



# The North Hill Christian

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## Flurries from Chris

On March 5<sup>th</sup> we begin the liturgical season of Lent. A season in which we intentionally take time to reflect and prepare for the resurrection on Easter. It is a season that begins on Ash Wednesday where we are reminded of our own mortality, and Christ's own devotion to the good news that he declared to the people that led him to the cross.

For many this season is treated as a time where we give something up. For many this may look like giving up sweets, soda, caffeine and the

## Weekly Events

Attitude

Adjustment

Every day, noon &  
5:30 p.m. Saturday  
mornings 9:30 a.m.

Citizenship

Preparation

Mondays 10-11 a.m.

Thursdays 6-7 p.m.



Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels delivers hot meals to clients every weekday. North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week a month. Please call or email Michele Fleck.

like. For others it may include taking on intentional practices throughout the season that help them to draw closer to God each day.

I would invite us into intentional practices of healing within our communities. Communities that include our families, friends, and beyond. As we are invited to draw closer to God, I would invite us into practices of recognizing those ways in which we have sinned. Those ways in which we have broken our relationship with God, and our relationships within our ever expanding circles of community.

In this season of lent, whatever practice we take up, let us do so with intentionality. Intentionally seeking to bring healing into a world that is hurting. Let us also bring healing into our lives as we care for ourselves with purpose.

Peace in Christ,  
Chris Snow

## Thank You!!!

As you may have noticed the podium that pastor Chris has been using to lead worship has some new adornments. These are thanks to Patt Hooker who has done a wonderful job making new paraments for the different seasons of the church year.

## We Have Seen the Light

Last week we heard that work has started on the lighting project in the church building. As of this week the project has been completed and we now how much more

## Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for Arlene, who is still recovering.
- Prayers for Larry Snow, father of pastor Chris, who is battling cancer.
- Prayers for Linda Alexander, for successful knee replacement surgery and speedy recovery.
- Prayer for those member who are out sick.

## Joys

- The Ukranians have found a church home of their own and will no longer be sharing space with us.

## Birthdays

- Chris Snow 3/21
- Karl Kohler 3/21
- Nathan Burford 3/23
- Kellyn Kohler 3/25

## Anniversaries

- Kim & Ben Greene 3/13

energy efficient lighting throughout the entire building.

In case you haven't been in the building for a couple weeks, be prepared to see the light! Throughout this process there has been much excitement about getting lights replaced that have been inaccessible to our volunteers. While that is true, as the project has progressed it has become evident how many spaces of our building have been dimly lit and that has been rectified. As you walk around the building be prepared to see things much more clearly. I would like to express a big thank you for those who took on the task of pursuing the grant funding that has made this project possible. Also a big thank you to those who have approached the office about covering the church's out of pocket cost for this project. Thank you to all those who made this project a possibility for the congregation.

## Ukrainian Baptist Church

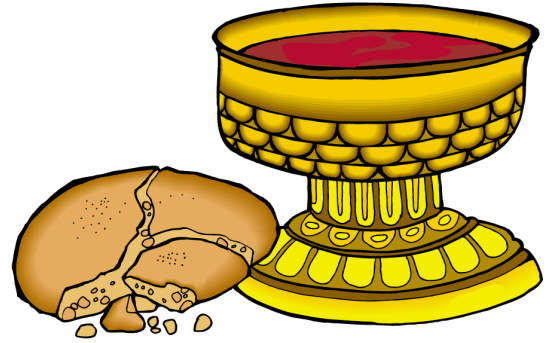
As you may be aware, the church received word that the 1st Ukrainian Baptist Church has received their own space to gather for their ministries. Their first Sunday in their new space is expected to be February 16th. They have also indicated that they will have all of their belongings moved out of our building by the 16th.

They have expressed to us a great deal of gratitude for providing a space for them to gather, worship, and grow in their faith. It has been my pleasure to work with them as we have coordinated our schedules and planned events with one another.

While we will miss their presence in our space and sharing in fellowship, work is already underway to find another non-profit organization to make use of our space. If you are aware of any organizations that could benefit from our space please let pastor Chris know.

## Changes in Worship

You may have noticed this past Sunday we made some fairly significant changes to how we do a very important part of our worship service.



How we receive your offerings and share in communion. After much conversation and deliberation we are testing the waters of returning to "passing the plates."

I wanted to share some of the reasonings behind this change. The main reason is to limit the amount of times in our services and the life of the church where there is a separation based on physical abilities. While I have tried my best to limit language that denotes a separation when participating at the table, adapting our language never quite felt like a complete solution. The second is returning to the mindset of serving one another that is missed when we simply receive communion from the table.

As we test the waters of returning to passing the plates we could use your help as you are able. The first is to help in serving those in

the pew with you. If someone is having difficulty, help them. The second is that there will still only be one deacon scheduled to serve each week where they will prepare the elements for us. There may be days where we need help passing the plates in the pews. If you are able we would welcome your assistance in passing the plates on **Sunday** mornings.

### **Baked Potato Luncheon**

Whatever condiments we like on our baked potatoes, the men of the congregation will be providing them for us on **SUNDAY,**

**MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>.** We will meet in Hazen Hall following the morning service.

There will be everything from chili to cheese and in between. Finish your lunch with dessert which will be provided by the ladies.

Following the potatoes will be the ever popular **WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO.** You will not want to miss an opportunity to win a lovely, needed and treasured prize. Should you have an irreplaceable family

heirloom that you might like to gift to another bingo player, please let Janie Selley know at church or by phone. We have a great time of fun, food and fellowship.

### **Church Calendar**

As our lives get busy we like to keep calendars of what is happening. Hopefully so that we don't double book ourselves or miss appointments. With a similar mindset in mind we have posted the calendar of the church to our website. Please note that this calendar does not only contain the ministries and events of our congregation but for all of those who are also utilizing our space throughout the week.

If you would like to have an event added to the calendar please be sure to let the office know.

	February	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 10,545	\$ 28,995	\$ 26,074
Expense	\$ 12,605	\$ 25,603	\$ 27,736

General Offering was \$808 over budget

Week of Compassion offering was \$2495

Thank you to all who generously contributed to our Week of Compassion offering!



## March, 2025 --- Serving Schedule

	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Count</b>	Michele Fleck Patty Morse	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Arlene Pandelis	Michele Fleck Sally Dereanleau	Bob Tibbetts Arlene Pandelis
<b>Diaconate</b>	Nathan Burford	Michele Fleck	Patty Morris	Michele Fleck	Patty Morris
<b>Elder</b>	Janie Selley	Sheila McCrea	Sarita McReynolds	Debbie Jennison	Bill Jennison
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jenn Snow	Sheila McCrea	Nathan Burford	Debbie Jennison	Bill Jennison
<b>Power Point</b>	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Belton	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Natasha Belton
<b>Sound</b>	Bill Jennison	Ben Greene	Michele Fleck	Nathan Burford	Jenn Snow
<b>Pick Up</b>	Janie Selley	Arlene Pandelis	Janie Selley	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau
<b>Greeter</b>	Bill Phipps	Patt Hooker	Sarita McReynolds	Arlene Pandelis	Patt Hooker
<b>Song Leader</b>	Riley Grey	Riley Grey	Riley Grey	Riley Grey	Riley Grey
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				Potato Bake	
		Board Meeting			



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