

**HILLSIDE**

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**July 2016**

**HILLSIDE**

**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](mailto:cneikirk@hillsideprinceton.org)

## UPCOMING SERMONS

July 3	"Revive Us Again"
July 10	"Wishy-Washy Hypocrites Welcome Here"
July 17	Guest Speaker Randy Anderson
July 24	Guest Speaker Drew Robbins
July 31	"Who's on First?"

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**The debit machine next to the church office will be removed July 31, 2016.**

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### NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

This is a reminder to please let the church office know if someone has been or is currently in the hospital, rehab or has any illness or injury situation. Repeated reminders can't hurt either! We want each person to know they are appreciated, cared for, and prayed for, and the only way we can reach out to them is if we know there is a need. We also do not put names in the bulletin unless we get permission. We do not want to invade anyone's privacy.

## MISSION GUATELMALA

### SANDY'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

A table will be set up in the lobby for three Sundays (July 3, 10 & 17) to order pizzas for the Guatemala trip in November. The pizzas will be available for pick up @ the church on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM and Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> in the church lobby after the two services. Proceeds will be used to defray the cost of the trip. 25 members are scheduled to make the trip.

### 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. 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 salers" 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

### MYSTERY THEATER DINNER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for Hillside's first Mystery Theater Dinner. It will have an Italian "flavor" and looks to be a lot of fun. There will be a dessert auction as part of the evening, ad you know the quality of Hillside's cooks & bakers!

**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 June's Clothing 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 July will be arts and crafts items.

Here is a list of items that will help fill our arts/craft tote:

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| Small Coloring Books    | Small Pads of Paper |
| Crayons                 | Colored Pencils     |
| Pencils                 | Erasers             |
| Small Pencil Sharpeners | Glue Sticks         |
| Small Scissors          | Craft Pom-Poms      |
| Glitter                 | Small Craft Kits    |
| Chalk                   | Water Color Paints  |
| Play-Doh                |                     |

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 are in the middle of our Summer Sermon Series, **Words of Life**. My prayer continues to be 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 pray 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?

Each of us is called to an individual relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ and each of us bears the responsibility of living out our faith in our homes, our workplaces, and our community. If we are going to be the center of hope in our community that God is calling Hillside to become, it will require individual commitment to reflecting the light of Jesus.

Our mission and our vision begin with humility and prayer: *If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place* (2 Chronicles 7:14-15). God is actively searching for women and men to use for his purposes: *The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him* (2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT). Embrace the **Words of Life** of the Old Testament prophets. Prayerfully consider your part of the mission and vision of Hillside.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### **Kitchen:**

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.

### **Special occasions:**

We are currently needing volunteers who are able to help during the day when we have funerals and/or meals. We need help setting up the chairs for the funeral service, then take down and possibly set up for the bereavement meal and then take back down. This of course is a quick asking time but we sure would appreciate some extra hands. Please contact Brenda in the church office and she will let you know what is expected in this area.

### **Refreshment Table:**

Help is needed to clean up & put away following 2nd worship service. What is needed is someone to take coffee pots and dirty items back to the kitchen, rinse out coffee pots and place them back in the pantry where it is labeled.

Items are stored in the cabinets below on the refreshment table. A canister of Lysol wipes are located in the cabinets so the top can be cleaned off. Please contact Brenda in the church office if you would like to help in this area and she will show you what needs to be done weekly.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **NEXT GENERATION LEADER BY ANDY STANLEY**

Are you interested in leveraging your influence as a leader who develops other leaders? Based on his experience leading North Point Ministries in Atlanta, GA, pastor Andy Stanley delivers a succinct discussion of the key components to effective leadership whether in business or in the church.

Using both personal stories and biblical illustrations, Stanley identifies Competency, Courage, Clarity, Coaching, and Character as essential to becoming a leader worth following, and ultimately becoming a leader who effectively empowers other leaders. Stanley encourages leaders to narrow their focus, empower others through delegation, move forward even in the face of fear, communicate clearly even in uncertainty, seek coaching, and recognize that character determines our legacy.

This leadership resource is a quick read and written in Stanley's engaging, conversational style. I found it to be both logical and inspiring, and I strongly recommend to all ministry leaders, whether staff or volunteer. If you are interested in reading this book, a new addition to our youth leader/parent resource library, stop by my office or send an e-mail: [s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org](mailto:s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org). Happy Reading!

## **A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR | Sandy Nixon**

Thanks to everyone who helped with special music for 8:30 worship in June, including Southern Hollow Folk Music group, Penny Mason, Dan Robbins, and Pam Robison.

Plans are coming together for July but are not quite finalized. Dolli Neikirk will bring a special patriotic song to celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> of July on July 3 and Judi Tate will present one of her excellent flute pieces, Toni Kohlmeyer (and friends) will be with us on July 10, and two of our Junior Choir members, Crystal Lance and Ali Medler, will sing for us on July 31. Our young friend, Austin Glover, originally scheduled for July 3, will join us on July 24. We hope you will be able to attend worship in July and support the efforts of these special people!

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## **UPDATE FROM RELAY FOR LIFE**

Our Hillside team raised \$2,603 for the Relay for Life to fight against Cancer. The Gibson County team overall raised over \$95,000 and exceeded their goal. There were 31 teams and our team placed 8<sup>th</sup>. The Hillside Relay for Life team would like to thank the congregation for their generous support in this effort to cure and prevent cancer.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY GRANT INITIATIVE UPDATE**

Your Hillside youth program is already benefiting from the generous matching grant from the Center for Congregations. In early June, youth and children's leaders enjoyed a weekend retreat at New Harmony Inn and Conference Center, working with senior consultant Stephanie Caro from Ministry Architects. In addition to a lot of team building and vision casting, leaders learned about effective lesson design, volunteer recruitment, calendar planning, and balancing work and ministry schedules. We're excited to get together soon to plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

The new resource library for youth leaders and parents is also in the works. Resources have arrived, are currently being catalogued, and will be available soon. Check the monthly newsletter for book reviews!

And beginning in July, you'll hear the sounds of progress as the youth room is under construction. Justin and a team of volunteers will be adding a wall, installing a drop ceiling, and building a platform stage as the first phase of construction.

Thank you, Hillside, for your continued prayers and financial support of this undertaking. We continue to ask for donations to meet the \$23,000 match. We are a church that values children, values families, and values the immense impact that happens when the church and the family work together.



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016**

Wow, what an amazing week as we hosted a total of 92 kids for our 2016 Vacation Bible School – “Submerged.” Each evening, kids in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade learned a different bible story about an individual’s encounter with Jesus, and discovered that Jesus recognizes us by our hearts, not by our outward appearance. Each lesson was reinforced in nightly worship, games, crafts, and missions. Successfully pulling off such a production requires a lot of God’s blessing and a whole lot of volunteers. Please share your appreciation with the following individuals who had a hand in sharing the word of God with both Hillside kids and children from the community.

**Decorations** – Nancy Turpin; Nick, Becky, Ali, & Levi Medler; Mike May; Dolli, Berkley and Briley Neikirk; Beth and Drew Robbins; Jenny White; Sarah Deputy

**Registration** – Jenny White; Melissa Hughes; Shelia Morris-Lashbrook; Kristi Hubbard

**Music & Worship** – Lori Frederick, Kaylan Huff, Haylee Knust

**Bible Lesson Teachers** – Wendi Tingley, Susan Woods, Jeremy Lance, Tommy Evans

**Group Leaders** – Jayme Williams, Leslie Harrison, Tommy Evans, Amy Ellis, Amanda Miskell, Janelle Zeisler, Josh Delaney, Winnie McConnell, Amy Evans, Alex Carey, Kaitlyn Carey, Jaleigh White, Scott Ruesch, Corri Key, Paul McDaniel, Gen Clay

**Games** – Matt & Tara Robbins; Drew & Beth Robbins

**Missions** – Greg & Penny Mason; Sue Knopf; Steve & Sandy Nixon

**Crafts** – Sara Kruse & Shelby Anderson

**Snacks** – Jeannie Robbins, Terri Mans, & Jane Armes

**Photography** – Kali Lance

**Tech** – Mark Tingley & Alex Carey

**Nursery Care** – Becky Medler, Morgan Armes, Lynne Hill, & Davarna Rainbolt

**Volunteer Meals** -- Iron Man Group, M&M Sunday School Class, Recharge Sunday School Class, Paul & Becky McDaniel, Hillside Men

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