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**THOM'S THOUGHTS**

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It is a new year! Are you keeping your resolutions? Have you set goals for the year? When we turn the calendar to a new year it marks a change from old to new, from what was to what can be. We wonder what we can do better or differently in the new year.

Even in church we recognize that there are new ways that we can be Christian. Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:28 that we should examine ourselves as Christians. A congregation often needs to do the same thing. **How are we doing at HPCC?**

We went through a tough time beginning in June of 2016. We lost over 50 people. The majority were people who moved away. The rest were either deaths or folks whose family situations prevented them from coming anymore. Consequently, we dropped off quite a bit. There was no church fight or split or big trouble. We just had a sudden & continuous loss.

**We have now stabilized!** Our **average worship attendance** for 2017 was **55**. Each month of the year was close to that number. We received **9 new members** in 2017. We have **84 regular participants**. So 9 new people is about 11% of that. (A growth of 10% is considered good.) We finished the year **in the black financially by about \$1,000**. We are still doing ministry. We are still gathering for worship, study & fellowship. We are still Harvey Park Christian Church! God is still at work here!

I want more. Don't you? I want to see us continue to grow. I want us to grow spiritually, numerically & in ministry. I want us to be healthier & stronger as a congregation. I want us to reach people all around us with the love & grace & salvation of Jesus Christ. Since we are now stable in these good ways, let's do what we can to grow beyond these numbers. **What can we do to make this growth reality?**

There are **5 things we can do** to make good, positive, healthy growth a reality for HPCC.

1. Be in **Worship** every Sunday – This will **raise** our worship attendance into the **80's**
2. **Pray** that the Lord will **bring us more people** & that **He will grow us**
3. **Invite** people to church – This is the **only proven way** to grow a church
4. Be **fully involved** in the life of HPCC – Be in a **small group** & **Do a ministry**
5. Be **Positive & Joyful** about HPCC! **Negativity is a quick way to kill a church**

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My goals for us are two-fold:

1. **Worship attendance growth** each year of **more than 10%**
2. **New members** equal to **more than 10% of our participants**

When we **pray & work strongly, faithfully and devotedly** for these two goals by doing the five things I named above, we will see our Lord Jesus grow our church wonderfully & strongly! Achieving these two goals will make us **a church of over 130** in ten years by 2026.

Let's commit ourselves to these goals! With the Lord Jesus, we can see this become our reality in 2018 and every year after!

In Christ, Thom



## WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

Disasters seem to be the norm nowadays. We hear of new struggles on a daily basis. Just this week a major 7.9 earthquake hit Alaska. Famines continue in many parts of the world. People continue to rebuild after torrential rains, mud slides, floods and fires. Wars & refugee situations are happening on nearly every continent. People need the loving help of Christians everywhere!

Through our Disciples Week of Compassion (WoC) we can be helpers. Week of Compassion is everywhere that disasters and emergencies are happening. The partners of WoC help in ways that we simply can not. The way we help is through our prayerful offerings.

Last year we at HPCC gave a total of \$4,070 to Week of Compassion. That was through three separate promotions and some who give regularly to this throughout the year. Let's make a great start toward topping that number in 2018!

The regular Week of Compassion offering will be collected on **February 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**. Let's give generously to and pray strongly for the ministry of WoC! Let's reach out to the world around us in this way to help people in every situation.

## DON FREY MEMORIAL

One of the saints of Harvey Park Christian Church passed away late last year. Don Frey did not want a funeral, but his family would like to have a memorial service for him here at church. This will take place on **Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**. That will have been Don's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. There will be a light lunch served afterwards. We invite you to join us as we remember Don and celebrate his life & faith.



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The NFL Super Bowl is coming up on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We may not be quite as excited about it as we are in other years, but there is still something great happening that day. For several years now, churches across the country have participated in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** on Super Bowl Sunday.

We encourage people to bring cans of soup, or other canned goods, to church on Sundays **January 28<sup>th</sup> & February 4<sup>th</sup>**. The food we collect will go to **Community Ministries**.

We want to add a little more fun to this year's collection. There will be two tables in our Fellowship Hall designated as **AFC** or **NFC**. Use your canned goods offering to **vote** for the NFC Philadelphia Eagles or the AFC New England Patriots. We'll see how accurate our predictions are!

## A Summary of Outreach/Evangelism Results for 2017

### Harvey Park Christian Church Disciple of Christ Mission Funds giving:

- Week of Compassion offering during the WOC campaign during February and for hurricane relief: \$4,070.00
- Easter offering for the Disciples Mission Fund: \$556.00
- Pentecost offering for Disciples Church growth: \$665.00.
- The Reconciliation fund in September/October helps with the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism work of the Church: \$724.00
- The Christmas fund helps the work of our region with camps, conference, pastoral support and ministerial ordination: \$616.00

### Harvey Park Christian Church Grace Cupboard giving:

Throughout the year, we have had several food drives specifically to restock Grace Cupboard. The most recent return of 14 Reverse Advent bags helped immensely.

### Harvey Park Christian Church Community Ministry giving:

Community Ministry is supported by the area churches. They have a food bank as well as other resources and services needed by area residents. Our sock and underwear tree in the entrance way helps provide necessities for children. In addition, we provided 374 pounds of non-perishable food, including 174 boxes/bags of stuffing for holiday boxes as well as 79 pounds of school supplies to help needy children. The coats from the Fellowship Hall went to Community Ministry.

### Harvey Park Christian Church support of Tennyson Center Dress a Child program:

- Our joint Christmas greetings to one another netted: \$500.00.

### Harvey Park Christian Church Timothy and Pricilla Fund:

- The \$4830.00 that was raised continues to help our interns, Matthew and Taylor Smith.

### Harvey Park Christian Church Yard Sale:

The Church Yard Sale had proceeds of \$1,496.10. They were divided as follows:

- Denver Rescue Mission (48%)
- Tennyson Center for Children (35%)
- Community Ministry of Southwest Denver (17%)
- Week of Compassion (14%)

### Harvey Park Christian Church Trunk and Treat Afternoon:

We hosted over 200 neighborhood children and their families, admiring costumes and giving away candy.

**Thank you for your participation!!**

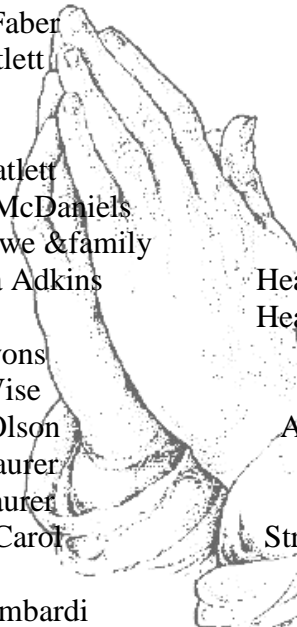
### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Steve Olson
- 8 – Ken Smith
- 9 – Faye Davin
- 25 – Dee Gingery
- 28 – Rita Elmore



### PRAYER REQUEST LIST

Candy Faber	Surgery recovery
Carl Catlett	Leg healing
Ric	Battling cancer
Vivian	Healing
Ryan Catlett	Leg healing
Joseph McDaniels	Health & finances
Jana Rowe & family	Death of father
Ramona Adkins	Health and relationships
Pete	Health and relationships
Russ Lyons	Hospice care
Doris Wise	Health issues
Stevie Olson	Afghanistan deployed
Beth Maurer	Healing prayers
Paul Maurer	Healing prayers
Don & Carol	Strength, healing & joy
Kent	Needs prayers
Joey Lombardi	Deployment



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### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

#### THE BIRTHDAY GIFT

A fellow was very much in love with a beautiful girl. One day she told him that the next day was her birthday. He told her he would send her a bouquet of roses... one for each year of her life.

That evening he called the local florist and ordered twenty-one roses with instructions that they be delivered first thing the next morning.

As the florist was preparing the order, he decided that since the young man was such a good customer, he would put an extra dozen roses in the bouquet.

The fellow never did find out what made the young girl so angry with him.

### OUR CHURCH CORNER



#### Outreach Ministries Last Month:

Christmas Offering	\$616.00
Tennyson Center	\$508.00
Dumb Friends League	\$50.00

### HPCC STAFF

Pastor	Thom Albin
Ministry Interns	Matthew & Taylor Smith
Activities Coordinator	Carol Bilello
Administrative Secretary	Betty VanArsdol
Keyboardist	Jan Moore
Choir Director	Sally Bishop
Custodian	Jeff Case
Wedding Director	Carol Bilello
Hark Editor	Betty VanArsdol

## February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Butterfly Book Club 7	<b>2</b> Rays of Hope 7	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Rays of Hope – 3 <b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Outreach Team 1 Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	<b>7</b> Bible Study 10	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Rays of Hope 7	<b>10</b> Workday 9
<b>11</b> S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Rays of Hope – 3	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Admin. Team 1:30 Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	<b>14</b> Bible Study 10  <b>Ash Wednesday                      Worship 6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Rays of Hope 7	<b>17</b> Don Frey Memorial 11:30
<b>18</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Rays of Hope – 3	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>HARK                      DEADLINE</b>  Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	<b>21</b> Bible Study 10	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Rays of Hope 7  <b>SNOW DAZE II</b>	<b>24</b> Hilltoppers Square Dance 7  <b>SNOW DAZE II</b>
<b>25</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Rays of Hope – 3	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	<b>28</b> Bible Study 10			



## FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

### February 4, 2018

Elder: Stan Lewis  
Lectern:  
Deacons: Dave Perryman, Kara Van Horn,  
Taran Gingery  
Preparer: Michele Ramos  
Hospitality:  
Greeter: Faye Davin  
Scripture Reader: Beth Maurer  
Kids Life: Kids in Worship

### February 11, 2018

Elder: Brad Steele  
Lectern:  
Deacons: William Spalding, Ole Linden,  
Pam Hohnstein  
Preparer: Michele Ramos  
Hospitality: Beth Maes  
Greeter: Dorothy Wilcoxon  
Scripture Reader: Debbie Reher  
Kids Life: Dena Catlett

### February 18, 2018

Elder: Sally Bishop  
Lectern:  
Deacons: Carol Bilello, Albert Arias, Michele Arias,  
Alvin Hawkins  
Preparer: Michele Ramos  
Hospitality:  
Greeter: Beth Maes  
Scripture Reader: Tia McDaniels  
Kids Life: Kids in Worship

### February 25, 2018

Elder: Debbie Reher  
Lectern:  
Deacons: Clair Mamigonian, Ken Smith, Edward Laso,  
Jennifer Laso  
Preparer: Michele Ramos  
Hospitality:  
Greeter: Sparky Ullmer  
Scripture Reader: Mary Ullmer  
Kids Life: Candy Faber