

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 18

- 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)
- 1:00 PM COMMUNITY (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)

Monday, December 19

- 9:15 AM *God Speaks* Women's Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 1:30 PM Bone Strengthening (The Chapel)

Tuesday, December 20

- 9:30 AM *Women of the Word* Bible Study (no childcare; Lower Chapel)
- 7:00 PM *New Life AD* Anonymous (Alcohol/Drugs; Y-118)
- 7:30 PM *Mom's Night Out* (The Lounge)

Wednesday, December 21

- 7:00 PM PRAYER MEETING (The Chapel)**
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM COMMUNITY (Warren home)

Thursday, December 22

- 7:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 6:30 PM *New Beginnings* (Departs from church parking lot)
- 7:00 PM Legacy Group 2 (Lower Chapel)
- 8:00 PM COMMUNITY (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, December 23

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

Saturday, December 24

- 8:00 AM *Desire4Hope* (Paterson)
- 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25

- 9:55 AM Nursery (C-5/6)
- 9:55 AM Christmas Children's Church (3- to 5-year-olds; C-4)
- 11:25 AM Nursery (C-5/6)
- 11:25 AM Christmas Children's Church (3- to 5-year-olds; C-4)

Monday, December 26

HGC Campus is Closed!

Sunday, December 18, 2016

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

**Pastoral Staff
"JESUS, THE
SON OF MAN"
Luke 1**

At 5:00 PM

**Jonathan Minnema
"THE
IMPORTANCE
OF ADVENT"**

*The white poinsettia is in loving memory of Thomas Sinclair,
given by his 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!

Baby Dedication! At the 9:55 AM service, Jada Joelle will be dedicated to the Lord by her parents, Stephen and Rachele Bingham.

Celebration & Praise!

Thank You from **Operation Christmas Child** to everyone who completed a shoebox and who helped at our Collection Center. HGC and HCA families contributed over 2,200 shoeboxes to the grand total of 26,004 shoeboxes that filled four and one-half trailers. The Lord blessed us through your generosity! We thank our Maintenance Department for all its help and the *Made with Love* Ministry for all the beautiful hats and scarves. Please pray for the children who will receive these gifts.

Membership Classes



January 15th and 22nd, 2017, at 11:30 AM

Membership in a local church is an important step in the Christian's lifelong journey of discipleship. If you would like to become a member of Hawthorne Gospel Church, our two-session Membership Class will be held on Sunday, January 15th, and Sunday, January 22nd, at 11:30 AM in room C-10.

Membership candidates are required to attend both sessions. Please sign up **today** at the Discovery Center in the church foyer to let us know you are coming. Questions? Call the church office at 973-427-6960, extension 112.

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; Lucille Garside; Eva Glasser; Sue Greene; John Hunt; Sharon Ibrahim; Yoshito Kato; Bob and Marie Lanzalotto; Susan La Plante; Lorraine Malek; Allison Mancuso; Kris Miller; Joyce Muller; Sal and Kathryn Mummiani; Ralph Opderbeck; Ann Opirhory; Mary Pascual; Marian Petersen; Joan Phelan; Jessica Pixley; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Jacinta Ruiz; Nick Savone; Ruth Susen; Norman Trass; Ilse Troper; Pablo Valentin; Ken Vander Wiele; Dave Woods; Barbara Zanna; Don Zbieg

Hospitals & Rehabs: John Auld; Otto Cakl; Tom Curry; Dearh Goller; Ruth Hennigh; Joseph Jezequel; Marie Krum; Joann Menicola; Ed Merlino; Phil Nazzaro; Phil Paolucci; Bob Poitier; Stacy Schultze; Judy Taylor; Art Ullrich; Ted Zbieg

In Appreciation for all the prayers, cards, and other expressions of Christian love shown during her hospitalization and recovery period, Lisa Lovell says *thank you!*



HGC Library Hours This Week!

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

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

December 24th through January 2nd: Closed

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

We have wonderful books, DVDs, and reference materials for children and adults!
Be sure to visit the Library before the Holidays!

CHRIST IS CHRISTMAS!



When you consider the humble beginning of Jesus, it is absolutely amazing the impact that this little baby has had on history and the world. Jesus was born to a teenage woman, in a feed stall of a barn, and into a working-class family. He spent most of His life in a small, obscure village working with His father cutting wood and swinging a hammer. During His three years of ministry, He was often homeless and hungry. He never married or had children. Yet today, He is the centerpiece of world history. In fact, His coming as a baby literally divides history into two parts – B.C. and A.D. And 2,000 years later, we still take the time to celebrate His birth. Pretty amazing!

And yet the bottom line is that Jesus did not just come into history to provide a holiday so that we can sing carols, eat, put up colored lights, be merry and of good cheer, and give out gifts – He came to die and to be the Savior of the world. In the busyness and commercialism of this season it is so easy for us to miss the true purpose of His life.

Pastor David A. Schuit

Be a Blessing!



Nursery Volunteers are needed during the special holiday events and on Christmas morning. Also, on Christmas morning, assistance is needed with 3- to 5-year-olds at both services. To help, please contact Sandy Lynn Bober at sandy@hgcosa.org.

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

Board Member on Call

Join Us
as We

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Celebrate Our Savior's Birth

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

At 5:00 PM: Soup & Sandwich Fellowship in the Pavilion

At 6:00 PM sharp: "Woodlawn", an inspiring real-life story about love and unity in a school torn by racism and hate, will be shown in the Sanctuary.

Nursery and childcare to grade five will be provided.

Annual Watchnight Service

Sign up for the dinner at the Discovery Center today.

Part-Time Employment

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There is an opening in the church's finance office for someone with good accounting/bookkeeping skills. If you are available to work three days a week and would like to apply, please call Larry Olson at 973-427-6960, extension 116.

Men's Conference

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"The Healthy Leader – The Balancing Act:
Spirit – Soul – Body"

Who: All men

When: Saturday, January 14th, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8:00 to 8:30 AM

1st Session: "The Emotionally Unhealthy Leader"

2nd Session: "NO MORE LEADING ON EMPTY!!"

Where: The Chapel

Admission is free!

Register by calling the church office

973-427-6960, extension 122, or

e-mailing nelac@hgusa.org

or signing up in the Pavilion today.

Our speaker is

Juan Garcia

who holds a B.A. in

Psychology & Counseling

with a concentration in

Children & Family Therapy.

Juan currently is a Mentor and Life Coach to former and current players in the NBA and NFL and a member of the National Speakers Association.



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Christian Academy 

Thank You, HGC!

Hawthorne Christian Academy appreciates the support and prayers of HGC.

You enable us to proclaim Christ throughout the year and teach students from a unique, Christian worldview.

Jesus may ask more of you than you planned to give, but He can give to you infinitely more than you dared to ask or think.
~ Timothy Keller

Your investment in HCA gives students the opportunity to embrace God's truth daily.

With sincere thanks,
HCA's administration, faculty, staff & students

HGC Connectors *hawthorne gospel*

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@hgcusa.org or 973-427-6960, extension 118.

Sunday Adult Classes *hawthorne gospel*

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

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

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"
Luke 2

There will be NO evening service

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

January 1st, 2017
AM Services

Pastoral Staff
"Forgiveness"
Psalm 32:1-11
and Communion

January 1st, 2017
PM Service

Pastor Jim Bushoven
"Worldview: Is God's Take
on Life Better?" Romans 12
Beginning a new series entitled
"Gospel Power" and Communion

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 4th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor David Schuit

January 8th, 2017
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Our Mighty Fortress"
Psalms 46 and 47

January 8th, 2017
PM Service

Pastor Mark Rolling
"God-Centered: How Do I
Truly Rely on a God I Can't See?"
Exodus 33

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 11th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor Mark Rolling

Important Staff Changes



After serving the Lord at our Church for the past 20 years as church administrator and 30 years as receptionist, **Larry** and **Ermetta Olson** have made the decision to retire effective February 2017. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for their steadfast commitment to serve the Lord in a Christ-honoring manner these past years. Larry and Ermetta have been God's provision and blessing to us, and we love them dearly and are thankful they will continue to be part of our church family!

Larry currently is training our new Church Administrator, **Chad De Boer**. Chad has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and management and has served as manager of our Bible House Book Store and currently is serving in our finance office. Chad, Theresa, and their daughter, Violet, are part of our church family and need our support and prayers as Chad begins this important position.

Pastor Jim Bushoven joined our pastoral team in 2008 and serves as our Pastor of Community Development. Beginning in 2017, Jim will assume a new role of Executive Pastor. Jim will work with our staff and leadership development, increasing the effectiveness of our outreach and strengthening specific areas of our ministry. Jim, Amanda and their children, Brynn, Ryan, and Avery, will need encouragement and prayer as Jim begins his new responsibilities.

Pastor Dave Andersen, who currently is serving as Executive Pastor, will now serve as Pastor of Pastoral Care. Dave will continue overseeing security and our Paving the Pathway campaign but will give needed emphasis to shepherding our flock.

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During this past year, **Jonathan Minnema** has served as a pastoral intern and completed his Master of Theology degree at Dallas Seminary. Jonathan will continue on the staff serving in various areas including teaching, youth and as Media Director.

Pastor Jim and **Jean Richmond** have faithfully served at our church for 64 years. *Thank you, Pastor Jim and Jean, for being such a wonderful blessing!* Pastor Jim will be celebrating his 95th birthday on December 27th and will be honored with the title of Pastor Emeritus in recognition of his faithful service.

We are thankful for God's provision in **Peter Craig** who has begun his new responsibilities as church accountant. Welcome Peter and his wife, Cathy, along with their children, James and Lindsay, as part of our church family. Please pray for Peter and also for **Priscilla Schuit** as she finishes her ministry and makes preparations for her move to Florida. *Thank you, Priscilla, for 25 years of dedicated and faithful service for the Lord, and remember . . . HGC will always be "home"!*

Jane Brain has served as director of Top O' the Hill day camp for the past 25 years, and we have certainly seen God's blessing. *Thank you, Jane, for your Christlike service!* **Alex Bober**, who worked alongside Jane this past year, will serve as the director for our camp in 2017. Remember to pray for Alex, Sandy and their children, Sofia, Kaela, Tessa, and Troy, along with all the camp staff as we anticipate another wonderful year.

Sanctuary Backpack Policy



For your safety, the following items will **not** be allowed into the Sanctuary during the worship services:

1. Backpacks of any size
(unless it is the primary purse of a female attendee)
2. Brief Cases
3. Luggage

You will be asked to return these items to your car.