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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

Rev. Chris Neikirk - cneikirk@hillsideprinceton.org

UPCOMING SERMONS

February 5	"These 3: Faith, Hope & Love—Faith"
February 12	"These 3: Faith, Hope & Love—Love"
February 19	"These 3: Faith, Hope & Love—Hope"
February 26	"A Glimpse of Glory"

Dear Church

We want to thank you for coming out in the rain to sing to us. You made our day and also Christmas. That is true love. WE love you all and hope you don't get sick. Our church is so busy and teaching our young children love and respect. God Bless and lots of love and prayers.

Zeke & Margaret Beard

The staff would like to thank the Boy Scouts for putting up the chairs and tables for Wednesday night meals and also for time we have asked them to for special occasions. We are blessed to have great leaders and boys in our scout troops.

2ND MONDAY MEALS Gail Miller

The second Monday of every month, Hillside provides a free community meal. We will have meals on **February 13**. Menu is BBQ stuffed Baked Potato.

We still need 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:00 p.m.

There will be no meal or programs this night so that everyone can join as we prepare for Lent. There will be childcare for nursery & toddlers.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We are kicking off February with the start of the collection season for Operation Christmas Child. I hope you all were able to check out the new Operation Christmas Child Corner located in the church lobby. This corner is where you will be able to find the items needed for the month and drop off your donated items.

The month of February will be collecting boy's health items. Remember we fill shoeboxes for children ages 2 to 14.

Here is a list of items that will help fill our boy's health items tote:

Ivory Soap (because it floats)

Washcloths

Small packages of Kleenex

Combs

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.

HILLSIDE 412 JR/SR HIGH YOUTH Andrea Dyehouse

What a busy couple of months we have had. Hope everyone had a great Christmas & New Year. We are back into the swing of things for 2017.

During the month of January we have been studying the lessons of Peter's confession to Christ and The Parable of the Prodigal Son.

At Winter Retreat we had 22 youth, 9 leaders and 2 cooks. We had a great time at Shakamak State Park and youth learned what it takes to develop a next-level faith. Thanks to Mark & Wendi Tingley for being our cooks for the weekend.

We will be going into the The Raising of Lazarus, The Last Supper, and Jesus' Arrest and Trial during the month of February.

Valentine's Banquet is coming soon, so make sure to get your tickets from any youth, leader or the church office (more info on page 9). On Feb. 24-25 we will be participating in the event called Indy Explosion. It will be an overnight in Indianapolis with lots of events taking place that evening.

VALENTINE BANQUET CHILDCARE

All of the child care will be at Hillside Church. We will provide dinner and activities for the children throughout the evening. Children ages 4 through 10 will be having pizza and the children in the toddler room will be having chicken nuggets. Nursery and toddler drop off will be located in the nursery and toddler rooms in the west hallway. Children 4 through 10 will have sign-in in the lobby and children will then go upstairs to the youth room to get ready for activities for the evening. Activities will include games, arts and crafts, and the night will end with a movie. Children can be dropped off beginning at 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 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.

February

1st Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Beans

8th Lasagna and Garlic Toast

17th Baked Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Corn

24th Baked Potato Bar

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

If you need a meal saved please call the office before 3:30pm on Wednesday. We close the meal line at 5:45pm.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB (4-PreK) Sarah Kruse

We are so happy and thankful that so many of our little friends were able to come and kick off our second semester at the beach party in January. We had a blast!! In February, we will be finishing our Goody Gumdrops curriculum and moving into our new focus using Pirates as the theme. We will study God's special people in the book of Genesis. Our mission focus this month is prayer. We will talk about what prayer is and how we can use it to help others. Our little friends are so good at praying already and I'm blessed to hear them every week. On February 15, we are taking a field trip to the nursing home to meet our new friends there. We would like to invite our parents to take part in this field trip as well. More information and permission slips will be coming home soon. Looking ahead, there will be **NO Little Friends Club on March 1**. We would like to encourage families to spend that night together at our Ash Wednesday service beginning at 6:00.

Hillside 412 Youth invites you to: 8th Annual Valentine's Banquet

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Happy Hour from 5:30 –6 p.m.

Menu

Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Green Beans,
Salad & Dinner Rolls

Dessert Auction, Silent Auction & Entertainment

Tickets \$20/person

Tickets are available from any youth, leader or the church office.

Invite some friends, have a night out and let Hillside Youth be your servers for the evening.

All proceeds will go toward the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico this summer. Currently we have 26 going on this mission trip.

Childcare will be available at Hillside Church for ages newborn—10 years old. Cost is \$5 each. (More info on page 3)

WOMEN'S OUTREACH Jeannie Robbins

Women's Outreach will be held Feb. 17 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 Feb. 11 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.

BOOK REVIEW:

Enjoy the Silence: A 30 Day Experiment in Listening to God

If the upcoming Lenten season has you looking for a way to deepen your daily quiet time or you simply need a place to start, Maggie and Duffy Robbins' *Enjoy the Silence* is a great resource to try.

Robbins provides an introduction to *lectio divina*, which is the ancient practice of reading and meditating upon scripture, carving a place for quiet contemplation and an audience with God. The benefit is a greater understanding of scripture and an opportunity to hear from God. Robbins then leads the reader through 30 days of practicing *lectio divina*, providing scripture, meditation points, and space to record thoughts, as well as guidance for continuing on independently after completing the book.

Although Robbins writes primarily for a youth audience, I found this book just as engaging from an adult perspective. Each day's reading and meditation were relevant and led me to consider scripture in ways I wouldn't have on my own.

If you are interested in checking out this book or others dealing with spiritual practices provided in our resource library, contact Susan Carrey.

FRIENDS CLUB (Grades K-2) Amanda Miskell

We kicked off January with our annual Winter Beach Party! All of the kids from preschool through 5th grade got together and enjoyed games, music, popsicles and a lot fun!

We started our series on Veggie Tales: Gideon; Tuba Warrior on 1/11/17 and will finish on 2/15/17. We've been learning to trust God through different situations and that no matter how small, God can use us! (We even got to make our own capes and be superheroes one night) We will start our new Veggie Tales series, The Ballad of Little Joe on 2/22/17, where we will learn that God is always with us!

Please look in the newsletters monthly for the Operation Christmas Child information. Each month throughout the year will be dedicated to donating certain items that we will use on our Shoeboxes when we pack in November!

As always, Friends Club would not be what it is without our awesome volunteers! Thank you, Janelle Zeisler, Amy Evans, Abby Collins, Pat and Tiffany Dicus, Susan Carey and John Hubbard!

Amanda Miskell

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YOUNG BELIEVERS (Grades 2-5) Kali & Jeremy Lance

We were excited to kick off 2017 Hawaiian style! We had a great 1st night back with fun games, ice pops, lots of fun & laughter & the famous bouncy ball drop. We are getting settled back into the classroom routine by starting our 1st series called "Identity". During this series we are talking about how all of us are uniquely & wonderfully made, loved & valued all in the name of Jesus. We also have some fun games planned that will help the kids to learn how to talk to others about their faith & teamwork. Our hope is for our kids to learn that a person's identity isn't what others tell us, but it's what God determines it to be. We hope to be able to teach them ways they can experience their new identity in Jesus by showing His love to others. As always, it's such a privilege & blessing to be a part of your child's faith journey!

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. 1 Timothy 4:12



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

The Preschool had a very busy January and we are looking forward to a February filled with friendship and fun.

In February, the children will get their digging gear out and start learning all about dinosaurs and fossils. After learning all about our dinosaurs, the classes will start celebrating Valentine's Day. The teachers will be talking with the children about friendship during this month.

Valentine's Day provides a good opportunity to teach the children social skills related to being a friend and part of the classroom. We will end this unit with a Valentine's Party.

The Pre-K class has already learned the pledges to the America flag and the Christian Flag. They have started learning the pledge to the Bible and working on the Lord's Prayer. Our bible verses for this month are Mark 12:30, John 15:12, 1 John 4:10, and John 3:33.

The staff and children want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!