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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

Pastor Curtis Bond—pastorbond@hillsideprinceton.org

RIVER OAKS WORSHIP

Come join us on Sunday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the River Oaks Health Campus in Princeton for a time of worship & song with the residents. This takes place when there are 5 Sundays in a month.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Brenda Witt

We will no longer be printing a separate sheet for the calendar of events. I have tried to include everything I can think of within the newsletter. If I left something out, please be sure to contact me so I don't miss it again.

Requesting volunteers:

I need to find someone who would take over the refreshment counter for Sunday mornings. This would include making coffee, cutting the donuts and serving between services. Timeline is approximately 8-10:50 a.m. Volunteers can be asked to man the counter in between services.

If you are interested or have questions, please come see me in the church office or email me at bwitt@hillsideprinceton.org and I will be happy to explain further what would be expected. It's really not that hard. Thanks for your consideration.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you for granting me the Betty Smith Scholarship. With this donation, I can continue my studies.

Drew Willis

I want to thank everyone who prayed for me, visited me, mailed cards and brought food after my surgery. I am doing well because of God's healing hand on me.

Linda Curtis

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The month of August we will be collecting supplies for 2 kits. Remember we fill shoeboxes for children ages 2 to 14. These kits will be mostly for 10-14 year old. Here is a list of items that will help make these kits for the tote:

- ⇒ Small Fishing Kits (Fishing line, hooks, lures, cork or plastic bobbles, nail clippers)
- ⇒ Small Sewing Kits (Needles, safety pins, straight pins, thread, buttons, ribbon, small measuring tape, nail clippers)

We will be collecting these items for the month of August. If you would like to make a donation, we have folks who can do your shopping for you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

DRESSES & BAGS

Can you sew? Are you interested in doing mission work? Do you have some spare time?

We are still making drawstring bags (300) and dresses (150 for girls) for the Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Last year we made 200+ cloth drawstring bags for children to carry their supplies in. We are currently working on bags and pillowcase dresses (only using fabric and not pillowcases) for this year.

Please contact Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227 if you are interested in helping.



COME JOIN US SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

Sunday, August 26 we are having a carry-in dinner to officially meet Pastor Curtis and his wife Kay.

We will eat about noon. The meat, drinks and table service will be provided. We ask if you can to bring a covered dish of your choice. We are having barbeque pork as the main meat.

HILLSIDE INVITATION TO PRAYER

And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Each Tuesday, a group of Hillside members join with Director of Family Ministries Susan Carey to lift the prayer concerns of the church. We believe in the power of prayer and are honored when individuals share specific requests. If you have a prayer request that you would like the team to lift in intercession, we encourage you to use the prayer wall at the back of the worship center, or contact Susan Carey prior to noon each Tuesday: 812-385-2591 or s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org.

This is an open group and all are welcome to join us Tuesdays at noon.

HILLSIDE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Trustees in Room 3 at 5:30 p.m. on Mon., August 6

Women's Outreach is for women of the church and community. We meet on the 3rd Friday of each month starting in September. We fellowship, send cards to shut-ins, and have a short devotion. We either have refreshments or sometimes we enjoy lunch together in a restaurant. We would love to have you join us. Our meeting for September will be the 28th (due to apple pie time we meet a week later in September) at 9:30a.m.

Prime Time Plus meet third Wednesday of every month (starting back in September) at 8:00 a.m. at The Palace.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

- * **Monday Night Bible Study** in Room 5 at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays (we will not be meeting until fall) Contact Gail Miller at 812-779-6197 for more information
- * **Chronological Bible Study** in Room 6 at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays
- * **Alcoholics Anonymous** in Room 6 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- * **Narcotics Anonymous** in Room 6 at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays
- * **Praise Team** in Worship Center at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
- * **K'notters Quilting Ladies** in Room 6 on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Chastity Braswell

Summer is almost over for our children and that means back to school. Hillside Preschool and Pre-K classes start Monday, August 13. There is a buzz of excitement as the staff is starting to make plans for a year of fun and learning. We are looking forward to seeing the returning children again, and meeting the new children and their families. We want to wish the Hillside Pre-K Graduating class of 2018 the best of luck in Kindergarten; we will miss you all.

We have a new face around our preschool. We would like to welcome Mrs. Jessica Chamberlain. She will be teaching in our pre-k classroom so please give her a big welcome to our Hillside family!

Our first round of bible verses are 1 John 3:11, Ephesian 6:1, Psalm 119:160, and Psalm 31:14. Our children always amaze me how quickly they learn their bible verses.

CONFIRMATION

Beginning in September, students in 6th through 8th grade will be invited to participate in the 9-month confirmation process to officially affirm their faith and join Hillside as church members. In addition to attending 12 classroom sessions, these students will also complete service projects, explore various faith traditions, and attend a retreat.

Please begin praying today for the students, families, and leaders who will be part of this special time. May their ears, minds, and hearts be open to the leading of Holy Spirit and may they grow deeper in their faith with God through Jesus Christ.

HILLSIDE 412 YOUTH

Summer is almost over. Well for some of you that might be bad but for others that might be good. Your youth leaders have been working to get ready for 2018-19 to be the best year ever. We can't wait to get things started. We hope you are too.

Your small group leaders will be sending out dates for kickoff and the start of youth group. Text message reminders will start soon also. If you or your youth (6-12th grade) would like to be added to our text message service don't hesitate to get with Justin at 812-215-0193. Also if you know of a youth that is wanting to get involved let Justin know so we can get them plugged in with a small group leader. As always thank you Hillside for your prayers and support.

SUNDAY MEAL FOR YOUTH GROUP

If anyone or any group would like to provide meals for Sunday's Hillside 412 Youth please contact Andrea Dyehouse at adyehouse@twc.com. Thank you for your support and helping love these youth.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

One of Jesus' most radical acts was welcoming children in teaching and worship. One of the ways in which we reflect Christ's love is by ensuring a safe place for children to learn and worship. As we move into the new school year and welcome more and more children through our doors, let's be mindful of the procedures we have in place to protect our kids:

- All adult volunteers who work with children and/or youth must have a **current criminal background check** on file in the office. Please see Brenda in the church office if you need to complete this process.
- Parents must **sign-in** and **sign-out** their children from Little Lambs, Sunday School and Wednesday night activities. Older siblings are not allowed to pick children up; parents or guardians only please.
- Our Safe Sanctuaries policy requires that **two** adults be present at all times when caring for children. An adult volunteer should never be alone with a child or youth.
- Parents are **responsible** for their children until the child is signed in to the care of a Sunday or Wednesday program. We love that our kids feel at home at Hillside; however, certain areas of the church are not safe for exploration.
- During the last song at Sunday Service, parents must pick up their children from **Children's Church** at the back of the worship center. This way we can be sure that each child is with his/her parent or guardian.

Thank you for understanding that these measures are necessary for protecting children and also for creating the best worship and learning environment for all of our attendees. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Susan Carey, Director of Family Ministries (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org).

2ND MONDAY MEALS KICK-OFF AND APPRECIATION DINNER

Lisa Naas and I have retired from leadership of the 2nd Monday Meals. We have enjoyed serving the church and the committee through this ministry. Last year we were able to provide 1,603 meals. This would not have been possible without the help and dedication of so many from Hillside.

On August 22 at 6 p.m. Lisa and I will host an appreciation dinner. If you have been a part of this ministry in any capacity over the years, helping to cook, shop, provide desserts, clean-up and delivery, we hope that you will join us for an evening of fellowship and appreciation. We will also be introducing those who will be continuing this ministry and hear their plans for 2018-19 season.

Thank you for your help and prayers.

In His Service,
Gail Miller & Lisa Naas

HILLSIDE EVENTS

IT'S HERITAGE DAYS & APPLE PIE TIME!

It's time to start gathering ingredients for the apple pies at Hillside Church. This is a fundraiser for the whole church and will be used on the mortgage and/or other programs as deemed necessary at that time. We have been making apple pies since the 3 churches merged and had been a primary fundraiser for one of the churches prior to that. It started back in the early 80's.

We invite everyone to help in whatever way they can. We need a lot of supplies, apple pickers, peelers, slicers, dough makers, assemblers for baking, workers at the booth and general cleanup every night at the church.

We will start collecting the following ingredients. We will need them by September 9. Please place dry ingredients in the tote in the lobby, and eggs and butter in the refrigerator.

- ⇒ **100 - 4lb bags of sugar (not fine)**
 - ⇒ **77 - 5lb bags of Gold Medal (not self-rising)**
 - ⇒ **42 - Crisco 3lb cans**
 - ⇒ **5 lbs salt**
 - ⇒ **50 lb Parkay margarine**
 - ⇒ **45 dozen Jumbo eggs**
- (please make sure the expiration date isn't before Sept 21)**

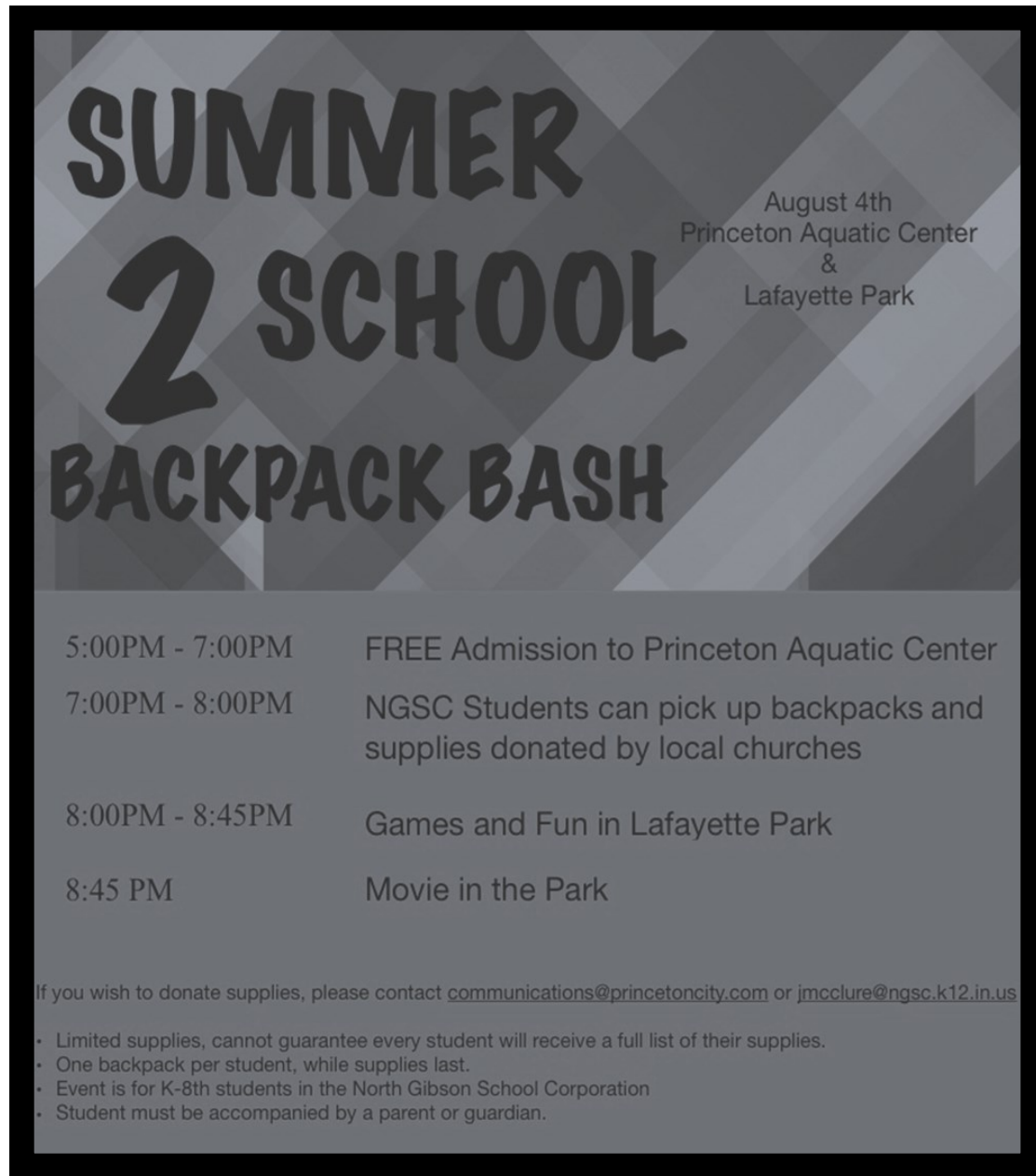
**Cash donations to help defray the cost of:
Apples (last year \$1200), Pie pans, Plastic bags
80 lbs. lard (Dewigs) cost per 20lbs**

We will start apple peeling Wednesday, September 19. The schedule will be put out mid-August. We will keep posted the number of supplies we still need. We will begin rolling and making the unbaked pies on Wednesday 8 a.m.-3 p.m., then making and baking Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. until finished.

If you would like to donate money please mark your check for apple pies and put in the offering plate, or bring to the office.

Thanks for all your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



**SUMMER
2 SCHOOL
BACKPACK BASH**

August 4th
Princeton Aquatic Center
&
Lafayette Park

5:00PM - 7:00PM	FREE Admission to Princeton Aquatic Center
7:00PM - 8:00PM	NGSC Students can pick up backpacks and supplies donated by local churches
8:00PM - 8:45PM	Games and Fun in Lafayette Park
8:45 PM	Movie in the Park

If you wish to donate supplies, please contact communications@princetoncity.com or jmcclure@ngsc.k12.in.us

- Limited supplies, cannot guarantee every student will receive a full list of their supplies.
- One backpack per student, while supplies last.
- Event is for K-8th students in the North Gibson School Corporation
- Student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

Sandy Nixon

It's hard to believe that July is over—summer is flying by! We really appreciate all those who have helped with music for June and July: the adult and junior choirs for singing for both Pastor Chris and Pastor Curtis; the Hillside Singing Men—what a treat that was!; Dan Robbins, Penny Mason, Pam Robison, Macey Evans, Judi Tate, Haley Lee, and the Southern Hollow Dulcimers. Hillside is blessed to have so many talented singers and musicians who are always willing to share during worship services, and we want to thank them very much for doing so!

On August 5 we will have special music from the Peyton Sisters. They are two teenagers (ages 15 and 16) from southern Illinois who will be coming to us directly from Missouri, where they will have been singing with the contemporary group Casting Crowns. They will be leading both services on that day. You will want to be sure and be in worship on August 5!

And there will be others helping round out the summer music: a women's chorus; a double quartet, a duet, and soloists during August and early September before the choir returns.

As the fall season rolls around, we would like to invite anyone who enjoys music and likes to sing to give choir a try! As you know, we are not professionals, many of us don't read music but we love to sing, and we enjoy a great deal of fun and fellowship! We work together to learn our music during rehearsals, and we always remember that our songs are lifted in praise of our Creator and His Son, Jesus Christ!

Please come and join us! Please contact Sandy Nixon at 812-385-4756 if you would like for information.

FROM PASTOR CURTIS

On July 20, 1969 the world held its breath as a lone figure climbed down a nine-rung ladder and stepping off the Eagle's footpad said: "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." Those words were spoken by Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first human to ever touch the moon's surface. The childhood dream of millions of children throughout the ages was fulfilled not with a ladder to the moon but a spacecraft. The world erupted in celebration, newspaper headlines proclaimed—Men Walk On Moon—the entire world celebrated this colossal human event and “the monumental achievement of the ages.”

How could anything top “a man on the moon?” Well God can! God had something greater in mind than simply putting a man on the moon! Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, after the Lunar Module landed, quietly took “communion on the moon!” Aldrin was an elder at the Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, TX. His communion kit was prepared by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Dean Woodruff. Aldrin openly practiced his faith and during the Moon mission said: “... Personally, in reflecting on the events of the past several days, a verse from Psalms [Ch. 8] comes to mind. When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the Moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man that Thou art mindful of him?”

Sometime around 50 AD, a lone figure stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you” (Acts 17:22-23). Unlike Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, the apostle Paul had no idea as to the “historical moment” of his being in Athens and preaching to the people at the Areopagus. The scriptures tell us a little about that moment in time: “Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed: among them was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them” (Acts 17:34). Paul's efforts in Athens and Corinth were fruitful because the Orthodox Church was born and still flourishes in Greece!

The first astronauts who landed on the moon left a plaque which reads, “Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind.” Paul left no plaque behind to commemorate his preaching on Mars Hill—but he left behind a church that is still continuing to this day (there is a plaque fastened to a rock on

(Pastor Curtis continued)

what remains of the Areopagus venerating Paul's preaching but it wasn't left by Paul).

Hillside and many other churches are experiencing pastoral change. In one respect pastoral change is normal. Like Paul in Athens we have no idea what this moment in time will mean in the future. What we do know is the pastor has changed but the message has not—Jesus is Lord!

We are on a spiritual journey. Our final destination is known (with Christ) but the places and situations we will experience are unknown. It is natural for us humans to stand in awe of personal achievements. However, these accomplishments are temporal and in the grand design of God just momentary. Paul said that he counted all of his earthly achievements but dung in comparison to just the knowledge found in Christ! Peter reminds us that someday all earthly works will be dissolved and only what remains of the righteousness of God will survive.

The prophet Malachi said that God is writing a “Book of Remembrance” so when God finally pulls the plug on this world and makes “all things new,” the achievements of humans will be at best a footnote in time. Buzz Aldrin understood the meaning of the moment when he took communion on the moon! Can we grasp the meaning of our moment?

FAMILY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER TRAINING (YOUTH, LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB, FRIENDS CLUB & YOUNG BELIEVERS)

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 19 from noon – 3 p.m. for a luncheon and training as we prepare for the return of Wednesday night and Sunday night activities.

During this important event, we will cast vision for the upcoming school year, review duties and expectations, train in child development, and anticipate the ways in which God will move in the children and families who participate in our programming.