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HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS



December 2014


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SUNDAYS AT HILLSIDE
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. | Worship Services
9:45 - 10:35 a.m. | Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS:
M - TH | 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

 **A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

812-385-2910

From the Hillside Church Staff

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Dec. 3	Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Salad
Dec. 10	Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad
Dec. 17	Pork Loin, Broccoli, Rice
Dec. 24	No Meal Christmas Eve

Tea, Fruit Drink, Desserts

\$3.50 each Preschool children and under: FREE

Tickets for 10 meals-\$30

2ND MONDAY MEAL DECEMBER 8 AT 4:00 P.M.

This is a great ministry of Hillside Church, and we help so many people in our community. If you would like to help, we are always in need of people to make deliveries & make desserts (total of 15-20 cakes). Please drop off your cake no later than Monday, Dec. 8 at noon. We start packing the food containers around 3:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at Hillside from 4:00—5:30 p.m. We appreciate your help with this meal! Thanks Gail for taking on this ministry! Questions? Contact Gail Miller at (812) 779-6197 or 385-5117.

HILLSIDE PRAYER TEAM | JENNY WHITE

Hillside Prayer Team meets at 4:30 on Wednesday afternoon in Room 6. We pray for the prayer requests of the church and community needs. If you would like to be a part of this team, you are always welcome to pray with us. *For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20.* For more information or to share a prayer request, contact Jenny White (812) 604-3649 or jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

HILLSIDE NURSERY | JENNY WHITE

As we approach the Christmas season, I think about what God has given us with this season. The present of the most precious gift the birth of Jesus and His grace. Something that we receive at Christmas is the gift of traditions. Traditions of family gatherings, Christmas tree, parties, parades, Christmas Eve service, gazing at Christmas light displays, and watching Christmas movies. One of my favorite traditions is on Christmas morning before my girls even peak at what Santa has brought them, we take a moment to ponder on the wonder of a nativity scene and sing *Happy Birthday* to Jesus. I hope this season you stop in the hustle and bustle of it all and look at what traditions you have been given and traditions you want to carry on for your children. Every family has a tradition that is special to them. If you have a tradition that would like to share, I would love to hear it contact me at (812)604-3649 or e-mail jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org. I will be sharing these traditions on the bulletin board in front of the nursery. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

WHAT A SUCCESS!!

Operation Christmas Child was a great success! Because of donations from kids/parents, volunteers and the congregation, all the Friends Club kids, preschool through 5th grade along with the middle and high school youths help, were able to pack and ship out over 125 shoe-boxes this year. Thank you all so much for supporting such a great ministry.

FRIENDS CLUB K-2ND | AMANDA MISKELL & CREW

Thank you for your continued patience with the drop off and pick up process. I think we have a good system in place and plan to continue drop off (sign in) in the west hall and pick up (sign out) in the east hall.

The Friends Club kids will be participating with the Hillside Church Choir in a Christmas Program on 12/14 at our 8:30 service. All the kids have been given a copy of the words to Away in a Manger and Joy to the World. We encourage them to practice these songs as much as possible outside of the church and we will be working with them during Friends Club as well.

Here is our schedule for December:

- 12/3 – Joseph becomes a ruler of Egypt (Work where God puts us (Genesis 41:37-57)
- 12/10 – The Parable of the three servants (Use our talents for God (Matthew 25:14-30)
- 12/14 – 8:30am Christmas Program
- 12/17 – Jesus Birthday Party
- 12/24 & 12/31 – NO FRIENDS CLUB (Christmas Holiday)

If you would like any information or have any questions/concerns, please contact Amanda Miskell @ (812)550-2790,

UPCOMING SERMONS

<u>Dec. 7</u>	Susan Carey	
<u>Dec. 14</u>	“One Strange Dream”	Matthew 1:8-23
<u>Dec. 21</u>	“One Glorious Night”	Luke 2:1-7
<u>Dec. 24</u>	“One Name Above All Name”	Mathew 1:18-25
<u>Dec. 28</u>	“One Promise Fulfilled”	Luke 2:22-35

ANGEL TREE

We will once again help those who otherwise would not have any presents under the Christmas Tree. The Angel Tree is located near the nursery at the end of the lobby. At that time you may pick yours off the tree and purchase your items. Items will need to be back to the church by Dec. 19 so we can contact recipients to come in and pick up their items.

MITTEN, GLOVES, HATS, SCARVES & SOCKS

The **Mitten Basket** will be located in the front lobby next to the bulletin boards. Please start collecting your hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks for children of the community. These donations help many in the community who come to Hillside Church seeking assistance.

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

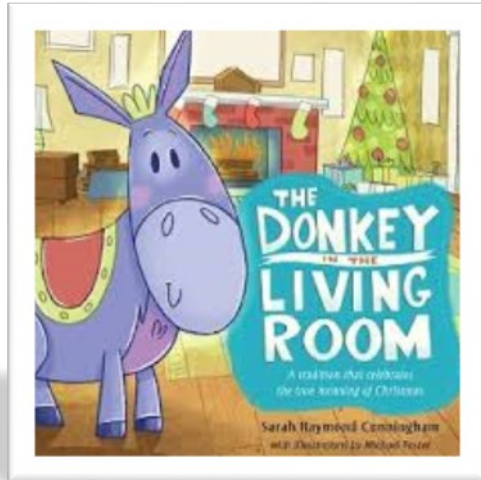
The holidays are often a time for family traditions – some are somber and meaningful, others are light-hearted and silly. One of my favorite holiday traditions is setting up the nativity scene in our living room. The girls help me unwrap each precious figure and we find just the right place to set Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and the onlookers.

This year, however, we're going to try something new with our nativity that I hope will add even more meaning for my girls. At the D6 Conference in Louisville, I had the pleasure of hearing Sarah Cunningham speak and share her new book *The Donkey in the Living Room*. This children's book will take us through the process of setting up our nativity during the 9 days before Christmas, rather than setting the entire scene at once. Each day includes a child's narrative from the perspective of each nativity participant. The grand finale, of course, is the baby Jesus, the one we've all been eagerly awaiting.

My hope is that this activity will provide even more meaning for my family and even more opportunity for us to talk about the importance of our Savior's birth not only for those who lived in Jesus' time, but for us and for future generations as well.

I'd love to hear about your family traditions and how you make the holidays meaningful. I hope you'll share with me!

Susan J. Carey
scarey@hillsideprinceton.org



HILLSIDE MEN | MATT ROBBINS-PRESIDENT

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet again for a nutritious breakfast on Dec. 13 @7:30 a.m. We will have a short program, lots of laughter and a great time. We invite all of the men of the church to stop by and enjoy a good time! This year the Methodist Men will be helping out the Youth program by providing some meals for their Sunday night meetings as well as helping provide food for their 5th Quarter event.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

The Women's Outreach welcomes all ladies who are free on Friday mornings for a time of fellowship, devotion and interesting programs. Invite all of your lady friends to join us. We will be going to Red Hills in Illinois on Friday, Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m. and leaving at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Jeannie or Jane with your RSVP.

Please come join us and bring a friend with you. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227 or Jane Armes at 812-779-8337.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Hillside UMC Lobby from 9:45-10:30 a.m. on December 21, 2014

All children of all ages are invited to attend. We will have cake, games, and fun! As a gift, we are asking for donations to help our local WIC program in Gibson County which serves mothers and children of age infant to 4 years old. **Items in need are: Diapers, wipes, blankets, stocking caps, baby spoons, sippy cups, board books, socks, and footed pajamas.** Thank you for your participation in this mission and we hope you come and celebrate with us the birth of Jesus! For more information contact Jenny White at (812) 604-3649 or jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

BIBLE IN 90-DAYS CHALLENGE COMING JANUARY 2015

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible cover-to-cover? Many Christians have a goal of reading the entire Bible at some point in their lifetime, but for most people just the thought of reading the whole Bible seems like an overwhelming task.

What if you could accomplish this goal in just 90-days? The Bible in 90-Days Challenge is a reading plan designed to walk you through the Bible in three months. This is not a Bible study, the goal is to completely read each word of the Bible within 90 days.

Set your New Year resolution to finally read the Bible cover-to-cover by Palm Sunday. What a great way to continue the uplifting feeling of the Christmas story, as we lead into the sacrificial Lenten season, and end with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem - all to prepare ourselves for the Holiest Week on the Christian calendar. For more information on how to participate stop by the table in the lobby between services on December 7 or 21, or contact Dolli Neikirk.

2014 HILLSIDE HARVEST HUSTLE 5K RUN/WALK

We would like to thank everybody that came out to the 5k on November 1st. Thank you to all our volunteers, anybody who donated, sponsored, and all the participants! Congrats to our 1st place winners and to the kids who braved the wind & cold to participate in the kids dash. With your help, we were able to raise over \$400 for our flour & oil fund! The 2015 Hillside Harvest Hustle 5k planning has already started with a date coming soon!



NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER | CHASTITY BRASWELL

The children, parents and staff had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. We all worked together to make Stone Soup to eat for our meal, and the children talked about what they are thankful for and sang songs about turkeys and Thanksgiving.

It is time for all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. The children are getting geared up for the annual Christmas Parade, on December 6th. Come on out and support our float. The children love to see everyone waving them on.

We want to invite everyone to come and celebrate with us at our Christmas Program, Friday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m. Pre-K will tell the story of the birth of our Savior, and all the children will sing songs and recite bible verse.

If you visit our preschool you will see lots of Christmas treats being made, from gingerbread men and women to jingle bells, but with all that we will share with the children the real reason for the season! It is a great honor to work with our families in a church where we can share the good news with everyone.

Our bible verses this month are Luke 2:11, John 3:16, and Matthew 2:10

The Preschool would like to wish everyone here at Hillside a Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year.



A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR | SANDY NIXON

CHOIR MUSICAL ON DECEMBER 14

The choir will be presenting our Christmas musical *The Heart of Christmas* by Pepper Choplin on Sunday, December 14 at the 8:30 worship service. Narrators are Maddy Mitchem and Steve Nixon, soloists are Dolli Neikirk and Betty Farris, and accompanists are Nelda Chestnut on piano and Judi Tate on flute. In addition, the children of Friends Club will be singing with the choir on two of the songs. Thanks so much to the Friends Club leaders—Jenny White, Amanda Miskell, Janelle Zeisler, and Kali and Jeremy Lance for their help with the children.

Please plan to attend and invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to attend with you. Refreshments will be provided following the service (thanks to the SAS Sunday School class for their help)! Everyone is invited, and we would love to see you there.

Dear Hillside Family,
Thank you for your many expressions of compassion & love during Henry's illness & death. We often praise God for the support & caring from our Hillside Family.
May God Bless You All. Phyllis, Sheila, Sam & Sue Pohl

The Boy Scout Troop 232 would like to thank Hillside for your support of our troop, opportunities to help Hillside and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.



Our family is so appreciative of everyone who sacrificed to help us during this past year. We have been blessed by so many people who took time to cook us a meal, bring us a meal, or drop off food for our family; people who mowed and cared for our lawn; people who agreed take Chris to treatment, sometimes on short notice; those who gave us gift cards for meals and helped us with gas for our trips to Evansville for Chris' treatments - including some who didn't even know us; those who took time to fill the pulpit for him as his energy decreased; people who took time away from their friends, families, and activities to run errands, sit with us, and help with whatever was needed, and many times without being asked; the church staff, committees, and volunteers who took on extra responsibilities so Chris could get the rest he needed; everyone who asked about, called, texted, emailed, or messaged to check on Chris; those who stopped by OHA during treatments to talk and pray with us; those who asked friends to put Chris on their church's prayer list; the hundreds of people who sent cards - many multiple times; and more than anything, the thousands prayers for Chris and our family. God heard them! It means the world to us, and we can never thank everyone enough. Each person is Christ to us, each person showed us Christ's SELFLESS love, each person's sacrifice demonstrated Christ's compassion, each person was not just reading the Gospel or preaching it - each person was ACTING on it. We pray for all of those who cared for us, and we can never express our deep our gratitude to those who gave of themselves and acted on their faith, but God sees and He knows these good and faithful servants by name. May you be blessed this Christmas and the coming year!

Chris, Dolli, Amanda, Chandler, Alex, Berkeley and Briley