

Welcome to Echo Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 29, 2020



Worship Schedule

In-person worship has been suspended through December 20th because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – Noon

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• Echo Hill Snapshot •

This Sunday, November 29th, we celebrate the beginning of Advent.

Worship at Echo Hill is...

*Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.
And intentionally diverse.*

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Masks, Hand Sanitizer, & Wipes: Available for those who need them. Face masks are mandated by the City of Cedar Rapids.

Social Distancing: Please maintain a physical distance of six feet or more from others.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

*Missed a copy of
the Bulletin News?
Contact the church office
and we'll send you a copy.*

No Connection Cards Today -----

Because of the ongoing pandemic, we are not including connection cards in the newsletter. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, please email Genee Coles at ihcoles19@gmail.com or Michael Becker at m.becker@echohillchurch.org. 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 	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone (____) _____	
<small>(Email please print)</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check, if changes in contact information	
If 1st or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about Echo Hill?	
<input type="radio"/> Radio ad <input type="radio"/> Church website <input type="radio"/> Church member <input type="radio"/> Parade/event	
<input type="radio"/> Facebook <input type="radio"/> Other _____	
<input type="radio"/> 1st-time guest <input type="radio"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="radio"/> Regular attendee	

Life at Echo Hill for the Week of November 29

Hats & Mittens: Now through December 20, we will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves. These will then be donated to our neighborhood school, Erskine Elementary. If you would like to make a donation, bring your items to Echo Hill and place them on the table under the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping kids warm this winter. – *The Caring Team*

Food Bank Update: We are trying a new approach to donating to the food bank we support each month. If you would like to support the organization, instead of bringing items to the church, consider making a monetary donation. Often, the organizations can purchase food at a lower cost, and more efficiently than we can. The food bank we will be supporting in November is The Churches of Marion Food Pantry. If you'd like to contribute, simply leave your donation in the office, or mail it to church, with a notation on the check for "food bank." Make your checks out to "Echo Hill Church" and we'll send one check at the end of each month. Thank you, Echo Hill, for your support of these organizations.

Staff Christmas Gift: Echo Hill's Session invites you to contribute to a Christmas fund collection for the church staff. The funds will be collected and distributed to the church staff members. Please write "Staff Gift" in the memo line if you write a check. The last day to give to the fund will be Monday, December 21st. You can leave it in the offering basket on Sundays or mail it to the church. Thank you.

Worship Schedule

Dear Congregation Members,
Due to critical numbers arising with the virus and out of respect to our essential workers, **we will be suspending in-person worship through December 20th.** We understand this may be upsetting to some, but we would like to help keep you and our community safe. The session will revisit this topic at our next meeting on December 21st. Thank you for entrusting us with this difficult decision. In the meantime, worship videos will still be available on the church's website at www.echohillchurch.org/worship. Please continue to [listen in on Facebook](#)... and also join us for WOW on Wednesday evenings.

Worship on Wednesday (WOW) is taking place via Zoom! WOW is held at its normal time (7:00 pm on Wednesday nights). And since we do it virtually, we can sing! If you'd like to participate, please email Carol Sindelar at fishlounge1@cs.com and she will send you a Zoom invite for that week's worship.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

11:30 AM: Calvin-Sinclair Worship-Sanctuary

12:30 PM: African Congregation-Fellowship Hall

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:00 AM: Calvin-Sinclair Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM: Deacons Meeting

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Deadline for Bulletin News (10:00 am)

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

No Events Scheduled

Saturday:

No Events Scheduled

Gleanings from Jim White

An oratorio is a large musical composition. The plot of an oratorio often deals with sacred topics, making it appropriate for performance in the church. Protestant composers frequently took their stories from the Bible, removing all acting from the stories so nothing was left but the music.



"Like" Echo Hill on Facebook! Just go to www.facebook.com/EchoHillPresbyterianChurch.

This is the official Facebook site for Echo Hill. Check it out for words of guidance, photos, event information, and more!

Last Week's Mystery Member Revealed



Last week's "Guess Who?" member was Nancy Krauth!

To spark conversation, the Caring Team brainstormed some fun questions to help Echo Hill members get to know each other better. If you haven't filled out a form yet, contact the church office and we can email one to you!

Snow Boots & Binders



Erskine Elementary is in need of snow boots for some of the children and also 1" wide white binders. We are taking up a monetary donation to meet this need. In addition, on November 29th, the Noisy Sunday money collected will also go to Erskine. If you would like to donate, you may place your donation in the offering plate or drop a check off in the office. Please designate on the memo line "boots and binders." You may also mail a check to Echo Hill Presbyterian Church, 715 38th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Thank you for your support! - *The Caring Team: Lynda Nelson, Bess Naujoks, Tracy Barton, Carol Sindelar and Sue Smith*

Zoom Tips



From Echo Hill's Caring Team:

Technology and times are changing, so the Caring Team would like to take a minute to suggest some YouTube videos to help you navigate Zoom as we move more and more into online communications. With the holidays coming, you might want to participate with your family.

We found a page on YouTube called "Geeks on Tour: Old Dogs Learning New Tricks." We like it because it is simple, informative, basic and the folks who created it seem really nice; they talk softly and don't yell. So they have a tutorial called "How do I join a Zoom meeting?" (Tutorial Video 614). It is a mere five minutes in length and gives you all you need to join a Zoom meeting for the first time.

The Geeks on Tour also have a tutorial on attending a Zoom meeting on your Smart Phone: "How Do I Join a Zoom Meeting with a Smartphone?" (Tutorial 616). Again, short and to the point, it is just over three minutes.

We are recommending these videos because they are simple to follow and they show what you will be seeing as you move through the process. You can find these videos by going to YouTube and searching for the titles listed above.

At Echo Hill, we encourage you to perhaps attend the WOW service as a practice opportunity. As we move into the winter months, the Caring Team would like to set up some Zoom Coffees to allow members to just gather online and chat. Watch for more on this later. For now, hope you take advantage of the technology available and stay connected with your friends and family.

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Order of Worship – November 29, 2020

Today's worship service will be recorded and will be available online at a later time.

You can find it by going to www.echohillchurch.org/worship.

Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Candle of Hope -----

Call to Worship -----

L: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

P: We can see a better world.

L: When we close our eyes,

P: We can dream a better dream.

L: But when we open our eyes,

P: We begin the work of faith.

L: So come in. Dream your dream.

P: Find hope here.

L: For in an hour,

P: We will begin the work of faith.

L: Let it be so.

Hymn

Prayer of Confession -----

All: Original Dreamer, over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world.

Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray, amen.

Proclaiming God's Word -----

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 13:24-37

Message

Pastor Cathy Allen

Responding to God's Word -----

Offering Dedication

Special Music

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Leave to Serve God's People -----

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude