiehl	James Agne
18 Kevin Toner	George Toroian		
19 Helen Toroian	Eleanor Trautz		

March

01 Margaret Agne	Kaitlin Agne
02 Heather Agne	Suzanne Allen
03 Joel Allen	Rory Armonio
04 Robert Bailey	Henry Barlow
05 Doris Barlow	Jesse Barlow



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Sr. High Youth Group (9-12th grades)

We will meet for a night out on Friday Feb. 17th from 7-11 pm. Join us as we meet at Redemption at 7 pm for Bible Study and then head out to Nifty Fifty's for food and ice cream! Youth should bring \$10 to cover the cost of food, and feel free to invite a friend! But YOU MUST RSVP TO DCN CHERYL SO WE HAVE ENOUGH DRIVERS! Please rsvp by Wednesday Feb. 15th. Hope to see you then!



Jr. High Youth Group (6th-8th grades)

Jr. High will meet on Friday February 10th from 6:30-9 pm at Redemption for a night of movies and fun. We'll have Bible Study, snacks and pick a movie to watch on the big screen. Invite a friend and join us for a fun evening of fellowship! Questions? Talk to Miss Kim or Dcn. Cheryl.



College & Career

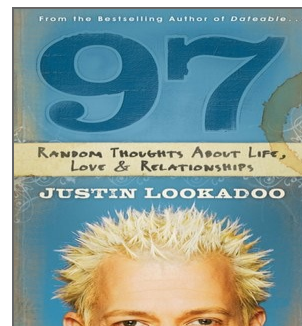
College and Career will meet for dinner, Bible Study, and fellowship on Sun. Feb. 26th from 6-9 pm. Bring \$5 to cover cost of food, and feel free to invite a friend! All post-high and 20-somethings are invited! Questions? Talk to Dcn. Cheryl at 215-990-2111.



Sunday Night Girls Bible Study RPC

Sunday January 15th, 6-7:30 pm

If you're a 6-12th Grade Girl, come join us for this Girl's Bible Study led by Dcn. Cheryl! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month for fellowship, Bible Study, and fun. In January, we'll meet on January 15th from 6-7:30 pm at RPC. We will be looking at excerpts from the book "97" by Justin Lookadoo. If you have any questions or need a ride, talk to Dcn. Cheryl: 215-990-2111.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dates To Keep Open

March 31st—Easter Party
 May 20th —Kids Club/Grapple Family Picnic
 July 19th —13th —VBS

Dates for Kids Club and Grapple

February 12th
 February 26th
 Please Note: in February, we will meet every other week.

During the months of February and March we will become Rock-Solid Followers. This will be the excitement of an outdoor adventure camp combined with the discovery of who we are in Jesus Christ and the richness of His love. We will have fun with high energy games, crafts, worship, Bible stories, and snacks. Hope to see you for a great adventure as we start out the New Year.



Lent

Ash Wednesday Nursery will be available for infants through 3 years old. Older children should go to church.

Wednesday Night Series: February 29th—March 28th

Dinner here followed by an interactive learning experience.

Nursery available for infants - 3 years.

Children 4 years—6th grade will be joining for a large group/small group experience with the children from Redemption Lutheran. Lutheran.

For Kids

What is Lent all about? Easter is when we celebrate the rising of Jesus After His death on the cross. Because of Easter, we don't have to be afraid, and we never have to be apart from God. We can learn about that time and about why Jesus died on the cross during a season called Lent. Lent is the forty day period leading up to Easter. Something that you can do during these forty days is to read the stories in the Bible about Jesus' last week. What do you think it would have been like to be with Him at that time? Do you think that the people that were with Him helped Him or understood what was happening to Him? What do you do when you are sad? Right before Jesus was arrested He was very sad and needed to pray, but the friends that Jesus had brought with Him fell asleep. What would you have done? Would you have been able to stay awake and pray? Can you think of anything else you can do to grow closer to God during this time and forever?

RPC MAIL BAG

“Pull One for Vinnie”

In September 2000 students at Immanuel Lutheran School began a campaign to collect 1,000,000 aluminum can tabs in memory of Vinnie Imbrenda, who died of Neuroblastoma the previous year. Vinnie (was) the Son of Andrea Kerr Pagano and grandson of Bob and Nancy Kerr. The count of tabs is presently 9,514,200. there is a container in our church kitchen where you can deposit aluminum can tabs. Thank you for your continued support of this memorial campaign. Bob Kerr takes the tabs to a recycling center. All money received goes to Dr. John Maris at CHOP for Neuroblastoma research. The Friends of Vinnie Fund has donated almost \$13,000 to CHOP. One prayer at a time, one day at a time, one tab at a time.



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February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 01 Dottie O'Rourke | 10 Barbara Sollberger |
| 03 Michael Mallon | 14 Dot Brooks |
| 04 Cass Richardson | 17 Becky Barlow |
| 04 Jamie Sklar | 18 Karen Donley, Jr |
| 06 Joan Litterer | 20 Keith Effenger |
| 06 Pastor Keith | 26 Becca McClain |
| 06 Al Potts | 27 Dorothy Pfeiffer |
| 07 A.J. Potts | 27 Cameron Buttenbusch |
| 08 Wally O'Neal | |

Anniversaries

- 14 Bob & Teri McGrody, 29 years
 18 Ken & Suzanne Allen, 55 years

In Loving Memory

We recognize the following people who died on the dates indicated. Also, we recognize some of the birthdays of those who have died.

- 3 * Peg Zink, member 1951-2008, died in 2008
- 6 Janet Maucher, member 1968-2004, died in 2004
- 11 Ruth Shunkwiler, member 1966-2004, died in 2004
- 19 * Larry Schenck, member 1960-2010, died in 2010
- 22 * Doris Wermuth, mother of Beverly Hernandez, died in 2001
- 23 * David Clarke, Sr., member 1988-2004, died in 2004
- 25 Mildred Mumbauer, member 1978-2010, died in 2010
- 26 * Jack Wagner, Father of Jackie Wagner, died in 2008
- 27 * Lillian Buttenbusch, daughter of Jennifer Buttenbusch, born and died in 2002

“*” Indicated a relative of current members or friends of RPC— send a note, give a call, say a prayer. Addresses are in your directory!

These days are according to our records. Need to add a date contact the church office.



Ashe Wednesday & Lenten Series

Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten Program

The season of Lent begins February 22nd. Join us as we enter a time of reflection and worship as we remember what God has done for us in the gift of His Son, Jesus.

Sunday, February 19th

Communion Worship

Wednesday, February 22nd, Ash Wednesday

6:00 P.M. Soup Supper

7:00 P.M. Worship Service

Including Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesdays, February 29th—March 28th

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Studies for Youth & Adults, and Children

The Lenten Program will be held here at Rhawnhurst. Redemption Lutheran Church

Will be joining us for this special time.

Study Subject will be announced soon



Children's Ministry Continued

Children's Ministry Needs:

Children's Ministry is a vibrant, active, hands on ministry. In order to allow the children in Sunday School, Junior Church, Kids Club/Grapple, and special events to have this kind of experience we go through a lot of supplies. If you can help us throughout the year it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is a list of things that we are always in need of:

Elmer's glue	Ink pads various colors (washable)
Poster board (5 sheet pks) various colors	Helium Quality Balloons (party city)
Craft foam various colors	white paper plates
Cotton balls	q-tips
Masking tape	scotch tape
Sharpie permanent markers fine and extra fine point	crepe paper
Toilet paper	neon color card stock
Lego or wood blocks	white cardstock
Index cards	self adhesive magnets
Roll of butcher paper	push pins

We will have a container in the Narthex for the supplies. Thanks for your help.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY 2012

S.S. Nursery

5th Jesse Barlow
12th Dawn Landwehr
19th Susan Jorett
26th Cindy Gallagher

Church Nursery

5th Bob Bailey
12th Marion Behrle
19th Ruth Pulman
26th Lori Matijkiw

Junior Church

5th Freda Fulton & Karen Effinger
12th Jennifer Buttenbusch & Emily Lanzetta
19th NO JUNIOR CHURCH
26th Christine Sacco & Emily Lanzetta

RHAWNHURST TURNING POINT UPDATE

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Turning Point, located at 7812 Castor Ave., continues to be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30-9pm for homework help and hanging out. We started our first Art Class on January 12th, with 11 youth registered, and are busy planning future classes and events, including an art show in March.

Out Bowling Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday February 4th from 2-5 pm at Thunderbird Lanes on Holme Ave.. Tickets are \$30 per person, and more info can be found in the poster elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please call 267-601-5147 to purchase your tickets today!

We continue to need volunteers and donations to keep Turning Point running smoothly. How can you help?

- * You can volunteer, either for normal center hours or by helping with one of our Art classes (You can volunteer for 2 hours or for 10, once a week, once a month, or when ever you are able!)
- * Through donations of money, pre-packaged snacks and sodas, board games, folding chairs, etc.
- * By spreading the word— tell everyone you know about Turning Point!

If you are willing to help or simply want more information, please talk to Dcn. Cheryl:

267-601-5147 or www.RhawnhurstTurningPoint.com.

To keep up on all the latest Turning Point News, be sure to sign up for our E-Newsletter! You can do this by visiting our website: www.RhawnhurstTurningPoint.com Once there you can also register to volunteer, review our "wish list", see pictures of the center and our summer programs, and much more!



Financial Peace University

Begins March 4th

Join us for an excellent 13-week program that will help you find peace in your finances!

That class, facilitated by Pastor Keith, will meet Sunday evenings, beginning March 4th, 6:00-7:45, in the Parlor.

Financial Situations:

1. Martial Problems– 37% (the highest rate) of martial problems derive from financial situations.
2. Cash Flow– 70% of all consumers live paycheck to paycheck, meaning they run out of money before the end of the month.
3. Savings– the average family would have to use a credit card to pay a \$1,500 unexpected expense (ex. Home or car repair).
4. Retirement– Nearly half of all Americans (46%) have less than \$10,000 saved for their retirement.

It is a problem that affects everyone, inside and outside of the church. Money is a serious subject, and God is serious about money, which is why we should study closely what he has to tell us.

Finally, there is something to guide us! A study to take God's wisdom about money and help us apply it to our own lives. It is called Financial Peace University.

FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

For more information, come to the Free Preview at 12:30, Sunday, February 26th, or go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu, or call the Church Office. Come to the First Class free! The whole 13-week class cost \$100 for the materials.

