



WHAT'S THE BUZZ? September 22, 2008

I am back from visiting my mom and sisters in Michigan (it rained 6 inches on one day – unbelievable!). Our trip was really a way for Meghan to surprise Hilary Holbrook for her 21st birthday, and it was a success!

JOYS and CONCERNS: Please continue to pray for **Maryann Quimby, Judy Phillips, Nancy Herrmann and Florence Dickie** as they recuperate from their health issues. We ask for prayers for **all in our community undergoing financial hardships**. Don't forget to pray for all those listed in the **bulletin prayer corner**.

There are many ways to request prayer for yourself or others at HRC:

- Complete a green prayer card found in the pew, or by the basket in the narthex. Place the completed card in the gold basket.
- Email your request to hrcprayer@hrcrca.org. Please give as much detail as you are able to share. The request will be sent to 35-45 pray-ers from HRC.
- Come to the Consistory Room on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM** (PHPT – Power Hour Prayer Time) and join those that come to pray. This is a very powerful hour where the requests collected during the week are prayed for. You are welcome to come to pray or to be prayed for.
- You can call Carol O'Malley at 221-4432 with your request. She will share the request with the prayers at the PHPT.

This Sunday (September 28) **Pastor Holbrook** continues his series with “Drained by Despair – Filled with Joy, based on Philippians 4:1-9. **The Gathering** will begin at 8:45 AM, with *Lorraine Nelson Wolf and Grace* leading worship. **Foundations** begins at 10:30 AM, with the Chancel Choir leading worship. **Sunday school and nursery care** is provided at both services. All children in PreK-5 start in worship with their families; youth in grades 6-12 start in the Youth House. Our **Evening Worship** begins at 7 PM and this week will feature our summer youth missions trips. Come join us as uTurn leads us in worship and our kids share how they were impacted by the mission work they did this summer. **HRC JOURNEY** will meet at Tymor Park at 10 AM. Sunday school is available for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. **COMMON GROUND** meets every Sunday afternoon at 4 PM at the Arlington Reformed Church. *If you have Cablevision, you can watch last week's morning service on Channel 21 at 2:30 PM, thanks to our Video Ministry.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **September 24: Financial Peace University (FPU)** begins at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.
2. **September 27: The Reformed Church Women** will be meeting at HRC at 9:15 AM in the fellowship hall.
3. **September 28:** Our first monthly **Sunday Evening Worship** will be held from 7-8:30 PM with a special focus on the *celebration of our summer youth mission trips*, and the start of radical living in a comfortable world. Music will be by the uTurn worship team, and Patrick Boyd will be giving the message this semester. This worship is for all ages

This past Sunday was our **ChristCare** Sunday (as you know if you were in church). I hope you still have your ChristCare trifold listing all our current groups. Please, if you are not in a group, check through the list and see if there might be a group that fits into your schedule. I was reading a devotion this morning that I get in my email. It was very timely, dealing with all the stresses we face every day – job stress, money stress, kid stress, house stress, medical stress, relationship stress – the list goes on. The devotion quoted Psalm 4:1 (NIV) “...Give me relief from my distress...” and explained that relief literally means “make room for me in tight places”. This is what a ChristCare group can do for you. It provides someone to help remove the boundaries and burdens which threaten to smother you; a group of fellow Christians with which to share the stresses of life. God can touch you through someone in your group, but you have to be there to reap the reward! Ask God to lead you to the group he has planned just for you!

HRC is a member of the WCA (Willow Creek Association) and as part of this membership, every member of our congregation is entitled to check out the members-only section of the WCA website at www.willowcreek.com/membership. This site is packed with ministry tools, free downloads, special offers and a listing of member benefits. If you would like to check this out, contact Birgit for our WCA ID#.

The newsletter team is working hard to have our October issue available this Sunday! Pick up a copy.

Your sister in Christ,
Birgit

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