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United Methodist Church

Hillside Happening

June 2016



2016 Graduates Princeton Community High School



Ashleigh Chestnut
Justin DeVoy
Logan Firkins
Cordell Gooch
Kaylan Huff
Shawn Koch
Jessica Meuser
Tailer Payne
Lane Rumble
Trent Shafer
Connor Tingley
James White

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

OFFICE HOURS
M-TH | 9-4:30 p.m.
FRI | 9-Noon
812-385-2910

2016 College Graduate
Veronica Kroeger from Purdue University

UPCOMING SERMONS

June 5 "Walk This Way"
June 12 "Weep No More, Restoration is Coming"
June 19 "Do it Again Daddy!"
June 26 "Hope in the Midst Life's Struggles"

HILLSIDE SENIOR MINISTRIES

Our next luncheon will be at Dick Clark's Restaurant on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to join us please contact Patty Perkins at 812-385-0931 or sign-up in the church lobby.

Dear Hillside Family, Now that things are getting back to what we are calling "normal", at least more than they have been over the past year, we would like to thank those of you who did any of the following: included us in your daily prayers, cards for us, visited us in hospital, shook our hands, gave us a hug, offered us words of encouragement, offered us help in any way, etc. So, to you, our Hillside family, we say Thank You. In return we keep each and everyone of you in our prayers.

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."
Matthew 21:22

God Bless, R. Scott & Janet Grable

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to help clean the kitchen? We know this is not the most desirable job but we are in need of some volunteers who could help with the deep cleaning of the kitchen cabinets, ovens and such. If you would like to help please contact Brenda in the church office or Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227.

tives and pure hearts led the people closer to God.

I hope that our congregation will not only receive these **Words of Life** as truth, but will also evaluate the depth of their individual relationship with God and take necessary action to deepen that relationship. Taking an honest look in the mirror is not always easy, but for growth and health to occur, that honest look is necessary.

I also hope that our congregation will understand that God is still calling men and women with humble motives and pure hearts to lead his people. What is your leadership role as we seek to live into our vision of becoming a center of hope in our community that reflects the love of Jesus? What is your part of our mission to LOVE God, SERVE others, GROW in Christ, and GO live out our faith? We all bear an individual responsibility, but many of us are called to lead others to discover their part of the mission as well. Is God calling you to lead? Will you answer?

Thank you so much for making my 90th Birthday one the greatest day of my life. Among God's gifts this is truly a wonderful world we live in.

Phyllis Pohl

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR | Rev. Chris Neikirk

I am excited about our upcoming Summer Sermon Series titled **Words of Life**, which will focus on the Old Testament Prophets. Some will be very well-known, others are obscure. Regardless, it is my prayer and hope that the **Words of Life** communicated to a specific people at a specific time will echo timeless truths of our God. As I read and study the major and minor prophets of our Old Testament, one glaring truth resonates over and over again: *"Repent of your sin and return to the God who seeks to restore an intimate relationship with his people!"* Their message was often direct, blunt, and perhaps even harsh. Yet the purpose was always motivated by love! The reality for God's people then and the reality for God's people now is the same:

- ◆ Our sin separates us from an intimate relationship with God.
- ◆ Our selfishness and disobedience are the barriers between us and God.
- ◆ Our God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins.
- ◆ God's grace and mercy bring about restoration to our souls.
- ◆ God pursues his children seeking to renew the relationship broken by sin.

The **Words of Life** spoken by the Old Testament prophets often fell upon deaf ears as they rejected their words, rejected the prophets and ultimately rejected God. However, there were always some who were able to move past their pride and recognize their sinfulness and selfishness. They discovered that God was not waiting to punish them, but rather to embrace them with love and mercy. They did not always escape the consequences of their actions, but God was always present with them in the midst of their difficult circumstances.

Besides this glaring truth centered on repentance, I keep stumbling over another obvious observation: The people of God were always led by bold leaders whom God called to step out in faith and step up and lead. Leaders of poor character and unholy motives led the people farther away from God, while leaders with humble mo-

JR/SR HIGH MISSION TRIP- CROWNPOINTE, NEW MEXICO

We have 6 adults and 13 youth participating in the 2016 youth mission trip. The cost has increased due to the travel time of 20 hrs there and back. We will be doing a Giving Envelope Fundraiser (see example below). This fundraiser will be in the lobby and if you are able and willing to take an envelope of the dollar amount of which you choose to donate and then leave in the offering plate or leave in the church office, we would greatly appreciate. Thank you in advance. If you have any questions please contact Justin Dyehouse 812-215-0193 or Andrea Dyehouse 812-215-0259.



NEWS FROM THE NURSERY COORDINATOR | Jenny White

Small gestures can have a big impact. Let me explain. I have been out and about in the community and been surprised by a big smile and a wave and another occasion received a big hug. I know you are thinking that is no big deal. To me these things just made my day. These children are not children that I have taught or even cared for in the nursery. These children I have simply said hello to when I see them and given them attention. Frankly, I did not think they knew who I was or even liked me because I usually did not get a response from them. But I always make a point to say hi and call them by their name. The small gesture to let that child know that they are known and loved.

So can you imagine the impact that occurs when you volunteer and become a part of their story and the ripple effect in the lives of the family?

The volunteers in the nursery and toddler rooms can share their stories. Maybe you want to hear them and test the waters in volunteering. Maybe you are not quite ready to jump in and be a "not normal" volunteer well I have an opportunity for you. VBS is approaching and there are volunteers that have small children that want to meet you. This is a time to volunteer with no commitment and see if you would like to dive in deeper in this ministry. For further information contact Jenny White at 812-604-3649 or jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org

SUMMERTIME CONNECTIONS

Do you miss seeing everyone Wednesday nights during the summer break? Beginning June 1, Connections Prayer Group will continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. at the home of Davarna Rainbolt, 145 E Lake Inwood Dr, Princeton. All are welcome to come and enjoy friendship, sharing of favorite devotions, and prayer time. Summer can be busy, attending as able is welcome. Child care will be provided.

GUATEMALA SMOKED RIB & CHICKEN MEAT SALE

The team members of the 2016 Mission Guatemala want to thank everybody who ordered meat from our fundraiser. Final numbers are not in yet, but it was a great success and a good kickoff to start our fundraising events. Another meat sale is being discussed so if you missed this last one or if you loved the meat; there will be another chance to buy again! If you have any suggestions or would like to help at the next sale, please contact Jeremy Lance at 664-6534. Thanks Again!

CHURCH YARD SALE

Spring fever has hit many of us, which means we've cleaned out closets, drawers, garages, and many more spaces where treasures have collected. Now you are left with a big pile of stuff to get rid of. Members of the 2016 Mission Guatemala trip can help you with that stuff! We will be having a BIG yard sale at Hillside United Methodist Church on September 9th & 10th and WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!! We are asking for donations of items such as clothing, shoes, household items, knick knacks, kitchen ware; you name it and want to just get rid of it, we'll take it and try to sell it. All proceeds from the sale will go towards expenses for the Mission Trip in November. Don't have time to price your items? That's ok because we have some "professional garage sales" that can do it for you. You can bring your items in the week of September 5-9, 2016. Be sure to mark them as "Church Garage Sale." If you need help getting your items to the church or have any questions, please contact Kali Lance @ 812-664-7582 or Beth Robbins @ 812-304-0078

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

Grab your scuba gear **June 20th through 24th** for *Submerged*, an underwater exploration where kids dive into God's word and discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people.

Pick up a registration form today from the welcome center.

Of course, VBS doesn't run itself; in fact, each year we need approximately 40 volunteers to decorate, provide snacks, lead bible stories, serve as group leaders, etc. What talent can you contribute this year to this great event that not only serves our Hillside kids but local un-churched children as well?

For more information or to learn how you can support VBS, contact Susan Carey (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org) or Sarah Deputy (812-779-7790).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

I hope you have all noticed the set up in the lobby for Operation Christmas Child. I know we received a lot of donations for May's Health Items. If you didn't get a chance to donate any health items and you want to, just lay them on the table and we will place those items in the appropriate totes.

Remember we fill shoeboxes for children ages 2 to 14. The month of June will be clothing items.

Here is a list of items that will help fill our clothing item tote:

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| Underwear for Boys & Girls | Socks for Boys & Girls |
| Flip Flops | T-shirts |
| Bandannas | Hats |
| Sunglasses | Handkerchiefs |

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.

We have tickets!

Holiday World/Splashin' Safari

United Methodist Days are June 24—July 8, 2016
Tickets are \$36 each. Purchase your tickets in the church office.
This is open to anyone, not just members!

HILLSIDE BETTY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each year Hillside United Methodist Church awards Betty Smith Scholarships to graduating seniors who qualify to promote higher education by providing some financial assistance. To qualify for consideration for these scholarships, a graduating senior must be an active member of Hillside Church by being involved on a regular basis in Sunday worship, Sunday School class, Youth Fellowship, or a civic group (i.e. Scouts) sponsored by Hillside; plan to continue his/her education after high school at either a 4-year or 2-year school; and strive to exemplify a Christ-like lifestyle.

This year four graduating seniors from Princeton Community High School received this scholarship:

- *Ashleigh Chestnut, daughter of Terry and Nelda Chestnut
- *Justin DeVoy, son of Dave and Susie DeVoy
- *Logan Firkins, son of Daniel and Jeni Firkins
- *Kaylan Huff, daughter of Jeremiah and Jamie Huff

Each recipient was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Hillside Church is very blessed to be able to award these scholarships. If you happen to see any of the Betty Smith Scholarship recipients, please let them know how proud we are of them!

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR

New Members: We are so excited that Lee and Winnie McConnell are new members of Hillside's choir. Both Winnie and Lee sang in special groups as a part of their high school activities and have much to offer our choir. Winnie is a much-needed soprano and Lee is a much-needed tenor. Are we blessed or what!?!?!?

Summer Break: The choir will take our summer break beginning on May 29 and will return on September 11, but in the meantime, we are planning some very special musical experiences for 8:30 worship. Summer gives Hillside's talented musicians an opportunity to use their God-given skills and abilities to lead us all in worship. We plan to have several of our young people in singing and playing leadership roles, too. And we will, of course, have some special guest musicians you will want to hear. You won't want to miss a single Sunday morning worship this summer!

Summer Music through July 3: These are the people/groups who will be leading us in worship with music through July 3:

May 29: Our talented singer/musician Rhonda Bozikis will be providing music.

June 5: News alert! We will be hosting several members of the Southern Hollow Dulcimers who will be playing and singing throughout the service.

June 12: Our own Penny Mason will sing for us on this day. Penny is a faithful alto member of Hillside's choir.

June 19: Our own Dan Robbins will play and sing for us on Father's Day!

June 26: Our own Pam Robison will sing for us.

July 3: We will be blessed by a return appearance from Austin Glover. Austin came to us last summer through being connected with Margaret and Zeke Beard. He was very well received and has graciously agreed to come and sing for us again this year.

You will want to be sure and hear all these wonderful musicians as they express their love of God through their music!

ABOUT CHILDREN'S (JUNIOR) CHOIR: No, that is not a mistake! Some of our young people suggested that perhaps a good name for the ages of youth who sing in the children's choir would be "junior choir." As they approach 5th and 6th grades, that seems more appropriate to them. Toward the end of summer look for an announcement that the Junior Choir will be resuming practices and learning new music to sing for worship! If you have a child/grandchild who is entering 2nd grade, please plan to have them participate. We would love to have them with us! And on another note, as young people leave elementary school for middle school, while they have the option of becoming a part of the Hillside adult choir, they may also continue to participate in the Junior Choir. It's an "and/or" opportunity!

Practices for Junior Choir are at 4:30 on Wednesdays and are a part of the family night events occurring on Wednesdays. We meet in room 7 and would love it to be overflowing with our youth singing and having a good time praising God!

ABOUT ACOLYTES: We have been so blessed since December to have young people serve as acolytes each Sunday morning at 8:30 service. These youth begin at about second grade (when they are tall enough and old enough to handle the lighters!) and continue on through elementary grades. It is our prayer that some older youth—middle and high school ages—will also be called to serve in this capacity. Summer is a good time to get started, so if you are parent to any youth who are interested in serving God in this capacity, please call Sandy Nixon at 812-385-4756 or Sharon Eifert at 812-386-6393.