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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

April 2018

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UPCOMING SERMONS

Lenten Series "I Am"

April 1 "I Am Alive"
April 8 "I Am Sending You"
April 15 "I Am The One"

Series "Who Am I?"

April 22 "I Am Known"
April 29 "To Be Announced"

LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

As we explore safety measures to ensure that our church building is secure, we need your help in the meantime. Many of our Hillside kids are very comfortable with the church building, which is great! However, it is so important that kids are either signed in to their appropriate programs OR with their parent/guardian at all times both on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. Please help us keep our kids safe; if you see an unaccompanied child, please redirect that child either to their parents or their program. Our kids' safety takes priority over our convenience.



NEWS FROM STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

Hillside's Staff Parish committee announced Sunday, March 11 whom our new pastor will be. His name is Curtis Bond. Curtis comes to us from Brookville United Methodist Church in Brookville, Indiana. Curtis and his wife Kay be with us on July 1st. Please make an effort to attend the service on July 1st to meet & greet Curtis and Kay that morning. Prayers requested for both Chris and Dolli and for Curtis & Kay for their new assignments.

For anyone who would like to send a greeting card to the new Pastor & his wife:

Curtis Bond
156 E 8th St
Brookville, IN 47012
Email: Curtis.bond@inumc.org

You're Invited....

You are invited to an open house to celebrate Wilma Richardson's 90th birthday on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Please join us at the Gibson County Senior Center between 1-4:00 p.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The month of April we will be collecting girl clothing. This is girl's underwear and socks sizes toddler to teenager. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Your missions team continues to be amazed by your generous contributions to the Flour and Oil Fund. This ministry is intended to be a way in which the congregation gives not out of our excess but out of our own need in order to bless others who are somehow connected to the Hillside family. Recipients do not need to be Hillside UMC members; they merely must be connected to a Hillside member. The congregation member then completes an application, available from Brenda in the church office, for the one in need.

We encourage you to keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open to those around you who may have a need that the Flour and Oil Fund can meet. If you have any questions about the fund or would like to request an application, see any missions team or church staff member.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS

Jenny White

Hillside Little Lambs is where the foundation of faith begins for the smallest among us in the Nursery and Toddler Room. In April in the toddler room lesson will be *God's Good News*. Through story, song, and play we will be learning the bible is God's true story. Our bible verse is *2 Timothy 3:16 It (the bible) is useful for teaching us what is true*. In the Nursery, we will be exploring books with touch and feel pages. Children learn best through the senses, which engages discovery and wonder. Reading, sharing stories, and singing with a baby helps development in many ways. You're getting baby familiar with sounds, words, language, print and, eventually, the value and joy of books. Nursery and Toddler Room are foundational for children to discover the rhythm and routines of our church. If you have any questions or would like more information about Hillside Little Lambs, please contact Jenny White jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS YOUTH VOLUNTEER TRAINING

On April 22, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. there will be a training in the worship center for current youth volunteers and all those interested in being a youth volunteer in our nursery and toddler room. To be a youth volunteer you first must be at least 11 years old and have completed a Safe Sitter course. The training will review Safe Sitter safety including practicing rescue skills using manikins for choking rescue. The training will also include necessary information for volunteering in nursery and toddler room. Please RSVP to Jenny White by April 17 at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

STORAGE ROOM UPSTAIRS BEHIND SCREEN

The storage area is now cleaned and organized. Our request from everyone (including the ones who cleaned it) is to please put items back where you got them from. Everything is marked and everything has its place. There should be nothing left out.

Since storage is not plentiful at Hillside we need to make sure we all work together in keeping it organized.

Thanks!!

FAMILY BUILDERS MEAL TIME

Each night we will begin at 4:45 p.m. with prayer. We will stop serving at 5:45 p.m.

April's Menu

- April 4th ***Meatloaf Night***
Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll
- April 11th ***Casserole Night***
Chicken Casserole, Peas/Carrots, Bread
- April 18th ***Soup Night***
Vegetable Soup or Ham & Beans, Cornbread

Hot Meal with Salad Bar costs \$3.00 per person (Preschool and under free). Salad Bar costs \$2.00 per person (Preschool and under free). Meals include drink and desserts.

If you are looking for an area to volunteer we can always use help in the kitchen, cooking and cleaning, or dessert sign ups. If you volunteer with Family Builders, your meal is free that night. If you have any questions, contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

Mark your calendars!
Mother's Day Service
Sunday, May 13, 2018
9:30 a.m.
One service only

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2018!

Get ready for an electrifyingly fun week **June 18th through 24th** from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. as we explore how God wants us to live our lives FULLY ALIVE for Him! It's time to get AMPED about the gospel!



All children in pre-school through 6th grade are invited to join us for a week of worship, bible study, games, crafts, music and more! Online registration is easy! Simply visit this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/LnzckgBnBOyQ90tW2>, scan the QR code below, or visit www.hillsideprinceton.org to register today.

All students registered by June 11th are guaranteed an awesome VBS t-shirt and music CD.

For more information or to learn how you can support VBS, contact Susan Carey (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org).



2 FISH 5 LOAVES

This year 2 Fish 5 Loaves is serving 64 children in the North Gibson School Corporation. If you would like to sponsor a child, it is \$25 a month (October-May) or \$200 for the school year. You can drop your sponsorship off in the office or in the offering plate; make sure you mark it 2 Fish 5 Loaves. If you would like to participate in filling backpacks please contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

CARING FOR KIDS

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

This Mission project will start May 28 and end on August 2. We provide a balanced lunch for all children up thru 18 years of age. We will be serving at Lafayette Park, Princeton Creek Apts. St Joseph School, and Hazleton Community Center (1 day only) The meals are served on Tues. and Thurs. between 11:30-12:30 at each location. Meals are prepared in our kitchen and delivered to the 4 sites.

Hillside is making it our mission to reach out beyond ourselves. This is a great opportunity to serve others. We need 10-12 people each Tuesday and Thursday. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour plus time to drive to location. If you enjoy children and can hand out food items we have a spot for you. It isn't required to be there each meal. We can use you as often as you can work.

We have volunteers from the community and other churches along with Hillside. It is a state requirement that all the volunteers attend a training. The date will be announced later. Also, Hillside requires a current child safety check if you will be directly involved with the children. The charge for this is \$21.

Please prayerfully consider if this might be one way you can reach out and share God's love. Please contact Jeannie Robbins 812-779-6227, Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Susan Carey at church for further information or to add your name to our list.

KIDS IN MOTION

On Family Builder Wednesdays, children ages 4-11 are invited to participate in fun energetic activities led by adults and youth volunteers. We were grateful for the sunshine that we enjoyed so far this year. The children had so much fun playing 4-square, sharing creative artwork on the sidewalk with chalk, and jumping rope. With this year's unpredictable weather, please be sure to bring a jacket for your child in case they need it when we go outside. Parents, please keep in mind that our church has a Safe Sanctuary policy and our goal is to keep your kids safe. After your child is finished with their meal please either keep them with you or sign them in for the fun and entertainment in the interim of programs beginning. Parents will sign children in at the table in the back of the Worship Center at 5:20 p.m. At 5:50 p.m., the children will be signed in by leaders to their respective programs for the evening. If you have any questions about Kids In Motion or would like more information, please contact Jenny White jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB (4-PreK) Amy Evans

I can't believe Little Friends Club is almost over for the season. I have enjoyed getting to know the kids and learning all about Jesus. We will finish the year learning Jesus has God's Power and Jesus is Amazing. I hope all my Little Friends Club kids have a wonderful summer and I hope to see them all at VBS (details to come)!

FRIENDS CLUB (K-2nd Grade) Amanda Miskell

It's hard to believe we are already entering our last month for the 2017/18 Friends Club year! We have had an amazing time so far averaging about 20 kids a week with upwards of 30 kids some weeks! Our new curriculum "Dig In" has been a lot of fun for everyone and we hope the parents have enjoyed the weekly "Take Home" papers!

Here are the remaining calendar dates

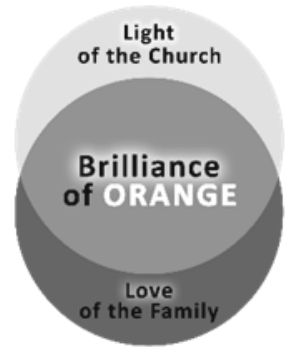
- April 4 - Jesus Performs His First Miracle
 - April 11 - A Miraculous Catch of Fish
 - April 18 - FINAL Friends Club
- (hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can walk to school playground)

We will once again be joining Little Friends Club and Young Believers for this year's Mother's Day service on May 13 at 9:30 a.m. There will be only one service this day. We will have 2 practices in the sanctuary on May 2 & 9 @ 5:30p.m. Your kids have already been working on songs for this service and are excited to be a part of this! I will send home reminders to parents on April 18.

Proverbs 17:17 "A Friends Loves at All Times"

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FAMILY MINISTRY?

April 24th through 27th eight volunteers from children and youth ministry will be attending the Orange Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. It will be a time of intensive training, worship, and a whole lot of fun. This year's theme is "One Voice," with a focus on aligning messaging across ministry areas and also with a focus on volunteer recruitment. The team will hear from experts in ministry and come home with both inspiration and practical tools to continue pouring into our Hillside families.



Hillside Family Ministry believes in the value of the Orange philosophy: when the church and the home combine influences, the outcome is a child whose faith is strong and lasting. This is why we produce a weekly Parent Cue newsletter, employ a small group setting in Wednesday night programs, host Parent Night at Hillside 412 Youth, and continue to build resources for and have conversations with parents.

We covet your prayers for safe travels and for hearts that are open to God's leading during this time. If you'd like to know more about family ministry, Orange, or volunteering with our children or youth, contact Susan Carey, Director of Family Ministries (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org).

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Chastity Braswell

Spring is finally here and the children are so ready to play outside in the sunshine.

We want to invite everyone to come out and enjoy our annual Art Show & Family Night on April 27, 2018 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Our field trip is planned for April 18 and we are going to The Inflatable Fun Factory Evansville. Then the Pre-K class will go visit the kindergarten at PCIS on May 9.

The children are going to have a great month learning all about Spring Fever. One of their favorite activities is watching our caterpillars change to butterflies. What a great thing to watch and learn how God made each of us special in his own eyes.

If you or someone you know has a child 3-5 years old and looking for a preschool, encourage them to contact me either by calling at 812-677-2462 or email cbraswell@hillsideprinceton.org. We have a great preschool and we are now enrolling for the 2018/2019 school year! Don't miss the chance to have your child at the best preschool in town! Spots are limited; call today!

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

HILLSIDE SAFE SITTER® CLASS

Hillside will offer Safe Sitter® classes to students in the community in grades 6-8 to prepare students to be safe when they are alone watching younger siblings or babysitting. Students will learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who is choking and helpful information like what to do if there is severe weather. The lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice choking rescue. Upon completion of the Safe Sitter® course, students who attend Hillside will have the opportunity to serve in Hillside Little Lambs. For those students interested, save the dates April 8 & 15, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Attendance at both dates is necessary for completion of the course. For more information or questions, please contact Jenny White @ jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.



2ND MONDAY MEALS

Ron & Gail Miller & Lisa Naas are stepping down following the May 14th 2nd Monday Meal. We are searching for volunteers to take on this task of providing meals to the community one time a month from September through May. If you are interested or have questions please contact the church office at 812-385-2910.

Duties would be putting a menu together, purchasing groceries, then fixing the meal. On the Monday of the meal; leaders get deliveries ready for the people who will be delivering.

This is an important ministry for our community. Please prayerfully consider if this ministry is a good fit for your time and talents.

CHURCH CAMP

With the generosity from Hillside Church during the Valentine's Banquet, we are able to offer church camp this year at a discount for each camper.

If you are interested in attending as a part of a Hillside group, we will be attending Camp Illiana in Washington, Indiana. Check out the camp at campilliana.org. Deadline for registration is May 1.

K-1st grade (Charlie Brown Camp 2) July 21 (Full Day)

\$30/\$10

2nd-3rd grade (Over-niter 2)

July 6-7

\$60/\$20

4-5th grade (Junior 4)

July 22-26

\$220/\$30

6-8th grade (Middle School 1)

June 10-15

\$260/\$30

9-12th grade (High School)

June 22nd-27

\$260/\$30



The price on the left is non-discount and the price on the right is what the camper is to pay. Let us know if your are interested and we will get you the code for the discount.

Contact Justin or Andrea Dyehouse for more information at 812-215-0193 or 812-215-0259.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH Jeannie Robbins

The Women's Outreach meets monthly and is for women of the church and community. We enjoy fellowship and have a short devotion. We send cards to shut-ins and others who are sick. We enjoy refreshments at most meetings and occasionally eat lunch at a restaurant close by. All ladies are welcome to join us. This month we will meet Friday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5 for card signing, devotions and fellowship.

MOTHER DAUGHTER SLEEPOVER

The 4th Annual Mother/Daughter Sleepover will be on May 11th. It is time to start planning for it. If you are wanting to help in anyway, please contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

