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HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

*We won this trophy in the
Christmas parade Best Walking
Unit 2013 Princeton Snowflake
Stroll Christmas Parade.*



*Hillside
Preschool
& Pre-K.*

January 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**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Jan. 8 Meatloaf, smashed potatoes, green beans, salad
Jan. 15 Pork chop, rice, broccoli, salad
Jan. 22 Taco & Potato Bar
Jan. 29 Lasagna, bread, salad

Tea, Fruit Drink, Desserts
\$3.50 each Preschool children and under: FREE
Tickets for 10 meals-\$30

2ND MONDAY MEAL ON JANUARY 13 AT 4:00 P.M.

This great ministry of Hillside Church helps so many people in our community. If you would like to participate we are always in need of people to make deliveries. We start packing the food containers around 3:30 p.m. We appreciate your help with this meal!

Thank you from the church office

I want to start the year off by thanking all the wonderful people who have helped me in the office in one way or another. Not just in the office, but all the areas I have made requests for. Many have helped with just a phone call request. You will never know how much all of you are appreciated by me!

Brenda

From your pastor...

Are you a glass is "half-full" or "half-empty" kind of person? A quick test... are you looking back on 2013 with regret and beating yourself up for all that you failed to accomplish? OR, are you looking ahead to 2014 with great anticipation for what exciting opportunities the New Year will bring? If you are indecisive, you are probably thinking, I'm a little bit of both – NO... get off the fence and commit! "Half-full" or "half-empty," neither is 100% wrong and neither is 100% right.

"Half-full" people look on the "bright side," thank God for their many blessings, and look ahead to what will be. The struggle is that if you put a positive spin on everything, you tend to overlook the realities that sometimes life is hard and there are situations and circumstances that test our faith and stretch our abilities. There are times in life where we must reach out to others, admit the reality of our circumstances, and ask for help to persevere. "Half-full" people tend to "stuff" things away until there is no room left to "stuff" and they finally explode or implode. A positive attitude is a remarkable gift and enthusiasm is contagious, but never allowing one's self a moment of struggle or doubt tends to build a wall that few people can get past. "Half-full" people, resolve to reach out to others more in 2014, surround yourself with a few "half-empty" people, and allow one complaint or two to creep in.

"Half-empty" people question why things happen, anticipate the next challenge as they heavily critique past successes and failures, and look back so they do not get caught off guard lest history repeat itself. The struggle is that viewing everything as an opportunity to improve, or questioning events or blessings to the point of criticism, perhaps you fail to dream about what might be allowing yourself to enjoy the journey. There are times in life when a healthy dose of fantasy and possibility are needed to enjoy the here and now. Dreaming coupled with a plan, a realistic goal, and hard work can be a very successful combination. "Half-empty" people, resolve to listen to those "sickingly-positive" people who always have a smile on their face and see the good in all situations, surround yourself with a few "half-full" people, and allow yourself to enjoy a moment or two without the need to analyze. Just be.

If you lead a team of any kind, seek to employ or engage both types of individuals. Thought-provoking discussion among individuals who view the world from different perspectives often leads to problems being solved, projects being completed and stuff gets done! The good news for us is that God uses all who are willing, regardless of your disposition. Think about the disciples, Thomas doubted everything while Peter jumped in without reservation, yet both were willing to follow Christ in obedience. Peter preached boldly on Pentecost as the Holy Spirit fell on thousands, then witnessed to Gentiles and Jews alike amidst oppression in the Roman Empire. Thomas took seriously the command to "Go" as he traveled to India and the Orient teaching and preaching. Praise God we are all different, yet the same, as we all stand in need the grace of God.

Be blessed, Pastor Chris

For more information about Hillside, visit hillsideprinceton.org

HILLSIDE NURSERY

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14*

Nursery care is available for children newborn to 3 years of age. Nursery is available during 8:30 worship service, Sunday School time at 9:45, and 10:45 worship service and also available with our Wednesday night programs for those that attend. The children are cared for by two adults who have a completed and approved background check. We also have a youth volunteer who is also in the nursery to help out when needed. Our nursery is oriented to provide a safe and loving environment for children to play and grow.

Volunteer opportunities are available for adults and youth at 11 years of age with permission of parents. If interested in volunteering in the Nursery, please call or text Jenny White at (812)604-3649 or e-mail jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

LADIES BOOK STUDY

Although you may know all the right answers, they don't always feel right. Explore these and other questions in this realistic look at messy, mysterious, uncertainties of faith. God's ways don't always make sense, be He is trustworthy. Come close to Him. Experience the unexpected peace, despite your heartache. Trust Him more than your feelings. God will reveal Himself to you and fill in your missing pieces.

Missing Pieces by Jennifer Rothschild book study will start on Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 3-4:30 p.m. in Room 6 on Sunday afternoons. The cost of the book is \$13. If interested and for more information contact Jenny White at (812) 604-3649 or jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

UPCOMING SERMONS

- Jan. 5** "A Clean Slate" Psalm 103:8-12 & Matthew 9:13-17
Jan. 12 "Of Water & Spirit" Matthew 3:13-4:1 & John 3:3-6
Jan. 19 Rev. Tom Stiles
Jan. 26 Rev. Jarmon Perkins
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FINANCE NEWS

Good news! We are making real progress in decreasing the amount owed on our church building! By the end of December, we will have contributed \$127,126.76 in 2013 toward reducing the principal of our mortgage. The balance owed will be slightly over \$941,000 as of December 31. While the interest decreases slightly for each payment we make, we still pay over \$100 per day in interest! If anyone has the financial ability to make an end-of-year donation toward the principal before December 31, it would help reduce that daily interest amount. And it would be most appreciated by the finance team and the entire Hillside family! Folks, we are making progress!

Final financial figures for 2013 should be available shortly after the middle of January. Because we have been prudent in our spending and faithful in our giving, we should end 2013 in good financial shape going forward into 2014 to advance the cause of Christ in our community and our world! God is so good!

NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER | CHASTITY BRASWELL

Hillside Preschool is now Level 3 on Paths to Quality. I want to thank all the teachers and children for all their hard work. Level 3 is a great accomplishment for our preschool. Paths to Quality is a voluntary quality rating and improvement system in the state of Indiana. We have been working to make quality improvements with our program and are proud of our achievements.

We ended 2013 with a wonderful Christmas program. The children had a wonderful time sharing the true meaning of Christmas. We want to give a big thank you for all the church members that helped with our program. Your time is very much appreciated!

And now to start 2014, the children are going to start learning all about snow and what winter is about. At the end of the month we will have a special day with our Dads.

Our monthly bible verses are Psalm 139:14, Galatians 5:14, Ecclesiastes 3:11, and John 1:3.

We are looking forward to a great new year here at Hillside Preschool. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2014.

CONNECTIONS WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Connections prayer group is an open group for anyone that would like to join us. We meet during Family Builders Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm in Room 6.

For more information on the book study, or Connections prayer group, please call or text Debbie Hubbard at 812-779-8422. Or message on Facebook Debbie Bury Hubbard.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR

The members of Hillside's choir would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas musical presented on December 15. From singers to musicians to sound techs to those working in the booth upstairs to the set-up crew and ushers to the SAS class for providing refreshments, everyone contributed a great deal of time and effort! We'd also like to say a special thank you to the families of all those involved and to all of you who attended the presentation of the musical. It takes a lot of people working together to make any project come together, and that was certainly the case with this year's Christmas musical! We also want to heap praise on all those who helped make it possible to have the children's choir: director Chandler Kight, the kids who attended several extra rehearsals, the parents/grandparents for their support and encouragement, and Amanda, Janelle, and others involved with Friends Club for their help with Wednesday evening rehearsals! We're sure that everyone agrees that those 24 children singing their hearts out for Baby Jesus was awesome to see and to hear! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much!

HILLSIDE MEN'S GROUP

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, Jan. 11. We will have breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by a program. All men of the church community are invited. Matt Robbins, President