

# Welcome to Echo Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 6, 2020



## Worship Schedule

In-person worship has been suspended through December 20<sup>th</sup> 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 •

Sue Smith and Tracy Barton pause for a photo during the October 17<sup>th</sup> Sole Hope shoe-making project.

## 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](mailto:ihcoles19@gmail.com) or Michael Becker at [m.becker@echohillchurch.org](mailto: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	
<small>If 1st or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about Echo Hill?</small>	
<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 December 6

**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*

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**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.

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**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 mail it or drop it off at 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](http://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](mailto:fishlounge1@cs.com) and she will send you a Zoom invite for that week's worship.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion

**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

**6:00 PM:** Finance 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

"Some days you're the statue and other days the pigeon." - *Anonymous*



"Like" Echo Hill on Facebook! Just go to [www.facebook.com/EchoHillPresbyterianChurch](http://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!

**“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” – Proverbs 29:18**

### **Christmas Eve Worship**



The Calvin-Sinclair congregation has invited Echo Hill to Christmas Eve worship this year at 4:00 pm. The service will be held in the sanctuary. Please wear a mask and practice proper social distancing if you attend. As always, please do not attend if you feel unwell or are uncomfortable with attending in-person worship.

### **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. If you would like to donate, you may 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Caring Team – Echo Hill

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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](http://www.echohillchurch.org/worship).

## Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## Advent Candle Lighting -----

## Call to Worship -----

L: John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way." So family of faith, how do we prepare our minds for worship?

P: **We silence the inner critic. We let go of busy thoughts. We make space for God to speak.**

L: How do we prepare our hearts for worship?

P: **We bless all emotions. We feel what we feel. We open ourselves up to be moved.**

L: How do we prepare our bodies for worship?

P: **We take in the scent, sight, and feel of this space. We breathe in God's mercy. We exhale God's love.**

L: How do we prepare our souls for worship?

P: **We bring our full selves into this space. We wear our hearts on our sleeves. We trust that even now, God is here.**

L: Family of faith, what we practice in worship, we must live out in our daily lives. So prepare the way. Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn

## Prayer of Confession -----

L: So today I confess, in front of this community of faith, that I need your help in this Advent season. Prepare the way for greater peace, and teach me how to be a part of it.

All: **May God forgive you. May God's guiding hand surround you. May you know comfort. May you know peace.**

## Proclaiming God's Word -----

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Message

Pastor Cathy Allen

## Responding to God's Word -----

Offering Dedication

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper -----

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude