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HILLSIDE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OUR MISSION

Hillside is called to Love God, Serve others, Grow in Christ & Go live out our faith.

OUR VISION

Hillside is a center of hope in our community as we reflect the love of Jesus.

Sundays @ Hillside

Traditional Worship @ 8:30 a.m. - Casual Worship @ 10:45 a.m.
Conversation & Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.

Weekly Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Rev. Chris Neikirk - cneikirk@hillsideprinceton.org

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UPCOMING SERMONS

April 2	"Get Up and Walk!"
April 9	"To Walk With a King"
April 13	Maundy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	"Don't Walk, Run!"
April 23	"Brothers, What Shall We Do?"
April 30	"With Eyes Wide Open"

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Easter Musical	Sunday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 13 at 7 p.m.
Good Friday	April 14 at 7 p.m.
Easter Community Meal	Saturday, April 15 at Noon
Sunrise Service	Sunday, April 16 at 6:00 a.m.
Worship Services	Sunday, April 16 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Breakfast	9:45 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VISION MEETING

Plans are in the works for the 2017 Vacation Bible School: Galactic Starveyors. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help. All committee directors, volunteers, and youth volunteers, please plan to attend the VBS Vision Meeting on Sunday, April 23rd immediately following second service. During this meeting, we will distribute curriculum and resources, discuss the theme and purpose of this year's program, outline volunteer expectations, and gather important registration information. This will likely be the only time prior to VBS that all volunteers will be working together. Your attendance matters!

Haven't signed up to volunteer yet? No problem! Contact Sarah Deputy (812-779-7790) or Susan Carey (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org) today.

Would you like to order an Easter Lily in memory of someone? If you would please fill in the bottom section and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or make sure it gets to the church office. Each lily is \$15.00. Deadline to order is Friday, March 31, 2017.

In Memory of _____

By _____

Bill to _____

Make checks payable to Hillside Church

The **BETTY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND** was established in June of 1992 to honor Betty Smith's long-time service as choir director. The purpose of the Betty Smith Scholarship fund is to promote higher education by offering financial assistance to graduating high school seniors.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify as an applicant for the Betty Smith/Hillside United Methodist Church Scholarship, one must

1. be an active member of Hillside United Methodist Church for one year prior to graduation. Active participation is defined as being involved on a **regular** basis in at least one of the following activities:
 - Sunday morning worship
 - Sunday School class
 - Youth fellowship
 - A civic group sponsored by Hillside (i.e. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts)
 - Other (If you believe there is another area that would qualify your involvement other than the above mentioned, please list it.)
2. plan to continue his/her education after high school at either a 4-year or 2-year university/college or at a vocational school.
3. strive to exemplify a Christian life that reflects a Christ-like lifestyle at school, home, work, and at one's future institution of higher learning.
4. Write an essay in answer to the following: Share your involvement with Hillside United Methodist Church. Are there particular experiences or special memories that you would like to share? Your essay should follow all formal conventions for writing: content, organization, and mechanics will all be considered in evaluating the essay.
5. Put your essay and application in a sealed envelope and drop it off in the Hillside Church office by **April 18, 2017**. Please indicate "Scholarship Committee" on the outside of the envelope.
You may pick up the forms in the church office.

HILLSIDE JR/SR HIGH YOUTH Justin Dyehouse

It's already April! WOW! Where did winter go? We have had a great last month. We ended February with the Indy Explosion which wore the leaders out. But to see 600 youth worship Christ in Bankers Life Fieldhouse was awesome. We have had a slowdown in March. We had a movie night on the 18th and had fun fellowshiping together. On Sunday nights we have been discussing Jesus's life with his death and resurrection. In April we will be looking at Pentecost, and stories of Jesus's disciples.

A big thanks goes out to everyone who provided meals for the youth this year. The youth love being loved on by you!

EASTER COMMUNITY MEAL

Hillside will be preparing an Easter meal for the church and community. It will be held Saturday, April 15 at noon. We will fill the carry outs starting about 11 a.m., then start serving our guests at noon. We are preparing for 300 guests. We are asking for donations for purchasing the ham and all the trimmings. If you are able to make a monetary donation, please place in the offering plate marked 'Easter Dinner.' There will be sign-up sheets in the foyer beginning April 2 to help with making desserts, help in the kitchen, servers, deliveries, and clean up. Lots of helping hands are needed, so please pray about this and see if there is a way you can help. We also invite families to come in and eat.

Contact the office if you have any questions: 812-385-2910.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Please note our new serving times are 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Salad bar, tea, Kool-Aid, and desserts are served with all meals

APRIL

5th Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Beans
12th Lasagna, Garlic Bread
19th Chicken Breast, Rice, Broccoli
26th Last meal Cook's Choice

Sign up sheet for desserts is located on the dessert table. If you sign up and bring a dessert you get your meal free.

The cost is \$3.50 per person and free for preschool children. We also have tickets for 10 meals to purchase for \$30.

FAMILY BUILDERS MINISTRY

Delicious meals have been a main-stay of our Wednesday night programming for years, both for our Wednesday night program participants and a number of community members who come in for a great meal and fellowship. In order to continue with this great ministry, we need your help!

Would you prayerfully consider the direction of the Family Builders Ministry? Perhaps God has laid it on your heart to lead a group of individuals to plan, shop, prepare, and serve each Wednesday so our families can share a meal together, our Wednesday night volunteers can enjoy a home-cooked meal before leading our children, and our choir members won't have to listen to their stomachs grumble during rehearsal.

Meals will be served on Wednesday nights from mid-September through mid-November, break for the holidays, and then serve again from February through April. Menu and format will be at the discretion of those who lead the ministry.

Thank you so much to Jeannie Robbins and Terri Mans who have faithfully led this ministry, and thank you to the next individuals who will fill their shoes. Please contact Brenda in the office, Jeannie Robbins, or Susan Carey for more information.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

Spring is finally here, and the children are so ready to play outside in the sun shine.

We want to invite everyone to come out and enjoy our annual Art Show & Family Night with a Silent Action, April 21, 2017 starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have tickets to Holiday World, Marengo Cave canoeing trip, many local restaurant gift certificates and so much more at our silent auction.

Our field trip is planned for April 5th; we are going to the cMoe in Evansville. Then the Pre-K class will go visit the kindergarten school on May 4th.

If you or someone you know, has a child 3-5 years old and looking for a preschool, have them give me a call at 812-385-2910 or email cbraswell@hillsideprinceton.org. We have a great preschool and we are now enrolling for 2017/2018 school year! Don't miss the chance to have your child at the best preschool in town!

"May the first day of April bring with it much peace, love, joy, passion and purpose into your life." Trudy Vesotsky

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

For the month of April, we will be collecting boy's clothing. Remember we fill shoeboxes for children ages 2 to 14. Here is a list of items that will help fill our boy clothing tote: boy's underwear and boy's socks. We will be collecting these items all month long. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

HOW'S YOUR WALK?

Pastor Chris Neikirk

We've been exploring the theme of *Just Walk* during Lent. This picture is a metaphor for living your life daily in close proximity and close communication with God. I asked each of us to consider our walk with God and ask some challenging questions:

- At this point in your life, are you closer to God or are you farther from God?
- If there is distance between you and God, what changed? Who moved?
- Are there habits, or even people, that you need to give up in order repair your relationship with God?
- Are there influences in your past that seem to dictate your present or your future?
- If you find yourself struggling to walk with God, who are you actually following?
- Do you believe in the power of God through Jesus Christ to transform your life so that you are walking closely with the Lord?

During this time of reflection, have you been wrestling with these questions? What answers are you coming up with?

Lent is a season marked with prayer, repentance, self-denial, self-sacrifice, and giving. The purpose is to remove our focus from ourselves and place all of our attention on Jesus Christ. The purpose is to adjust our habits so that we can draw closer to God – so that we can walk closer to the Lord.

Like many of you, I am excited for Easter to come. However, we must first walk through Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. This is a walk we should take together as a community of faith and I hope you will invite a few friends to take the journey with us.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB (4-PreK)

Sarah Kruse

March has flown by and we have had so much fun with our little friends this month! We have learned about Jesus and his disciples, Mary hearing the good news and the story of the woman at the well. In April, we will continue with our Pirates curriculum learning about how Jesus stopped a storm and Palm Sunday. We have also been learning about Ms. Sarah and Ms. Christian's sponsored children across the globe. We wrote them letters and made them gifts to send.

There is a lot for our families to take part in during the Easter holiday celebrations at church including the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services and celebrating Easter Sunday. We hope that you are able to come to church with your family to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, April 19 will be our last Little Friends Club of the school year. We will celebrate those little friends moving on to kindergarten, as well as lots of fun and games. We want to invite our families to join us for that celebration.

We will have two additional nights that we will meet to practice for the Mother's Day program taking place at church on Mother's Day. We will have rehearsal on Wednesday May 3 and May 10 from 6-7. We will send out additional information closer to that time. Our little friends will have a very special part to play in that program and I would love it if everyone is able to attend.

Lastly, I need to thank the awesome people that I get to work with every Wednesday in Little Friends Club. These are the crowd controllers, small group leaders, potty time supervisors, snack passer-outers, and lovers of small children, our volunteers. Without them our program would not function as smoothly and with as much fun and energy as it does. I'm so thankful for each and every one of them! Thank you Christian Bruce, Tommy Evans, Amy Ellis, Mike May, Berkeley Neikirk, and Jayme Williams. You rock and I love you all!!

FRIENDS CLUB (Grades K-2) Amanda Miskell

In March, we finished up Veggie Tales, The Ballad of Little Joe where we learned to do what's right through God and God's Goodness through Joseph.

In April, we will be recapping, going back and doing some of our favorite games/activities from this year! We will be working on our skit "Mothers" and learning the songs/motions we will be performing at our Mother's Day service on May 14. Please plan to join us on this special day at our one service, at 9:30 a.m.!

Our end of the year celebration will be on April 19! We will get to visit with those Little Friends that will be moving up to Friends Club next year, celebrate our 2nd graders who will be going to Young Believers next year and have fun over at the school playground.. If weather permits!

There will be Friends club, Little Friends club and Young Believers on May 3 and May 10 at 6 p.m. to rehearse our Mother's Day service. Amanda Miskell 812-550-2790

Dear Church Family,

There is no way I can tell you "thank you" enough. You have been loving, kind, helpful just like Christ would want. Talks at church, visits at home, afghans & food. Thank you for the wonderful dinner that followed the service & all the cards we received. Zeke loved it when you came at Christmas caroling! Also I had better tell you the people at Zeke's funeral all wanted to steal our Pastor. I want to thank him for being there for my family & me. He was nice & kind. The young people at our church are go getters & I love it! I want you all to know Zeke is smiling down on us.

Margaret Beard

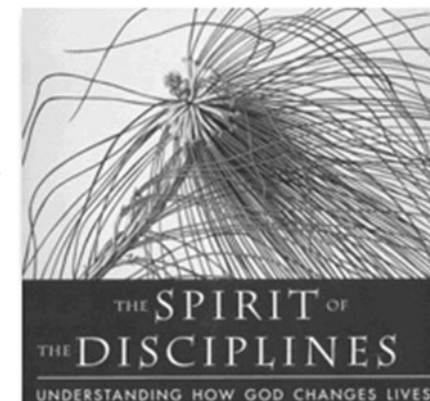
BOOK REVIEW-The Sprit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives by Dallas Willard

For many, the Lenten season is a time for reflection. Church members often talk about fasting from a particular vice, devoting more time to prayer, and making an effort to attend weekly worship more consistently. In turn, they often feel in closer relationship with God and their church by Easter morning.

But what if you desired every day, every season, to have the spiritual impact of Lent? *The Spirit of the Disciplines by Dallas Willard* explores that very issue. Willard examines the history and common perceptions of spiritual disciplines, as well as why we are reluctant to fully engage in practices such as weekly fasting, solitude, study, worship, and submission. Pointing to Jesus as the model for our spiritual lives, Willard encourages a fresh perspective and offers practical ways to engage in the disciplines that lead to transformation.

Admittedly, I found this book to be a more scholarly read requiring thought and reflection, but with profound impact. It affirmed several practices I already engage in, provided an interesting history to spiritual disciplines, and inspired me to continue my quest towards living the life that Jesus modeled.

If you are looking for guidance towards intentional spiritual growth, this resource has answers worth considering. Thanks to the grant received from the Center for Congregations, you can check out a copy from our new resource library. See Susan Carey for more details.



HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY

Jenny White

Blessings to share this month are baptisms, dedications, and wonderful volunteers. Congratulations to Chase and Kenzie Reneer! Their son, Kaeson, was baptized on March 5. Double congratulations to Liz and Alisa Harper who had their twins Emilia and Emersyn dedicated on March 26. We are so honored at Hillside to be a part of these sacred events in a child's life.

In the nursery and toddler room, it is a time that we get the opportunity to be an influence in a child's life. We get to be there for parents to have an hour together and enjoy worship, not worrying if their child is uncomfortable sitting still or trying to keep them quiet. Children do not enjoy sitting still or being quiet. In worship we don't expect either for the child. We do love the sounds of children. It is the sound of life. The nursery and toddler room are safe and clean environments that are filled with wonderful volunteers ready to care for your tired and hungry baby or on-the-go toddler. Volunteers come in 30 minutes before the service starts to be prepared for the children. Volunteers devote 6 weeks at a time to establish a relationship with children and families. Volunteers on their own accord come with fun activities such as games, crafts, or special snacks for the children. We have youth volunteers that enjoy coming to share in the fun of rocking a baby and giving a baby a bottle or blowing bubbles or playing Play-Doh with toddlers. These youth volunteers have been trained through a safe sitter class. The nursery and toddler room have policies and procedures. These are not just a list of rules but guidelines to insure the safety and love for children.

As you can see this ministry is not just babysitting. The volunteers are not your normal volunteers. These volunteers are extraordinary because they give their hearts which impacts a child and family's life. I know that I don't say it enough but THANK YOU to all of the wonderful influencers in Little Lambs Ministry. Thank you for going above and beyond to make a difference!

If you have any questions or concerns or would like more information about nursery and toddler room, please contact Jenny White at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org

YOUNG BELIEVERS (Grades 2-5)

Kali & Jeremy Lance

Can time fly by any faster??? We are sad and excited both at the same time that April is here! We are excited to have seen an awesome group of kids grow and start to develop their own faith journey but also sad that April 19 will be the last day for Young Believers for this school year.

In March, we dug deep into people in the Bible who had encounters with Jesus. The widow of Nain taught us about the compassion that Jesus has for broken hearts. A demon possessed man taught us the Jesus can bring redemption & salvation to people who are caught in sin.

As we wrap this year up, there are still some important dates to keep in mind. April 16-We hope to celebrate Easter with you & your family at Hillside UMC. April 19-Last day of Young Believers. We will be partying up at the cross & celebrating our 5th graders who will be moving to Youth Group next year. We want to invite the parents to join us for this fun time! May 3 & 10 (both from 6-7 p.m.) – Practice for the May 14 Mother's Day service.

As always, it's a blessing to be a part of your kid's faith journey! We want to thank our volunteers Jennifer, Gen, Steve, & some of our youth who help during class time.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Timothy 4:12

WOMEN'S OUTREACH Jeannie Robbins

Women's Outreach will be held April 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Hillside Church. Please invite your friends to join us for a time of devotions and fellowship.

HILLSIDE MEN Matt Robbins

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet for a delicious breakfast on April 8 at 7:30 a.m. We invite all of the men of the church to stop by and enjoy a good time! Questions: Matt Robbins at 812-664-0268.

SENIOR MINISTRIES

Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. It will be catered by The Bauerhaus. The cost of the lunch will be \$8 and will need to be paid when you make your reservation.

Our speaker will be Randy Moore, 14 News Anchor and a United Methodist minister. Reservation can be made by signing up on Sunday, April 9 or 23 in the church lobby or by calling Patty Perkins at 812-85-0931 or Nancy Griffith at 812-385-5012.

2ND MONDAY MEALS Gail Miller

The second Monday of every month, Hillside provides a free community meal. We will have meals on **April 10**. The menu is Tuna Casserole.

We are in need of people to deliver & bring desserts. Deliveries begin at 3:30 p.m. and the dining room opens at 4:00 p.m. Thank you to all who are part of feeding our community.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR

We'd like to invite you to the choirs' Easter musical "*This Changes Everything*" which will be presented at 8:30 service on Palm Sunday, April 9. This musical is presented through the eyes of the disciples and their perceptions of what happened so long ago when Christ was crucified. The junior choir will join with the adult choir in singing "*What Will Jerusalem See?*" in the musical and will also sing "Palm Sunday Hosannas" with the adults as the offertory. And Miss Haley Lee will be presenting the prelude to open worship that morning. We hope you will join us and will ask your friends, relatives, and neighbors to come with you as we sing on Palm Sunday morning during the first worship service of Holy Week at Hillside.

SUNDAY BULLETINS

When 1st service is over you may leave your bulletin on the small table as you leave the worship center. We can reuse them for 2nd service if they are in good shape. This saves on paper & toner. Thank you for helping our efforts to be good stewards of Hillside.

SUNDAY LITURGIST

Would you like to be a scripture reader on Sunday mornings during either the 1st or 2nd worship service? If you would then contact Brenda in the church office at 812-385-2910 or bwitt@hillsideprinceton.org.

MOTHER DAUGHTER SLEEPOVER

It is that time of year again to start planning our annual mother daughter sleepover. If you are wanting to help in anyway, there will be a planning meeting on April 9 after 2nd service in the lobby. If you have any questions or are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help please contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.