

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 4

- 10:00 AM Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 11:30 AM Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-1)
- 11:30 AM Alpha & Omega Children's Choir Rehearsal (C-10)
- 1:00 PM COMMUNITY (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)

Monday, December 5

- 9:15 AM *God Speaks* Women's Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 1:30 PM Bone Strengthening (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Monday Evening Bible School (YMC; Chapel; Lower Chapel)
- 7:00 PM *War Room*: Pray for Our Leadership Team (Conference Room)

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:30 AM *Women of the Word* Bible Study (no childcare; Lower Chapel)
- 10:00 AM *God's Little Singers* Ministry (C-23/24)
- 7:00 PM *New Life AD* Anonymous (Alcohol/Drugs; Y-118)
- 7:00 PM Ladies' *In-Touch* Christmas Fellowship (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM *LifeGivers* (Lower Chapel)
- 7:30 PM *Mom's Night Out* (The Lounge)

Wednesday, December 7

- 9:30 AM *Daughters of the King* (Lower Chapel)
- 11:30 AM Staff Chapel (The Chapel)
- 6:45 PM Kids' Klub (Pavilion/Lower Church/Gyms/YMC)
- 7:00 PM PRAYER MEETING (The Chapel)**
- 7:00 PM *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM COMMUNITY (Warren home)

Thursday, December 8

- 7:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:45 AM *Deep Roots* (The Chapel) and StoryTime (Nursery)
- 6:30 PM *New Beginnings* (Departs from church parking lot)
- 7:00 PM Legacy Group 2 (The Lounge)
- 7:00 PM Zumba Plus *A New Me in Christ* Women's Exercise (Upper Gym)
- 8:00 PM COMMUNITY (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, December 9

- 9:15 AM Serving Hands (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Youth Group (TheLOFT)
- 7:00 PM *Released* (The Lounge; Lower Chapel) & Childcare (C-5/6)

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 AM *Desire4Hope* (Paterson)
- 10:00 AM *GriefShare: Hope for the Holidays* (The Chapel)
- 6:00 PM HGC Worship Community's Christmas Musical
Almost There (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 4, 2016

At 8:25, 9:55 & 11:25 AM

Christmas Communion
Pastor John W. Minnema
**"JESUS, THE
 SON OF GOD"**
John 1:1-14

At 5:00 PM

*Our Early Childhood to
 Upper Elementary
 Children's Sunday School
 presents*
*"Miracle in
 the Manger"*

*The floral arrangement today is to the glory of God
 in celebration of the life of
 Mrs. Amy [Locicero] Federici,
 given by her family.*

Welcome

Welcome to Hawthorne Gospel Church!

We are glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new or looking to connect, fill out the yellow *Connector/Prayer Request* card located in the back of the pew and hand it to a *Connector* at the Discovery Center for a small gift and some helpful information about our church.

Please join us in the Pavilion between the morning services for a time of fellowship and coffee and where you'll be able to obtain more information about our upcoming events!

Next Sunday (December 11th), from **8:00 to 8:20 AM**, a special time of **Intercessory Prayer** will be held for our worship services. We will be praying that God's Word will go forth with love, clarity, and conviction and for open hearts to receive the truth with joy. If you wish to join us, please come to room C-11/12 (lower level of the church building).

Celebration & Praise!

New Members



The following new members will be welcomed into the church fellowship today:

At the 9:55 AM service:

Tae Chang
Yujin Chang
Paul Kozlowski
Suzanne Kozlowski
Joseph Lipari

At the 11:25 AM service:

Hazael Sanchez
Dulce Franco-Sanchez

Pastoral Leadership Team

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Pray for the Sick

Home: Vera Amaral; Lorrie Anderson; Louise Ballentine; Evalee Batistich; Karen Beller; Adrianna Bryon; Adria Bumper; Esther Christensen; Edna Clark; Betty Cleveland; Judy Delaney; Peggy Eng; Ellen Forstrom; Eva Glasser; Sue Greene; Sharon Ibrahim; Bob & Marie Lanzalotto; Susan La Plante; Lisa Lovell; Lorraine Malek; Allison Mancuso; Kris Miller; Len Mulé; Joyce Muller; Sal & Kathryn Mummiani; Ann Opirhory; Mary Pascual; Marian Petersen; Joan Phelan; Jessica Pixley; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Jacinta Ruiz; Stanley Sanger; Nick Savone; Ruth Susen; Norm Trass; Ilse Troper; Evelyn Troost; Pablo Valentin; Ken Vander Wiele; Dave Woods; Barbara Zanna; Don Zbieg

Hospitals & Rehabs: John Auld; Otto Cakl; Tom Curry; Lucille Garside; Dearth Goller; Ruth Hennigh; John Hunt; Joe Jezequel; Marie Krum; Joann Menicola; Ed Merlino; Phil Nazzaro; Phil Paolucci; Bob Poitier; Stacy Schultze; Judy Taylor; Ted Zbieg

Jesus Canela appreciated the prayers, cards, and other expressions of Christian love shown at his mother's Homegoing.

Our Christian Sympathy is given to Mike, Ginger, and Jake Mancini at the sudden passing of their son/brother, Michael.

Mrs. Helene Abbink, a faithful member prior to her retirement, entered into the presence of the Lord on Wednesday, October 26th, at the tender age of 99. Our Christian love is given to her family.



HGC Library Hours This Week!

Sunday: 9:30 to 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Monday through Saturday: 12:00 to 3:30 PM

Located on the upper level of The Chapel
973-427-6960, extension 130.

Missionaries of the Week



Please pray
for our missionaries
In the U.S.



A number of our missionaries are here for the holidays and staying in our Missionary Home. Why not invite them out and get to know them? For more information, please contact Pastor Dave Schuit at davids@hgcusa.org or 973-427-6960, extension 150.

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer?
The Board member on call this week is Stanley Sanger.

**Board
Member
on Call**

Christmas Outreach



New Beginnings, an outreach ministry of HGC to people with HIV/AIDS, will be outside the Pavilion after the first and second services today handing out Ziploc bags to those of you who wish to donate items to their Annual Christmas party for the residents of the facility they visit weekly. There will be a list in each bag of requested items. After the 11:25 AM service, the team will be in the church foyer for your convenience.

Any additional items not used by *New Beginnings* will be donated to the ministries of *Desire4Hope* and *Star of Hope*. Your completed Ziploc bags should be placed in the *New Beginnings* green wooden box that will be located in the church foyer **next Sunday**. Completed bags are due back **on or before Thursday, December 15th**.



Be a Blessing!



During the special holiday events, we need additional volunteers to serve in the Nursery. To help, please contact Laura Slavin.

Our Children's Ministries has two urgent needs on Sundays, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM:

Special Needs Buddies: Three new children have joined the Sunday School hour, and *buddies* fill an important role in the lives of these children. To share the love of Jesus, please e-mail Dr. Ruth Rivera.

Christmas Morning Volunteers are needed in the Nursery and with 3- to 5-year-olds at both services. Please contact Sandy Lynn Bober at sandy@hgcusa.org.

Hope for the Holidays



No Matter how long it's been since your loved one passed, grief can make the holidays a painful time . . . **but** there is hope! Plan now to attend this special time of healing scheduled for

Saturday, December 10th, at 10:00 AM
in The Chapel

Visit the *GriefShare* display in the Pavilion this morning to register and for more information, or you may call the church office at 973-427-6960, extension 122.

Preparing for the Future



We are beginning plans for our Annual Congregational Meeting, which will be held in March 2017. At that meeting, HGC members will be asked to vote for new Elders.

If you would like to nominate someone to be a candidate for the Elder Board, please write that name on a piece of paper and give it to Sandy Sanger, president of the Elder Board, or email him **on or before Monday, December 12th, 2016**.

Join Us *hawthorne*
 as We *gospel* 
 Celebrate Our Savior's Birth

Saturday, December 10th, at 6:00 PM and
 Sunday, December 11th, at 5:00 PM
 Our Worship Community will present

"Almost There"

Saturday, December 24th, at 3:00 and 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 25th, at 9:55 and 11:25 AM

Christmas Morning Services

No Adult, Youth, or Children's Sunday School Classes

Nursery will be available for infants to 2 years of age;

3-year-olds through Kindergarten classes

will meet together in room C-4.

There will be NO evening service!

Ring in the New Year

Saturday, December 31st, 2016

Complete details to follow!

Plan now to join the

HGC family at its

Annual Watchnight Service

Sunday Adult *hawthorne*
 Classes *gospel* 

Adult Bible Class Brochures (ABC), for the winter quarter, beginning on January 8th, 2017, will be available in the church foyer soon. Remember . . . Sunday School isn't just for kids!

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 7th, 2016 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor Dave Andersen

December 11th, 2016
 AM Services

Pastoral Staff
 "Jesus, the King of Kings"
 Matthew 1 and 2

December 10th, at 6 PM
 December 11th, at 5 PM

HGC Worship Community
 presents
 A Christmas Night of Worship
 "Almost There"
 Directed by Rommel Guingon

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 14th, 2016 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor John W. Minnema

December 18th, 2016
 AM Services

Pastoral Staff
 "Jesus, the Son of Man"
 Luke 1

December 18th
 PM Service

Christmas Sunday
 Jonathan Minnema
 "The Importance of Advent"

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 21st, 2016 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

Christmas Sunday

December 25th, 2016, 9:55 and 11:25 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
 "Jesus, The Messiah, Old Testament Prophecies"
 Luke 2

There will be NO evening service

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 28th, 2016 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor Scott Warren



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Christian Academy 

Hawthorne Christian Academy

presents the

Middle School & High School

Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 15th, at 7:30 PM

in the Sanctuary

*Enjoy an evening of
festive Christmas music!*

HGC Connectors Join the Team

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Connectors are the concierge of HGC. We *connect* attendees with the various ministries at HGC and facilitate their involvement *on the Pathway*. Our goal is to remove any obstacles, allow the Holy Spirit to work, and facilitate taking the next step. That next step may be accepting Christ, coming back to service, attending a special event, getting involved in a ministry, etc.

If you are interested in the *Connector* Ministry Team, contact Pastor Mark Rolling at pastormark@hgcsusa.org or 973-427-6960, extension 118.

Upcoming Important Events!

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WAR ROOM

Tomorrow at 7:00 PM, the prayer session, on behalf of our leadership team, will be held in the church office conference room. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the *War Room* to lift up the team before the Lord for His blessing! For more information, please call Cara Greene.

SERVING HANDS

This ministry is for women who desire to pray and support our missionaries through various projects. They will be meeting this **Friday at 9:15 AM** in The Chapel.

Brian and Nancy Hoffman, who serve with AIM, will share how the Lord is working in and through their ministry here in the States and their plans in the spring via SKYPE. *Don't miss it!*

STAFF CHAPEL

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend the monthly Chapel service for our pastoral, office, and maintenance staffs on Wednesday, December 7th, from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM in The Chapel.

ENCORE

Our Senior Adults will meet on **Tuesday, December 13th**, at **10:30 AM** in The Chapel. The Homeschool Chorale, directed by Beth Prins, will bring the wonderful message of Christmas in song and Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr. will bring the devotional. **Reminder:** Bring a bag lunch and a friend; beverage and dessert will be provided by the committee.