

WELCOME TO ECHO HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 20, 2012



*We are glad that you are here today,
and we welcome you to our worship service.*

First Time Visitors:

*We have a gift to show our thanks to you for coming
to our church. Please stop by the table in the front entrance
and pick up your gift. There's chocolate involved!*

Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 8 am – Noon

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Children are most welcome at our worship services. Ask an usher if you would like some children's activities for your child. At most services a children's chat is held. An adult will explain today's sermon to the children in an easily understood language. Parents are welcome to come to the front with



their children. If you would like nursery care for your children, you may bring them to our nursery (located to your left as you leave the sanctuary);

an usher can help you find the nursery. The nursery is always staffed with two adults. You will be asked to sign your child into a computer check-in system. You will receive a nursery pager that will page you, if needed.

Hearing Assist Devices

Hearing Assistance Devices are available by asking an usher or checking at the audio/visual booth.

Allergy Alert

Please help us to accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and scented products, by not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, and other scented products.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located on both ends of the church. When you exit the sanctuary, you can go to your left or right and go towards the end of the hallways. An usher will be happy to help you find the restrooms.

We pray that you are filled with the wonders of our Lord when you leave, and we hope to see you again soon. If you are interested in joining the membership of Echo Hill, we invite you to let us know so that we can give you more information about what that means. Write a note on your Connection Card so we will know how to contact you.

Worship Schedule

Sunday:

8:30 AM: UpWord Praise Service

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Fellowship Time

9:45 AM: D'Ship Ministry (For All Ages)

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 PM: Worship On Wednesday

**Missed a copy of the Echo Hill News Bulletin?
Past copies are at the Welcome Center.**

CONNECTION CARD:

In your bulletin is a Connection Card. We ask that you complete the card and drop the card in the offering tray. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you would like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the Connection Card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to  Relationships For Everyday Life

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Best Contact Phone (_____) _____

Email (please print) _____

Check if changes in contact information

If 1st or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about Echo Hill?

1st-time guest 2nd-time guest Regular Attender Member

Life at Echo Hill for the Week of May 20

Worship Volunteers for May 20

Greeters:

8:30 am Jim & Jennifer Durian
11:00 am Eleanor Burke, Darryl & Kay Hokanson

Lay Leader:

11:00 am Linda Kipp

Ushers:

8:30 am **Carolyn Schmidt**, Dan & Judy Stevenson
11:00 am **Joan Meek**, Jean White, Terri Schiller, Judy Graham

Thanks for the treats! We thank Carla Lindball and Steve Nelson for providing treats for this morning's fellowship. Please consider providing cookies or bars by signing the Cookie Chart at the Welcome Center.

During today's services (May 20th), Bonnie McGranahan and Nancy Domer will present a Minute for Mission for Marion Cares. Marion Cares is looking for volunteers and can use your help!

Today (May 20th) is Graduation Sunday. We celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors and bless each of them into their next life stage.

Today (May 20th) is the last day of Discipleship Ministry. It's the last day of D'Ship classes for our PreK through high school children and youth as we begin our summer break. The two D'Ship4Life adult groups will continue to meet throughout the summer. Please contact Deb Klopp with any questions.

The rescheduled Chorale Midwest Spring Concert will be held today (May 20th) at Echo Hill. The concert begins at 3:00 pm. Tickets already purchased will still be honored. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Tuesday Noon VIP's will be lunching at one of our favorite spots – Parlor City Pub and Eatery, 1125 3rd St. SE, this Tuesday, May 22nd. The not-so-good part is that parking is not the best, so let's try to be there around 11:15 am and get the parking places right in front. Plan to be there! If you have questions, please call Judy Glass.

Open House for Joshua Barton: the Echo Hill congregation is invited to a graduation open house for Joshua Barton on Saturday, May 26th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The open house will be held at the Bartons' home. Please see Carl or Tracy Barton if you have any questions.

Next Sunday, May 27th, there will be one combined service at 10:30 am. After that, we will be on the summer worship schedule, which includes the UpWord praise service at 8:30 am and traditional worship at 10:30 am each Sunday through Labor Day.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Graduation Sunday

8:30 AM: UpWord Praise Service-Sanctuary

9:30 AM-11:00 AM: Fellowship Time

9:45 AM: D'Ship Ministry (PreK Room 155)
(K-3 Room 147) (4-5 Room 117)
(6-8 Room 125) (9-12 Room 129)

9:45 AM: D'Ship4Life-Rooms 107 & 110

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship-Sanctuary

12:00 PM: Amy Ennis & Mission Team-Room 110

12:10 PM: Mission Team-Room 107

3:00 PM: Chorale Midwest Spring Concert-Sanctuary

Monday: Church Office is Closed

9:00 AM: Monday Morning Study Group
at Genee Coles' Home

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM: Alternative Gift Market Planning Meeting-Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM: Session Meeting-Room 110

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8 AM-4:30 PM

9:30 AM: Kitchen Dialogue-Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM: Ministry Staff Meeting-Room 105

11:00 AM: Staff Meeting-Room 105

7:00 PM: Book Club-Room 110

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8 AM-4:30 PM

Bulletin News Deadline (10:00 AM)

10:00 AM: Sunday Message Bible Study-Room 110

6:00 PM: Brown Bag Bible Study-Room 110

6:15 PM: Choir Practice-Room 146

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday-Sanctuary

7:30 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal-Room 146

8:30 PM: UpBeat Band Practice-Sanctuary

Thursday: Office Hours: 8 AM-4:30 PM

Pastor Herb Gone

4:00 PM-7:00 PM: Mississippi Valley Regional
Blood Center Blood Drive-
Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

6:30 PM: Hospitality Team-Room 107

6:30 PM: Nominating Committee-Room 110

Friday: Office Hours: 8 AM-Noon

Pastor Herb Gone

No Events Scheduled

Saturday:

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No Events Scheduled

Thoughts...

In the late fall of 1947, a couple was preparing to attend a dedication service honoring the son of friends, who had been killed in the Second World War. Their friends, members of their own church, decided to commission and dedicate a stained-glass window at the church in honor of their son. The window cost \$50,000, which in those times was an exorbitant amount of money.

While driving to the ceremony, the wife turned to her husband and said, "What a beautiful thing to do in honor of their son." Then, with an ashen look on her face, she said, "What are we going to do to honor our son?" "What are you talking about?" her husband replied. "We don't need to give anything. Our son came back alive and safe." "That's exactly what I mean," she pressed. "Our friends lost their son, and they are giving \$50,000. We have our son back, and we are not giving anything."

Often the blessings or struggles of life silently elude us; thinking we have been fortunate, we rejoice and resume our normal duties as if no further response is needed, or required. Such was not the case with the Macedonians that Paul refers to in this Sunday's text, where he notes that even in the midst of severe problems, God's grace produced a spirit of generosity in them. Granted, our human nature and the culture in which we live seem to combine to prevent us from recognizing God's grace, especially when it is entwined in our everyday routine, or when difficulties prevail. It is the wise person who, like the mother in the above story, understands that grace received should be honored in the most appropriate manner. Our prayer should be that as individuals and a congregation, we might continue to exercise such wisdom. - *Pastor Isenberg*

Planning for Alternative Gift Market



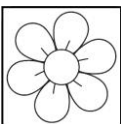
A meeting will be held Monday, May 21st at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to start planning for the Alternative Gift Market to be held on Saturday, December 1st at Echo Hill. Anyone interested in participating is invited to attend. For further information, contact Carolyn Schmidt or Karla Ice.

Blood Drive at Echo Hill on May 24



Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is in desperate need of blood donations. Echo Hill will host a blood drive on Thursday, May 24th, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Contact Lynda Nelson to schedule your time. Invite your friends to donate, too! Stop after work, donate blood, and enjoy a light lunch as our thanks to you.

Book Club May 22nd



The Book Club will meet Tuesday, May 22nd. The May selection is *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope* by William Kamkwamba. It's a true story of how an enterprising teenager in Malawi builds a windmill from scraps he finds around his village and brings electricity and a future to his family. We have a book kit from the Cedar Rapids Public Library, so plenty of copies are available. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 110. Join us for some good reading and lively discussion! For further information, or to borrow a copy of the book, please contact Deb Hansen or Karla Ice.

Calling All Golfers!



Family Promise of Linn County is sponsoring a Four-Person Scramble Golf Tournament at Hunters Ridge Golf Course. The tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 26th, and tee-off time is noon. There will be team prizes and prizes for longest drive, longest putt, and others. Early bird registration is \$100.00 per person, and that includes green fees, cart rental, lunch, and beverage. All proceeds go to Family Promise of Linn County. More information and registration forms will be at the Welcome Center. Thanks for all of your support. For more info, contact Deb Hansen.

Finance Report

Echo Hill Income Summary Information from the Finance Committee (April)

Income Statement

	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan-Apr 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Total Income	68,790	39,847	181,188	159,388	478,129
Total Expense	<u>44,475</u>	<u>43,670</u>	<u>170,965</u>	<u>180,940</u>	<u>530,262</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	24,315	(3,823)	(10,223)	(21,552)	(52,133)

Balance Sheet Assets

General Checking	\$ 60,732
Restricted Savings	\$ 21,711
CFM Account	\$ 22,423
Capital Fund Checking	\$ 37,288
Organ Fund	<u>\$ 67,041</u>
Total Cash	\$ 209,195
EHPC Building and Land	\$5,315,860

Liabilities

Construction Loan (FSB)	\$3,130,412
Construction Bridge Loan (FSB)	\$ 42,362
Kern Property	\$ 51,127
Member Loans	<u>\$ 55,550</u>
Total Loans	\$3,279,451

Echo Hill Income Statement from the Finance Committee. Tom Garland

New Policy for Tables & Chairs



The Property Committee approved a new policy effective immediately. Tables and chairs belonging to the church will not be able to leave the church grounds to be used by members or non-members for personal use (for example, family reunions, graduations, garage sales, etc.). We considered a lease or loan program, but after several months of discussion, Property decided it was in our best interest not to allow tables and chairs to be loaned out. If you have questions regarding this new policy, please contact either Dave Rogers or Dave Greene. Thank you. – *Dave Rogers, Property Chair*

Charitable Estate Planning



A Christian approach to charitable estate planning: Estate planning offers you the opportunity to make an enduring statement of faith. This act of stewardship can leave an indelible mark on your church or a mission program of your choice. You may be surprised that even a small asset can be turned into a gift which will support your choices into perpetuity. You may even identify assets previously not considered that could be used to make a generous gift. Is Echo Hill in your will? Discuss estate planning with your financial and legal advisor. Contact Jim Lovett with any questions.

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