

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 25

There will be NO Coffee Fellowship Time!

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!

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 PM *New Life AD Anonymous* (Alcohol/Drugs; Y-118)

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 PM **PRAYER MEETING** (The Chapel)

8:00 PM Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)

8:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Warren home)

Thursday, December 29

7:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)

6:30 PM *New Beginnings* (Departs from church parking lot)

8:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, December 30

7:00 PM *Released* (The Lounge; Lower Chapel) & Childcare (C-5/6)

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM Annual Watchnight Service Fellowship (Pavilion)

6:00 PM Annual Watchnight Service Movie & Prayer (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 1, 2017

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, January 2

HGC Campus is Closed!

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Christmas Sunday

At 9:55 and 11:25 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema

“Jesus, the Messiah”

Luke 2

There will be **NO** Coffee Fellowship Time this morning
and **NO** evening service

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.

Congratulations! Pastor T. James Richmond will observe his 95th birthday on December 27th.

Celebration & Praise!

Membership Classes: If you would like to become a member of HGC, 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 foyer to let us know you are coming.



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

**Board
Member
on Call**

Pastoral Leadership Team

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Pray for the Sick

Home: Vera Amaral; Louise Ballentine; Evalee Batistich; Karen Beller; Adrianna Bryon; Esther Christensen; Peggy Eng; Ellen Forstrom; Eva Glasser; John Hunt; Yoshito Kato; Susan La Plante; Lorraine Malek; Allison Mancuso; Kris Miller; Sal & Kathryn Mummiani; Ralph Opderbeck; Mary Pascual; Joan Phelan; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Nick Savone; Ruth Susen; Norm Trass; Ilse Troper; Pablo Valentin; Ken Vander Wiele; Dave Woods. **Hosp./Rehabs:** Dearh Goller; Marie Krum; Joann Menicola; Ed Merlino; Phil Nazza-ro; Phil Paolucci; Stacy Schultze; Judy Taylor.

Home with the Lord

Arthur (Art) Ullrich, Jr., a faithful member since 1961, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, on Wednesday, December 21st. Art served on our Church Board, Missionary and Building Committees, and was active in the Christian Service Brigade and Senior Adult Ministries. Our Christian love is given to his wife, Grace, to his children, Arthur, III, Glenn, Gregg, Lynn Van Allen, and Randi Venema, and to his brother, Frank.

Ruth Hennigh, a church member since 1953, was welcomed into the loving arms of her Savior, Jesus, on December 21st. In 1959, Ruth went to Tanzania, East Africa, as a nurse and Bible school teacher with her husband Chuck until his illness and Homegoing. She served at AIM Headquarters and then went out to Africa again, this time with her son David, on a TIMO team until her retirement. Our Christian love is given to her children, David, Melanie Shultz, Wendy Lanser, and Paul (c/o HGC, 2000 State Route 208, Hawthorne 07506).

HGC Library Holiday Hours!

December 24th through January 2nd: Closed

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

Year in Review!



In looking back over this year, my heart is filled with gratitude for **YOUR** partnership in sharing the gospel around the world. Here are some of the things that **YOU** helped to accomplish in 2016:

1. Each month we met our financial commitment in supporting 43 couples/singles in the U.S. and around the world.
2. We were able to support and send out three new partners - one is working in NJ, another in France, and a third has gone to Japan. Thank you!
3. With your generosity, we sent out a number of people on short-term mission trips to New Hampshire, Guatemala, Cuba, Nepal, Costa Rica, Haiti, and Quebec.
4. We sent a team to North Africa as part of our new focus on the unreached people in that part of the world.
5. Thank you for helping to sponsor the Without Borders Conference on sharing our faith with Muslims, and Movement Day for international pastors in NYC.

With a deep, heartfelt gratitude for **YOUR** partnership in the gospel, we thank you! May the Lord richly bless **YOU** in 2017!

Pastor David A. Schuit

Ladies' R&R



Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, January 7th, at 9:00 AM in The Chapel
(Come for a continental breakfast at 8:45 AM)

Guest speaker: **Joanne Jenne**

"The Joy of the Lord Is My Strength"

When we focus on Christ at work in and through our circumstances and fix our eyes upon Him,
then we are able to rejoice and give thanks in the ups and downs.

Join Us
as We

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Ring in the New Year

Saturday, December 31st, 2016

Annual Watchnight Service

At 5:00 PM:

Soup & Sandwich Fellowship in the Pavilion
*(Sign up for the dinner at the Discovery Center today
or call the church office at 973-427-6960 on Tuesday.)*

At 6:00 PM sharp:

“Woodlawn,” a two-hour 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.

Year-End Update

So far this year, our General Fund expenses have been right on budget, but our offerings have been considerably less than what is needed. As a result, at the end of November, the General Fund has a deficit of about \$200,000.

It is important that we end the year in the black so that the Lord’s work here at HGC would not be curtailed due to the lack of finances. In order to meet this need, this year’s Christmas and Year-End offerings have been designated to the General Fund.

Please pray and ask what the Lord would have you do in helping us meet this urgent need.

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@hgcsusa.org.

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

Youth Workers Training *hawthorne youth* and Youth Rally

When: Sunday, January 8th, 2017

Training at 3:30 PM and
Dinner at 6:00 PM (*nominal fee for dinner*)
for area Youth Workers (*paid or volunteer*)

Youth Rally at 7:30 PM
for all area youth

Where: HGC Campus

Josh Griffin

Co-founder of Download Youth Ministry, Author, Speaker, and former Youth Pastor at Saddleback Church

The training event is *free of charge* for all youth workers and the Rally for area youth. To offset costs, donations are being accepted. Please make checks payable to HGC, noting *Youth Event*. Please contact Pastor Jake (jake@hgusa.org) or Pastor Kirk (kirk@hgusa.org).

Sunday Adult Classes *hawthorne gospel*

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

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

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

January 1st, 2017
AM Services
Pastoral Staff
"Forgiveness"
Beginning a new series in the
Book of Psalms—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
Continuing the series in the
Book of Psalms

January 8th, 2017
PM Service
Pastor Mark Rolling
"God-Centered: How Do I
Truly Rely on a God I Can't See?"
Continuing the series *Gospel Power*
Exodus 33

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

January 15th, 2017
AM Services
Pastor John W. Minnema
"Regaining Your Footing"
Psalms 73 and 37
Continuing the series in the
Book of Psalms

January 15th, 2017
PM Service
Jonathan Minnema
"Holy? Test: The Bible
Is Just Written By People?"
Continuing the series *Gospel Power*
2 Timothy 3

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 18th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

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.