

Welcome to Echo Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 4, 2021



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

9:30 am: Combined Worship-Sanctuary

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 •

Happy Independence Day!

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.

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			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 July 4

The church office will be closed tomorrow (Monday, July 5) in observance of Independence Day.

Fellowship: Lunch-Brunch following worship. Plan to bring a salad or dessert to share.

The Men's Fellowship breakfast will meet Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited to attend.

The July/August/September issue of *These Days* (daily devotional) is now available. Free copies are located on the table just outside the church office.

Gleanings from Jim White

"The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read." – *Abraham Lincoln*

Worship Schedule

Echo Hill holds in-person worship each Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available if you need them. The worship service will become available online (www.echohillchurch.org/worship) at a later time for those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person.

Parking for In-Person Worship

The church has a small parking lot with a few handicapped spaces, plus you can park in The Dental Center's lot next door (to the south towards Mount Vernon Rd.). A sidewalk connects their parking lot to the church's lot. Parking is also available on one side of the street.

Worship on Wednesday (WOW) is taking place via Zoom! WOW is held at its normal time (7:00 pm on Wednesday nights). 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: Communion

Independence Day

9:30 AM: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost Worship
-Fellowship Hall

Monday: Church Office Closed

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

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

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

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM: Deacons Meeting-Room #1

7:00 PM: Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines

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:

9:00 AM: Men's Fellowship Group-Fellowship Hall



"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 photos, event information, and more!

Combined Worship Today



Echo Hill and Calvin-Sinclair will join together this morning (July 4) for a combined worship. The worship service will be held at Echo Hill's normal time, 9:30 am. which will include communion. This is a great chance for the two congregations to get to know each other and worship together. There will be a Lunch-Brunch following worship. Plan to bring a salad or dessert to share. The Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey will lead the worship service.

Synod School Coming Up Soon



Synod School 2021 will take place July 25-30 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. This year's theme is "Called Out!" This year's Synod School will take place in-person, along with some online options for those who are unable to travel to Storm Lake. Registration is now open and you can find more information at <https://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>.

July Food Bank Donations for LCFB



Please consider making a monetary donation to support our food banks, instead of bringing items to the church. The food banks can purchase food at a lower cost and more efficiently than we can purchase. The food bank we're supporting in July is Linn Community Food Bank (LCFB). If you'd like to contribute, simply leave your donation in the office, or mail it to church, with a notation on the memo line for "food bank." Make your checks out to "Echo Hill Church" and we'll send one check at the end of the month to the food bank. Thank you for your support of these organizations.

Shop Amazon, Support Echo Hill!



Do you shop on Amazon? Do you wish you could donate more to Echo Hill? We've got an idea that lets you do both! Go to smile.amazon.com and pick Echo Hill Presbyterian Church (Cedar Rapids) as your charitable organization.

Then every time you log into smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of your purchase goes to Echo Hill! Remember you must start with the website smile.amazon.com before you make your purchase. Going to this website is the same as shopping at amazon.com. All funds raised will go to Echo Hill's general fund. Have questions? Contact anyone from the Finance Team.

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MESSAGE FROM CALVIN-SINCLAIR



July 2021

There is an old bell in town with an always-new message. The inscription on it dates to 1843, and although we do not know its complete history, we know it has hung at the Calvin Sinclair Presbyterian Church since the early 1960s. It previously rang at the Sinclair Memorial Presbyterian church and came to its present home when that congregation merged with the Calvin Presbyterian Church.

The Church bell has been important in the life of the community. In small towns, villages, and large cities it called people to come and worship the living God. Its sound was an invitation to respond to the mercies experienced during the week and the continual care provided by God.

In the ancient Hebrew tradition, once a year, the High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies, where they believed God dwelled. No one could ever go into the presence of God. Once each year God permitted the High Priest to enter. There the priest would ask God to forgive the people for their sins. If the priest returned, they knew they were forgiven. If God did not forgive, the priest died. There was a rope tied around his waist so they could pull his body back through the curtain should he die. The people, eager to hear they had been forgiven, prayed and listened in absolute silence for any movement behind the curtain. Later it was decided to tie small bells on his robe. When the people heard those bells they knew the priest was alive and he was returning with the good news they had been forgiven.

The church adopted the use of ringing bells to announce their High Priest, Jesus Christ, is alive and brings the good news of forgiveness. In response to that good news, the bell calls everyone to come together to celebrate and worship with great thanksgiving.

The bell at 715 38th Street SE went down with the August 10, 2020 Derecho. It was reinstalled on a new standard, Monday, June 28, 2021. Each Sunday it will be calling to us to come and worship. We are forgiven. Our High Priest, Jesus Christ, has also become the sacrifice, and though he died in the presence of God, as the payment for our sins, he came back to life as the living Christ who calls us to repent and believe we are forgiven.

I am looking forward to hearing the bell ring each Sunday morning as we come together to worship the living God. The bell is calling us to hear the good news that we are forgiven. We respond in worship and celebration of God's great love for us. If you'd like to ring the bell, just let me know. We want to tell the world around us God is calling us into a personal relationship both to God and to one another as we become this part of the church God has in mind.

Come celebrate on Sunday!

Yours in Christ, The Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey