

April Events

Weekly Schedule

Saturday

5:00PM Worship Service
Kids Programming

Sunday

8:45AM Worship Service
Kids Programming
10:30AM Worship Service
Kids Programming

Monday

6:30PM Early Years of
Marriage Enrichment
1 & 3 Mondays
Third Option,
Commons

Tuesday

6:30AM Women's Breakfast,
At Perkins
(1 & 3 Tuesdays)
6:30PM Evening in the Word

Wednesday

9:15AM Women in the Word
6:30PM Children's Program-
ming
6:30PM Smart Step Families
6:30PM Divorce Care/Divorce
Care for Kids
6:30PM Youth Programming

Friday

5:30PM Celebrate Recovery



You Won't Want to Miss:

Senior Adult Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, April 4, 8AM
DCenter
Doug Moffatt is the
Guest Speaker!

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, April 11 at 7AM
Faith Assembly Church of God

Journey to the Cross

*Rev. Bill Pierce and
Ray Harrison* are the guest
speakers.

On Our Knees Prayer Emphasis

Saturday, April 18, from 6PM to
6AM Sunday, April 19, 6AM.
Come for a short time, or stay
as long as you wish.

Featured Events

Holy Week Events

Monday, April 6, Noon
First United Methodist
Pastor Milo & Pastor Kendyl
Lead Community
**Holy Week
Service**

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 6:30PM, Sanctuary
Communion/Footwashing

CR Baptism Service

Friday, April 10, 6:30PM

Easter Worship Services

Saturday, April 11, 5PM
Sunday, April 12
7, 8:45 & 10:30AM

All-Church Breakfast

Sunday, April 19, 8:15-10:15AM
DCenter

Ruth Graham Conference

April 24 & 25

Let's Get Acquainted Class

Monday, April 27, 5:30PM
Commons



“The Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss”

Submitted by
Pastor Marc Sundstrom

As I write this article on the 18th of March, it is hard to believe all that has happened in the two months since HPCC voted to move **Forward In Faith** and relocate our ministry center to 22 acres of land just south of the Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital on East 2nd Street.

Our capital fund campaign has officially started and over \$300,000 has been given through the faithfulness and generosity of the people of Highland Park.

Our architects received final input from the church and are already nearing 50% completion on the final construction drawings.

The annexation process with the city has officially begun and should be concluded by August, 2009.

An Audio/Visual consultant has been contracted to design the audio, video and lighting elements in the new church and they have met with us several times to receive input from our worship arts team.

The civil, soils, structural, and steel engineers have all been selected and have been working together with the Building Committee to find the optimum location for the building on the site.

The Gift-In-Kind program was successfully launched with a tremendous response from the congregation, resulting in the discovery of hundreds of sub-contractors and suppliers with linkage to HPCC.

This is a very exciting time in the life of Highland Park Community Church and it is with great anticipation that we continue down the path to relocation. Just think, by this time next year, the new church will be fully shelled in and our current construction timeline could see us in our new facility before the snow flies in 2010!

God is moving our congregation Forward In Faith. Now is the Time. This is the Place. We are His People.

Registration for **Summer Camp at Lone Tree** begins April 5. Sessions for children entering the 4th-6th grades are June 22-26, July 20-24, and August 3-7. One session for teens is July 6-10th—High School at the Ranch and Middle School at the Fort. All camps are staffed with trained adults, 1:4 ratio, for excellent safety and counseling. Activities include horseback riding, rappelling, archery, rifles, bikes, and lake day. Register at the table in the Lobby, log onto www.ackcasper.org or call 577.5267.

Evening in the Word will begin a new study from Priscilla Shirer, **“He Speaks to Me.”** This study begins Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30PM in the Chapel. Call Shannon at 234.4535 for information!

All-Community Garage Sale Saturday, May 2, 2009, 8AM

Missions Garage Sale-The purpose of this sale is to provide opportunity for those participating in HPCC missions trips through the end of 2009 to raise funds and to provide an outreach opportunity into our city. The sale will begin at 8AM. Spaces are available for \$10 for anyone in the community wishing to have a table. There will be a communal area where people can bring their items—monies to be divided among the participants going on missions trips. A truck will be in the parking lot a week ahead of time to the church family to bring in their “treasures” for the communal tables. Rescued Treasures will be invited to bring a truck to pick up the items that didn’t sell. Contact Carol Matz at the church office (265.4073).

A Letter of Greetings from Holly Mizell-Pheni

Submitted by Heather Sundstrom

Greetings HPCC Family,

I wanted to take a few moments to update you on what is happening with one of our very own missionaries from HPCC. Many of you are familiar with Holly Mizell and her ministry, *Our Own Home*, servicing AIDS orphans in Jinja, Uganda. If you do not know about this wonderful ministry, check out the website at www.africaourownhome.org where you will find pictures and monthly newsletters. *Our Own Home* recently expanded and is now in two buildings, providing enough space for Holly and her team to accommodate infants. They have their first infant already, a little boy named Elijah.

In December, we did a supply drive for the children, and below is a photo of the children of OOH with the books that we shipped over to them. Holly wanted to send a special “thank you” to everyone who donated items during that drive. We will be collecting more supplies in the future, but you can always help OOH by visiting the website and looking under the Donations link. There is information about what kinds of supplies are needed, how to drop them off in Casper, arrange for a pickup, or ship them to Holly.



Thanks again for supporting Holly, her husband William, and these precious children who are now in a loving home. If you have questions, feel free to call me at 267.9055.

Greeting from The Healing Place!

As I pondered what to write on this calm, spring-like day, so many thoughts run through my mind. At any given point, I have a few deep thoughts (I know that’s debatable) that I feel are pertinent enough to merit space. As of late, some of these have been on the nature of relationships between parents and kids.

Several months ago, I had a parent ask me how she should try to connect with her teenager. In another instance, parents were telling me how, on their 11-hour family vacation, they had complete peace and quiet. All of their children had I-Pods and various other assorted technological gizmos and no one “had” to talk on the entire trip. I pointed out that as parents, what we’re not striving for is complete disconnection from our children.

I know this scenario will ring a bell for many of you: you’re in a restaurant and somewhere in your proximity is an adult (or two) and the table is either completely quiet because its inhabitants are frantically texting or else on their cell phones.

One of the most troubling trends for me currently is the lack of parent/child relationships. You’ve all heard the ads on the radio promoting family dinners and touting the statistics that families who eat together have kids who are less likely to drink, smoke, do drugs, or cave into other unhealthy peer pressures. It’s always been a point of interest to me that the families that pursue and make dinners happen are the very ones that have connectedness and relationships. It’s not the meatloaf, it’s the time and talking that cements the deal!

If your children are small, communicate on their level. It doesn’t matter if you’re talking about cartoon characters, or if you’re tackling world hunger—just talk. Pursue your child about what he/she is thinking. If your child is older, start somewhere, but start. Talk to your child about your day, events, your thoughts. While you work on being a good listener, teach them to do the same with you so that they are given the opportunity to care about what happens in your day. Make a family rule that cell phones/I-Pods, etc. are not allowed when we’re driving or eating or whenever there’s an opportunity to interact with flesh and blood people.

I believe that right after our relationship with Jesus (we are supposed to pursue and talk to Him as well), we are commanded to actively relate and be emotionally connected to our children. Please don’t settle for less than His desire for your family.

Julie Fox, Director